

FULL-SCALE HIGHWAYS PROBE PLANNED HERE

Private Firm Hired by Gov't To Investigate

TORONTO (CP) — A private firm of consultants has been given unlimited powers by the Ontario government to expose irregularities at the Fort William division of the highways department.

J. D. Woods and Gordon Limited was hired by the government to conduct a full-scale investigation into the case, which so far has resulted in charges against five men.

Highways Minister Doucett announced the move. It was the latest step taken by the government following disclosures of irregular practices at the branch.

HAVE FULL FREEDOM

Mr. Doucett said the company's investigators are free to go anywhere, interview anybody and probe into all records of the departments. He asked the firm to make any recommendations it sees fit.

Mr. Doucett and Premier Frost said in a joint statement:

"As a result of the work of the provincial auditor and of the comptroller of the department of highways, irregularities were found in the Fort William division. . . . Investigations disclose what appear to be serious alterations in official documents, plans and records."

The men under arrest include divisional engineer Arthur M. Mills. He is charged with "authorizing payment for work not done" and of misrepresenting the amount of work actually performed under highway contracts.

Premier Frost said the investigation will be pressed with all possible speed and "the fullest report on the whole situation will be made at the earliest possible moment to the people and the legislature."

OTTAWA KEPT INFORMED

The ministers' statement said: "Contracts in the division in question involve trans-Canada highway contracts in which the federal government is interested, and that government is being kept informed of the investigation and proceedings."

Mr. Doucett asked the company to study all phases of the organization and methods of operation of the Fort William division. J. D. Woods and Gordon Limited conducted an investigation into the post office department for the federal government.

The investigation, which will have a wider scope than that which followed disclosures of thefts at Petawawa military camp two years ago, will, government officials say, be more searching than a royal commission inquiry.

PILOT KILLED

HANNOVER, Germany (Reuters)—A British pilot was killed Wednesday when his jet airplane exploded and crashed at nearby Meitze.

DISCHARGED ON FRIDAY

Pro-Red US Prisoners



HON. GEORGE DOUCETT

More Arrests Are Hinted in Roads Inquiry

TORONTO (CP) — The Toronto Telegram in a Fort William dispatch says seven more men may be arrested as a result of investigation by the Ontario department of highways into its Fort William division.

Five now are under arrest including divisional engineer Arthur M. Mills who is charged with "authorizing payment for work not done" and of misrepresenting amount of work actually performed under highway contracts. The five are under remand to appear in court Saturday.

The story says further arrests may involve four department employees and three officials of contracting firms.

The Toronto Star, also in a Fort William dispatch, says Ontario officials in Toronto have a signed statement alleging highway graft "which sources here insist have cost Ontario \$5,000,000 and the federal government \$2,000,000." It says the document was signed by a Fort William employee of the department.

In a Toronto story, the Star says investigation may spread to other divisions of the department and it mentioned Kenora specifically.

"SQUEALERS FIRED" TORONTO (CP) — The Toronto Telegram said today that Ontario highways department workers who "talked too much" and thus touched off an investigation at the Fort William division "have been weeded out of work gangs."

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Driver Found Not Guilty of Manslaughter

The jury at 2:30 this afternoon returned a verdict of not guilty of motor manslaughter but guilty of dangerous driving against Louis Chyzyk. Sentence will be imposed Friday morning.

The petit jury at the supreme court assizes this afternoon was considering its verdict in the case of Louis Chyzyk charged with motor manslaughter in the auto accident on the Scott highway September 6 in which Rocco Matarazzo of Fort William was fatally injured.

The morning session was taken up with the judge's charge to the jury and addresses by A. W. Maloney, for the defence and Crown Attorney P. V. Ibbetson.

His lordship outlined the functions of a judge and a jury as well as the nature of the burden of proof that rested on the crown. He dealt with the case as presented by the crown and the defence.

He defined manslaughter and dangerous driving and asked the jury to consider both offences. He stated manslaughter was unlawful, unintentional killing, with a high degree of negligence. What the crown had to show in the case was wanton, reckless driving, with the jury judging the degree of negligence.

The members of the jury had three alternatives, the judge said, guilty of manslaughter, guilty of dangerous driving, or not guilty.

In his summation Mr. Maloney said there was no evidence to prove that the accused Louis Chyzyk had driven at an excessive rate of speed. Rather, he said, the evidence would indicate that he was travelling between 35 and 50 miles per hour. He said it was brought out in evidence that another car appeared to have crowded the Chyzyk car off the road and down the incline. He said that Matarazzo, the deceased, missed the curve because he turned momentarily for conversation, but Chyzyk missed the curve because he was forced off the road.

The real criminal in this case was not in the courtroom, Mr. Maloney submitted. He was the man who crowded Louis Chyzyk off the road. He was the guilty party and he disappeared into the night, defence counsel said.

Summing up Mr. Ibbetson said that the deceased was struck with sufficient force that he was thrown and found by A. Ristimaki, one of the witnesses, at some distance. This fact could only indicate speed, and there was no indication of any effort made to stop the car.

While in his house, Ristimaki's attention had been drawn by the crash he heard and then there was the distance the car had travelled off the road.

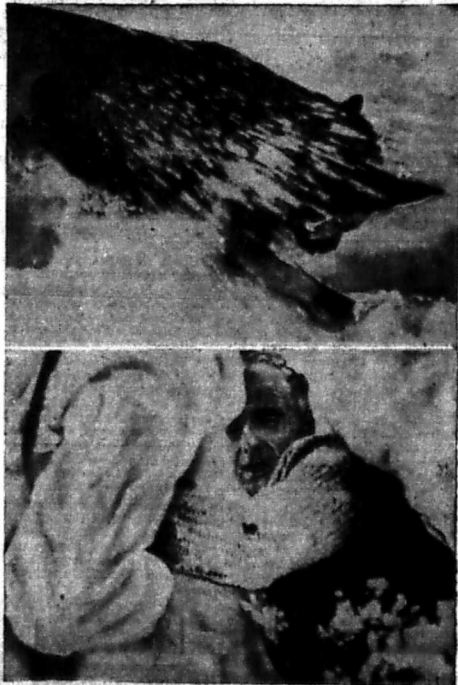
The crown attorney said there was absolute disregard for the rights of anybody using the highway. He said the accused failed to keep a lookout. Driving conditions were good and there was no reason for what happened. The acts resulted in the death of Matarazzo, he stated.

"NEW VISTAS OF SEA POWER"

Atomic Submarine, Nautilus Is Launched

GROTON, Conn. (AP)—The atomic submarine Nautilus was launched successfully today with

Dogs Direct Avalanche Digging



One of the search dogs used in tracking down avalanche victims in the Grisons area of Switzerland attracts the attention of rescuers by digging furiously in the snow (top) over a spot where a man is buried in a drift. At bottom, the dog's unerring sense of smell again proves right, and the nearly-frozen victim is dragged to safety. Many humans and animals survived burial in snow for as long as 80 hours.—(Central Press Canadian).

TWO TRAINS IN COLLISION

300 Dead, Injured In Pakistan Wreck

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) — The Pakistan Mail, crack passenger train, ripped at 60 miles an hour into a freight train early today 75 miles north of here. Foreign Minister Sir Zafullah Khan, who escaped unscathed, said on his return here some eyewitnesses put the total killed or injured at about 300.

The train was roaring through the desolate Sind desert from Lahore to Karachi when it crashed into the train of oil tank cars. The first two passenger coaches were reported "completely burned," although the oil freight did not explode. Two other front cars—all passengers—and the two engines were said to have been badly damaged. A number of foreigners, including Britons and Americans, were aboard.

Zafullah Khan said some eyewitnesses estimated casualties at a top of 300, but that he personally would not put the toll at more than 100.

A special rescue train carrying doctors, nurses and first-aid equipment was rushed to the scene.

SAYING PRAYERS

The 60-year-old foreign minister, a devout Moslem, was saying his morning prayers in his compartment—in the middle of the train—when the collision occurred. There was a severe jolt and a thunderous noise, he said, followed by the shrieks and wails of injured men and women.

By the time he got out of his compartment flames were shooting from the wreckage ahead and passengers were fleeing in terror. Many were trapped inside the wreckage. When Zafullah Khan

No January Thaw in Sight

No "immediate change" in the sub-zero weather is predicted by the weather office of the department of transport.

The mercury plunged to 31 below zero on the morning of January 19, and has stayed in the below zero ranges since then, rising a few degrees above zero only three or four times.

With a forecast of an expected low of 30 degrees below zero overnight, the weather office feels there is no "January thaw" in sight this year.

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