

Other British is Defying Threats

REAL (CP)—Crew mem-
a second British freighter
night defied the threat of
rest and staged a wildcat
mpathy strike.

0 ratings of the coastal
ibou decided to stop work
pathy with 18 union mates
freighter Shelldrake who
rested Saturday for al-
refusing to obey the order
captain to put the ship

pleaded not guilty to the
laid in court Monday by
pping Federation of Can-
ey are scheduled to appear
t again today.

his crew had notified him
so were refusing to work
ou, Captain D. S. Whittet,
of the vessel, told re-
he will seek to have the
rested.

ive no other choice," he

STANDS FAST

while the crew, like the
of the Shelldrake, mem-
the National Union of Sea-
Great Britain, stood fast.
ship won't leave Montreal
until something is done for
8 men in jail," said a
man.

ibou arrived here Satur-
th a cargo of coal from
N.S., and was due to sail
is week. She and the Shell-
are part of a fleet of 12
owned freighters plying be-
Canadian coastal ports dur-
summer.

en receive a monthly sal-
\$90, together with free
ad board. In contrast Cana-
llors on similar jobs have
a month minimum wage.
ibou crew said this is the
rievance.

gine trying to live on about
month in Canada," said the
man. "In England it's not
but here the price of
ing is much greater."

dent Toll Up ly 100 Per Cent

annual accident toll in Thun-
District, which has been
steadily since the end of
War II, took another sub-
jump in 1953. Fatalities
an increase of nearly 100
t.

statistics, compiled by the
department of highways,
ven a meeting of the City
by the traffic and safety
tee.

ler Bay District totals for
with the previous year's fi-
1 parentheses, were:
ents, 1,536, (1,318); fatal ac-
21(14); personal injury,

Gibraltar are a constant topic
here, the 22,800 people of the rock
were pleased at the Queen's state-
ment on its future Monday. She
told a luncheon of Britain's deter-
mination to ensure the "safe-keep-
ing of the colony and fortress of
Gibraltar."

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charge is conspiracy rather than a
straight fraud count.

A select committee set up by the
Ontario legislature to augment in-
vestigations into reports of irregu-
larities will meet next Monday.

Suspicion first arose during a
routine provincial government
audit last fall. It resulted in the
suspension of Mills and four other
highways department employees in
that division. The five still are
awaiting trial.

Estimates of how much money
is involved in the irregularities
have ranged as high as several
million dollars but the only offi-
cial statement has been made by
Highways Minister Doucett who
said last fall he did not think the
amount involved would exceed \$20,-
000.

TORONTO (CP) — The Tele-
gram says today six highway con-
tracts totalling between \$2,000,000
and \$4,000,000 are involved in the
highways department investigation
which led Monday to charges
against three firms and 11 men.

Its newspaper story says there
has been no official indication what
portion of these contracts is di-
rectly involved in the charges
against the accused contractors
and highways department employ-
ees.

"The three companies named
have been awarded a total of 52
contracts, involving more than \$17,-
000,000, in the last five years. Only
six of these contracts are said to
be involved in the suspected ir-
regularities."

The paper says the charges in-
volve contracts as far back as
1948. They are reported to arise
from three contracts of Tomlinson
Brothers Limited of Toronto and
two of Bergmann Construction Co.
Ltd. of West Hill, on the eastern
outskirts of Toronto.

The province's public accounts
show that during the period 1949-
53, the Tomlinson firm received
a total of \$8,634,868 for 33 con-
tracts, Standard Paving got \$5,-
025,114 for 14 contracts, and the
Bergmann company \$3,679,993 for
five contracts.

WHITBY (CP) — Six men
charged with conspiring to defraud
the Ontario government on high-
ways contracts were remanded to-
day without plea.

Five of the six men were re-

leased by magistrate F. S. Ebbs
on renewed bail of \$2,000 to \$10,000.

They are Walter Bergmann,
president, Bergmann Construction,
West Hill; John A. West, company
superintendent, Whitby; Cecil A.
Nelson, suspended department of
highways chief engineer, Port
Hope; Donald S. Patterson, Hunts-
ville division engineer, and W. L.
Bredin, an instrument clerk in the
Huntsville division.

The sixth, Harry Phipps, retired
engineer at Fort William, did not
have bail arranged.

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tions in three areas of the city
were:

1. Catch basins and laterals to
cost \$500 on Talbot and Surrey
Streets near Leslie Avenue.

2. Catch basins and laterals to
cost \$400 on Lillian Street at Les-
lie.

3. Ditch and culvert to cost \$650
on Farrand Street west of Shu-
niah School.

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