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Diefenbaker Gov't Is Swept Back In A Landslide Victory



PRIME MINISTER John Diefenbaker won an easy personal victory in his Prince Albert riding Monday night. Early returns gave him big majority over Liberal Ernie Unruh and CCF candidate Mrs. Thora Wiggins.

Prime Minister Promises An Early Session Of Parliament

SASKATOON (CP) — Prime Minister Diefenbaker, who learned in his undershirt that his government had been returned to office promised Monday night to call Parliament into session at the "earliest possible time," considering unemployment the first problem before it.

Saskatoon, to deliver a scheduled television broadcast. During the 27-minute flight from Prince Albert, where the prime minister had spent the afternoon reclining, dictating notes and preparing his speech for this evening, a press statement was issued. "At such a time as this, it is difficult to say more than our heartfelt thanks for this expression of the confidence and trust of the people of Canada," it said.

HUGE MAJORITIES

Island Returns Four In Conservative Landslide

All four Progressive Conservative candidates in Prince Edward Island yesterday increased their majorities to take an easy victory from their Liberal opponents.

Not even the staunchest supporters of the Conservative Party would be willing to predict, in some instances, half the majorities realized. The C.C.F. Party represented by Cyrus Gallant in Prince County registered only 211 votes.

Fisheries Minister J. Angus MacLean and Heath Macquarrie in Queens County polled 13,831 and 13,288 votes respectively, against J.O.C. Campbell 7,574 and E. D. Reid 7,665.

During the 1957 election, MacLean and Macquarrie had 11,597 and 10,651 compared to 9,724 for Matheson and 9,404 for Miller.

In Kings County John A. MacDonald increased his 452 majority of June 10 to 1,149. The standing yesterday was MacDonald 4,923; Kichham 3,774.

A WALK-AWAY

Dr. Orville Phillips made a walk-away of it in Prince County. In the 1957 election he had a small majority of 234

votes but yesterday his 10,088 votes were enough to give him a 3,598 majority over J. Watson MacNaught's 6,490.

Fine weather was a definite factor in the large number who turned out to vote in Prince Edward Island yesterday. An estimate of those who voted shows that about the same number cast ballots yesterday as in the June 10th election in spite of the fact that 1,116 fewer voters were registered for this election. About 45,744 out of a registered electorate of 53,108 went to the polls.

NEVER IN DOUBT

As the returns began to come in, it became evident what the final results would be. In Queens County, out of 126 polls, the Liberals led in only five. In Kings County, out of 54 polls Kichham took small majorities over MacDonald in 19 polls and in Prince County Phillips had majorities in all but eight of the 89 polls.

The Conservative victory in Charlottetown was more impressive than in any other part of the Island. In the City the P.C.'s more than doubled the

Huge Store Of Rebel Guns Seized

HAVANA, Cuba (AP) — Cuban national police dealt rebel plans for armed uprising in Havana a severe blow Monday by seizing a shipment of guns valued at more than \$100,000.

The seizure was said to include 33 heavy machine-guns, automatic rifles, thousands of rounds of ammunition and dynamite.

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James Sinclair Loses Seat

VANCOUVER (CP) — James Sinclair, fisheries minister in the former Liberal cabinet, lost his Coast-Capilano seat in Monday's federal election. Mr. Sinclair, a member of the Commons since 1940, conceded victory to William Payne, 42-year-old veteran of the Dieppe raid who is engaged in real estate work.



HONORABLE FREDERICK Walter Hyndman (right) takes oath as Lieutenant-Governor of Prince Edward Island at a ceremony held in the Confederation Chamber yesterday afternoon. Officials present included (left to right): Premier A. W. Matheson; Gordon R. Holmes, Prothonotary for Queens; Hon. Thane A. Campbell, Chief Justice of Prince Edward Island; and Lt. Col. P. S. Fielding, Deputy Provincial Secretary. Appointment of Hon. Mr. Hyndman as successor to Hon. T. W. L. Prowse was announced in Ottawa, January 28.

Lieut. Governor Hyndman Takes Oath Of Office

Standing at the head of the table where in 1864 the Fathers of Confederation discussed plans for a united nation stretching "from sea to sea", Hon. F. Walter Hyndman yesterday was sworn in as Lieutenant-Governor of Prince Edward Island.

In the words of the oath of office administered by Chief Justice Thane A. Campbell the new vicerey bound himself to "well and truly" carry out the duties of his high office, to "duly and impartially administer justice" within the Province, and to keep safe the Great Seal of the Province.

Letters patent appointing the new incumbent were read by His Honor's private secretary, Thomas N. Rogers. These were signed on behalf of Her Majesty, the Queen by Hon. Ellen Fairclough, Secretary of State, Hon. David Fulton, Minister of Justice and Attorney-General, and Hon. Patrick Kerwin, Chief Justice of Canada deputizing for Hon. Vincent Massey, Governor-General of Canada.

The ceremonies which commenced at 3:30 were conducted in the presence of the retiring Lieutenant-Governor, Hon. T. W. L. Prowse, and Mrs. Prowse, members of the judiciary, Premier Matheson and members of the Executive Council, local members of the Senate, members of the clergy, and a large group of invited guests.

Present also were His Honor's three aides-de-camp: Lieutenant-Commander Douglas H. Saunders (Navy), Major Roy D. MacGillivray, C. D., (Army), and Flying Officer Ian Rankin (Air Force).

Following the ceremony in the Confederation Chamber the of-

Fine Tribute Smallwood Says

ST. JOHNS, Nfld. (CP) — Premier Smallwood said Monday night the fact that five of seven Newfoundland ridings went to Liberal candidates was "a fine tribute."

He said the majorities were lower than the last election but "that follows the all-Canada trend." If the rest of Canada had not leaned toward the Progressive Conservative party the Liberal candidates would have been returned with far greater majorities, he said.

ISLAND ROUTES

Canals in Britain have a total navigable length of nearly 2,000 miles.

Montreal Has Lively Election

MONTREAL (CP) — Nine kidnappings, a tear-gas bombing, a citizens' arrest in which the citizens also wound up in jail, about 30 arrests by police, scattered complaints of telegraphing and a few fights marked election day in Montreal.

Despite these incidents, however, federal and municipal police called election day activities "pretty quiet."

Most of the action took place in St. Ann's constituency, where nine workers for Liberal candidate Gerard Loiseleur were kidnapped.

The candidate's brother, Jean Paul Loiseleur, and four other supporters were "arrested" by a group that hustled them off to police headquarters and swore out a complaint charging them with illegal election activities. Police jailed everybody pending an investigation.

ROOMS RAIDED
Five carloads of goods raided

a Liberal committee room in the riding and drove off with organizer Raymond Therrien, two women and a cab driver.

Police arrested seven men in connection with the incident but the kidnapped persons were not recovered. They were allowed, however, to telephone their families that they were safe. It is quite a common Quebec election manoeuvre to kinda ppatry workers and keep them out of circulation until polls close.

In another raid, five men were kidnapped. Liberal candidate Maurice Rinfret and seven of his committee-room workers in St. Jacques riding were twice tear-gassed during the morning. The room was unusable for two half-hour periods.

LAND BRIDGE

The Canso Causeway, completed in 1955 between the Nova Scotia mainland and Cape Breton Island, is 7,000 feet long.

Most Spectacular Win In History Of Canada

By ALAN DONNELLY Canadian Press Staff Writer Prime Minister Diefenbaker led his Progressive Conservatives to the most spectacular election victory in Canada's history—winning a record-breaking 200 seats and shattering all opposition parties in Monday's general election.

The Liberal forces under Lester B. Pearson were slashed to that party's smallest representation in the House of Commons since Confederation—fewer than 50 members compared with the previous low of 69 in 1878.

CCF strength was cut by more than half. The Social Credit party was obliterated from the national scene.

Only Mr. Diefenbaker and Mr. Pearson, among party leaders, won re-election.

MINISTERS' FALL

The rout of Liberal cabinet ministers begun in the 1957 general election continued Monday. Veteran former agriculture minister James G. Gardiner, former transport minister George Marler and former fisheries minister James Sinclair were defeated.

The Conservatives made a clean sweep in four provinces—Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Manitoba and Alberta.

A flood-tide of Conservative votes gave the Diefenbaker forces a majority of the seats in traditionally Liberal Quebec, for the first time since 1887. With 72 per cent of polls reported—the vote was a record—the Conservatives had amassed 54 per cent of the popular vote compared with 40 per cent in the June 100 election last year. The Liberal share had slipped to 36 per cent from 40 last year.

The Conservative steamroller of success rolled in high gear in every province but Liberal Newfoundland where no seats changed hands.

PEARSON WINS

Sixty-year-old Mr. Pearson, who took over the Liberal leadership only last January when Louis St. Laurent resigned, won re-election in Ontario's Algoma East.

Both CCF Leader M. J. Coldwell and Social Credit Leader Solon Low lost their seats to Conservatives, Mr. Coldwell in Rosstown-Biggan, Sask., and Mr. Low in Peace River, Alta. Each had led his party in every general election since 1945. Stanley Knowles, deputy CCF leader, was beaten in Winnipeg North Centre.

In Ottawa Mr. Pearson expressed regret at losing the election but told reporters he thinks "it's a good thing for the country to have one party in a majority."

The triumphant John Diefenbaker, 62-year-old Prairie lawyer who took over the Conservative leadership in December, 1956, when the party had only 51 Commons seats, called the returns "stupifying." He was re-elected in Prince Albert, Sask.

MAY SESSION?

He promised to call Parliament into session as soon as possible. In Ottawa, Works Minister Howard Green said this likely would be about the middle of May.

In 75-seat Quebec, traditionally a Liberal stronghold, the cut-down of Liberal candidates verged on the proportions of a rout. The mainland Maritime provinces, where Conservative gains last year helped elect a minority Conservative administration after 22 years of Liberal government, sent even more Conservatives to Ottawa this time.

And in Ontario, where the Conservatives held 61 of 85 seats at dissolution, they gained half-a-dozen more from the shattered Liberal party.

Diefenbaker Gains 7 Pounds

PRINCE ALBERT, Sask. (CP) After 31 days of coast-to-coast campaigning, 102 speeches and 21,000 miles of travel, Prime Minister Diefenbaker was at a loss to explain Monday how he gained seven pounds.

"I guess it's just that it's good to be in the driver's seat," he replied to a reporters question.

LARGE FISH

The Inconnu, a sort of white-fish caught in the Mackenzie River area, may weigh as much as 40 pounds.

Mr. Gardiner, 74, one of the biggest Liberals to topple, had never lost personally in Saskatchewan or federal elections since he entered politics in 1914. He reached the end of that string when a Conservative won his Melville, Sask., seat.

PREVIOUS HIGH

The biggest previous election victory by any party was in 1949, when Liberals under newly-chosen leader Louis St. Laurent won 190 seats in a 262-seat Commons.

Almost from the first Atlantic-area returns, the pattern of Conservative victory took shape.

First polls closed in Newfoundland at 4:30 p.m. EST. Two hours and 32 minutes later—when Central Canada polls had been closed only 62 minutes—the Canadian Press reported re-election of the Diefenbaker government.

Eighteen minutes later CP said the Progressive Conservatives would have an over-all majority. Then, with the full picture of the Conservative inroads into Liberal Quebec, the score of the Diefenbaker landslide became apparent.

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Standings

Prog. Con.	206
Liberals	46
CCF	7
Demofutl	6
Total	265



HON. MR. PEARSON

Good Thing For The Country

OTTAWA (CP) — Liberal Leader Lester B. Pearson, conceding that he lost Monday's general election, said Monday night he thinks it's a good thing for the country to have a majority government.

He conceded the election to the Progressive Conservative party at 8 p. m. EST. Later, he told reporters: "I think it's a good thing for the country to have one party in a majority."



IS DEFEATED

ROSETOWN, Sask. (CP) — CCF Leader M. J. Coldwell, 69, was defeated Monday night by Progressive Conservative C. O. Cooper in Saskatchewan's Rosetown-Biggan riding. Mr. Coldwell held his seat continuously since 1955.

France To Be Paralyzed By Public Employees Strike Today

PARIS (Reuters) — Most of France will be paralyzed today by a strike of more than 1,000,000 public employees.

Starting at 4 a.m. trains, planes and buses will halt. Later in the day, the stoppage will affect government offices, garbage collections, mail deliveries and gas, electricity and water service.

The 24-hour warning walkout was called to protest climbing living costs squeezing the public servant, many of whom earn only 3,845 francs (\$9.15) a week.

For the fourth time in six months, a strike of essential services will disrupt the lives of most of France's 40,000,000 citizens. Union headquarters announced that some essential services, including those at hospitals, will be continued.

OTHERS AFFECTED TOO

Interrupted public services will

force idleness on hundreds of thousands of other workers not employed by the government.

The Communist-dominated General Confederation of Labor is trying to spread the strike from nationalized plants to such private industries as automobile factories and coal mines.

The three main labor organizations — Communist, Socialist and Roman Catholic — in most cases will join forces against France's largest employers.

The state employs more than 1,000,000 persons in coal mines, railways, nationalized banks, gas and electricity, the Renault auto factory, public transport and the commercial air service.

Discontent has been mounting steadily. In 16 months, foodstuffs have gone up by nearly 17 per cent, manufactured goods by eight per cent and services, from haircuts to subway fares, by 14 per cent.

Russia To Stop Nuclear Tests

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia said Monday it is stopping all nuclear weapons tests — but left the door open to resume them unless other powers take the same step. The Soviet Union set no date for its go-it-alone ban and it may endure no longer than the first blast in a new series the United States will start in the Pacific, possibly within a few weeks.

(Reuters news agency said in a Moscow dispatch the announcement "appeared to mean that the Soviet Union unilaterally ceases nuclear testing as from Monday and for an indefinite period.")

A resolution submitted to the Supreme Soviet from the council of ministers by Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko was adopted unanimously. It asked that the government "unilaterally cease making tests of all forms of atomic and hydrogen weapons."

A LOOPHOLE

"If other countries possessing hydrogen and atomic weapons continue their tests," the resolution added, "the Soviet government will be free to act in the same manner in the interests of the security of the Soviet Union."

Other resolutions appealed to the U.S. Congress and the British Parliament to ban tests, and urged West Germany to change its mind about accepting nuclear weapons in its armament.

Gromyko announced the action at the final joint session of the Supreme Soviet which approved unanimously every proposal put before it. The three-hour session also approved a new government announced by Premier Khrushchev and his plan to distribute the tractor stations' farm machinery



LOW LOSES

EDMONTON (CP) — Social Credit Leader Solon Low was defeated in Peace River constituency in Monday's federal election. Progressive Conservative Gerald Baldwin won the seat. Mr. Low had represented the riding since 1945 and was leading the Social Credit party for a fifth time in a federal election.

HEADS STATE BANK

Former premier Bulgania was made head of the Soviet state bank, a job he held in his earlier career. Gromyko received tremendous applause as he announced the proposal for stopping nuclear tests.

SEES NO AGREEMENT

If this becomes a fact, he warned, a new obstacle to disarmament would be created, and the Soviet Union would have to take "the necessary steps."

CANDIDATES ELECTED



DR. O. H. PHILLIPS



HON. J. A. MacLEAN



HEATH MACQUARRIE



J. A. MACDONALD