

Hon. Keir Clark Appointed New Provincial Treasurer

Following a cabinet meeting yesterday, Premier A. W. Matheson announced that he has relinquished the portfolio of Provincial Treasurer, which he has held since the retirement of Hon. W. E. Darby, to the Hon. Keir Clark, Minister of Education. Mr. Clark will continue to hold the education portfolio, but his main duties will be in connection with the financial affairs of the Province.

Earlier yesterday, Mr. J. George MacKay, Liberal representative for Fourth Prince, was sworn in as a member of the Government by His Honour, Lieutenant Governor Prowse, and later sat in at his first cabinet meeting.

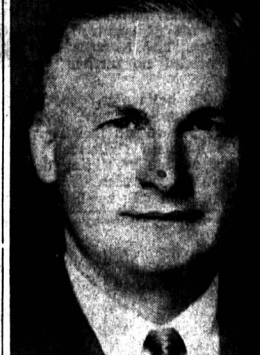
Hon. Mr. Clark first entered provincial politics when he was elected a representative for Third Kings in 1947. He was re-elected in 1951, became minister without portfolio in June of that year, and in June, 1953, was appointed Minister of Education.

He came to the provincial field with a background of experience in municipal politics, having served as Mayor of the town of Montague in 1940.

Mr. Clark was born at Mount Stewart where his father, Mr. Russell C. Clark, a veteran member of the Legislature, conducted business for many years. He attended Prince of Wales College and Dalhousie University, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Commerce. He then took over the management of Clark Bros., new store in Montague, and since that time has acted in this capacity.

Mr. MacKay was first elected to the Legislature by acclamation on July 4, 1949, and was again returned in the general election of April 26, 1951.

The members of the Provincial Government are now as follows: Hon. A. W. Matheson, Q.C., Premier, President of the Executive Council, and Attorney General since the resignation of Hon. Mr. Darby; Hon. B. Earle MacDonald, Minister of Health and Welfare; Hon. C. Cleveland Baker, Minister of Agriculture; Hon. William Hughes, Provincial Secretary; Hon. Eugene Cullen, Minister of Industry and Natural Resources; Hon. Douglas MacKinnon, Minister of Public Works and Highways; Hon.



Hon. Keir Clark
Provincial Treasurer and
Minister of Education



Mr. J. George MacKay
Minister without Portfolio

3 Soldiers Seek Queen's Watch With Mine Detectors

SANDRINGHAM, Eng. (Reuters)—Three British soldiers with mine detectors were busy Thursday at the spot where Queen Elizabeth lost a wristwatch in a haystack.

The soldiers were brought to the royal estate here from 60 miles away after news spread that the Queen had lost her watch in a barley field. The Queen herself hunted for the missing timepiece two days but gave up after 30 minutes of poking around under stacks of straw.

The tiny watch is of platinum and was worn mounted on a bracelet. It was given to the Queen by President Le Brun of France in 1938 and, together with the bracelet, is valued at about \$800.

The Queen, who is staying at the Royal Family's country home here, was out walking with her mother and two pet dogs Tuesday and stopped to watch farmers threshing barley in a field. As she watched the Queen lifted the little dog over the fence and let them scurry after the rats that often make their homes in stacks of grain.

The three soldiers, members of an engineers mine disposal squad, subjected the area to a more scientific search Thursday, with delicate instruments capable of detecting even a needle in a barley stack.

33 Bail Out Of Big Transport

FAIRBANKS, Alaska. (AP)—Thirty-three men participating in the "army-air force" "Operation Snowbird" were forced to bail out of a crippled transport plane over Ladd Air force base Thursday night. All were soon accounted for.

The plane later landed successfully. The big C-119 Flying Box Car carrying paratroopers radioed the control tower at the air base that it was experiencing engine trouble. It dumped its passengers as it flew over the field but some of them drifted a considerable distance.

Dairy Farmers Want Gov't Explanation Of Cheese Deal

OTTAWA (CP)—The head of the Dairy Farmers of Canada said the government apparently feels Canada's dairy industry is expendable.

Gilbert MacMillan said in a statement Thursday the policy decision to allow imports of New Zealand cheese is a "grave mistake and can bring hardship to many thousands of hard-working farm people across Canada."

Although Trade Minister Howe had made a statement on the matter in the Commons, Mr. MacMillan said the government still owes the dairy producers "some explanation as to why this change of policy at this time, an explanation that certainly has not yet been given."

POLICE, CITIZENS FOIL BANK BANDITS AT VANCOUVER; THREE MEN ARRESTED

Blame Argument Over \$50 For Murder, Suicide

POLITIMORE, Que. (CP)—A drawn-out argument between two bachelors over \$50 has been blamed by police for what they believe was a murder and suicide at a lonely fishing lodge six miles north of here.

The body of Cyrille Barbeau, 54-year-old caretaker at the Denholm Angling Club, was found Thursday morning on frozen Lac. St. Germain, near this village about 40 miles north of Hull, Que. In the charred ruins of the lodge nearby was the body of Raoul Paquette of Hull.

Quebec provincial police said the 63-year-old woodcutter, Paquette, shot Barbeau Wednesday night, set fire to the lodge, possibly out of vengeance, and then shot himself through the mouth.

Reconstructing the events leading to the double slaying, police said Paquette and Barbeau, along with Raoul Seguin of Hull and his son, Joseph, were returning across the lake to the lodge from a wood-cutting trip.

OLD ARGUMENT

As they walked, Paquette and Barbeau argued over the \$50 the woodcutter claimed the caretaker had owed him since a year ago last fall, when Paquette looked after the lodge for a week. It was a long argument, in which Barbeau had long taken the stand that Paquette should have been satisfied with room and board.

Suddenly the woodcutter raised the 20-gauge shotgun he was carrying and blasted the caretaker in the head. The Seguins fled. From Politimore they got in touch with the QPP in Hull.

REDS NAME AMBASSADOR

HONG KONG (Reuters)—Liu Hsiao, has been appointed Communist China's new ambassador to Moscow, Peiping radio announced Thursday. Hsiao, 48, will replace Chang Wen Tien. The radio said Chang was returning to Peiping to concentrate on his job as vice-minister for foreign affairs.

Lock Jailer In Cell Block

When jailer Hugh Daley entered the cell block to release a prisoner for supper, the pattern of previous jail breaks was repeated, when the two men grabbed him and forcibly took the keys.

After freeing themselves they locked the main gate of the cell block and thus locked the jailer in this area of the jail. Fleeing into the jail yard they escaped by unlocking the gate and then disappeared after throwing away the keys, which were found later in the evening.

The jailer, who lives on the third floor of the building, attracted the attention of his wife by pounding on pipes in the cell block.

She in turn notified the R.C.M.P. and phoned the assistant jailer, the only other person who assists the jailer in the around-the-clock job of guarding the custody of the inmates at this jail.

On arrival with his set of keys the assistant jailer released jailer Daley, and an immediate search was launched by R.C.M.P. and town police for the escapees.

At the time of their escape Thibeau was wearing a plaid shirt and blue dungarees, while Murphy was dressed in navy trousers and a blue American Navy jacket. Both men are said to be in their 20's.

Five-Nation Commission Arrives

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (AP)—A United States Air Force plane brought a five-nation commission here Thursday to investigate Costa Rica's war, now in its third day.

The big question was whether this Central American republic has been invaded, as its government charges, or faces a purely internal revolution, as neighboring Nicaragua contends.

Foreign Minister Mario Esquivel expressed pleasure at the arrival of the commission, but added that was not what Costa Rica had asked of the Western Hemisphere organization.

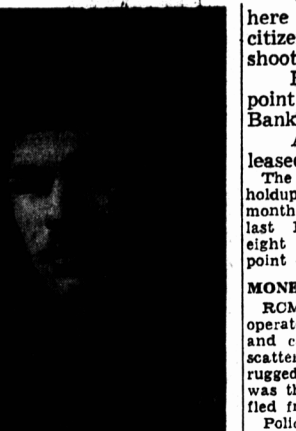
He said Costa Rica had asked invocation of the treaty of Rio de Janeiro, which provides for joint action if any American state is invaded. President Jose Figueres has charged that exiles and others



Lieut. Col. A. W. Rogers, E.D.



Lieut. Col. A. H. Peake, C.D.



Major E. K. Kennedy

Local Military Officers Receive Promotions

A change in Command of the Prince Edward Island Regiment (17 R.E.C.C.E.) was announced yesterday in a telegram to Brigadier G. G. K. Peake, D.S.O., E.D., Commander No. 2 Group Headquarters, from Headquarters, Eastern Command, Halifax. The changes are effective January 1.

Lieutenant-Colonel A. W. Rogers, E.D., who has commanded this unit for the past six years has been transferred to the Headquarters staff of No. 2 Militia Group. As commanding officer of the Prince Edward Island Regiment he is being succeeded by his second-in-command of the Regiment, Major A. H. Peake, C.D.

Major E. K. Kennedy, who has been an officer commanding "A" Squadron will succeed Major Peake as second-in-command of the Regiment. Lieutenant-Colonel A. W. Rogers, E.D., is the son of Mrs. R. B. Rogers, 78 Upper Prince Street, Charlottetown and the late Lieutenant R. B. Rogers, the late Mr. Rogers served with the 25th Battalion and was killed in action at Hogue on June 10th, 1916.

Bustamante Loses Grip

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) Prime Minister William Alexander Bustamante, anti-Communist kingly of Jamaica politics for a decade, lost his grip today on the island government.

In line for prime minister is Norman Washington Manley, long-time leader of the PNP, considered a Socialist group further left than the Labor party. Manley, an Oxford-educated lawyer, is a first cousin and bitter political foe of Bustamante. Manley pledged he would work for the island's self-government and enlist capital from abroad for its economic development.

Jamaican Labor Gov't Defeated

gave 18 seats in the House of Representatives to the Opposition People's National Party and 14 to Bustamante's Labor party.

But he said no successor could match his accomplishments "perhaps within 100 years."

Returns from this British West Indian colony's election Wednesday

Princess Unhurt In Car Accident

ROYSTON, England—(CP)—Princess Margaret escaped unhurt when a car in which she was riding collided with another automobile Thursday night.

Princess Margaret was returning to London from the royal country estate at Sandringham when the car skidded on the icy road rounding a corner and bumped into a car in front.

The cars were almost at a standstill when the collision occurred. No one was injured and there was no damage.

"It was a case of bumper hitting bumper," a police official said.

Princess Margaret continued her journey to London with little delay.

Hammarskjold Returns To N. Y.

By FRANCIS W. CARPENTER UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP)—UN Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold returned Thursday night from Peiping and what he called the "first stage" of his efforts for release of 11 American airmen jailed as spies in Red China.

He indicated the door is open to further contact and called for restraint on all sides.

Unemployment Insurance Bill Approved Speedily

OTTAWA (CP)—Parliament gave speedy approval Thursday to the government's bill to extend unemployment insurance benefits, handling it as an emergency.

The measure—increasing and extending the duration of supplementary insurance payments—went into effect immediately. Those qualifying for the new scales will start collecting as from last Monday.

By unanimous agreement, the Commons and Senate suspended their normal procedures to give the bill precedence. The Commons broke into its throne speech debate to give it second and third readings. The Senate promptly

whipped it through three readings; usually, separate days are required for each stage.

On the whole, we feel that the present period, within the limits of the money available, is about right," Mr. Gregg said.

The bill has these effects:

1. Supplementary benefits, paid during cold-weather months of low employment to those normally qualified for benefits but whose benefit period has run out, will be increased to 100 per cent from about 80 per cent of regular payments.

2. Recipients will be entitled to a minimum of 60 days of payments. The minimum now is 18 days.

3. The Progressive Conservative attempt to extend the general time limit on the supplementary benefits to 15 months was made by Mrs. Ellen Fairclough of Hamilton West, the party's labor specialist.

Woman Charged Following Death In Rooming House

TORONTO (CP)—Discovery of a woman's scantily-clad body in a rooming house early Thursday led to a murder charge against Mary McFarland.

Police said Mrs. Madeleine McDonald, 29, formerly of Montreal, died while vomiting after a drinking bout. The possibility that other causes contributed to the death was investigated.

Dr. Smirle Lawson, supervising coroner for Ontario, said the woman had no marks on her throat to indicate violence. He said the alcohol content of her blood was high. The contents of her stomach will be analyzed, he said.

A police official said that although the direct cause of death was asphyxiation from the vomit, police want to know what caused the woman's sickness.

Mrs. McFarland appeared in court and was remanded to Jan. 15 for mental examination.

Montreal police said Mrs. McDonald was well-known to them. She served a term for theft and was wanted in connection with a 1949 offense.

NEVER DROP, IDLE REMARKS: THE WRONG PEOPLE MAY PICK THEM UP

TORONTO (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

	Min	Max
Dawson	13	17
Vancouver	37	44
Victoria	44	47
Edmonton	23	28
Calgary	25	39
Regina	1	29
Winnipeg	7b	16
Toronto	14	27
Ottawa	6	19
Montreal	11	16
Quebec	3	16
Fredericton	2b	17
St. John	9	17
Moncton	8	22
Halifax	22	26
Charlottetown	21	23
Sydney	26	31
Yarmouth	23	—
St. Johns	30	35

HALIFAX (CP)—The Dominion public weather office here says cold air from Quebec is flowing into the western regions while milder air off the Atlantic is flowing into the eastern part of the district. Temperatures range from 10 at Mont Joli to 27 at Sydney. A storm centred 200 miles southeast of Cape Cod is intensifying. The area of snow around it is unlikely to reach land. Winds over this district will increase, with a continuation of cloudy weather and snowfalls.

Regional forecasts: Prince Edward Island: Cloudy with scattered snowflurries; little change in temperature; northerly winds 20. Low-high at Charlottetown 20 and 25.

Bay of Chaleur, New Brunswick: Variable cloudiness with little change in temperature; northerly winds 15. Low-high at Moncton 10 and 20. Fredericton five and 20. Saint John 10 and 20. Edmonton zero and 15. Campbellton five and 15.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 2:33 a. m. and 3:02 p. m. Sun rises today at 7:11 a. m. and sets at 4:36 p. m.