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PEARSON IS NEW LIBERAL LEADER



JUST BEFORE THE BALLOT

OTTAWA — The three remaining candidates for the Liberal leadership, vacated by Louis St. Laurent, sit on the platform at the party's fourth national convention. At the far right is Calgary's mayor Don Mackay who dropped out of the race Monday. The remaining candidates are left to right: Mayor Lloyd Henderson of Portage La Prairie, Man., former Health Minister Paul Martin, former External Affairs Minister Lester Pearson. (CP Wirephoto)

P.W.C. Principal Becomes New President Of APEC

HALIFAX (CP) — Dr. Frank MacKinnon, principal of Prince of Wales College in Charlottetown, became president of the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council Thursday, succeeding R. A. Rankin of Halifax. A council spokesman said he was named at a meeting of the executive in accordance with the APEC constitution. He will fill the president's post until the regular election later this year. Mr. Rankin, elected in 1956, resigned following his appointment to the National Harbors Board Wednesday. Dr. MacKinnon, APEC vice-president for Prince Edward Island, has been head of Prince of Wales college since 1949. He recently completed a club-sponsored speaking tour of most of the Atlantic area. He leaves for Paris Saturday with a group attending a special NATO conference. Mr. Rankin, whose harbors board appointment becomes effective Feb. 1, said he will maintain his interest in APEC. I expect to remain in close contact with APEC and will continue to be a major booster for the council," he said. The APEC president's job carries no salary. The council is an organization of business, professional, labor and education leaders in the Atlantic Provinces designed to promote the industrial and economic growth of the region.



DR. MACKINNON

French Premier Wins In Vote

PARIS (AP) — Premier Felix Gaillard's young government rode out a storm in the National Assembly Thursday, winning a slim vote of confidence on a minor but angry pension issue. The vote was 253 to 233. Gaillard refused to budge on his plan to hold up payments to First World War veterans and prisoners until Jan. 1 of next year. The pensions normally are paid quarterly.

PROVIDES TOP COPY

NEW YORK (CP) — Earle C. Peterson, advertising copywriter for James Lovick and Company Limited, Vancouver, has won \$1,000 first prize in a professional copywriters' contest sponsored by Time magazine, it was announced Thursday.

Will Attempt To Reinstate Section Men

Hon. J. Angus MacLean, Federal Minister of Fisheries, who arrived on the Island Wednesday for a four-day visit with his constituents, stated that the layoff of section men in Prince Edward Island has been brought to the attention of railway officials in Montreal and every attempt will be made to have them reinstated as soon as possible. The Minister said he was aware of the type of roadbed which exists on the Island railway and felt that the safety of the transportation system in the Province was being jeopardized by the move. During his time on the Island Mr. MacLean visited his home in Lewis. "Contrary to a press report which appeared recently, I have not purchased a home in Ottawa. Although my wife and family are now with me in Ottawa, we intend to move back to the Island in the Spring," Mr. MacLean stated.

Drifts Block Highway In Elmsdale Area

While yesterday's storm brought high winds, drizzle and rain to much of Prince Edward Island, several inches of snow fell in the West Prince area early in the day. There was sufficient snow to hold up a bus and several cars for a time in the Elmsdale area. A Department of Highways plow was dispatched to the area and traffic was moving again by mid-morning. At Charlottetown the Meteorological Station reported that 31 inches of rain had fallen during the storm. Gusts of more than 40 miles per hour were reported at 10:00 p.m. last night. A similar telephone threat was made at Truro, 60 miles north of Halifax, Wednesday night, it was reported. All trains on the Sydney-Halifax line ended their runs without incident so far as is known. CNR officials and RCMP would say nothing about the latest threat. Four cars of a Sydney-bound freight train left the tracks at Christmas Island, 40 miles from Sydney, Thursday but there was no indication the derailment had any connection with the threat. The line was cleared after a two-hour tie-up. The first threat against the Sydney express came in two anonymous phone calls to the CNR telephone switchboard in Halifax Monday.

Will Discuss C. N. R. Layoffs With Mr. Hees

The three P. E. I. federal representatives now in Ottawa — John A. Macdonald, Dr. Orville Phillips, and Heath Macquarrie, are scheduled to meet with the Minister of Transport today to discuss Island grievances in connection with the recent layoff of twenty-one section men from the Island Division of the Canadian National Railways. The Island MP's intend to stress to Mr. Hees the serious effect this reduction in maintenance of Way employees will have on Island rail transport, in view of the constant difficulty experienced in maintaining a safe roadbed.

BIGGIN HILL CLOSED

BIGGIN HILL, England (Reuters) — Biggin Hill, the most famous wartime fighter station of them all, closed Thursday as an RAF operational base. In future, only trainee airmen will use its runways.

PIONEER POST

The great explorer Simon Fraser in 1807 established a fur post about where the city of Prince George, B.C., now stands.

Expect Big Storm To Die Out Today

HALIFAX (CP) — The weather office predicted Thursday night the Cape Cod storm that roared into the Maritimes Wednesday, dumping 16 inches of snow in northern New Brunswick and over two inches of rain in Nova Scotia, will begin to die out today.

Winds that reached 50 miles an hour Thursday night are expected to drop to 20 today, but more snow was forecast for the northern regions and more rain and drizzle elsewhere.

Campbellton, N.B., reported 16.3 inches of snow Thursday and three to six inches more was predicted. Ten inches of snow fell on central New Brunswick. At Saint John rain washed away snow that fell Wednesday. Highway plows kept roads passable despite drifting.

Hardest hit by the storm were Nova Scotia lobster fishermen. It will probably be weeks before lobstermen along the south shore have an accurate estimate of equipment losses.

At Bear River, N.S., two women and two children died Thursday when flames swept through their home. The fire broke out in a gale-driven rain storm.

STORM HALTS DRAGGINGS

At Lunenburg, N.S., heavy seas and poor visibility forced RCMP to call off dragging for the body of 27-year-old duck hunter Reginald Keeping. The Lunenburg man drowned Wednesday when a small boat capsized in the storm. A school bus collided with a loaded lumber truck at Clementsville, N.S., Thursday, but only one of the 55 children in the bus was injured. The accident was blamed on wet snow covering the highway.

A power failure occurred in Halifax when salt spray short circuited a 25,000 kilowatt generator. The downtown area was blacked out for five minutes Thursday evening.

Probe New Threats To Derail Train

SYDNEY (CP) — RCMP and railroad police investigated a new threat against the CNR's Sydney express Thursday night, the third in four days.

An anonymous telephone call told the CNR city ticket office about 2 p.m. Thursday the night express for Halifax, due to leave here at 8:45 p.m. AST, "won't reach its destination." Police checked every car of the express before it left Sydney but apparently nothing was found. The train is due in Halifax at 8:35 a.m. today. A similar telephone threat was made at Truro, 60 miles north of Halifax, Wednesday night, it was reported. All trains on the Sydney-Halifax line ended their runs without incident so far as is known.

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EXPENSIVE BUSINESS

Snow Fighting Involves A Large Employment Force

Some idea of the tremendous task of converting some 66 units of road building equipment into snowfighters was gathered by a representative of the Guardian as he visited the huge Government garage on East Grafton Street yesterday afternoon. As explained by the mechanical superintendent Gordon Lord, the Department of Highways in late October began to call in all their road building equipment from all over the Province. In addition to routine repairs, each machine has to be completely refitted. For example the bulldozers have to have the blade removed and replaced by a plow. The same applies to the motor graders payloaders etc.

heaters installed. Defrosters are put in as well as block heaters, generators and lights, all of which are not needed for summer operations. Mr. Lord said that 20,000 feet of cross chain had been purchased and assembled in the garage since last fall. Of course while all this work is being done the general overhauling work on 25 heavy road grading machines, 20 lighter machines and some 100 other pieces of equipment has to be done. During the past summer the Walters company who make the well known Walters plows sent one of their experts to the Island. This man took a crew of men and gave them special instruction in the care operation and maintenance of Walters plows. Since that time this crew has been designated specifically to this phase of the work.

Beyond the garage there is still a great amount of work to be done. The storage garages where the plows are housed during the winter have to be equipped and provisioned. Fuel pumps have to be installed. It was stated that one of the larger machines working at full capacity uses about seven gallons of fuel per hour. Mr. Lord said it was not unusual during stormy weather for these machines to work round the clock. Snow fighting, Mr. Lord explained, is a very unpredictable business. That is to say, an area which experienced heavy snow last winter might well be free of snow this winter. So the problem of where to station a machine and what type of machine to place in a particular area arises. (Continued on page 11 col. 6)



THE NEW LIBERAL LEADER

Contract Let For Building At The Experimental Farm

A \$31,551 contract for the construction of a combined machine building and carpenter shop at the Experimental Farm has been awarded to M. F. Schurman Co. Ltd. of Summerside. This information was released last night by Heath Macquarrie, M.P.

Mr. Macquarrie said that work on this project was expected to commence immediately in line with the federal government's policy of providing as much additional employment as possible during this season of the year. Armco Steel would be used throughout, he said.

The Queens member stated that he and his colleague, Hon. Angus MacLean, Minister of Fisheries, had been pressing for a decision in this matter for some time. The farm superintendent, Mr. R. C. Parent said that the 80 x 50 structure would be built of pre-fabricated steel, and would be located near the farm's present machine shed. It would constitute the repair center for the farm, he said.

Rev. R. F. Malone, Native Of Lot 65, Dies In Alberta

The death occurred yesterday at the Edmonton General Hospital of Rev. Ralph F. Malone, 53, formerly of Lot 65. Father Malone had been parish priest at Leduc, Alberta, for over twenty years.

Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Michael Malone, he was ordained priest in Edmonton in January 1927, and served in that diocese during the remainder of his lifetime, with the exception of several years during World War Two when he served in Canada and overseas as a Captain in the Canadian Chaplain Service. He is survived by three sisters and four brothers: Mary, Mrs. J. T. McQuaid, Riverdale; Annie, Mrs. Albert Smith, Kelly's Cross; Marguerite, Mrs. Peter Murray, Green Bay; Aubrey, in Halifax; Elmer, in Windsor, Ontario; and Cecil and Harold, Green Bay. His remains will be brought to P. E. I. for burial.

U. S. Offers Aid To India

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — The United States Thursday offered India an economic aid package of \$20,000,000, chiefly in loans, to assist its second five-year development plan. The state department said it is willing to discuss a loan program of about \$225,000,000 from the development loan fund and the export-import bank.

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TRIBUTE FOR EX-PM

Mr. Pearson moved a resolution expressing esteem for the 75-year-old Louis St. Laurent, the retiring chief. He posed in a handclasp with Mr. Martin; with Mr. Martin and Mr. Henderson and then with Mr. St. Laurent.

The official announcement of his victory came at 9:12 p.m. EST. The Canadian Press made the first unofficial report of it at 9:05 p.m.

Mike Pearson is the fifth leader in Liberal history, successor to Alexander Mackenzie, Wilfrid Laurier, Mackenzie King and Mr. St. Laurent. Mr. Pearson's face was flushed as he heard the results.

In his acceptance speech, he pledged himself to follow Liberal principles, charged the Conservatives with having "smothered" their 1956 convention resolutions "in one of the crullest acts of political infanticide in history," he added.

"With your help, I can and will lead this new, strong and great party to victory—and soon—not for ourselves but for our country."

WINNER FROM START

Mr. Pearson, a one-time Toronto history professor, was conceded by observers as a winner right from the convention's start. He had the support of the party's brass, and Mr. Martin tried to exploit this, appealing directly to the grass roots. But apparently Mr. Pearson also had tremendous popularity in the grass.

There were no spoiled ballots. Balloting started shortly after 7:30 p.m. A total of 32 ballot boxes were collected. Thirty-eight scrutineers participated.

Senator Inman Introduces Resolution On Housing

OTTAWA (Special) — Senator Elsie Inman took a strong hand here at the Liberal Convention on behalf of housing. She introduced a resolution before the convention and was well received. Senator Inman's resolution reads: "Whereas the Liberal party realizes the importance of good housing to our Canadian way of life, and because they believe home ownership aids citizens to develop strong roots in a community giving them economic and social stability. We believe everything possible should be done to facilitate home ownership, not only new home ownership, but aid extended to include the financing of the purchase of used homes. "Be it therefore resolved that the Federal Government institute a new housing policy offering generous federal financial assistance coupled with increased co-operation from the Provincial and municipal governments, to enable people in the modest-income bracket to own their own homes, whether such homes are newly built or used homes. Also that Federal assistance be given municipal or provincial projects for slum clearance and the construction of low-rental housing developments for the workers with low incomes, and our senior citizens. And that the problem of high rentals be given studied consideration."

St. Laurent Is Moved By Demonstration

OTTAWA (CP) — Mike Pearson's first act as Liberal leader Thursday night was to move a resolution expressing the convention's "unbounded respect, admiration and affection" for retiring party leader Louis St. Laurent.

The resolution, moving after defeated leadership candidate Paul Martin announced he will work with the new chief, was unanimously approved with a resounding cheer.

Mr. St. Laurent was obviously moved by the warm demonstration of affection.

"I am deeply moved by this new tribute of your esteem and affection," he said. He had no notes. He left off his glasses and spoke very slowly, seeming to search for the right word now and again.

He urged the party to get behind its new leader. Party members should "pledge our best efforts to support our new leader."

Liberalism is a doctrine, he said, that will apply with beneficial results not only to the present but to future generations of Canadians. He was confident Mr. Pearson would be elected prime minister. "I thank you from the bottom of my heart," he said.

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Mr. Martin predicted a victory for himself on the basis that he knew how to handle John G. Diefenbaker, prime minister and Progressive Conservative leader.

Mr. Martin's campaign headquarters appeared weak compared with the strong support extended to Mr. Pearson. Earlier, the political organization committee recommended possible shifts in the office of national federation president after the convention rejected its original report.

The committee recommended and the convention agreed that "whenever practicable, the office of president be rotated among the provinces."

The hierarchy also agreed, again at insistence from the floor, that the party call a national policy conference "at least every four years and wherever practicable, such conferences to be rotated among the provinces."

Speeches from prominent Liberals interlarded discussion of resolutions but on the whole the convention appeared dull. At many points there was a decided lack of attention by delegates. A local female night-spot singer, a spectator, got more attention than speakers.

There was repeated talk of the possibility of an early general election. The convention approved a recommendation from its political organization committee that a special campaign committee be created "because of the imminence of a federal election."

But among some party lieutenants a note of caution was sounded privately. They wanted no early vote. The new leader would hold a caucus at which policy would be decided. But it appeared he would be urged to hold back and not try to stir the Conservatives into a fast battle at the polls.

Will Discuss Tactics Soon

OTTAWA (CP) — New Liberal leader Lester B. Pearson indicated Thursday night he is not thinking of trying to defeat the minority Progressive Conservative government next week to force an election. He told a press conference a caucus of Liberal members of Parliament will be called "very soon" to discuss tactics. "Events are crowding in on us," he said. One of the events he obviously referred to is the government's intention to provide a chance next week for the Commons opposition to present a non-confidence motion. If such a motion were carried, an election would be virtually certain in about two months.

VERSATILE GENIUS

Michelangelo, who died in 1564, was a painter, sculptor, architect and poet.

PREMIER MATHESON SPEAKS

Makes Strong Appeal For PEI Farming Interests

OTTAWA (Special) — Premier Alex Matheson Thursday made a strong plea for agriculture in Canada generally, but for agriculture in Prince Edward Island particularly. He said anyone could see that farming was not doing too well in the Atlantic area. He called: (A) for more Federal aid for agriculture, (B) the need for free trade in Canada. Mr. Matheson's symposium on the needs of Maritime agriculture was well received here at the Liberal convention. He said: "Mr. Chairman and fellow Liberals: since I am the only one from the Atlantic region who is scheduled to speak on the very important subject of agriculture and marketing, I believe I should refer to all four of the Atlantic Provinces. I am sure you will not expect me to place Prince Edward Island last. I will not for at least two reasons—firstly, I am a Prince Edward Islander and secondly, our small Province is the main agricultural area in the Atlantic Region. The other provinces do have some outstanding farming sections but all the land of Prince Edward Island responds to good cultivation methods. We have an acreage area in this small Province of less than one-tenth of the area of Nova Scotia or New Brunswick, but these large provinces have slightly more than twice the number of acres of land under cultivation.

STEADY DECLINE

"There has been a steady decline in the number of farms in the Atlantic area in the past five years. This can be attributed to an amalgamation of small farms and general economic conditions. I know statistics are usually dull, but I must use some to illustrate my point. In the period from 1951-1956, according to the census of 1956, the percentage change in the number of farms in Canada was 7.7. "Let me show you how the Atlantic Provinces fitted into this table. In Prince Edward Island the decline was an even seven percent or point seven better than the Canadian average. In Nova Scotia the decline was 10.4 percent. In New Brunswick the decline was 16.3 percent and in Newfoundland the decline was 34.2 percent.

"In the same table the number of acres of farm lands in each province was listed. The Canadian average showed a decline of one-tenth of one percent. In Prince Edward Island the decline was 2.7 percent. In Nova Scotia the decrease in number of acres was 12.5 percent. In New Brunswick the decrease in number of acres was 14.1 percent and in Newfoundland it was 15.6 percent. you will see from these statistics that there has been a very substantial decrease in all the Atlantic Provinces with the exception of Prince Edward Island where the reduction in number of acres was near the Canadian average. In fact, the position of Prince Edward Island was better than any other province in Canada except the province of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta where there was a slight increase in the number of acres of farm lands. "Anyone can readily see that the farming situation is not good in the Atlantic area. We must find ways and means to remedy the problems that present themselves. Unfortunately, I cannot speak with any knowledge of the problems that beset the agricultural industry of the other three Atlantic Provinces, but (Continued on page 11 col. 7)

Turks Nip Plot To Oust Government

ISTANBUL, Turkey (Reuters) — Military authorities said Thursday night nine army officers, including three colonels had been arrested here for attempting to overthrow the government.

MORE One of the colonels involved is retired from the army. Turkey, a republic of 24,000,000, is ruled by the Democratic party led by President Celal Bayar and Premier Adnan Menderes. The right-wing party won elections in 1950 and has remained in office since. The government favors close relations with the West and is a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the Baghdad Pact and the Balkan Alliance (with Greece and Yugoslavia).

Rebels In Cuba Shoot Up Town

HANNA (AP) — Rebel leader Fidel Castro's band shot up the town of Veguitas Thursday and dashed back to mountain hideouts after a battle with government forces. Heavy casualties were reported on both sides.