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Diefenbaker threatens reformation of senate if tariff bill turned down

All sides issue election challenge

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OTTAWA (CP) — Prime Minister Diefenbaker sounds like a man spoiling for a general election.

None of his opponents seems to be quaking at the prospect.

Opposition Leader Pearson last week dared the government to call an election.

H. W. Herridge, deputy CCF leader, threw out a similar challenge Thursday.

So did Robert N. Thompson, new leader of the Social Credit party, though the party has no representatives in the Commons.

The only group which appears to be on the spot is the Liberal-dominated Senate whose members are appointed for life.

Mr. Diefenbaker declared Thursday that the Senate must approve the custom tariff bill or an election will be called "sooner or later" on the issue of Senate reform.

ELECTION HINTED

Election talk petered out like a brook in the Sahara after the $650,000,000 deficit budget was presented June 20. But it was spouting like a geyser on Parliament Hill Thursday night.

It may get an ever higher lift today when Mr. Diefenbaker resumes the debate on the government's bill to sack James E. Coyne as governor of the Bank of Canada.

The prime minister left up in the air Thursday what he meant by "sooner or later" or by Senate reform. But on the latter point he indicated he has in mind a constitutional amendment to prevent the Senate from dealing with money bills.

The measure in question is a money bill but the Senate did not amend its financial provisions specifically.

Its amendment would insert in the bill, designed to provide stronger tariff protection for certain Canadian manufactured goods, the right of appeal to the tariff board against arbitrary decisions by the minister of national revenue.

OPPOSES AMENDMENT

The government maintains this amendment would affect revenues and therefore infringes the "sole and undoubted" right of the Commons to impose taxation.

The opposition maintains that the issue is the right of appeal against ministerial decisions.

The Commons voted 134 to 39 to reject the amendment and dumped it back in the Senate, where it might come up for discussion — but probably not — when the upper House meets at 3 p.m. EDT today.

There has been no similar case since 1934 when the Senate amended a money bill dealing with the Excise Tax Act. The Commons refused the amendment. The Senate insisted on it. But a compromise was reached in a conference between the two Houses.

Since Confederation, the Senate has rejected outright five Commons bills, some of them money bills. The last was before the First World War.

It has frequently amended money bills — last year for instance — with the approval of the government. A Commons order says the Commons is the only House of Parliament which can make tax laws. The Senate does not officially recognize that only the Commons can initiate financial measures.

When Mr. Diefenbaker said: "We are not going to accept their amendment of this taxation bill," Mr. Pearson interjected: "Down with the right of appeal."

William M. Benidickson (L - Kenora - Rainy River) put in: "To hell with the Bill of Rights."

When the prime minister finished his remarks there was such a buzz in the chamber that Speaker Roland Michener had to appeal for order.

J. W. Pickersgil (L - Bonavista - Twillingate) and Paul Martin (L - Essex East) linked the tariff bill to the Coyne bill on the basis that both deny right of appeal.

Finance Minister Fleming said the Senate amendment would be unworkable because the tariff board is already piled high with work and delays would result.

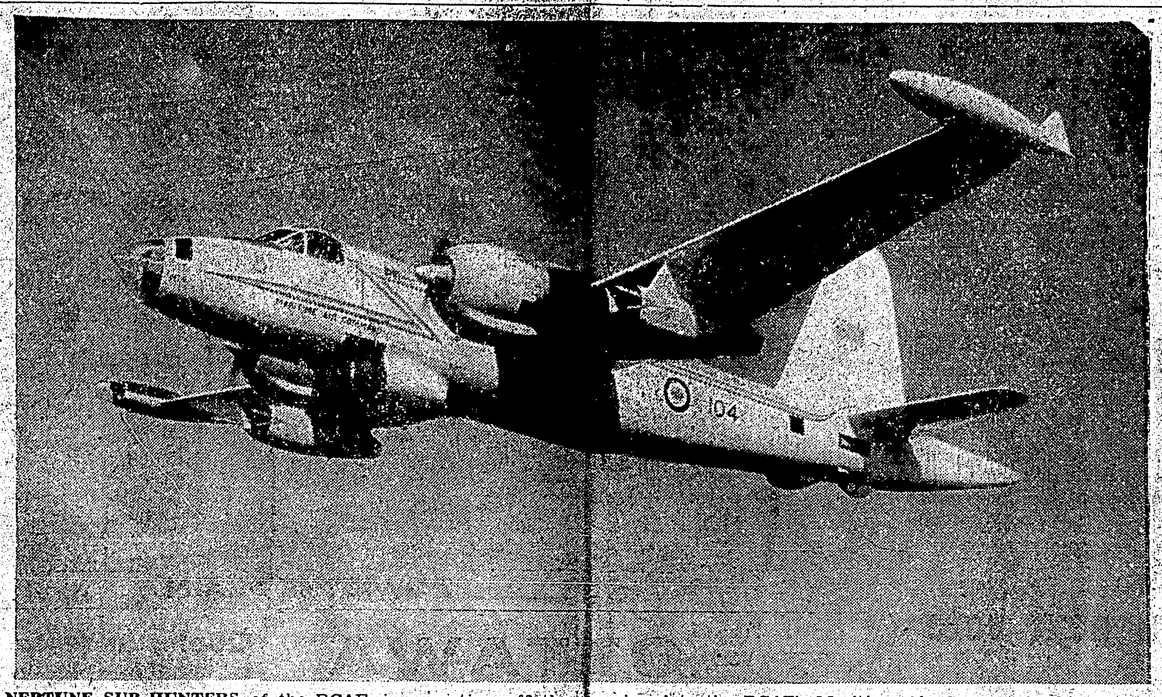
Mr. Pearson said this is the "excuse uttered by every government which wishes to take arbitrary power into ts own hands."

Parking charge dismissed

A charge of leaving a vehicle improperly parked against Paul Lecoursier of the Sunstand Block was dismissed in police court Thursday afternoon by Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite.

Lecoursier was charged following an incident about 1:30 p.m. June 29 when his vehicle, parked in the 900 block Second Avenue West, rolled down Second and struck another vehicle owned by Allan Mutch of 945 Hays Cove Avenue.

Magistuate Applewhaite dismissed the charge on the grounds that Lecoursier said that he had blocked the vehicle when he left it and therefore someone must have removed the block.



NEPTUNE SUB-HUNTERS of the RCAF, in operation off the east and west coasts of Canada, have taken on a new look with a new color design. The upper part of the aircraft is white and the lower part is blue-grey. The Neptunes, specially equipped and armed to find and kill submarines, carry out watchdog tasks assigned to the RCAF's Maritime Air Command which is part of NATO's Allied Command Atlantic. The "jet pods" slung under the wings of the Neptune give the plane an extra boost in power when needed.

Multi-billions of dollars may be spent to unify provincial power system

By H. L. JONES
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VANCOUVER (CP) — Heavy clouds of mystery hang over British Columbia's already-complex power picture. When they blow away they could reveal a new era in development of the province's vast hydro potential.

They could reveal a government master plan of public power development so vast as to stagger the imagination, involving the spending of millions upon millions of dollars and development of millions of kilowatts of power.

Social Credit Premier W. A. C. Bennett is the man who has the answers. But the 60-year-old premier, always the shrewd political strategist, isn't talking just yet.

The mystery centres on reports the premier plans to unveil to a special sessions of the legislature opening August 1 a master plan for government takeover of all private power development in the province.

This would include the giant, privately - owned B. C. Electric Utility with total assets worth $700,000,000 or more and the Peace River Power Development Company backed by Swedish financier Axel Wenner-Gren who plans a $600,000,000 development of the Peace River.

The step, the reports say, would evolve into a giant B.C. power grid linking the Columbia and Peace River output and export of massive blocks of power to the U.S. on a recapturable basis — providing federal approval for export could be obtained. Export could be one stumbling block.

If it came off it would be the biggest government power takeover in Canadian history. It would overshadow by far the gradual buy - out of private companies years ago by the Ontario Hydro Electric Power Commission, a public utility now worth $2,700,000,000.

In Ottawa for the Social Credit national convention, Premier Bennett said he never comments on "newspaper reports." But he did not deny them.

He confirmed that business other than the federal-provincial tax - sharing agreements — originally billed as the main reason for the special session — would be brought before the legislature.

Lands and Forests Minister Williston, one of the key men in negotiations for the $458,000,000 public development of the Columbia River, termed the reports "dreaming." But he did not flatly deny them either.

How could the provincial government take over the BCE and the Peace?

Easy, say financial men here. It could be done simply by passing legislation, assuming the obligations of the private companies and issuing government bonds to buy their stock.

BCE is owned by the B.C. Power Corporation, which holds 3,858,711 BCE common shares worth some $34 a share at today's market value or about $130,800,000. In addition BCE has funded debt of some $398,056,000 and has issued preferred shares worth $104,800,000.

Careless parker loses his case

Hendrick Bakker of Prince Rupert was fined $10 Thursday afternoon in police court before Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite when he was convicted on a charge of leaving a truck improperly parked on a hill.

He had left his truck parked on Taylor Street near Fulton about 5:10 p.m. June 19 when the vehcle rolled down the hill and crashed into a garage at 711 Seventh Avenue East causing about $500 damage to the building and a car parked inside, both owned by Primo Vaccher.

Bakker pleaded not guilty to the charge but was convicted after trial.

LEGION OF FRONTIERSMEN bring "The Book of Silence" to Buckingham Palace, London, England. It contains more than 10,000 signatures as a part of a national appeal to help the deaf throughout the British Commonwealth. The book was delivered at the palace for presentation to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Money raised through the appeal will be used for special equipment to aid the deaf. — UKIO Photo

Essington victims not destitute but aid appreciated — Sampson

R. H. S. Sampson, Indian superintendent in Prince Rupert, reports that although none of the families who lost their homes and possessions, in some cases, in the Port Essington fire last Tuesday is destitute, assistance in the form of household furnishings or clothing is solicited. "They will have a real financial burden to replace their lost possessions," he said.

Those persons of native Indian status who lost their homes will undoubtedly be generously assisted from Band Trust funds by the Band Council, but those of non - Indian status will probably have to bear the whole brunt themselves," Mr. Sampson continued.

The Douglas Wesley family lost their home and its contents. Howard Starr and family were completely burned out.

Harold Bolton lost his house and all its contents. The family were living at Terrace at the time of the fire. Mrs. Gertie Brooks and family lost their house and its contents, as did the George Brown family. These latter have moved into a vacant house at Port Essington. Felix Brown and family lost their house and many of their possessions. They have a house at Port Edward.

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'Hoppers menace if rain saves crop

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

The prairie drought may provide southern Manitoba farmers with a too-costly victory over another perennial scourge — the grasshopper.

Maturing 'hoppers are spreading through the arid southern sections of the province in search of green vegetation. They aren't likely to find much.

A government official found the bright spot in commenting on the twin threat to southern Manitoba: "If it doesn't rain, there won't be any crop to lose to the grasshoppers."

The official added that if it does rain, the grasshoppers could destroy whatever crop results.

SPRAYING USELESS?

Some farmers feel that operations to control the insects are useless this year — that the drought - scorched crops aren't worth saving anyway.

The current grasshopper infestation has been described as the worst in the province since 1948. The height of grasshopper outbreaks in the other two prairie provinces has passed.

Many prairie farmers have abandoned hope of harvesting crops and are turning livestock into the grain fields to make the best possible use of what growth there is.

Distress sales of cattle have not occurred in any numbers in major centres, but prices have dropped because buyers are holding off in anticipation of heavier runs.

FEAR FOR CATTLE

Manitoba Agriculture Minister George Hutton said Thursday the situation is so serious the province's livestock industry is in danger of being wiped out.

He said the provincial government would have to concentrate on the critical fodder shortage rather than on the plight of grain farmers.

Both Manitoba and Saskatchewan reported a developing shortage of eggs. Orville Somers of Canadian Poultry Sales in Winnipeg said hot weather disrupts laying schedule.

The weather office held out no hope for heavy, penetrating rains which might save the prairie crops.

Prayers were being offered throughout the West as a recurrence of the conditions of 1937, worst drought year in prairie history, loomed closer.

Five firms finance sea-train

SEATTLE (AP)—The Island Tug and Barge Co. of Victoria, has joined four railroad companies to finance a sea - train barge service between Seattle and Alaska, Representative Thomas M. Pelly (Rep - Wash.) said Thursday.

The railroads are Union Pacific, Great Northern and Milwaukee, Pelly said in a message received here.

Each partner will own 20 per cent of a new corporation formed to build two tugs and two barges at an estimated cost of $4,500,000.

A departure from Seattle to Seward and Whittier is planned every 10 days and the new service is expected to begin next March.

Pelly said he did not think the new service would conflict with an Alaska truck - ferry system to be established between Prince Rupert and Southeastern Alaska.

Driver fined $10

A fine of $10 was handed out to Giancarle Benetton of Prince Rupert when he pleaded guilty before Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite Friday in police court on a charge of driving contrary to restrictions.

Benetton was charged after he was found to have been driving his vehicle while holding a learner's licence and having no adult holder of a driver's licence with him.

100 miles of track first phase

VANCOUVER (CP) — The Province says that the Pacific Northern Railway will begin clearing 100 miles of right-of-way from north of Prince George this summer on its proposed 600-mile line to the Yukon border.

The company announced Thursday it had been decided to go ahead with the line in accordance with a B.C. government demand. The government gave the line two alternatives: To let firm contracts by November 1 to clear the first 100 miles of the route from Summit Lake just north of Prince George; or by November 1 to give a firm commitment — plus a $200,000 deposit — than construction would be under way on the first 150 miles to Takla Lake by June 1, 1962.

The Province says it understands from eastern sources that the company has decided on the first alternative—clearing of the first 100 miles of right-of-way.

The company also announced that Air Marshal W. A. Curtis the air staff and now a director of Toronto, one-time chief of of A. V. Roe, has been named a director and member of the executive committee of the PNR.

It is reported that Allan C. MacDonald of Montreal, who recently resigned as executive vice-president of A. V. Roe, has been offered the job of general manager of the railway.

Charity show may close

The Sunday night drive - in theatre benefits will be run for the last time this Sunday, a spokesman for the four organizations which run it said today.

Charities which benefit from this night of films are run by Shriners, Elks, Junior Chamber and Kinsmen Club. This Sunday a donation of one dollar per adult will be necessary if the shows are to continue, he said.

Fireman save car

A flooded carburetor caused a fire on the engine of a vehicle owned by Keith Duffy of 1440 First Overlook about 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

Some of the vehicle's wiring had burned and paint on the hood was blistered before firemen were able to extinguish it.

Halibut loads show increase

Six vessels landed halibut in Prince Rupert today.

Selling on the exchange were: Kaare with 50,000 pounds including 25,000 pounds of medium at 22.5 cents a pound, 22,000 pounds of large at 24.4 cents a pound and 3,000 chix at 15 cents a pound, to Nelson Bros.; Shirley Rose, 58,000. 31,000 med. (22.6), 25,000 large (24.7), 2,000 chix (15), Booth; Jan White, 18,000, 13,000 med. (22.9), 2,000 large (23), 3,000 chix (14), Babcock; and Nord, 32,000, 17,000 med. (22.9), 12,000 large (24.3), 3,000 chix (15), Atlin.

Signal landed with 42,000 pounds at the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co - operative Association's plant at Fairview while Buccaneer IV made a direct sale of 5,250 pounds to Atlin.

B.C. ROUNDUP

TV personality fined for census refusals

VANCOUVER (CP) — Roy Jacques, news commentator for television station CHAN here, Thursday was fined $50 after being found guilty of charges of failing to answer the questions of a census officer.

Jacques refused to answer questions dealing with ethnic and cultural origin and his religion.

PRINCE GEORGE (CP)—RCMP are dragging the Bowron River, 40 miles east of here, for the body of a millworker who drowned late Tuesday when he fell from a raft. Theodora Adam Schock, 28, had been employed in a sawmill at Hansard for the last several months. He was from Fort St. John.

QUESNEL (CP) — A member of parliament used a woodsman's axe instead of traditional scissors to cut the tape opening Quesnel's new airport Thursday. Thomas Bell, member of Saint John - Albert, N.B., and parliamentary assistant to Justice Minister Fulton, officiated at the ceremony in this lumbering community.

PRINCE GEORGE (CP)—Prince George Industrial development commission has asked the federal government for an investigation under the Combines Act of the recent closure of the Caribou Brewing Company plant here.

Prince Rupert has now gone 901 days without a fatal traffic accident.

Boy drowned

BURNS LAKE (CP) — A seven-year-old Ootsa Lake boy was drowned Wednesday when he fell off a wharf into 14 feet of water while fishing. Dead is Craig Shepherd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Shepherd. Ootsa Lake is 40 miles south of here. The body was recovered.

WEATHER

Sunny with cloudy periods. Not much change in temperature. Winds light. Low tonight and high tomorrow, 50 and 62.

TIDES

Saturday, July 8, 1961 (Pacific Standard Time)

High	10:36	17.0 feet
	22:34	20.1 feet
Low	04:22	5.1 feet
	16:20	7.0 feet