

# ISLAND NEWS PAGE

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## Bribery Probe Was Removed From Officer Before Finish

By DAVE MCINTOSH  
OTTAWA (CP) — Supt. William George Fraser, 56, acting director of the RCMP's criminal investigation branch, testified Thursday that the investigation into alleged attempted bribery and coercion by federal ministerial aides was "taken out of my hands" before it was completed.

He told the Dorion inquiry that he was never even told whether the investigation was still going on or whether it was closed.

Supt. Fraser said Deputy Commissioner J. R. Lemieux took over because Inspector J. P. Drapeau, the chief investigator, "was speaking French to Lemieux and reported to Lemieux."

Ross Drouin, Conservative party counsel, said "And you resented that they were always talking French and you didn't like it and dropped out."

"No," Supt. Fraser said. "I didn't drop out. They spoke English in front of me. I didn't drop out. I didn't get the file."

Supt. Fraser repeated that the file of the investigation, which began Aug. 11, ceased to be sent to him after Sept. 3.

## REPLACED HEAD

Supt. Fraser said he had originally appointed Sgt. Joseph McLeod, whom he had known from boyhood, to head the investigation. Three days later, Deputy Commissioner Lemieux "instructed" him that Insp. Drapeau was to head the inquiry.

Commissioner counsel Andre Desjardins asked, "whether it would not have been preferable for Supt. Fraser to appoint a French-speaking investigator because most of the persons involved were French-speaking."

"Never gave it a thought," Supt. Fraser said without a moment's hesitation.

Several counsel asked why Supt. Fraser on Aug. 19 had not ordered immediate questioning of Liberal MP Guy Rouleau, then parliamentary secretary to Prime Minister Pearson.

Montreal lawyer Pierre Lamontagne in his complaint to the RCMP said he thought Mr. Rouleau was the person behind the alleged bribe offer by Raymond Denis, then executive assistant to the immigration minister.

Supt. Fraser said he and Deputy Commissioner Lemieux decided together that three officers—Denis, Guy Lord and Andre Letendre, aides to Justice Minister Fayre—should be questioned as soon as possible.

Questioning of Mr. Rouleau would "come in due time," Supt. Fraser said.

## QUESTIONED MONTH LATER

Mr. Rouleau was questioned Sept. 17 by Insp. Drapeau. Supt. Fraser said Insp. Drapeau had sufficient authority to question Mr. Rouleau or other persons without further instructions after interviewing Denis, Lord and Letendre.

Supt. Fraser said in reply to Jules Deschenes, federal government counsel, that he had not put the investigation in any kind of a straight-jacket.

He was asked whether it wouldn't have been useful for

Lucien Rivard and his wife to be questioned.

Supt. Fraser said Rivard was in jail and his case was before the courts. Questioning of Mrs. Rivard "never entered my mind."

Rivard was arrested June 19 for U.S. authorities on narcotics conspiracy charges. Mr. Lamontagne, attorney for the U.S., said Denis offered him \$20,000 to arrange Rivard's release on bail.

Former RCMP Sergeant Ronald Crevier, the man who arrested Rivard after a nine-month investigation, testified Thursday that the force could have laid a trap which would have netted sufficient material evidence for an arrest concerning the allegations of attempted bribery and influence-peddling.

He said he felt his hands were tied and that he could not take the initiative without instructions from headquarters.

Mr. Crevier, who assisted Insp. Drapeau, said he didn't know the reason for the delay in the questioning of Mr. Rouleau.

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THE PRINCE Edward Island Hospital Board of Trustees held its annual meeting last evening in the nurse's residence. Malcolm MacKenzie, secretary, Dr. G.G. Houston, chairman, and N.D. MacLean, administrator prepare to make their reports. The meeting showed that over 50,000 people were treated at the hospital last year, and over 250,000 meals were served.

## Many Improvements At P.E.I. Hospital

Many improvements were noted at the annual meeting of the Prince Edward Island Hospital Trustee Board held in the Nurse's Residence last evening. The meeting was chaired by Dr. G.G. Houston and reports were received from all members of the board.

Hospital administrator, N.D. MacLean presented an extensive report on the hospital and residence. Mr. MacLean noted that 46,608 patients had been cared for, and 3,420 babies were born or received treatment.

Many improvements were noted in 1964. New screens were installed in second floor wards, and the front of the hospital was re-lighted and the steps were repaired. The medical department

## WESTERN FUNERALS

MULLIGAN FUNERAL — The funeral for Aden P. Mulligan was held from his late residence Thursday, Feb. 25, to St. Malachy's Church, Kinkora where Solemn Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Harold Croken, parish priest. Rev. R.F. MacDonald was deacon and Rev. Basil Croken was sub-deacon. Rev. W.J. McCordie was master of ceremonies.

A guard of honor of the 4th Degree, Knights of Columbus participated under the leadership of J.T. Callaghan. Present in the sanctuary were: Rt. Rev. P.F. MacDonald, V.G.; Rt. Rev. Patrick McMahon; Rt. Rev. J.P.E. O'Hanley; Rt. Rev. G.A. MacDonald; Rev. P.F. Hughes; Rev. W. Keeffe; Rev. Andrew MacDonald; Rev. Reginald Phalen; Rev. Ernest Gallant; Rev. T.P. Hammill; Rev. Dr. L.T. Callaghan; Rev. Clifford Murphy; Rev. Clarence Petrie and Rev. Edmund Roche. Delegates from the P.E.I. Liberal Association, Prince County Hospital Board and the Catholic Welfare Board attended in a body. The sisters of St. Martha were present in a group. Pallbearers were: John R. McCabe, Clayton McCabe, Raymond Smith, Albert Carr, John W. Farmer, Albert McCordie, John M. Mulligan Jr., and William McIvor. Interment was in the church cemetery where service was conducted by Rev. Harold Croken.

## DEATH NOTICES

Received too late for Classified death notice column

MacNEILL — At Saint John, N.B., Wednesday, Feb. 24, 1965, Clarence D. MacNeill, formerly of Miramichi, in his 52nd year. Forwarded this afternoon from the Burgess Funeral home to the home of his late brother Leon and MacNeill from where the funeral will be held Saturday to St. John the Baptist Church, Miramichi, for Requiem High Mass at 12.30 a.m. Interment in the church cemetery.

CHERRON — At Clyde River, Thursday, Feb. 25, 1965, James W. Cherron in his 58th year. Resting at the MacLean Funeral Home from where funeral will be held Saturday, Feb. 27, with service commencing at 2 p.m. Interment will take place in Argyle Shore cemetery.

HACKETT — On Feb. 25, 1965, Marvin Edward Hackett, 64, of Cow Pond, in his 52nd year. Forwarded from the Rooney Funeral Home to the residence of his sister, Mrs. Edward Gavin, Tignish, from where the funeral will be held today, Feb. 26, to St. Simon and St. Jude Church, Tignish, for Requiem High Mass at 10 o'clock. Interment in the church cemetery.

YOUNKER — At Loyola Road, Feb. 25, 1965, Mrs. Harry E. Younker in her 72nd year. Remains resting at the Cutcliffe Funeral Home until noon Saturday then to St. John's Anglican Church, Miramichi, for service at 2 p.m. Interment in the church cemetery.

HOPPER — At Amherst, N.S., Feb. 25, 1965, Mrs. Percy T.R. Hopper, Milton, P.E.I. Remains are resting at her late residence until noon today then to St. John's Anglican Church for service at 2 p.m. Interment in the church cemetery.

## MARTIAN CANALS

First reports of sightings of the "canals" on Mars came from the astronomer Giovanni Schiaparelli of Milan in 1877.

## Driver Fined On 4 Counts

Justice of the Peace Albert Dennis fined Thomas Gerard Tierney, Charlottetown, \$10 on each of four charges when he appeared in Traffic Court yesterday morning.

The accused pleaded guilty to two charges of driving a motor vehicle while not being the holder of a valid driver's license, for using another person's driving license while operating a motor vehicle and for failing to transfer the registration of a motor vehicle.

Louis Augustus Hyman of West Royalty was fined \$10 and costs for failing to transfer the registration of a motor vehicle.

James Edward Davies, Charlottetown, failed to stop at a stop sign and was fined \$10 and costs.

Douglas and MacEwen Ltd., Mt. Stewart, were fined \$10 and costs for operating a motor vehicle without sufficient equipment.

Robert Arthur MacDonald, Nine Mile Creek, was fined \$10 and costs for passing on a solid line.

For failing to report for re-inspection, Robert Vernon Trainor, Donough, was fined \$10 and costs.

## Ex Islander Gets Position

John Jay, a resident of Halifax and formerly from Charlottetown, P.E.I., has accepted the position of vice-president and manager of the engineering consulting firm of Canadian Plant and Process Engineering Ltd. with offices in Halifax in the latter part of March.

Mr. Jay was municipal director of engineering for Halifax County's public works committee since 1961.

He received elementary education at Piquet West and later moved to Halifax with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm B. Jay, in 1943. He graduated from Nova Scotia Technical College with a degree in engineering. Mr. and Mrs. Jay and infant presently reside in Halifax.

## 'Abbie' Makes 6 Full Trips

The MV Abegweit experienced summer conditions in Northumberland Strait yesterday. She made six round trips and her longest time was an hour and a half.

The CNR train was only a little off schedule last evening due to a slight delay on the mainland.

Charles E. Woodworth of RCAF Station Summerside entered a plea of guilty to a charge of failing to file a T1 income tax form for 1963, after having been demanded to do so. He was assessed a fine of \$25 and costs.

Appearing on a charge of impaired driving Harold Woodside of Summerside reserved his plea until he consulted a lawyer. The case was adjourned to March 4.

## Rev. L.M. Settle To Address Public At Christian Hall

Rev. L.M. Settle, BA, BD, Masstown, N.S., will deliver a public address in the Cavendish United Church Christian Education Hall Friday evening.

A news story yesterday incorrectly stated Mr. Settle would address the P.E.I. Ministerial Association at the Cavendish Hall.

Mr. Settle will also speak at the United Church, Summerside, at 2 p.m.

## IN MEMORIAM

In Loving Memory of Sarah L. MacKay of Stanley Bridge and Charlottetown, who departed from this life

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## HOOLEY'S MENS WEAR

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## ST. FX PRODUCTION DRAWS RAVES HERE

Brighton MacDonald, president of the SDU Alumni Association, discusses the ethnic value of a rose with Sandra Michael, one of the stars of "The Fantasticks", a production by the St. Francis Xavier University Drama Society, which drew raves from the large audience at the SDU auditorium last evening. Sandra

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