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# COMMUNISTS ARE LOSING GROUND IN ITALY

## Train Out

Not Be Operated After  
Year On Local Line  
Canadian National

of lack of earnings,  
be no daily train ser-  
year on the Jasper-  
port line of the Cana-  
national Railways, previous  
ports that there would  
a service notwithstanding  
was announced yesterday  
Cooper, general super-  
intendent, British Columbia,  
who is here for a  
days on official busi-

## LOCAL BUSINESS MEN URGED TO DEFEND CANADIAN WAY OF LIFE

Should Be Up and Doing—Strong Chamber of Commerce Recommended

Business men, instead of sitting back, should be up and doing to combat strong and active elements whose one interest is to overthrow or cripple the present Canadian way of life, declared Larry Eckroyd, western field organizer of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, in addressing a luncheon meeting

## TRANSCANADA IS REPRESENTATIVE

WINNIPEG—TransCanada Air Lines has been appointed the representative in Canada of British Commonwealth Pacific Airlines which links this country with Australia and New Zealand, it was announced today by W. Gordon Wood, general traffic manager, TransCanada Airlines.

The appointment facilitates communications between the three Dominions with all T.C.A. offices in North America performing ticketing and reservations functions. TransCanada already dispatches and services the Commonwealth Airlines aircraft at Vancouver, terminus of the Pacific route.

There is an average of six flights monthly from Vancouver to the Antipodes while the airline reaches Sydney in a little more than 48 hours flying time. It features a day's stopover in each of Honolulu and Fiji enroute. It was pointed out by Mr. Wood that the Commonwealth airline offers the only non-stop schedules between Vancouver and San Francisco from which point it commences the flight to Honolulu. The California flights operate twice weekly. The Southern Airline will represent T.C.A.

In Sydney under a reciprocal agreement with British Columbia Commonwealth Pacific Airlines whose manager, A. A. Barlow, made a similar announcement today.

## Dutch Settlers Arrive In Canada

HALIFAX—Dutch farmers and their families, numbering 702, landed here from the steamer Kota Inten, sang the Netherlands National hymn and cheered their new homeland. They plan on settling on farms across Canada. George Reuvekamp, wife and eleven children figure on growing tulips at Renfrew, Ontario.

## PENSIONS INCREASE

OTTAWA—Veterans Minister Gregg announced today that the government has agreed virtually to double the helplessness allowances to pensioned veterans such as paraplegics who need help from other people. Allowances will be increased from \$250 to \$400 annually as a maximum and from \$750 to \$1400 as a minimum.

At the same time Mr. Gregg said basic pension rates would be increased further from the 16 to 20 percent boost proposed.

## Communism Is Blamed

Marshall Sees It In Colombia—Bogota Still In Chaos

BOGOTA, Colombia—Secretary of State George Marshall last night blamed international communism for the abortive revolution which ravaged Bogota and disrupted the Pan-American conference.

Marshall said the revolt followed the same pattern as outbreaks which have provoked labor troubles in France and pre-election unrest in Italy.

"This situation (revolt)," Marshall told newsmen "must not be judged on a local basis. However tragic and immediate the results to the Colombian people, the occurrence goes far beyond Colombia."

Bogota is still paralyzed. Banks and stores are closed. There is no transportation and some places are without lights. There are still a number of rebel snipers loose. Hospitals are crowded with wounded. Corpses litter the streets.

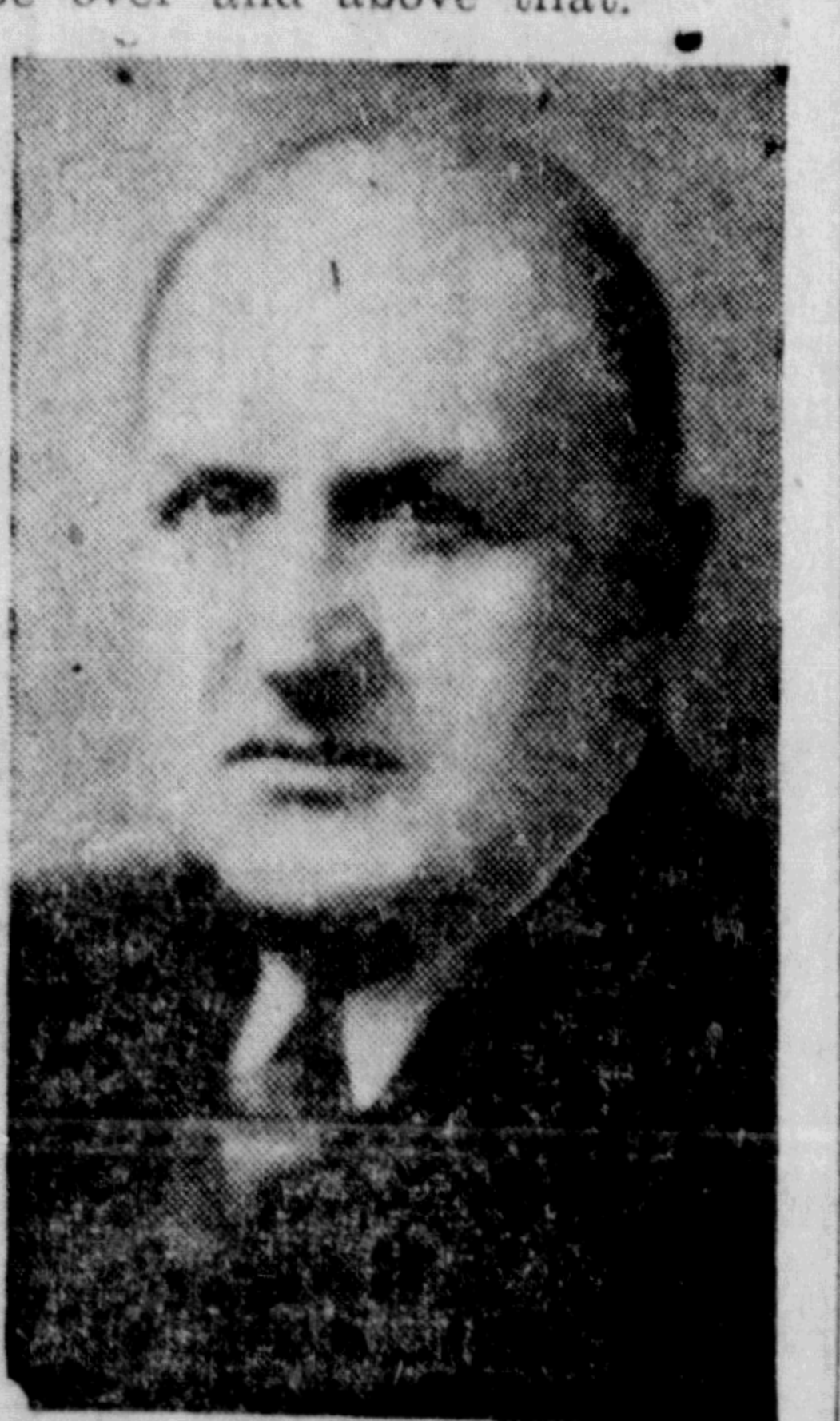
## C.N.R. DEFICIT IS ANNOUNCED

R. C. Vaughan Says Freight Rates Should Be Even Higher

OTTAWA—Record peacetime traffic in 1947 failed to pull the Canadian National Railways out of the red and the government system reported to Parliament Monday a deficit of \$15,885,000. It was the second straight post-war deficit and is an increase of seven million dollars over the \$8,961,000 loss in 1946, compared with a surplus of \$24,765,000 in 1945.

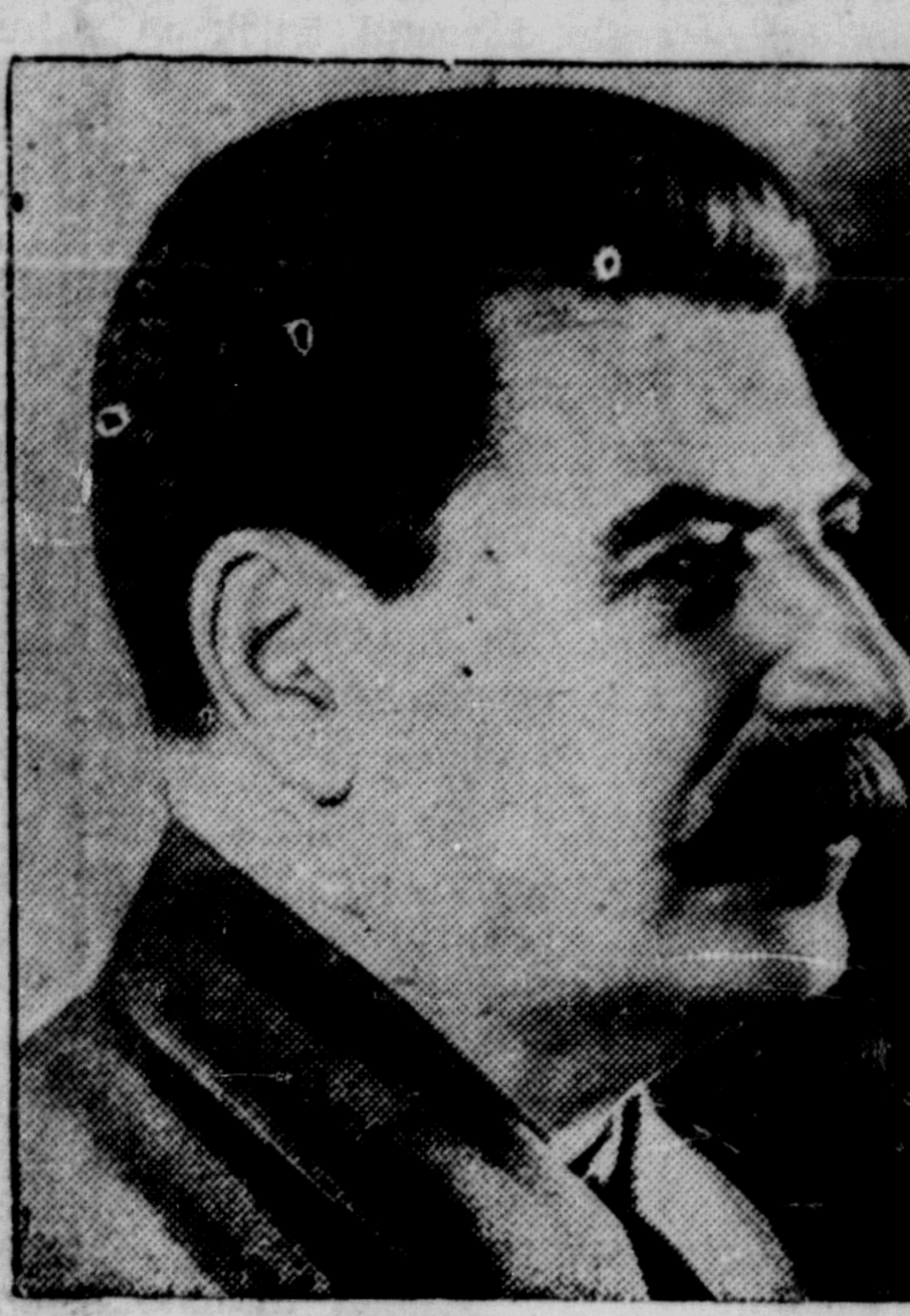
Steadily rising costs were blamed by the company for the slipping financial position. President R. C. Vaughan said it should seek further freight rate increases to compensate for increased charges of labor and materials since 1946.

The company shares in the 21 percent increase authorized by the Board of Transport Commissioners a fortnight ago but the C.N.R. head said that the 1946-48 cost adjustment should be over and above that.



WANTS HIGHER RATES—President R. C. Vaughan of Canadian National Railways.

## RUSSIA'S FRIENDLY TALK



MOSCOW, ©—Premier Joseph Stalin said last night that the new Russian-Finnish treaty should break down the distrust which has existed for 150 years between the two countries.

"I want to proceed to a new period in our relations—to a period of mutual trust. We should like this to be well understood not only by those in this hall but by those outside in Russia and Finland. We Soviet people consider relations between large and small nations can and must be equal."

## OTTAWA OILS UP ELECTION MACHINE TO BE PREPARED AT SHORT NOTICE

OTTAWA (CP)—Whether or not it calls one, the government will have the machinery oiled up for a general election this year. While voluminous amendments to the Dominion Elections Act will have to be passed at the current session of Parliament, the administration has arranged it so that the electoral

## WOMAN MEMBER IS EXERCISED

LONDON—Greatly moved by her feelings, Mrs. Leah Manning, Labor member, interrupted a debate on atomic warfare by describing the discussion as "appalling."

"If you men can discuss this coldly and scientifically here, the women cannot," said Mrs. Manning, who sits for Epping. "It is a shocking commentary on our times that, after drawing breath from one war, we should be getting ready for the next."

Speaking in impassioned tones and twice stamping her foot, she said:

"The iron curtain we are told exists has given place to a kind of sheet in a shadow, on which we see a phantasmagoria of horrible, grotesque people passing across. Somebody has got to tear it down to show that on both sides of it are ordinary, human people."

## LOCAL TIDES

Wednesday, April 14, 1948

High	3:55	20.3 feet
	17:00	16.6 feet
Low	10:45	4.3 feet
	22:30	8.9 feet

## Tune Being Changed As General Election Nears

### THREW BABY INTO STOVE

Wife of Ontario Lumberjack Charged With Murder

KIRKLAND LAKE, Ont. ©—Mrs. Lucille Lamarche, aged 21, quoted as having said "the baby burnt," faces a murder charge in the kitchen stove slaying of her two-month-old son, Lawrence.

Police say they believed the lumberjack's wife threw the baby into the stove early Sunday in a fit of rage after the child started to cry. The baby was still alive when police found him wrapped in charred, filthy rags on the kitchen table. He died 20 minutes after admission to hospital.

### R O M E (CP)—There

were increasing signs today that the communists are losing ground in Italy's April 18 election battle. They have quit talking about arms and insurrection if the Parliamentary elections do not go their way.

Communist leader Palmiro Togliatti took a different view of the Marshall plan, saying last night at Parma: "The communist party does not purely and simply reject American aid but asks that it does not compromise our independence."

A one-hour country-wide strike yesterday, called by the Communists, was just a fizzle.

### Naval Manoeuvres In West Indies

HAMILTON, Bermuda—Joint exercises by warships culminated in "landings" on the Virgin Islands. Vessels of the Royal Navy, and ships of the Royal Canadian Navy took part. H.M.S. Sheffield, was flagship. Canadian ships were the destroyers Nootka and Crescent, and the cruiser Ontario.

## UNIDENTIFIED BODY FOUND NEAR MASSETT

The body of an unidentified man, who according to the finding of a coroner's jury, came to his death by drowning, has been found at North Beach, 11 miles east of Massett on the Queen Charlotte Islands. He is believed to either have fallen off some boat or perished in some unascertained wreck.

The body was discovered by Harry Crook after it had washed up on the beach in front of his house at North Beach. It was clothed but carried no identification.

The provincial police said here this morning that they had no knowledge of anyone answering the man's description being missing.

An inquest conducted by Coroner R. M. Stewart of Massett returned a verdict that the body was that of "an unidentified man who had come to his death by drowning."

According to the description received here, the man was elderly, wore a rubberized hip-length rubber coat, a red and grey zippered windbreaker jacket, a red plaid shirt, a pair of heavy, dark mackinaw pants and two pairs of grey woolen socks.

Around his chest and under the arms was tied a length of half-inch rope.

The shirt was a "Caribou" brand, made in British Columbia and the jacket bore a label reading "Norlite Brand, S. S. Holden Ltd. Ottawa and Hull, Canada."

The body was that of an elderly man, five feet six inches in height with a gold dental bridge and several teeth missing. The only article found in the clothing was a pocket comb.

An investigation was conducted by Constables L. W. Turner and J. M. Fletcher, of Queen Charlotte City. Members of the coroner's jury were John Findlay, foreman, Arden Crist, Philip Burton, Noel Taylor, James Morgan and Bertram Phillips.

### B.C.'s Woman of Year



MAYOR NORA ARNOLD who was advised today that she had been chosen "Woman of the Year" by Hilda Cryderman, of Vernon, treasurer of the Canadian Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs. A telegram received today by Mayor Arnold from Miss Cryderman read "Congratulations to the Woman of the Year. We are very proud of you and what you are doing and congratulate the Prince Rupert Club on their first President's record." Mrs. Arnold is currently honorary president of the Prince Rupert Business and Professional Women's Club.

## JEWES GET TOGETHER

Accord Between Elements—To Set Up State

JERUSALEM ©—The Zionist General Council intends to proclaim an independent Jewish state in the Holy Land May 16, the day after the British mandate ends. Internal authority may be set up which eventually would become the provisional government of the state.

At a meeting yesterday in Tel Aviv, council members also approved a long-proposed military accord between Hagana, the Jewish militia, and Irgun Zvai Leumi, the Jewish underground group.

However, fighting continues with three Jews and an Arab reported killed during the day. The unofficial death toll since November 29 is now 2700.

## VIENNA TRAFFIC BEING HELD UP

VIENNA, ©—Informants say that Soviet troops in Semmering Pass, check point 98 miles from Vienna, are continuing to interfere with highway traffic between the British zone of Austria and Vienna by demanding that automobile travellers produce passports or identity cards with photographs. This is in addition to the four-power card which has been in use for two and a half years.

Father Louis Amadio sailed on the Cardena this afternoon for Vancouver enroute to St. Boniface, Winnipeg. Later he expects to be assigned to an ecclesiastical post in Northern Ontario.

## TODAY'S STOCKS :

Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co. Ltd.

Vancouver	Beattie	88
7.75	Bevcourt	36
.02*	Bobjo	12
.06	Buffalo Canadian	10
1.23	Consol. Smelters	102.00
.01 1/2	Conwest	93
.05	Donalda	66
.51	Eldona	70
.02 1/2	Elder	50
3.55	Giant Yellowknife	4.10
2.75	God's Lake	.70
.03 1/4	Hardrock	15
.19	Harricana	.07
1.60	Heva	11
.08 1/2	Hosco	30
.17 1/2	Jackknife	.04
1.05	Joliet Quebec	30
.40	Lake Rowan	10
.54	Lapaska	.05 1/2
.20	Little Long Lac	1.00
.02 3/4	Lynx	12
.05	Madsen Red Lake	2.70
.02 1/2	McKenzie Red Lake	.53
.15	McLeod Cockshutt	1.10
.31	Moneta	.28 1/4
	Negus	2.06
.16	Noranda	46.00
.52	Louvicoourt	.63
4.85	Pickle Crow	1.95
4.00	Regcourt	.07
7.25	San Antonio	3.85
	Senator Rouyn	.41*
	Sheritt Gordon	2.05
.07 1/4	Steep Rock	.18
.08	Sturgeon River	.27