

Solon Low Renews Call for Inquiry Of Defence Spending Across Canada

OTTAWA (CP)—Solon Low charged that a firm formerly owned by mines minister Prudham received preferred treatment of government contracts because "it has friends at court."

Mr. Prudham replied with a denial and an accusation that

Social Credit members "are pushing this thing too far" and a statement that the firm in question, Alexander Construction Company of Edmonton, actually is at a disadvantage in Ottawa because "it has to run its own errands" here rather than having its local MP—himself—do them.

He said he has never interfered on behalf of the Alexander firm but that if he had known the Korean war was coming along he might have stipulated at the time he sold his business to that company that it should not tender on government contracts.

But that was strictly an afterthought, he said. He now had nothing to do with the firm.

The clash between the two Albertans came as the Commons renewed debate on the rebuilding of the RCAF base at Penhold, Alta., with the Alexander firm doing much of the work.

Mr. Low found himself in conflict with Production Minister Howe, Mr. Prudham, and John Dickey, Mr. Howe's parliamentary assistant, at one time or another as he noted Alexander's original bid of \$2,647,000 for the Penhold work was increased by \$594,000 in giving the firm extra work after award of the contract.

He suggested this might be a way to help a friend and wondered why the firm, which had been expected to do a job in nine months and then took more than 25, should, "while it was stumbling along at Penhold," be awarded still another big government contract for \$4,931,000 at the RCAF base at Cold Lake, Alta.

Mr. Low renewed his call for a full judicial inquiry of defence spending, particularly on construction, and said the Alexander firm should be called to testify on oath.

CHILEAN SHIPS TO CALL AT MAJOR B.C. PORTS

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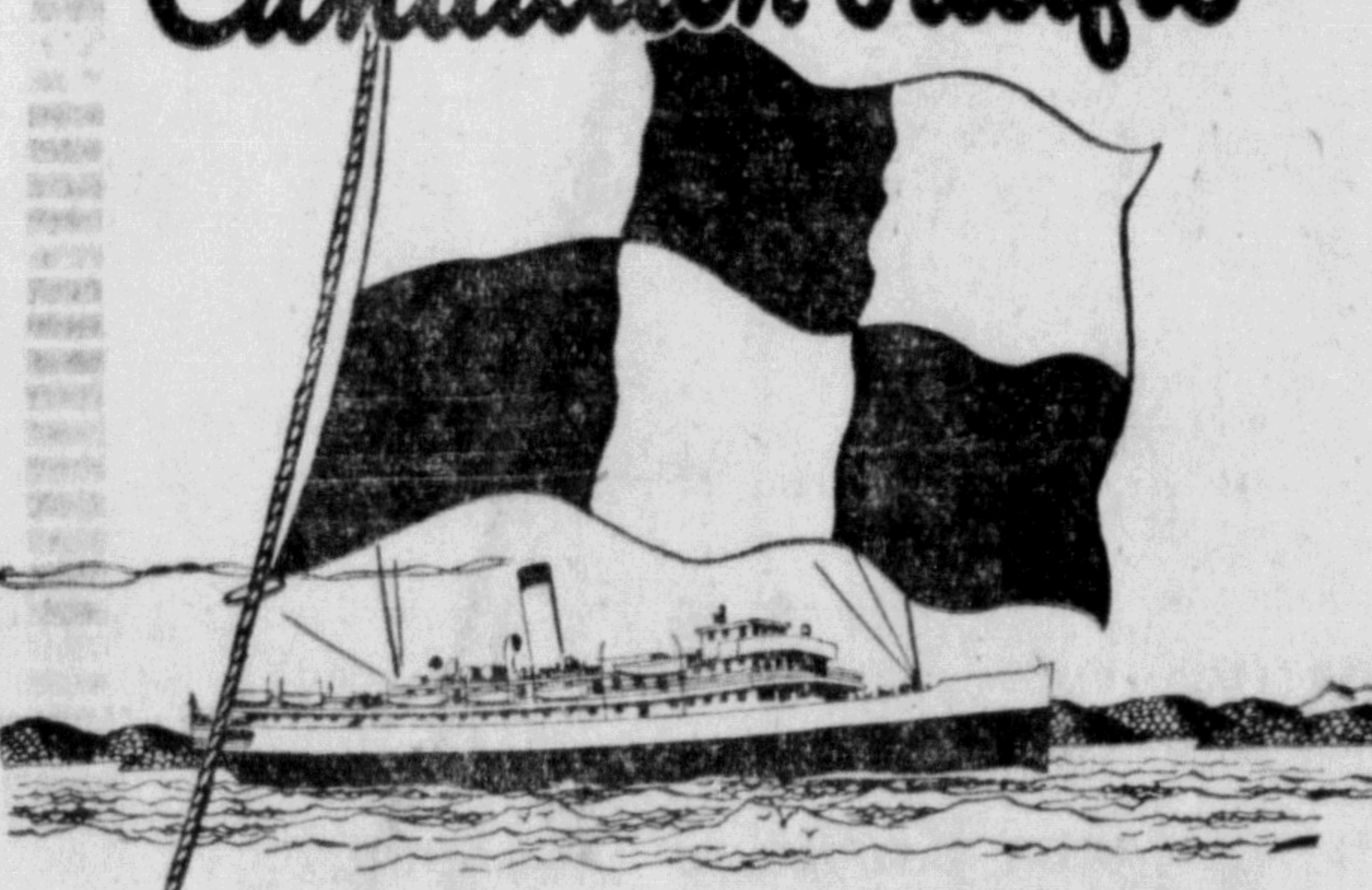
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Grain Marketing Probe Sought By Farmers

OTTAWA (CP)—The three prairie farmers unions have urged the government to appoint a royal commission or a parliamentary committee to investigate grain grading, storing, weighing, shipping and other matters related to government marketing of wheat, oats and barley.

The recommendation is contained in a brief prepared for presentation to the Commons agriculture committee by the Interprovincial Farm Union Council, composed of the Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta Farmers Unions.

The brief also urges the government to call a national livestock marketing conference, or a prairie region conference, to study "the present unsatisfactory situation of livestock marketing." The brief said it was not reasonable to expect the livestock industry to sell its products without "a proper and adequate marketing program and pricing policy."

The brief said this is particularly true in view of the fact "no other major commodity in Canada has to rely on wholly uncontrolled markets to set the price of its product."

India Air Crash Takes 18 Lives

NEW DELHI (CP)—An Air India C-47 transport plane crashed in flames early today carrying 18 persons to their deaths. The victims included a teacher whose two companions died a week ago in another tragic air crash.



CAROLINE WILDS, 17, shows how milk and water buckets were carried on Canadian farms 100 years ago. The yoke and buckets are included in the collection at the Jordan Historical Museum of the Twenty which was officially opened last Saturday by Lieut.-Gov. Louis O. Breithaupt.

Canadians Held by Germans Also Seek \$1-Day Allowance

OTTAWA (CP)—Some 7,000 Canadians captured by the Germans during the Second World War are trying to persuade the government they are entitled to a \$1-a-day allowance for their time in prisoner-of-war camps.

A delegation from the National Council of Canadian Prisoners of War met five cabinet ministers recently and was told its submission will be put before the entire cabinet.

The council was formed after Canadian soldiers imprisoned by the Japanese were awarded \$1 a day for their time in prison stockades. Canadians captured by the Germans also can collect the same amount, but only if they can prove maltreatment at the hands of the Gestapo or SS elite guard.

The council argues Canadians captured by the Germans were maltreated because the Nazis deliberately broke the Geneva Convention. It says the Canadian prisoners would not have survived if it had not been for Red Cross parcels.

The council notes it is not trying to get the Canadian taxpayer to foot the bill. It estimates about \$7,000,000 was realized by the government through seizure of German property in Canada when war broke out. It wants the allowance to come from this enemy alien fund before money is paid out to Canadians whose property in Germany was seized.

Canada Urged To Accept Sterling


OTTAWA (CP)—A suggestion by the Canadian Congress of Labor that Canada accept sterling as payment for part of her exports to the United Kingdom was criticized as unworkable by members of the Senate trade relations committee.

The Congress suggested in a brief to the committee studying economic co-operation among North Atlantic Treaty countries, that the government establish a "counterpart" fund with sterling exchanged for Canadian exports.

The Canadian exporter would be paid in dollars by the government which would use the sterling in the counterpart fund to pay for its purchases from Britain or for materials purchased under the Colombo Plan for economic development of south-east Asia.

Martin Levinson of the CCL department of international affairs said such a method of trading with Britain would help get rid of agricultural surpluses in Canada.

BUSY MAYOR
MOOSE JAW, Sask (CP)—Mayor Louis Lowery, who will become city retail sales manager for an oil company here May 1, informed council he was prepared to continue as Mayor on a part-time basis. He suggested his honorarium be reduced from \$4,200 to \$2,400.



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Marks Awarded On Final Night Of Festival

Following are adjudicator's marks given performers in the final sessions last Friday of the Prince Rupert Music and Drama Festival held in the King Edward School auditorium, morning, and in the Capitol Theatre, afternoon:

Marks obtained:
Pianoforte Solo (under 12)—Tango: Marilyn Anderson 79, Marlene Fredheim 76, Kay Johnson 79, Ruth Telford 84, Margaret Johansen 83, Gail Weiss 80, Paulette Turcotte 74, Terry Stewart 78, Leona Ritchie 74, Joanne Prockter 76, Lorraine Love 77.
Elocution—Gail Davidson 86, Evelyn Carpenter 87, Barbara Cross 86, David Mio 84, David Allen 85, Marilyn Anderson 87, Kay Johnson 85, Patrick Greene 87.
Choral speaking—King Edward School (Grade 4) 83, Borden Street School (Grade 4) 86, Borden Street School (Grade 3) 84, Borden Street School (Grade 3, Div. 5) 84, Conrad Street School (Grades 5 and 6) 87.
Vocal Solos—Girls 11 and under 13—Diane Compton 76; Girls 13 and under 15—Genevieve Powers 81, Christie Mackie 79; Boys 15 and under 17—Jytte Mollerup 79; Boys under 11, Peter Toews 85.
Vocal Duet—Sheila Jones and Shirley Sterritt 78.
Pianoforte (under 13)—Irene Bellamy 78, Marjorie Leighton 79, Deanna Mae Peterson 78, Nita Weiss 80, Ruth Telford 78, Patricia Cameron 77, Muriel Prockter 77, Shirra Halliday 83, Nicky Raabe 80, Margaret Anfield 81.
Elocution (Grade 6)—Barbara Martineau 83, Michael Greene 88, Joanne Prockter 85, Robert Knutsen 79, Sue Madley 84, Gail Weiss 84, Grades 7 and 8—Derek Allan 84, Dianna Davidson 85, Eddie Turcotte 73.
Two Pianos (under 10)—Dorothy Huber and Donald Scott 83.
Two Pianos (under 12)—Gail Davidson and Lois Antrobus 84, Margaret Bugynka and Judy Fossum 82.
Mellophone—Olive Strand, Ave Verum 83, High School Cadet March 81.
Trumpet Duet—Lawson Hewitt and Colin Sherry, Czech Dance Song 84, Mexican Clapping Song 82.
Drama, Elementary Schools—Borden Street School (Grade 5, Div. 2), 85, King Edward School (Grade 6, Div. 1), 87.
High School Choirs—Hazelton Junior-Senior High School, I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud 87, Kentucky Babe 84, Booth Memorial High School, Dear Land of Home 85, Glorious Apollo 84.

Market in Mexico

WINNIPEG (CP)—Agricultural machinery and purebred Holsteins from Canada are in big demand now in Mexico.

says Max Thompson Stewart Canadian trade commissioner in Mexico City. He visited Winnipeg in the course of a Canadian tour.

Income Dips 31 Per Cent

VANCOUVER (CP)—Net income of MacMillan and Bloedel Limited for the quarter ended March 31 showed a drop of 31 per cent from the same period last year, the company reported Thursday.

Income was \$3,000,000 as compared with \$4,000,000, with net earnings per share being 57 cents compared with 83 cents.

Income for the half-year ended March 31 was \$5,700,000 compared with \$9,700,000 for the corresponding period a year ago. Earnings per share were \$1.84, a drop of 41 per cent.

B. M. Hoffmeister, president, said the drop in earnings was due to a change in the strike and the increase in wage rates as a result of the change.

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