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## Claims Fictitious Names On Fort William Payroll

## Discover Many Padding Cases

TORONTO (CP) — Fictitious names appeared on the payrolls in the Fort William division of the highways department during the last two or three years, Charles A. Robeins, chief engineer of maintenance in the department testified Wednesday.

Mr. Robeins, called before the Ontario legislature's select committee investigating alleged irregularities in the highways department, said at least 70 cases of payroll padding and other "minor" irregularities were discovered by his investigators. They involved day laborers working on maintenance projects in the northwestern division.

Before he could answer a question put by Albert Wren (Lib.-Lab.—Kenora) as to the amount of money involved, committee chairman Kelso Roberts (PC—Toronto St. Patrick) suggested Mr. Robeins not give a reply as it might affect any proposed court action.

Mr. Wren agreed. "I just wanted to get on record that there were irregularities," he said.

Mr. Robeins said that in the departmental staff of from 4,000 to 5,000 men "there is always a percentage of those who cause some trouble."

### EXPLAINS PROCEDURE

W. A. Clarke, acting chief engineer of the department, in explaining the procedure followed in the letting of contracts, said the division engineer can make minor changes in the contracts himself, but if the changes involve several thousand dollars, they must be authorized by the department.

Mr. Wren asked if the changes by the division engineer could involve up to \$5,000. Mr. Clarke said he was not certain. Under further questioning by Mr. Wren, the acting chief engineer said the division engineer could change by

10 to 15 per cent a miscalculation in a contract.

"The chief engineer's job is mainly administrative. He has to depend on persons lower in the department to make those decisions."

Mr. Wren said the division engineer then was the "sole arbitrator" between the contractor and the department. "Is that good?" he asked.

"We have to trust these men," replied Mr. Clarke. "The department can't check everything."

### WITHIN 10 PER CENT

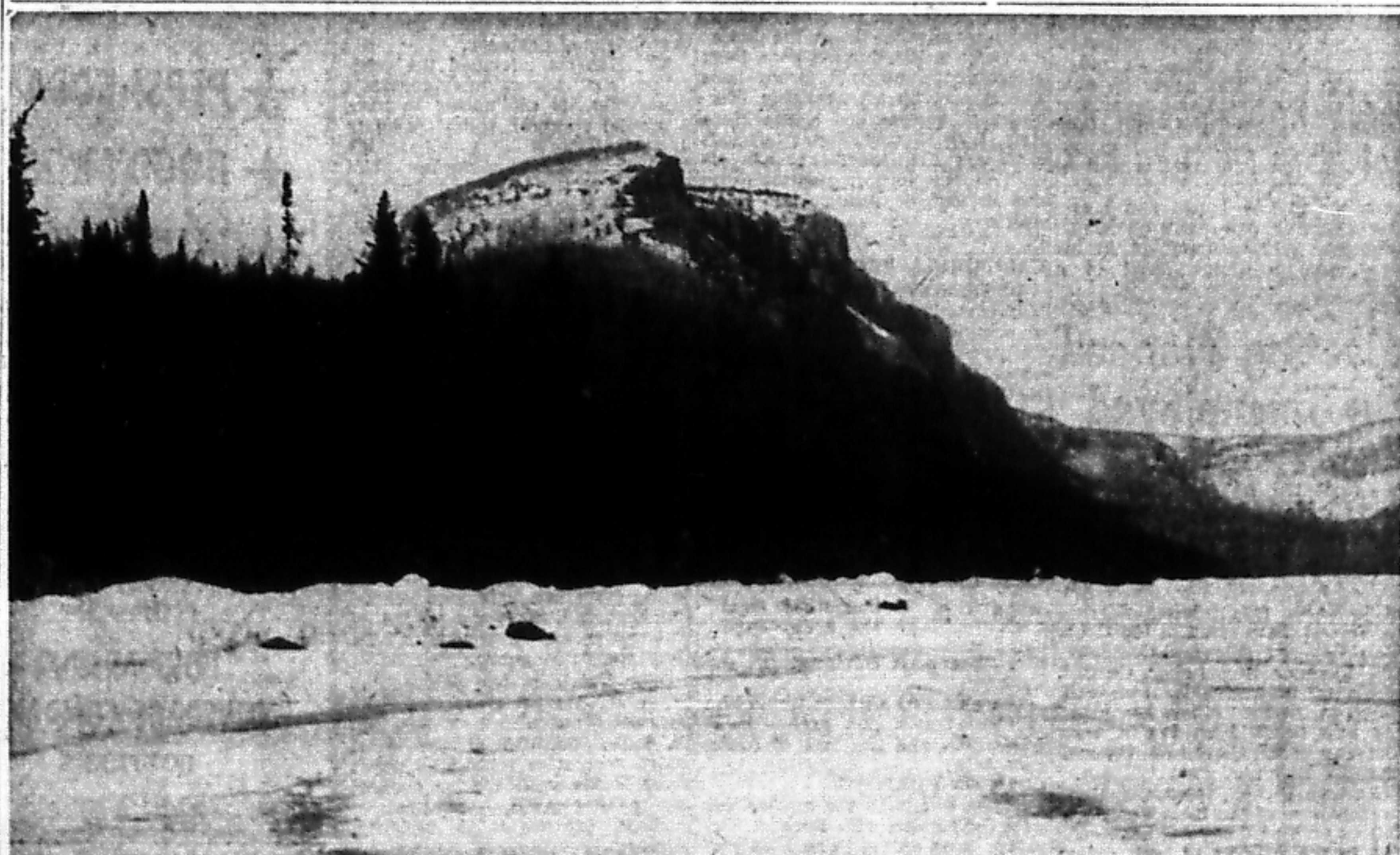
The acting chief engineer said that contracts let in 1952 which amounted to approximately \$8,000,000 and which now have been completed, were within 10 per cent of the original estimate. "Some projects were over-run by 50 per cent but the over-all is about 10 per cent."

Mr. Roberts, replying to a question put by Mr. Wren, said the committee has the power to examine the books of nine construction firms seized by provincial police in recent weeks.

The committee adjourned after the one-day session until May 17 when it will receive the report of J. D. Woods and Gordon Limited, appointed last January to investigate the organization and administration of the highways department.

Mr. Roberts indicated that at that time the committee would hold regular sittings.

Duncan Gordon, member of the consulting firm, said the report (Please turn to Page 2, No. 3)



### WHY SLEEPING GIANT NAMED?

THE UNUSUAL PHOTOGRAPH of the Sleeping Giant, ABOVE, portrays for the first time, according to George W. Carl, the

man who took it, the reason why early Indians in this area named the rocky peninsula as they did. It was called Sleeping Giant not because it resembled a man re-

clining, but because, from the angle above, the Indians could picture an immense face. Mr. Carl said, if it doesn't strike you that way at first glance turn the

photograph on its side. The high peak is the forehead, the next the nose and the third the chin. The photo was taken from the southwest.

## Attlee Failure Will Repair School Rather Than Build

## Splits Labor Wide Open

LONDON (CP) — The opposition Labor party reeled today under a wide-open split touched off by the failure of former prime minister Clement Attlee to oppose the United States - sponsored Pacific defence pact proposal, and West German rearmament.

Aneurin Bevan, leader of the party's left wing and chief speaker at a

The Separate School Board and its supporters decided last night to repair and rebuild burned-out St. Andrew's School rather than undertake the construction of an entirely new building. It was announced today by Mac Docteur, Board president.

The meeting last night, held in St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Church, was the second called by the Board within a week. Also dis-

The audience was told that to build a new edifice for St. Andrew's Separate School would take some time, and the children had to be accommodated earlier. A new building, it was pointed out, would not be ready until perhaps 1955, while repair work on the old school could start next week.

As to the possible erection of a high school for Catholic children, it was learned that supporters of the Separate School Board are in

## Claim Petrov Kidnapped "Ludicrous"

CANBERRA (Reuters) — Prime Minister Robert G. Menzies said today he will consider letting Vladimir Petrov, fugitive Soviet diplomat, issue a signed statement debunking his wife's claim that he was kidnapped.

Menzies declared that the kidnapping charge made by Mrs. Petrov and other Russians at a

## Port Arthur's Cobalt Bomb To Be Installed Next Week

Installation of the Cobalt Bomb crete walls, will be installed later, at Port Arthur General Hospital. Mr. Peart said the \$150,000 bomb