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CONTESTS IN ALL EIGHT OCT. 24 BY-ELECTIONS

Churchill Rejects Minimum Wage Plan

Says Beaverbrook's "Election Program" Is Not Considered Policy Of Conservative Party.

10 Freighters Are Tied Up At Halifax

HALIFAX, Oct. 11—(CP)—Ten ships, five of them owned by Acadia Overseas Freighters Ltd. of Halifax, are tied up here for lack of cargoes. The 7,192-ton freighter Seaboard Ranger, owned by Triton Steamship Company of Montreal, arrived today and became the 10th.

Coming Events

- Show "Six Hopkins" at Hunter River tonight at 8.30.
- Reserve October 28th, for Institute sale in Pownall Hall.
- Dance in Forest Hill Hall, Wednesday, October 12th, 1949.
- Supper and Dance, Orwell Hall, October 13th, Millview Orchestra.
- Dance, Long Creek Hall, Friday, 14th, Aid of Rink. Sale of Luncheon.
- Dance Long River Hall every Wednesday. Good music. Door prize.
- Reserve Tuesday, November 8th for Chicken Supper in Afton Hall.
- Reserve Wednesday, November 9th, Hot Chicken Supper, Corran Ban Hall.
- Dance in St. Peter's Legion Hall every Tuesday night. Cliff Peters Orchestra.
- Oil Cake and Fishmeal now in stock. Bookings for pulp to arrive. Dillon & Spillit.
- St. John's Anglican Church, Milton, Confirmation service tonight 8 o'clock.
- Masquerade Dance, Corran Ban Hall, Tuesday, October 21st. Rhythm Boys Orchestra.
- Reserve November 2nd for L. O. B. A. Chicken Supper in Bradalbane Hall.
- Masquerade Dance, Stella Maris Hall, North Rustico, Wednesday night, October 12th.
- Now buying Timothy Seed, Registered, Cleaned or Uncleaned, McGuigan and Boyle.
- Dance Mt. Stewart Legion Hall every Thursday night, music by Al Blanchard.
- Adolphe Doucette, Oyster Bed Trade, buying live Poultry daily. Time of buying 9-4.
- Robert Vickerson and C. Frizell will be hauling cream to Wiltshire Creamery on Monday only.
- Reserve November 11th for chicken, scallop and ham supper and bazaar in Hampton Hall, Apsleys W. I.
- Avoid trouble before it comes by having your radiator flushed before installing antifreeze. Mallett's Battery Service.
- The Annual Meeting of Fort Augustus Credit Union Limited will be held in Fort Augustus Hall, Monday, October 17th, at 8 P. M.
- See "Boys Ranch" starting Butch Jenkins showing Wednesday, Little Penna, Thursday, Vernon River, Friday, Elmira, Saturday, St. Charles.
- Provincial affairs broadcast. Hear Murdoch MacLeod, Long River, over CFCY Thursday, October 13th, at 8.45 p.m. on behalf of the C.C.F.
- Reserve Wednesday, October 26th for Chicken Supper in Winsloe Road Hall, Sponsored by North and South Winsloe W. I. Proceeds in aid of Hall.
- Buy your grain and feed requirements before the freight rates advance in a month's time. Wire for our special price on ground barley and oats. Booking orders for American 2 yellow corn for New England shipping Atlas Grain Company.

Donald Gordon To Head C. N. R.

R. C. Vaughan Reaches Age Of Retirement

OTTAWA, Oct. 11—(CP)—A top-flight member of the Government's financial brain trust—Donald Gordon, deputy governor of the Bank of Canada—will become head of the huge Canadian National Railways system Jan. 1.

Reaching for a C.N.R. chief out-riding railway ranks for the first time in 16 years, the government today named Mr. Gordon to be chairman and president of the nationally-owned line in succession to R.C. Vaughan, who has passed the retirement age of 65.

The 47-year-old financial and economic expert, a native of Scotland, will become the youngest head of the \$2,500,000,000 system, a vast corporate empire sprawling all the way between Canada's two coasts and down into the United States and including steamship, hotel, telegraph and other allied services.

While the Government gave no reason for stepping outside railway personnel to find a new operating chief for the C.N.R., there was immediate speculation that it might be intending to call on Mr. Gordon's talents for a possible reorganization of the Canadian National's financial structure before long.

The \$1,300,000,000 debt of the national line has been a milestone around its neck for many years, and one of the things under study by the Federal Royal Commission on Transportation is whether it should be pared down.

Other major problems before the corporation include those of freight



R. C. Vaughan



Donald Gordon

Canadians Spend More Money On Clothes Than Rent, On Jewelry Than Education

Assistance To Fox-Ranching Industry Urged

OTTAWA, Oct. 11—(CP)—W. Chester S. McLaure (PC—Queens) appealed to the Government in the Commons tonight to help the fox-ranching industry.

The 73-year-old revolutionary industry, which has been a mainstay of the fur trade since the days of the Kaiser, the Weimar Republic and Hitler, was elected at a rubber-stamp session of the People's Chamber and Chamber of States. He was sworn in as titular head of the Soviet-union state, and he at once voiced thanks to Stalin and to Russia.

The ceremony put the new state into business, without the formality of popular elections, as an active opponent of the elected Western German Republic at Bonn.

Mr. McLaure said there had been "unjust taxes" on raw furs, with the result that growers could not meet production costs.

"At least, give them the cost of production," he said during discussion on Agriculture Department estimates for the year.

Increased Freight Rates to Nfld.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Oct. 11—An increase in freight rates on ships operating from Halifax, Montreal, and St. John's, N.B. to St. John's was announced today by Associated Newfoundland Lines.

The company said the eight per cent advance was made because of the increase in freight rates recently granted the railways.

Fleming Critical of Gordon's Appointment

OTTAWA, Oct. 11—Appointment of a man without railway experience as head of the Canadian National Railways was described tonight in the Commons as a "shameful violation of the principle of promotion within an organization."

Donald Fleming (PC—Toronto) was criticizing the appointment of Donald Gordon, deputy-governor of the Bank of Canada, as chairman and president of the C.N.R., announced earlier in the day's session.

While declaring he was speaking only for himself and did not want to reflect in any way on Mr. Gordon, Mr. Fleming hit at "government interference" in the railway management and declared the move would affect railway employees' morale.

He urged changes in the system of grading fox pelts and lower taxes on the output of ranchers. He said skins should be graded, not on price, but as they were needed on the market.

What's more, pop. Canadians did more spending last year than at any time during the last 10 years, including the hectic years of the Second World War.

What Mr. and Mrs. Canada spent last year to enjoy life was detailed in the Bureau of Statistics green book on income and expenditure.

It showed: Canadians spent \$1,083,000,000 in 1948—about three times more than the \$377,000,000 they spent 10 years previously.

They shelled out \$1,020,000,000 for "paid rents and imputed rents of owner-occupied houses, electricity, gas, domestic services." But clothes cost \$1,325,000,000.

Education cost \$85,000,000; jewelry \$71,000,000. They smoked and drank \$941,000,000 worth of tobacco and liquor, and spent \$107,000,000 on things to decorate homes.

Canadians spent \$2,796,000,000 on food, the biggest amount during the last 10 years.

Lipsticks, face powder and all kinds of cosmetics, as well as drugs, took \$197,000,000 last year. That was a little more than the \$151,000,000 spent on soap and cleaning supplies.

Canadians shelled out a bit, too, on services to keep themselves spruce and span. More than \$200,000,000 went for such things as shoe shines, clothes pressing and cleaning, barber shop and beauty parlor services.

Automobile Dealers Hold Annual Meeting

MONTREAL, Oct. 11—(CP)—Stanley S. Rafuse of Bridgewater, N.S., tonight elected president of the Federation of Automobile Dealer Associations of Canada at its annual meeting here.

H.B. Weiker of St. Catharines, Ont., was named secretary and Dave Amory, Montreal, treasurer. Directors chosen included: A.G. English, Moncton, N.B.; H.D. Robertson, Halifax; and Col. A. MacDonald, Charlottetown.

Parliament At-A-Glance

(By The Canadian Press)

Transport Minister Chevrier announced Donald Gordon has been chosen president of the C. N. R., succeeding R. C. Vaughan.

Donald Fleming (PC—Toronto) criticized appointment of a man without railway experience as head of the C. N. R.

Third hour and final readings was given a bill abolishing appeals to the Privy Council and making the Supreme Court of Canada the final court of appeal.

Agricultural estimates were discussed.

Wednesday: The Commons will consider private member's legislation. The Senate will not sit.

24 Filed Names At Nomination Day Proceedings

(By The Canadian Press)

OTTAWA, Oct. 11—Contests are assured in eight Oct. 24 Federal by-elections, the first to be held since the general election June 27.

When nominations closed today 24 persons had filed their names as candidates in the by-elections engendered by the death of two members of the Commons and the appointment of six others to new posts.

As a result of the deaths and appointments, the present standing of the Commons is: Liberals, 186; Progressive Conservatives, 40; C. P., 13; Social Credit, 10; Independent, four; Independent Liberal, one; vacant, eight; total, 262.

Five of the vacancies are in Quebec—Montreal, Marster, Montreal Laurier, Montreal Jacques Cartier, Kamouraska and Gatineau. The others are Toronto Greenwood, New Westminster in British Columbia and Restigouche-Madawaska in New Brunswick.

Three Conservatives

The Liberals are contesting all seats but the Progressive Conservatives—the official Opposition in the Commons—named candidates in only three ridings—Gatineau, Toronto Greenwood and New Westminster.

Here is a list of by-elections and candidates:

Quebec—Montreal Marster, Montreal Laurier, Montreal Jacques Cartier, Kamouraska and Gatineau. The others are Toronto Greenwood, New Westminster in British Columbia and Restigouche-Madawaska in New Brunswick.

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George Drew Ill With Pneumonia

REGINA, Oct. 11—(CP)—An attack of bronchial pneumonia has prevented George Drew, national leader, from attending the two-day leadership convention of the Saskatchewan Progressive Conservative Party, which opened here today.

Mr. Drew, expected to reach here yesterday, telephoned to say he had been ill for the last four days and could not attend.

Installation Of Parking Meters For City Authorized

A resolution authorizing the installation of parking meters in Charlottetown as soon as possible was passed at the monthly meeting of the City Council last evening. The Mayor, E. J. MacDonald, presided.

Considerable discussion on the advisability of installing the meters took place before Council members agreed that the meters be ordered now and put in when the police committee deemed it advisable—probably not before next spring. Three types are to be ordered and the most satisfactory type kept.

Councillor M. A. Farmer was of opinion that the meters should not be put in until next spring and thus be given a fair trial during the summer months. Other reasons given against immediate installation were that there would be increased difficulty in removing snow and the possibility of damage to the meters while only on trial.

Councillor Beaton insisted that the matter be brought to a head and the meters installed this fall. He said their value had been proved in Summerside and Halifax and he did not think they would be hurt by winter storms.

Police Tax Collection

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Smallwood Says Some Stores Make Big Profits

Cost-of-Living Declined Only Slightly Since Confederation.

By C. E. A. JEFFERY
Canadian Press Correspondent

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Oct. 11—(CP)—A Royal Commission will be set up by the Provincial Government to investigate the high cost-of-living in Newfoundland, Premier Smallwood told the Legislature today.

The 28-member House resumed today after a six-week adjournment.

Mr. Smallwood gave figures to show that some Newfoundland retail stores were making as high as 175 per cent profit on certain foodstuffs. The lowest profit for the prices he quoted was 33 per cent and the average was more than 60.

The figures showed, for instance, that stores in Grand Falls, a central Newfoundland town, made 175 per cent profit on rolled oats, 73.8 per cent on bread, 75 per cent on vegetable soup, 47 per cent on cheese, 90 per cent on tomatoes, 85.5 per cent on onions and 73 per cent on grapefruit.

The Premier said the Royal Commission on Prices would be invested with full authority to deal with all matters entering into cost of goods which affected the cost-of-living.

He added: "If we come to the conclusion that profiteering is taking place..."

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