

1. that the employees be granted a general wage increase of seven (7) cents per hour effective April 8, 1948;
 2. that payment for time absent from duty on account of illness be not granted; and
 3. that the request for a union shop and the check-off of union dues and assessments be not granted.
- In a minority report, Mr. Baron recommends:-
1. that the employees be granted a general wage increase of twenty (20) cents an hour;
 2. that the parties jointly explore the question of sick pay and engage in collective bargaining with a view to its implementation at some later date; and
 3. that agreements between the parties contain provisions for (a) the union shop in respect to employees engaged in future and "maintenance of membership" in respect of employees now in service and (b) the voluntary irrevocable check-off of union dues and assessments.

MILITARY ATTACHE TO POLAND: Lieutenant-Colonel E.W. Cutbill, DSO, ED, 35, of Hamilton, Ontario, is the new Canadian Military Attache to Poland and leaves shortly to assume his duties in Warsaw, the Minister of National Defence announced. He becomes Acting Colonel while so employed. Lt.-Col. Cutbill, born in Niagara Falls, Ont., was educated at Heathfield School, England, and Ridley College, St. Catharines, Ont.

He went overseas with the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry as a platoon commander early in 1940, and was second in command when the regiment fought its way into Germany in May and June, 1945. However, most of his service was away from his unit. He attended the Canadian War Staff Course and afterwards served with a British airborne division at Salisbury Plains and in Tunisia, North Africa. He was a company commander in action with the Royal Canadian Regiment in Italy, a staff officer at 1st Canadian Corps Headquarters in Italy, and a company commander with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry in action in Italy.

After the move of 1st Canadian Corps to Northwest Europe he became second in command of the West Nova Scotia Regiment in Holland, and then returned to his old regiment as the war ground to a close.

Col. Cutbill returned to Canada as a volunteer for the Pacific Force and afterwards was one of the Muskox expedition which circled the far north of Canada in the winter of 1945-46. Since then he has served as GSO I, in the rank of lieutenant-colonel, at Washington, D.C.

IRON AND STEEL: Shipments of primary shapes by Canadian steel mills, excluding producers'

interchange, totalled 203,779 net tons in February compared with 231,329 tons the previous month and 203,924 tons in February last year, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Producers' interchange amounted to 72,414 tons as against 77,283 tons in January.

Of the February shipments for sale, 48,679 tons went direct to railways and railway car shops; 13,465 tons to pressing, forming and stamping plants; 24,801 tons to building construction; 18,253 tons to merchant trade products; 16,932 tons to the containers industry; 13,594 tons to agricultural equipment; 10,140 tons to the automotive industry; 13,145 tons to machinery plant; 2,990 tons to ship-building; and 5,722 tons to mining, lumber, etc.

STOCKS OF WHEAT: Stocks of Canadian wheat in store or in transit in North America at midnight on April 15 totalled 81,179,957 bushels compared with 99,035,866 bushels on April 17 last year, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The visible supplies on the latest date consisted of 79,983,644 bushels in Canadian positions and 1,196,313 bushels in United States positions.

Deliveries of wheat from farms in the Prairie Provinces during the week ended April 15 totalled 674,476 bushels compared with 732,709 bushels in the preceding week, bringing the total for the period since August 1 to 209,700,687 bushels as against 264,127,610 bushels in the similar period of the 1946-47 crop year.

ACTING SURGEON COMMANDER: Appointment of Acting Surgeon Commander F.G.W. MacHattie, R.C.N., of Toronto, as Assistant Medical Director General at Naval Service Headquarters has been announced by Naval Service Headquarters. For the past two years Commander MacHattie has been Principal Medical Officer at the Royal Canadian Navy Hospital at Halifax.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:

	April 22, 1948	April 15, 1948	March 18, 1948
	(1935-39=100)		

INVESTORS' PRICE INDEX

(100 Common Stocks).....	111.8	108.8	99.8
76 Industrials	106.6	103.6	93.9
16 Utilities..	119.7	114.9	105.5
8 Banks.....	127.5	128.9	128.9

MINING STOCK PRICE INDEX

(30 Stocks)....	81.7	80.9	80.1
25 Golds.....	65.3	65.5	68.8
5 Base Metals	114.2	111.0	101.2

10,000 IMMIGRANTS BY AIR: The Government has effected an arrangement with Trans-Canada Air Lines for the charter of planes to bring immigrants from the United Kingdom to Canada, the Acting Minister of Mines and Resources, Mr. MacKinnon, announced in the Commons April 23. He said:-

"This arrangement will provide facilities for the transportation of 10,000 immigrants from the United Kingdom before the end of the present fiscal year. Initial destinations on this side will be Montreal and Toronto.

"In order to provide for this increased movement by air, existing Canadian immigration staffs in the United Kingdom will be further expanded. Arrangements will be made at the Immigration offices to assist prospective immigrants to obtain the necessary documentation and travel facilities, and specially trained officers will be available to provide full information about conditions in Canada and to assist the prospective immigrant in preparing for settlement in this country. Priority of passage will be given to persons with assured employment awaiting them in Canada.

"Officers of the Labour Department will be stationed in the Immigration offices to advise intending immigrants as to prospects for employment, and, when practicable, to arrange definite placement in Canadian jobs prior to the immigrant's departure from the United Kingdom.

TWO NEW OFFICES

"The offices of the Immigration Branch in London are being transferred to more spacious quarters, and a new office is to be opened in Glasgow within the next ten days. A third office will be opened in Liverpool before the 1st of July, and it is hoped that an office can be established in Belfast shortly thereafter.

"It has been agreed by T.C.A. that experienced staffs and facilities of that organization will be made available for making the necessary arrangements to schedule the despatch of immigrants when the necessary medical and civil examinations are completed; thus permitting of every possible facility to aid the immigrant desirous of taking advantage of this mode of travel.

"It is considered that the new arrangement with T.C.A., together with considerably increased steamship facilities now available as a result of government action, will go a long way towards overcoming the serious shortage of immigrant transportation from the British Isles which previously existed.

"In addition to the arrangements which I have just announced in connection with the transportation of immigrants by air from the United Kingdom, I am glad to be able to inform

the House that the Government has decided to increase from 20,000 to 30,000 the number of Displaced Persons, not otherwise admissible, who will be allowed to enter this country for permanent residence. As has been previously indicated the Displaced Persons who are admitted to Canada under the present programme will be counted against any quota that this country may eventually accept as a result of an international agreement designed to solve the Displaced Persons problem.

"It is perhaps worth reminding the House that Canada was not only the first non-European country to take independent action to admit Displaced Persons who are not otherwise admissible, but that this country has admitted more Displaced Persons on the grounds that they were Displaced Persons than all other non-European countries combined.

"The United States Congress is now giving consideration to the possibility of admitting a considerable number of these people. Up to the present none have been admitted to the United States as Displaced Persons, although some thousands have been given entry under their national quotas.

"The total number of Displaced Person arrivals in Canada as at the 15th of April was 15,410. This is a record of which I believe we have a right to be proud.

"As has been the case from the beginning the Displaced Persons who will be admitted to Canada will be very carefully screened by the Canadian teams which have been established in Europe for this purpose.

MR. TUCKER'S RESIGNATION: In the House of Commons on April 23 the Prime Minister announced the resignation of Mr. Walter Tucker as Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Veterans Affairs as well as the appointment of Mr. Thomas Reid as Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Fisheries, in the following words:

"Mr. Speaker, I should like to inform the House that the hon. member for Rosthern, Mr. Walter Tucker, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Veterans Affairs, has tendered his resignation as a Parliamentary Assistant, and that his resignation has been accepted by the Government. In making this announcement I should like to say how much my colleagues and I have appreciated the splendid services rendered the Government, the House, and particularly the war veterans, by the hon. member for Rosthern during the time he held the position of Parliamentary Assistant, and with what sincere regret his resignation has been accepted.

"I would also inform the House that the hon. member for New Westminster (Mr. Reid) has been appointed Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Fisheries, an appointment which I am sure will be received with general approval by hon. members."