Stepping on Electricity



WITH gasoline banned for private use and pleasure motoring Britons are likely to look kindly at electric station wagon shown above. It seats, excluding driver, 11 adults or 20 children and has plenty of room for luggage. Its British drivers and builders claim it can, at cruising speed of 30 m.p.h., travel 40 to 60 miles on one battery charge, costing 36 cents. Despite its own severe rationing, Britain allows oversea visitors gas for automobiles brought with them or hired or bought during their visit.

Few Changes as Liberal Party Approves List of Resolutions

VANCOUVER (CP)—Delegates attending Liberal party convention here approved a dozen resolutions with little debate and few changes.

They called for:

Completion of the Agassiz-Hagge Highway; an express highway from Coquitlam to Vancouver; extension of the West Coast Road from Jordan River to Bamfield Creek; improvements to the Trans-Canada route already constructed and completion and maintenance of that highway by the Federal Government.

A commission to investigate, establish and ensure equitable assessments in both urban and rural areas, with uniform definition of "land" and "improvements" in taxation, schools and municipal aids.

The continuance of the present arrangement between school districts and the Government on capital expenditures and transportation of pupils, but that school districts' share of other costs be pegged at five mills on land assessment and at same rate on 75 per cent of assessed value of improvements.

Consideration by Ottawa of agricultural price fluctuations with assistance of legislation governing prices of food commodities in keeping with production costs.

Storage dams in the dry belt for irrigation and industrial development.

Protection of wives' interests in family homes where no such protection exists.

TAX AMENDMENT

An amendment to the Income Tax Act granting exemption for any saving plan by life insurance policies, Dominion annuities or post office saving funds.

Appointment of more women to boards and commissions of both Provincial and Federal Governments.

Discontinuance of the "means test" for old-age pension applicants; a lower age limit to conform to the retirement age in industry and a cost-of-living bonus for pensioners.

Cost-of-living bonus, hospital and medical care for wives of veterans receiving allowances, and widows and minor children of veterans.

Extension of vocational and university education for veterans to the children of veterans killed in service.

Dominion-Provincial regional housing authorities, mass production of homes where possible, subsidies or loans at low interest rates to municipalities, persons or organizations undertaking low-cost, low-rental housing projects.

Institution of an all-embracing contributory plan of social security by Dominion and British Columbia Governments.

Says Wartime Custodian Paid Japanese Wrong Compensation

KAMLOOPS, B.C., Dec. 10 (CP)—Oversights by the Custodian of Enemy Property resulted in some "improper compensations" to Japanese-Canadians after Government sale of their possession, Col. John W. G. Hunter, Federal Government counsel, today told the Japanese Property Claims Commission.

Speaking on the claim of Fukujiro Koyama, former fisherman from Uclulet, British Columbia, who asked additional payment of $1,000 from the $400 sale of his trawler and fishing gear, Col. Hunter conceded Koyama inadvertently had been paid about $71 less than he was entitled.

The trawler was left in custody of the Canadian Navy at the time of Koyama's evacuation. Sold a year later, it was found that certain equipment was missing, reducing the vessel's value.

In making repayment for missing equipment, money had been paid to the boat's purchaser rather than Koyama.

Mr. Justice Henry I. Bird, the one-man Royal Commission conducting the hearings, said the Government was responsible for whatever loss was incurred from the time Koyama left his vessel in the navy's custody until its sale.

Another claimant, Shigeji Kamachi of Vancouver, asked to be received as compensation from the sale of his four-room house by the Custodian. Kamachi said he had built the house himself at a cost of $1,525.

Col. Hunter said Kamachi apparently had not been paid because the house was built on land owned by another person who, the Custodian thought, was the proper owner.

With a dozen claims heard in three days, total compensation asked for already totals nearly $60,000.

Claims for personal belongings, of which the Custodian frequently has no record, range from Japanese dolls, and English encyclopedias to Chesterfields and sewing machines.

Although the Custodian had a vested right in all property of dispersed Japanese-Canadians, the Commission is concerned at present only with efforts actually taken over by him.

CAN'T BE SEEN

OTTAWA, Dec. 10 (CP)—Astronomers at the Dominion Observatory expressed a somewhat frustrated interest today in a new comet which is keeping people up at night in the Southern Hemisphere. They doubted that it could be seen anywhere in Canada. Dr. C. S. Beals, Dominion astronomer said, "We can't see it here."

The "automobile bag" of South America carries a white light in front and red one behind.

Changes Story When Arrested

EDMONTON, Dec. 10 (CP)—James R. Butlin of Calgary, who claimed here he was publicity agent for a holiday camp magnate, changed his story when arrested by city police today.

Police said he was wanted in Ottawa on charges of passing two worthless cheques, one for $400, the other for $175.

Butlin told Edmonton newspapermen Monday the magnate planned to open several tourists camps in Canada. Today he said he had "no idea" what impelled him to tell this story.

OTTAWA, Dec. 10 (CP)—Inspector J. A. Cavan of the Ottawa city police said tonight that James R. Butlin of Calgary, who was arrested today in Edmonton after posing as a publicity agent for a holiday camp magnate, was not wanted in Ottawa.

Inspector Cavan said Butlin had passed through Ottawa on various occasions "but to our knowledge he is not wanted here for any offence." He added that Edmonton police have been advised accordingly.

Ald. B. J. Gadsden requests your influence and support for re-election on December 11. ***

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Greater Export Markets Opened by Geneva Pacts

OTTAWA, Dec. 10 (CP)—A vast, new field of export markets for Canadian products will be opened by the Geneva trade agreement, Reconstruction Minister Howe indicated today, as the Commons continued debate on a resolution preliminary to formal ratification of the complex treaty.

He disclosed that a sampling taken from 1,256 companies indicated they expected to export worth of goods in 1948, $670,000,000 in 1948 and that they expected to be able to export $1,200,000,000 after completion of modernization and expansion projects.

"This means," he said, "exports almost 2½ times as much in value terms or 2¼ times in volume terms as before the war."

Mr. Howe spoke after Prime Minister Mackenzie King seconded an opposition request that the far-reaching agreement be referred to a House Committee for detailed study before the House be asked to express approval of its terms.

[illegible] was moved by Cecil Merritt, V.C., (P.C.—Vancouver - Burrard), who, while expressing a general approval of the agreement, urged that the House use caution in endorsing many of the escape clauses embodied in it.

Later, Deputy Speaker Rose Macdonald ruled the motion out of order on the grounds that it was an expression of opinion rather than an amendment to the resolution before the House.

Mr. Howe said the agreement may provide the avenue to a "permanent and satisfactory" solution to Canada's chronic dollar shortage.

GROWING DEFICIT

Looking into Canadian-American trade in the past, it was apparent that whenever Canada had been prosperous her adverse balance of trade with the United States had grown and that it approached a more equal balance only in periods of depression and low income.

Of the methods of achieving balance, he said:

"One way is to achieve a balance at a low level of trade, as has been done in the past . . . the alternative way and, I need scarcely add, the way that accords with this Government's fundamental views on trade, is to achieve the balance at a high level by our selling more."

Miners' Debts Facing Union

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (CP)—The international executive board of the United Mine Workers today continued discussion of problems arising under the Taft-Hartley Act without disclosing the nature of their talks.

Freeman Jenkins, representing District 26, did not disclose whether the question of debts contracted by Cape Breton miners during last Spring's strike was discussed but said there might be an announcement on the matter tomorrow. Debts estimated as high as $300,000 were incurred with North Sydney merchants during the strike and it has been hoped the international union will arrange to liquidate them.

May Walk Out At Christmas

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (CP)—The United States-wide strike vote among Western Union employees is running 10 to 1 in favor of a pre-Christmas walkout for higher wages, the Commercial Telegraphers' Union (A.F.L.) said today.

Union leaders will go to Atlantic tomorrow for a session with heads of two other A.F.L. unions which are planning joint strike action with the C.T.U. if negotiations with the Western Union Telegraph Company remain deadlocked.

C.T.U. counsel Frank Bloom said a strike date would "most certainly" be set at the height of the Christmas business.

The unions want a 15-cent-an-hour wage increase to supplement the five cents they settled for last Spring.

Attorney-General Loser in Appeal

OTTAWA Dec. 10 (CP)—The Attorney-General of British Columbia lost an appeal before the Supreme Court of Canada today in the case of Robert Bellon, of Vancouver, convicted last April of illegally possessing a .45-calibre revolver.

Bellon pleaded guilty to the charge at that time, and later appealed to the magistrate to have the plea disregarded. The magistrate refused but the British Columbia Appeal Court ordered a new trial. The Attorney-General's Department appealed the decision, but the new trial for Bellon was assured by today's judgment.

SCHOOL FOR BARMEN

BURY, Lancashire, England (CP)—A school for barmen to teach them licensing laws, catering and problems of the brewhouse is to be started here sometime in 1948.

Veteran Freed On Probation

TORONTO, Dec. 10 (CP)—Terence McGowan said in court today he could not work at a job that required standing.

He did not tell the court the reason, that the third time he was torpedoed as an assistant cook with the Merchant Navy, permanent damage was done to his legs in the six days he came to a raft swept by frigid waters in the North Atlantic.

He was charged with taking four rag dolls and a couple of pieces of cloth from a toy factory.

He explained that, working at 50 cents an hour, five hours a night, he could not provide for three children at Christmas. The rag dolls were for them. The cloth would have done to make clothes for them.

The magistrate suspended sentence.



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Calls for Vote In Yale Riding

OTTAWA, Dec. 10 (CP)—Howard Green (PC-Vancouver South) urged in the Commons tonight that the Government call a by-election in the vacant British Columbia constituency of Yale as quickly as possible so that the riding could have a representative in the House when the session reconvenes next month.

The vacancy was created through the resignation of Hon. Grote Stirling, a former Minister of National Defence.

PAYS TRIBUTE

Mr. Green made the request for a by-election after paying tribute to Mr. Stirling during debate on the Geneva trade agreement.

Mr. Green said Mr. Stirling, who had to resign because of ill health, had done much to keep high the standard of public life in Canada.

While extending sympathy and good wishes to Mr. Stirling, he wanted to urge an early by-election in Yale, situated in Canada's great apple producing area of the Okanagan Valley.

Mr. Green doubted if any constituency was more interested than Yale in the Geneva trade and tariff agreement.

Plow Will Attend College of Defence

VANCOUVER, Dec. 10 (CP)—Brig E. C. Plow, officer commanding the British Columbia Defence Area, tonight left to attend the Canadian Defence College at Kingston, Ont. Col. T. E. D. Shaw of Vancouver and Edmonton will command in Brig. Plow's absence.


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TOMATO CATSUP Heinz, 13-oz. bottle 25¢
CHILI SAUCE Aylmer, 9-oz. bottle 25¢
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1-lb. pkt. 11¢ 3-lb. pkt. 28¢
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NABOB MINCEMEAT 2-lb. Jar 45¢