

Bank rate %	Interest rates this week									
Figures effective on September 30	Prime	Mortgages 1-year	Mortgages 3-year	Consumer loans	Savings Daily	Savings Bonus	Term deposits 30-day	Term deposits 90-day	Term deposits 1-year	
Royal Bank	10.25	10	11.25	11.75	5.25	5.75	7	7.5	8	
CIBC	10.25	10.25	11.75	11.75	5.25	5.75	7	7.5	8	
Bank of Montreal	10.25	10	11.5	11.75	5.25	5.75	7	7.5	8	
Scotia Bank	10.25	10	11.25	11.75	5.25	5.75	7	7.5	8.25	
Toronto-Dominion	10.25	10	11.25	11.75	5.25	5.75	7	7.5	7.75	
National Bank	10.75	10.25	11.75	11.5	5.25	5.75	7	7.5	8.25	
Royal Trust	—	10	11.5	12.5	5.25	5.75	7.25	7.75	9	
Canada Trust	10.25	10	11.5	12	5.25	5.75	7	7.5	9	
Canada Permanent	10.25	10	11.5	11.75	5.25	5.50	7	7.5	9	
V.G. National Trust	10.25	10	11.25	11.5	5.25	5.75	7	7.5	9	
Montreal Trust	—	10	11.5	—	5.25	5.75	7.375	7.875	9.125	

Effective Monday Sept. 30	REGIONAL INTEREST RATES								
	Rates are supplied to The Citizen by local offices								
	1 year	Mortgages 3 year	5 year	Consumer loans	Daily	Savings Bonus	30 day	Term deposits 90 day	1 year
Bank of B.C.	10½	11½	12½	11½	7½	7½	7	7½	8½
Continental Bank	—	—	—	PP	5½	—	7½	7¾	8½
Greenbrier Mtg.	10	11½	12	—	—	—	—	—	—
Midland Doherty	—	—	—	—	8.53	8.53	8.712	8½	9½
Omni Mortgage	10	11½	12	—	—	—	—	—	—

The rates quoted above do not constitute the full range of loan and deposit options offered by local financial houses. Rates quoted for term deposits are based on the most popular range invested at the individual institutions (usually \$5,000-\$10,000) and are meant as guidelines only. PP in the consumer loan column means "prime-plus." The businesses included here often offer services and terms other than those listed, so readers are advised to make inquiries. Local financial institutions are invited to contact The Citizen for inclusion in this weekly chart.

Civil servants angry with minister's wife

by DAVE TODD
Southam News

OTTAWA — Barbara McLean, wife of minister of state for immigration Walter McLean, has angered and frustrated senior civil servants by participating at meetings of federal officials who report to her husband and approaching others as if she were acting in an official capacity.

Sources within the immigration department and secretary of state's department (which McLean headed before a cabinet shuffle August 20) have confirmed that his wife also attended the first briefing session that McLean had with the deputy minister of immigration, Gaetan Lussier, after being sworn into his current job last summer.

Sources have told Southam News that, at a meeting on the day of McLean's swearing-in as junior immigration minister, Lussier was stunned by the intervention of McLean's wife and her insistence on raising questions about immigration department policy.

They also said that incoming Secretary of State Benoit Bouchard had a similar reaction earlier that day, during a luncheon meeting at which Mrs. McLean expounded at length about the way that department should be run.

McLean, in an interview with Southam News, confirmed that his wife had attended both meetings, but insisted there was nothing irregular about them. He also angrily denied that she had ever interfered in government matters that did not concern her.

"This just is not true," he said. "My wife doesn't even live here (in Ottawa), McLean said. "She lives in the riding (of Waterloo, Ontario). When she comes, which is infrequently, she has some courtesy calls."

But some government employees insist that these contacts are far more extensive than McLean acknowledges and that Barbara McLean has even acquired a nickname among senior immigration department officials and ministerial aides.

"She's known as 'The General,' said one political aide to another cabinet minister in the Mulroney government.

McLean's former chief of staff, Michele Bedard, also confirmed that Mrs. McLean had attended meetings with Bouchard and Lussier the day of last summer's cabinet shuffle.

Bedard, who now serves as Prime Minister Brian Mulroney's adviser on women's issues, also said that there were several occasions on which McLean's wife conducted business within offices of the secretary of state's department.

"Mrs. McLean is a business woman and handling some of her husband's personal affairs, like a family portfolio," Bedard said.

"So because of that, she was at times in the department, but as far as attending meetings, strictly on official business, no not that I remember."

Bedard said people should understand that the McLeans have an extremely close working relationship.

"This is behavior that is familiar to them and might not be familiar to everybody, or accepted in that sense. We have to be balanced in our judgment and not take only one side of it," Bedard said.

In Toronto, Steve Patten, who worked until a few months ago as a constituency liaison aide for McLean, added of Mrs. McLean: "She is a strong presence, because of the personality she's got."

"And even when she doesn't have a presence around the office, she has a strong presence with him," said Patten, who is currently working as an organizer for Ontario Conservative leadership candidate Larry Grossman.

Gulf tax deal stays secret

OTTAWA (CP) — A tax ruling that may allow Gulf Canada Ltd. a tax break of more than \$1 billion is confidential and cannot be discussed by a parliamentary committee, Finance Minister Michael Wilson said Tuesday.

Liberal Leader John Turner and Liberal finance critic Don Johnston asked Wilson to refer the controversial ruling to a Commons committee so that the public can learn exactly how much the company will save.

Johnston said the government is hiding behind the provisions of confidentiality in the Income Tax Act to deny Canadians information on how much the ruling will end up costing the federal treasury.

"Does the Income Tax Act condone secret and cozy deals?" Johnston asked, saying the ruling had provided a gift of \$1 billion to a few wealthy Canadians.

Toronto's Reichmann family, through their holding company, Olympia and York Developments, obtained the ruling from the Revenue Department when it purchased a majority interest in Gulf Canada.

Olympia and York then transferred most of Gulf's assets into a partnership it set up with Norcen Energy Resources, controlled by Toronto financier Conrad Black.

Using the partnership allows Gulf and Norcen to increase the value of assets transferred to the partnership so they can be depreciated down for tax purposes.

As the assets have already been depreciated, the government would normally levy a tax — known as "recapture" — on the difference between the revalued price of the assets and the value they had previously been depreciated to.

Brian Felesky, vice-chairman of a Canadian Bar Association committee on tax law, says the partnership device allows a company to limit the amount of recapture while allowing assets to be revalued.

Oil industry analysts have put the amount of the tax savings which Gulf could earn through the device at more than \$1 billion.

Felesky says the partnership device is legitimate because the government would normally offset its loss of recapture through capital gains taxes.

He points out, however, that Gulf might be able to defer any payment of offsetting capital gains taxes.

Wide-ranging trade talks urged

SASKATOON (CP) — Canadians do not have to fear losing social programs like medicare or special trade agreements like the auto pact if they enter a free-trade agreement with the United States, Thomas Niles, U.S. ambassador to Canada, said Tuesday.

But they should expect to discuss sensitive areas like the entry of U.S. banks and securities firms into the Canadian economy, Niles told the annual meeting of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in his first major public appearance as U.S. ambassador here.

He urged the Canadian business audience to support free-trade talks on the broadest possible basis, including potentially sensitive areas like banking, agriculture, publishing and broadcasting.

Much of the industrial production on both sides of the border is already free from tariff restriction or soon will be, he reminded them.

"It's true that by 1987, when the Tokyo round of GATT negotiations takes full effect, 95 per cent of Canadian industrial exports to the U.S. will enter at a duty of five per cent or less." About 86 per cent of U.S. industrial exports to Canada will enter at a similar rate, he said.

Asked at the news conference if this meant future free-trade talks would likely focus on areas seen as affecting Canada's national identity or regional development programs, Niles said, "Some of these areas could be involved."

Niles said the United States is interested in areas like investment banking, which now is "practically impossible in Canada" for U.S. firms. But, he said, figures on industrial trade indicate trade flows both ways when restrictions, including state and provincial non-tariff barriers, are lifted.

Meanwhile, Canadian business and political spokesmen told chamber delegates free trade with the United States is less risky than often presented, while a labor leader indicated he could live with free trade if it was properly handled.

Eighty per cent of Canada's trade with the United States is already tariff-free and the country's ability to design its own social programs has not been destroyed, said Robert Pierce, executive vice-president of Nova Corp. and vice-chairman of a national task force on Canada-U.S. trade policy.

Tom Hockin, Conservative member of Parliament for London West and co-chairman of a parliamentary committee on international relations, said some potential disadvantages like the loss of economic development subsidies would affect the United States as well.

"We do subsidize some domestic activities that might assist exports, but too often, municipal tax breaks and state Buy Ohio procurement regulations in the U.S. accomplish the same for Americans," Hockin said.

Jim McCambly, president of the Canadian Federation of Labor, told the crowd his federation, dominated by construction unions, is more inclined toward "fair trade" or "enhanced trade" than free trade.

Wrongly handled, free trade could cost jobs, he said.

While the panel discussion was held Tuesday, the chamber's approximately 200 voting delegates went on record Monday with a resolution supporting "the orderly phasing out of all or substantially all trade barriers" between the two countries.

The chamber's three-day meeting ended Tuesday after the election of Harold Milavsky of Calgary, president of Trizec Corp. Ltd., as chamber chairman.

COMMONS FINANCE STUDY

Resort trip costs us \$5,000

OTTAWA (CP) — Taxpayers will fork out about \$5,000 this week so members of the Commons finance committee can stay at a plush resort in Quebec's Laurentian mountains while drafting a report on financial institutions.

The 15-member committee leaves Ottawa by bus Wednesday for Mont-Gabriel, where it will spend three days writing a response to the government's green paper on reform of financial institutions.

The discussion paper handed down in April by Barbara McDougall, minister of state for finance, proposes allowing the creation of

financial supermarkets and advocates several other changes to the banking and regulatory systems.

Finance committee chairman Don Blenkarn, Tory MP for Mississauga South, said he wanted to go to a secluded spot because the atmosphere would be better than on Parliament Hill.

"We wanted to get the hell away from this joint, to get away from you guys (reporters) and secretaries and constituents and above all party whips and bells," he said.

Three government translators and four committee staff members will accompany the MPs to Mont-Gabriel, north of Montreal. In

MPS TAKE NO ACTION

Lost child law lauded

OTTAWA (CP) — A private member's bill that would force police to search for missing children at the request of their parents won a sympathetic hearing and widespread support in the Commons Tuesday.

But despite recommendations that it be referred to a Commons committee for further study, it slipped from the order paper like most private member's bills after MPs talked out the one hour allotted for debate.

The bill, entitled the Missing Childrens Act and introduced by Conservative MP Howard Crosby, would have allowed parents to seek a warrant identifying their child and thereby initiate a police search whenever a child under age 16 disappears.

Crosby, MP for Halifax West and a former Crown prosecutor, said police too often ignore reports of missing children because many are runaways trying to escape an unbearable home situation and most are eventually located.

Some parents say the police show more interest in missing vehicles than in missing children because missing children do not fit into the criminal law framework, Crosby told the Commons.



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing with regard to the following amendments to City of Prince George Official Community Plan By-Law No. 3138 and Zoning By-Law No. 3482, will be held in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 1100 Patricia Boulevard, Prince George, B.C. on Monday, October 7th, 1985 at 8:00 p.m.

OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN

1. By-Law No. 4388
- Amends 3138

That the Highway Service (Phase I) designation on that part of District Lot 2609, Cariboo District, outlined in heavy black on the plan attached to the By-Law as Appendix "A", be changed to Greenbelt (Phase I) to allow for subdivision into three lots, two for residential purposes and one for greenbelt. LOCATION: Cranbrook Hill Road. APPLICANT: Wesley and Audrey Walker.

2. By-Law No. 4602
- Amends 3138

That Lots 21 and 22 and Parcel A (D16481) of Lots 23 and 24, all of Block 60, District Lot 937, Cariboo District, Plan 742 be rezoned from C-2C (Local Convenience Shopping Facility) to C-5A (Highway Commercial) to permit development of a self-service gasoline bar and thrift market, or other uses pursuant to the C-5A zoning classification. LOCATION: 484 Douglas Street. APPLICANT: 357 Holdings Ltd.

ZONING AMENDMENT

1. By-Law No. 3489
- Amends 3482

That the portion of District Lot 2609, Cariboo District, shown outlined in heavy black on the plan attached to the By-Law as Appendix "A", be rezoned from GB (Greenbelt) to SRS-1A (Suburban Residential) to allow for subdivision into three lots, two for residential purposes and one for greenbelt. LOCATION: Cranbrook Hill Road. APPLICANT: Wesley and Audrey Walker.

2. By-Law No. 3482
- Amends 3482

That lots 21 and 22 and Parcel A (D16481) of Lots 23 and 24, all of Block 60, District Lot 937, Cariboo District, Plan 752 be rezoned from C-2C (Local Convenience Shopping Facility) to C-5A (Highway Commercial) to permit development of a self-service gasoline bar and thrift market, or other uses pursuant to the C-5A zoning classification. LOCATION: 484 Douglas Street. APPLICANT: 357 Holdings Ltd.

A copy of the proposed By-Laws may be inspected at the office of the undersigned on any business day between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (except Statutory Holidays). At the Hearing all persons who deem their interest in property affected by the proposed By-Laws shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard on matters pertinent to the By-Laws.

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Sears Correction

To Sears Home Sale in Monday's Citizen.

Page 10 — Terga Sheers are available by Special Order only. Please allow 4 - 6 week delivery.

Page 12 — due to shipping problems the Colormates' sheets and Flannel sheet sets are not available in Prince George.

Sears apologizes for any inconvenience to our customers.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing with regard to the following amendment to City of Prince George Soil Removal By-Law No. 3000, will be held in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 1100 Patricia Boulevard, Prince George, B.C. on Monday, October 7th, 1985 at 8:00 p.m.

SOIL REMOVAL

1. By-Law No. 4669
- Amends 3000

That part of the West 1/2 of Lot 7 within Plan B5069 except Plan H881 AND that part of the East 1/2 of Lot 7 within Plan B4505, except Plan H881, both of District Lot 2440, Cariboo District, Plan 1338 AND Parcel A, District Lot 2440, Cariboo District, Plan 31025 be designated a "Soil Removal Area" pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of By-Law No. 3000, and that the map referred to as Schedule "B" thereof be amended accordingly. LOCATION: Prince George Pulp Mill Road. APPLICANT: Lorne A. Delisle.

A copy of the proposed By-Laws may be inspected at the office of the undersigned on any business day between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (except Statutory Holidays). At the Hearing all persons who deem their interest in property affected by the proposed By-Laws shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard on matters pertinent to the By-Laws.

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