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COL. RALSTON CITES CASES AT MONCTON

Continues Evidence Before Ry. Commission This Morning

ONTARIO FAVORED

Maritime Tariff Increases Greatly In Excess of Central Provinces, Says Counsel

By F. X. JENNINGS.
Staff Correspondent Times-Star

MONCTON, April 7—Further evidence to support his contention that freight rates charged Maritime Province shippers to points in Ontario discriminated in favor of the Central Provinces, and details showing that the increases in rates between points on former I. C. R. territory since 1907 were greatly in excess of corresponding rates in Ontario, were presented to the Board of Railway Cocmmission here this morning by Col. J. L. Ralston, on behalf of the Maritime Transportation Rights Committee. Hon. H. A. McKeown, chief commissioner, presided, and associated with him at the hearing were Commissioners Oliver and McLean.

Col. Ralston, who has been speaking almost continuously since yesterday afternoon shortly after 2.30 o'clock, has already consumed more than five hours in the presentation of the Maritime case, and he was still carrying on when the hearing adjourned for lunch. Immediately after the recess, two representatives of the Montreal Board of Trade are scheduled to be heard, after which Col. Ralston will continue, and it is expected that he will complete his presentation this afternoon.

STANDARDIZED METHOD.

Regarding the suggestion as to the standardization of classifications in the United States, Col. Ralston said that while this matter was under consideration its realization was still a long way off. He read from several reports of the interstate commerce commission summing up the result of attempts at uniformity which showed that, in spite of all efforts, the proportion of those standardized was much less than those not uniform. He proposed to show that there was a lower commodity on the old I. C. R. than on the same in other parts of the country.

Turning to the first proposal of the committee, that a blanket rate on westbound traffic from points east of Moncton and Saint John should be placed on those places. He pointed out that the Boston-Chicago rate was the same as New York-Chicago, while the eastern shippers on westbound traffic had a differential advantage of 7 cents. He pointed out that the Boston shipper had advantage over the Chicago shipper. On the differential all-rail rate the Boston shipper had an advantage of 12 cents, while the New York shipper also had a distinct advantage over the Chicago.

MARITIME DISADVANTAGE

Col. Ralston, in reply to Commissioner Oliver, said he proposed to show that, as the Maritimes had not the opportunities of distribution as the central provinces, they should have some consideration in the matter of rates to permit them to increase distribution of products westward.

To Mr. Oliver, Col. Ralston explained that, while New York had no advantage over Chicago shippers in the matter of exchange of freight on an all-U. S. route, the New York shippers had an advantage over a route which included the Central Vermont Railroad, controlled by the C. N. R.

The Maritimes were asking for concessions to allow them to trade in Central Canada on account of the fact that they were unable to trade any further eastward.

PROPOSES REDUCTION

The rate first class Saint John to Toronto was $1.15, while the Montreal-Toronto rate was 83 cents, an advantage of 32 cents in favor of the Montreal shipper. He proposed having the Saint John-Toronto rate reduced to 97½ cents, leaving the margin to be absorbed by the eastern shippers as compared with Toronto only, 14½ cents.

To illustrate the need of a differential rate for the Maritime Provinces, Col. Ralston cited Boston rates to Chicago which were seven cents less per unit than the rates from Chicago to Boston. From New York it was true the rate was the same east and west to the point named, but the reason given was that New York possessed certain shipping advantages which

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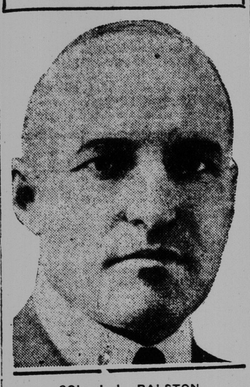
Urges Rate Changes



COL. J. L. RALSTON
who advocated a virtual scrapping of the present rates structure on Canada of new tariffs based on the economic requirements of the different sections of the country in presenting the case for Maritime freight rates revision before the Dominion Railway Commission at Moncton.

N. B. LEGISLATURE RESUMES SESSION

J. A. Doucet, Gloucester, to Continue Speech on Budget This Afternoon

Canadian Press

FREDERICTON, April 7—The provincial legislature resumes its session this afternon after the Easter recess with the budget debate the order of the day, and J. A. Doucet, opposition member for Gloucester, as the first speaker. Mr. Doucet had not finished his speech when the House reached adjournment hour last Thursday afternoon, and he then moved the adjournment of the debate.

DYSART RETURNS

Hon. A. A. Dysart, speaker of the last legislature, and now sitting as a member of the opposition from Kent, who was prevented from participating in the debate on the address by sudden illness, has returned to the capital again and he and Hon. P. J. Veniot, former premier and now opposition leader, are expected to be the principal speakers from the opposition side in the debate.

The present outlook is that the debate will extend to next week, the expectation being that Premeir Baxter will again conclude the debate, speaking just before the first division in the new house is called on the opposition amendment to restore the stumpage rate on lumber cut upon the crown lands to $4 as a means of averting direct taxation.

WANTS OTTAWA TO SPEND MUCH MONEY

Toronto Sends Delegation to Federal Government For Port Official and Customs House

TORONTO, April 7—After a lengthy debate in which the prospects of securing favorable action were represented both as imminent and remote, the Toronto city council last night decided to send a large deputation to Ottawa to urge upon the Federal governmnet the desirability of proceeding with a number of public works, including a new postoffice, a new customs building and a new bridge. "A joy ride" was what one alderman who opposed the sending of the delegation, called the trip to Ottawa.

PAWNEES VS. SHEIKS

MONCTON, N. B., April 7.—The Moncton Pawnees will meet the Woodstock Sheiks here tomorrow night on the Y. M. C. A. floor in the final game of the New Brunswick intermediate basketball title series.

MONTREAL B. OF T. IS NON-COMMITTAL ON MARITIME RATE CASE

Council Declares Present Application Far-reaching in Bearing on Whole Railway Problem, and Seeks Time to Express Opinion.

MONTREAL, April 7.—Present rate issues are so involved in relation to the whole railway problem that the council of the Montreal Board of Trade hesitates to commit itself in regard to the hearing of the application by the Board of Railway Commissioners in the Maritimes; such was the attitude of the council at a special meeting here.

The principal subject for consideration was the attitude to be taken by the board in the matter of the rate application by the Maritime Provinces, concerning which the Board of Railway Commissioners are now holding a hearing in Moncton.

The manager of the board's transportation department, J. K. Smith, is attending the hearing. It was decided that while the board sincerely sympathized with the Maritime Provinces in their efforts to better their economic situation, and was desirous of assisting in applying a remedy for their difficulties, when such presented itself, the present rate application involved issues so far-reaching in their bearing on the railway rate structure in Canada that it could not, without further careful consideration and study, present its views. The council wished to reserve its right to give its opinion on the question at a later hearing.

VERDICT AGAIN RESERVED IN CLIFFORD CASE

Moncton Magistrate To Give Consideration To Vital Point

Times-Star Counsel Asks Judgment On Permission To Sell Papers

Special to The Times-Star

MONCTON, April 7—The case of Kenneth D. Clifford, a representative of The Saint John Evening Times-Star circulation department, charged with selling papers on the station platform at Moncton without the permission of the C. N. R. authorities, judgment in which was to have been delivered here this morning by Magistrate Steeves, is still unsettled, and final decision will not be reached until next Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock. Decision on certain points in the case, which were asked for by Dr. F. R. Taylor, K. C., counsel for Mr. Clifford, was not given by the magistrate, and at Mr. Taylor's request today, Magistrate Steeves agreed to take these into consideration and give his final verdict next week.

In making the adjournment, the magistrate said that, had he considered the question of permission being granted to Mr. Clifford by the C. N. R. authorities, he would have dismissed the case without going into any of the other points in question. Dr. Taylor was present, but there was no counsel for the C. N. R. in court.

AN IMPORTANT ISSUE

At the opening of the court the magistrate said that considering that his decision was an important one and that he was passing his opinion on what he felt was a vital issue, he had gone into the case more thoroughly than otherwise he would do. It involved the principle, he said, of the railway authorities allowing one newspaper to be sold on the station platform and not another.

He thereupon read a lengthy judgment covering about six sheets of foolscap, ending with the finding of Mr. Clifford guilty of the offence charged and fining him $1 and $3 costs.

At this point Dr. Taylor called his attention to the fact that he had no judgment on the question of whether permission had been given to Mr. Clifford, as practically admitted by Chief Tingley of the C. N. R. ploice.

"If we decide to appeal the case, which we probably will," said Dr. Taylor, "we will need a decision on this point."

The magistrate remarked that if he had considered this point, he would not have had to go into the other phases of the case, but he didn't understand that Mr. Taylor wanted a decision on that point.

REQUESTS DECISION

Dr. Taylor replied that he particularly asked for a decision on this point. He added that, had the defendant been cleared on this phase of the action, as the judge intimated he might have been, Mr. Clifford might bring action

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Mystery of Famous Whistling Rooster Finally Revealed

Canadian Press

NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y., April 7 — New Rochelle's famous whistling rooster, which has served as an alarm clock for boatmen living near the old mill dam, on Echo Bay, died yesterday, and an autopsy revealed the cause of its ability to whistle like a siren instead of crowing.

Curious farmers and boatmen of the vicinity gathered at the scene of death and cut off the dead rooster's head. They found a tiny metal whistle lodged in the windpipe. Death had been caused by a small pea becoming lodged in the whistle and choking the bird.

For years the brown rooster had startled the boatmen at daybreak by his wistling and flapping of wings. No one suspected the cause, and Adam Sarnvel, a farmer, who claimed ownership of the fowl, carefully treasured it.

DR. WEBSTER SPEAKS AT MONTREAL MEET

New Brunswicker Gives Address on "Ideals of Education" This Morning

Canadian Press

MONTREAL, April 7—This morning's sessions of the Third Triennial Conference of the National Council of Education and Citizenship consist of a meeting at La Bibliotheque Saint Sulpice, under the chairmanship of Hon. Judge E. Lafontaine, which will be addressed by Abbe Oscar Maurice on "Concordance De L'Enseignement secondaire avec l'enseignment primaire," and at the Mount Royal Hotel, where an address will be given by Dr. Blarence Webster, Shediac, N. B., on "Ideals in Education." Sir Robert Falconer, K. C. M. G., will be chairman. Both meetings will be followed by a discussion.

ELECTION TODAY

The University of Montreal is entertaining the French guests at luncheon. At 4 p.m., there will be a general meeting of the conference and election of officers.

The evening meeting at 8.30 p.m., will be addressed by M. Jean Bruhnes, College of France, on "La Geographie sumaine" and by Dr. Thomas Hunt Morgan, Columbia University, his subject being "The outlook of bilogy."

TO PROBE HALIFAX LIQUOR SHORTAGE

109 Cases Whiskey, 45 Gals. Rum Missing From "The Dardanelles"

Canadian Press.

HALIFAX, N. S., April 6.—A final check-up completed today, of all the liquor stored in Bonded Warehouse No. 4 of the Department of Legal Vendors, commonly known as "The Dardanelles" showed that 109 cases of Scotch whiskey and 45 gallons of rum had disappeared. The shortage of 109 cases of whiskey was discovered some days ago and a reward of $500 has been offered by the government for the apprehension of those responsible. Tests of the rum puncheons were made today and it was found that 45 gallons had been drawn off.

An investigation under oath under the Public Inquiries Act has been ordered and will be opened shortly.

TO INCREASE DUTIES

Jamaica Proposes Boost on Soaps, Tobacco to Foster Industries

KINGSTON, Ja., April 7—Increase in customs duties of 33 1-3 per cent. on all soaps, matches, tobacco and cigarettes imported into Jamaica has been recommended by a special committee of the legislative council.

The recommendation was made in order to foster native industries and to enforce employment to Jamaicans unable to enter the United States on account of the United States immigration quota law.

BULLET PASSES THROUGH NOSE OF DICTATOR

Attempt Made While Leaving Surgery Conference In Rome

ASSAILANT HELD

Revolver Fired Point Blank At Italian Premier; Injuries Slight, Report

ROME, April 7 — An attempt was was made to assassinate Premier Mussolini this morning. A woman fired a revolver point blank at him, but he escaped with a slight wound.

Mussolini was shot through the nose. The shooting occurred at about 1.15 a. m., while he was leaving the session of the Congress of International Surgery in the Place Di Capitole to enter his automobile.

A great crowd was around the entrance cheering the Premier, when the woman pressed to the front, and, pointing a revolver directly at him, pulled the trigger.

WOMAN JAILED

Then woman, whose identity has not been disclosed, was rescued from the crowd with great difficulty, and was rushed to the jail, where women prisoners are confined.

Meanwhile, Mussolini, submitting to medical attention, maintained great composure. He ordered that immediate dispositions be taken to preserve order and that no retributions be taken.

MANITOBA PURSUES FREIGHT RATE FIGHT

Atty.-General Craig States Government Position in Railway Tariff Matter

Canadian Press

WINNIPEG, Man., April 7—Manitoba will carry on with renewed vigor the fight for reduced railway freight rates or a readjustment of the freight rate structure that will be fair and equitable to the province, and efforts will be made to secure compensation for withdrawal by the Federal authorities of the benefits which the province enjoyed for some years, from the Manitoba agreement with the old Canadian Northern Railway.

This, in effect, is the position of the government in the matter of freight rates as set forth by Attorney General R. W. Craig, in a three hour speech in the Legislature last night on the past and future policy of the Bracken administration.

'FLU HITS GLASGOW

Deaths Last Week 622 and Number is Increasing—Sleeping Sickness Also

Canadian Press.

GLASGOW, April 7.—This city has been visited by a severe epidemic of influenza recently and the number of deaths therefrom is on the increase. According to the official report, there were 622 deaths from influenza in Glasgow last week.

Some cases of sleeping sickness also are reported and this is the cause of considerable anxiety on the part of the people here.

TEACHERS AT WAR

British Schoolmasters Protest "Irrational Claims" of Women Educators

British United Press.

LONDON, April 7 — War against the other sex in the field of school teaching has been declared by the masters in the Hull conference of schoolmasters which is now taking place. It was resolved unanimously that no assistant master should serve under a head mistress, and any one refusing to do so will receive full financial support. It was also decided to fight the principal of equal pay for men and women teachers, and the delegates declared that ruthless war would be waged against the "irrational claims" of women.

Wounded By Woman

PREMIER MUSSOLINI
who was shot through the nose by an English woman while entering his automobile early this morning. The wound is not considered dangerous.

DISABLED VESSEL SENDS HELP CALL

British Tank Steamer Appalachee, Has Steering Gear Broken Off Cape Race

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., April 7 — The British tank steamer Appalachee is disabled off Cape Race, with her steering gear broken, and has sent out a call for assistance. A message from the vessel intercepted here early today gave her position as 350 miles southeast of Cape Race.

The Appalachee sailed from New York for London March 27.

STEAMER IS ASHORE

British Vessel Goes Aground at Cape Henry; Position Not Serious

Canadian Press

NORFOLK, Va., April 7.—The British steamer Haggersgate went ashore last night at Cape Henry, while bound for Baltimore. Though the vessel is only 300 yards off shore, those aboard apparently believe she will float at the next high tide, and have sent no calls for assistance. Weather conditions were not favorable, but unless there is an unexpected increase of wind, it is expected she will be in no serious danger.

U. S. ADOPTS ROTOR

Inventor Declares Naval Vessels Have Already Applied Principles

BERLIN, April 7—Anton Flettner, inventor of the rotorship now on the way to the United States, declared in an interview with the Zwoel Fuhrblatt that the United States navy is adopting the rotor method.

Some of the American naval vessels have already applied the principle, while numerous American military airplanes are equipped with Flettner rudders, he asserts.

Gives Up Effort To Refloat Vessel

HALIFAX, April 7.—The government steamer Lady Laurier, which has been attempting to release the Boston fishing schooner Josephine De Costa from a shoal in Shelburne Harbor, on which the latter grounded a few days ago, today abandoned the attempt, owing to the shallow water about the stranded schooner. The Lady Laurier is returning to Halifax and it is understood that tugs will be necessary before the Josephine De Costa can be refloated.

BULLETIN

Banff Springs Hotel On Fire

CALGARY, April 7—The north wing of the palatial Banff Springs Hotel, at Banff, has been destroyed by fire, which broke out this morning, and the remainder of the structure is threatened.

By 11.30 o'clock the north wing was a wreck, and it appeared that the centre section was doomed.

The fire-fighting forces of the Canadian Pacific Railway and of the town made desperate efforts to check the conflagration, but without success.

An appeal was sent to Calgary and fire apparatus was rushed to Banff on a special train.

The flames broke out in the rotunda about 11 o'clock, and in a few minutes practically the whole wing was ablaze.

PROTEST TAX BOOST

N. B. Insurance Men Assured By Govt. Increase is Only Temporary

Canadian Press

FREDERICTON, April 7—At noon today the government heard a protest from a delegation representing fire insurance companies against the fifty per cent. increase in tax upon them proposed in the provincial secretary's budget. The delegation were given the same answer given to similar delegations, viz.: that the additional taxation is temporary for an emergency, and will be abolished as soon as the province's budget can be balanced.

Nine Hurt In Wreck Of Ocean Limited

MONCTON, N. B., April 7.—Rail failure in a way which no one could forestall or even foresee, was given as the cause fo the wreck of the eastbound Ocean Limited near Atchison's siding, four miles west of Westchester, N. S., last night. Nine persons were injured.

The official report of the accident attributed the accident to a transverse rail fissure.

Russians Must Pay To Leave Country

MOSCOW, April 7 — The Soviet government has issued a decree providing that a Russian must pay $100 or $150, depending on his social status, for permission to leave the country.

FULL ACCOUNT OF EVIDENCE IS PUBLISHED

Tragedy Due To Striking Mine, Says Fox Davies

CLEARS MYSTERY

Reports State British Leader Last Seen On Deck of Hampshire

By H. BAILEY.
British United Press.

LONDON, April 7—Lord Kitchener's death was due to the Hampshire striking a mine and not to any treachery, according to an article by A. C. Fox Davies, a barrister, who was a member of the naval law branch from 1916 to 1920, and who saw every document dealing with the disaster. Mr. Fox Davies wrote a report of the circumstances surrounding the death of Lord Kitchener for the Allied governments, and this morning he publishes a full account of the evidence in the Daily Express.

This report says that Kitchener arrived at Scapa before lunch and spent some time with Lord Jellicoe on the Iron Duke. A storm was blowing up into a near gale at the time and the weather was so bad that the British Admiral tried to dissuade Kitchener from sailing that evening, but the British Minister of War refused to delay his voyage. An unusual route was selected for the voyage just before the Hampshire sailed, and it is impossible that any German ship could have known of the last minute change in routing.

SEARCH IN VAIN

"At first it was not imagined that the ship was sinking but when the truth was realized there were cries for Kitchener all over the ship. He could not be found. When last seen he was standing on the deck in a long blue overcoat."

Six mines were laid but it was not known how this was done. If there was any treachery in the laying of these mines it must have been on the part of Lord Jellicoe which is manifestly absurd. The writer adds that there is reason to believe that the body of Kitchener may be in a small cemetery in Norway.

MANY VAGUE STATEMENTS

For months past the newspapers have been publishing articles suggesting that Kitchener came to his death as the result of German treachery on board the Hampshire and the somewhat vague statements of the Admiralty have only tended to create the impression that the official denials were half hearted and perhaps untrue. It is expected that the Davies statement will now clear up the situation.

Explorer Is Off To Seek Pigmy Tribes

BATAVIA, April 7—The expedition headed by Professor Matthew W. Stirling, of Berkeley, Calif., sailed this morning for Sourabaya to explore the unknown interior of Dutch New Guinea.

"If pigmy tribes are in New Guinea, we will find them," declared Stanley A. Hedberg, historian of the expedition.

The Weather

SYNOPSIS—Pressure is high near the Atlantic coast and in the west, while a trough of low pressure extends from the Great Lakes to the south western states. The weather continues cold in all the provinces except British Columbia and rain or sleet is falling in Ontario.

Rain or Sleet.

FORECASTS:

MARITIME—Fair today. Thursday strong southeast winds, with rain or sleet.

NEW ENGLAND—Rain tonight and probably Thursday morning, warmer tonight, colder in western Massachusetts Thursday, west shifting winds becoming northwest.

Temperatures

	8 a. m.	Highest during Yesterday	Lowest night
Victoria	48	58	46
Calgary	10	20	8
Winnipeg	26	42	22
Toronto	32	34	30
Montreal	28	32	24
Quebec	24	30	18
Saint John	30	30	20
Halifax	32	36	24
New York	36	44	34