

GRAIN INDUSTRY**'Uncertainties ahead'**

VANCOUVER (CP) — Economic uncertainties dog the grain industry as it looks ahead to the next 10 years with hopes of unprecedented export sales.

The cloud follows almost every component in the West's intricate grain marketing network from grain companies to farmers.

It casts a shadow over the expected 50-per-cent increase in export sales by 1985, to 30 million tonnes from about 20 million now.

The problems were expressed continuously at a two-day meeting of the Canada Grains Council which ended Wednesday, a forum that brings together almost every facet in the grain industry.

Officials of CP and CN Rail, in probably the first such joint submission ever, said they are faced with a \$14-billion capital expansion program during the next 10 years.

The program is needed to facilitate huge increases in bulk freight including grain, coal and potash.

The president of Cargill Grain Co. Ltd., the giant multinational corporation, said grain companies will have to spend \$750 million in the next five years to upgrade their handling systems.

But in both cases, money for the expansion and upgrading

will have to come from revenues.

The railways doubt that can be achieved unless the Crown-sustained Pass statutory grain freight rates are scrapped. They say they will probably lose about \$538 million this year alone because of Crow.

Cargill president Roger Murray said grain companies will have to get more money for handling farmers' grain. That would mean the Canadian Grain Commission, which set maximum tariffs for grain handling at elevators, would have to boost tariffs.

Federal Agriculture Minister Eugene Whelan, who addressed a council banquet Tuesday, offered the railways some hope when he said in an interview the government will resolve the Crow dilemma by early next year.

Farmers also can help in the challenges ahead, said former federal transport minister Otto Lang, by employing better farming practices such as fertilizers to increase production.

Lang, who now is a vice-president of Pioneer Grain Co. Ltd., said both federal and provincial governments must ensure there is adequate research funding to develop higher-yield grains.

That would be a prerequisite to getting farmers' support for a check-off on sales to help finance research.

At the council's concluding session Wednesday, another suggestion for improved grain movement was presented by Jim Mants of Winnipeg, chairman of the group's grain grading study.

Mants said if the grading system was streamlined it would cut handling costs and probably increase returns to farmers through more sales.

"Modification of the present system holds the potential for both expediting the flow of grain and maximizing returns," he said, while emphasizing the committee has not completed its study and his comments were for discussion only.

Under current grading procedures — there are more than 200 different grades of wheat — elevator companies must segregate many of the grades, which adds to their costs.

Michael Thompson, chief executive officer of Prince Rupert Grain Ltd., gave the council a progress report on the proposed new grain terminal at Prince Rupert, B.C.

Thompson said the consortium of grain companies will make a final decision on whether to proceed next year. If the green flag is given, it could be completed in 1984.

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CRIME PREVENTION**'Public will help'**

VANCOUVER (CP) — Community volunteers will play larger roles in British Columbia crime prevention in 10 years as growing populations stretch police effectiveness to the limit.

That is the feeling of Norman Brown, 37, the province's first full-time crime-prevention coordinator, appointed in September by the B.C. Police Commission.

"The police can only do so much — you have to have the community as a partner," he says.

Brown will research crime-prevention programs and be liaison officer for B.C.'s police forces. He said police do not have all the resources necessary for crime-prevention programs and the community — through volunteers — will have to make programs work.

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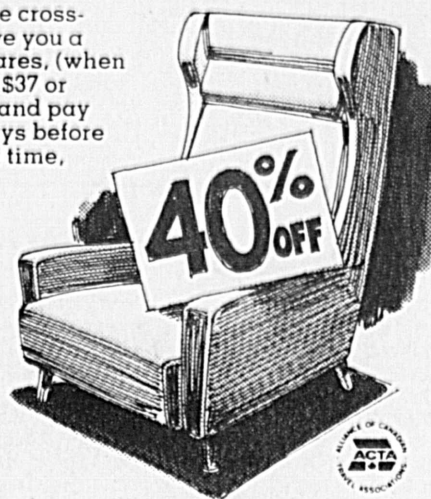
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**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS****Bingo threat seen**

VANCOUVER (CP) — Roman Catholic schools have discovered that bingo means big money, and sometimes even the difference between operating a school and closing its doors.

But some of the schools in British Columbia are concerned — despite reassurances from the archbishop — that the regular weekly games might be stopped. The church already has ordered some games closed in Quebec.

Bingos in B.C. parishes are operated by parents and school committees and are used primarily for funding. The province has no government-

supported separate school system. Msgr. John Stewart says that while bingo is important to many of the parish schools, partial operating assistance provided by the provincial government since 1977 would offset financial loss if the games were stopped.

Not all parishioners share this optimism. Ross Eccles, co-ordinator for the St. Thomas Aquinas School bingo operation, says the game provides about 40 per cent of the school's revenue. That operation began eight years ago, and was largely responsible for getting the school on its feet after a 20-year slump.

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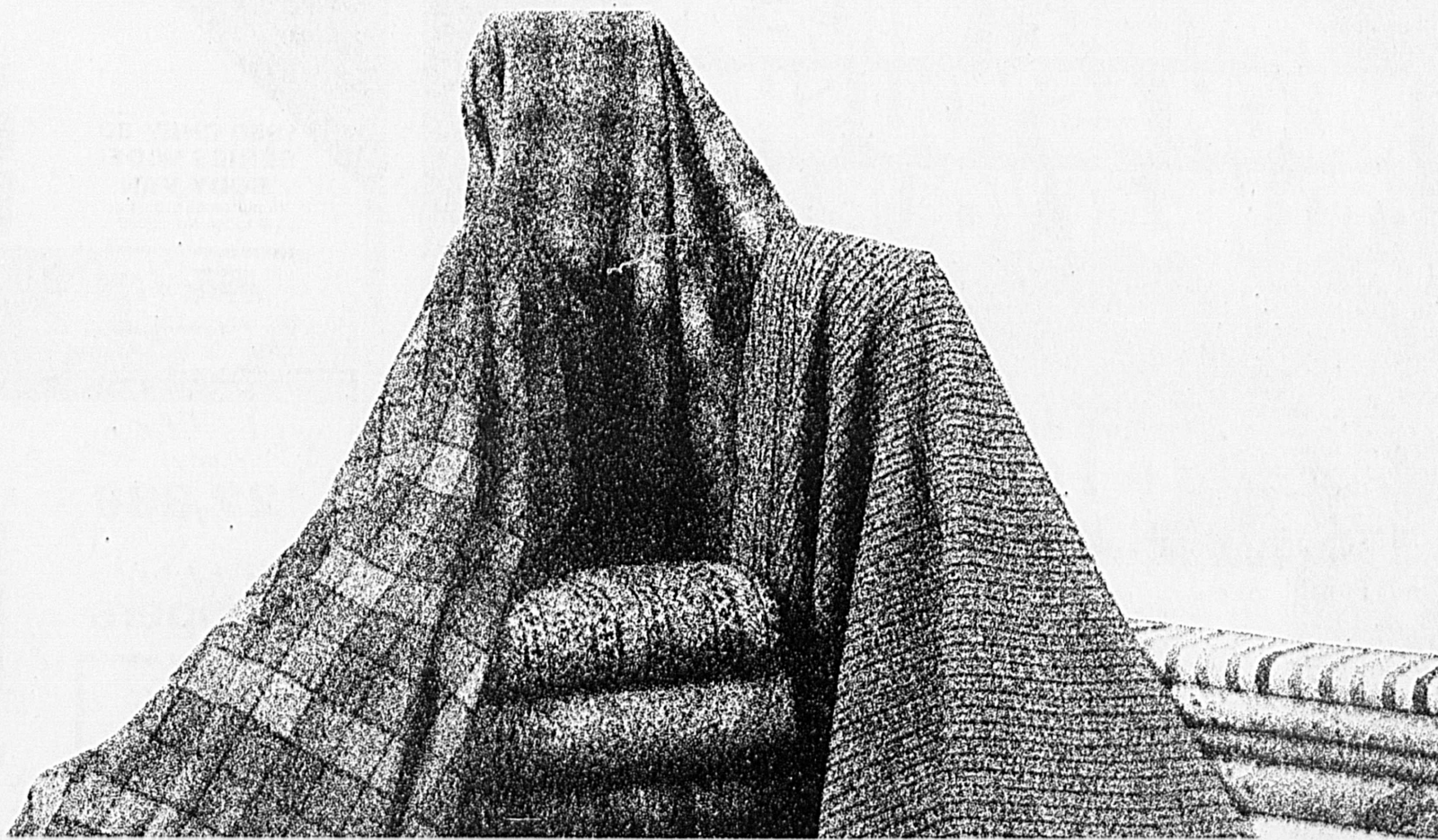
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