



AFTER THREE years abroad as Canadian ambassador to Cuba, Haiti and the Dominican Republic, Hector Allard has returned to Canada to take a new assignment. He spent three months on the family farm at

Marquette, Man., for a rest and noted it was only his third visit to the farm in 13 years. The 57-year-old native of Notre Dame de Grace, Man., joined the external affairs department in 1932 and served in diplomatic

posts at Washington, Mexico, Brussels and Geneva. He is shown here during a 1957 visit to Jasper Park Lodge with his wife, son Hector, Jr., and daughters Sabine and Isabelle. They have three other daughters and another son. (CP Photo)

External Affairs Veteran Looks Like Country Squire

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MARQUETTE, Man. (CP)—The tall, sturdily-built man stood in the muddy country lane and looked fondly over a field of golden wheat stubble.

Wearing a topcoat and peaked cap against the chill autumn air, Hector Allard, former Canadian ambassador to Cuba, Haiti and the Dominican Republic, looked more like a country squire than a distinguished member of his country's diplomatic corps.

"I'm afraid I'm what you call an absentee landlord," he said in an interview shortly before leaving for Ottawa to receive his next assignment from the external affairs department. "This is only my third visit to the family farm since 1946."

and social receptions many imagine it to be.

"There is a tremendous amount of hard work and study involved in keeping abreast of one's assignment and world events in general," he said.

"The ambassador's first job is to maintain good relations between his country and the government to which he has been designated. Therefore, he has to do a good deal of receiving and, in turn, attending the receptions tendered by local officials."

KEEPS OTTAWA INFORMED

But the ambassador also must keep his own government informed on events and policies in his assigned country that may affect Canada, as well as acting as spokesman for Canada in the foreign state.

"To do this requires an immense amount of homework. The ambassador has to know the country where he is working inside out, and he has to keep up to date on the affairs of his own land as well."

Keeping abreast of events in Cuba was a hectic job. Mr. Allard's assignment there coincided with the revolution led by Fidel Castro, now Cuban prime minister.

"It took all my time to follow the course of the revolution," he said. "My Cuban friends politely warned me that it was not a healthy time to travel far from Havana, so I had to get all the information there."

Mr. Allard declined to express opinions on the merits or faults of the revolution.

MAY WRITE BOOK

"I'll wait until I retire before discussing such things. Perhaps I'll write a book about my experiences."

Of French-Canadian parentage, Mr. Allard speaks with a modulated English accent, which perhaps reflects his days at Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar.

A graduate of the University of Manitoba, he also studied at the Institute of International Relations before becoming an associate professor of French at the University of Alberta.

He lectured there from 1928 until joining the external affairs department in 1932.

An avid scholar, much of his spare time is taken up with study and reading. As befits his profession, chief interests are history and political science.

FOND OF SPORTS

The broad-shouldered diplomat also enjoys outdoor pastimes, such as riding, golf and hunting.

"I hope to shoot a few ducks before returning to Ottawa," he said.

While it has been some time since he has been home for the Manitoba duck season, Mr. Allard has had a chance to tackle some relatively exotic game during his foreign assignments, including wild boar in Belgium and wild pigeon in Cuba.

Mr. Allard and his wife, the former Marie Nicole Auffray of Paris, France, have seven children—five girls and two boys—ranging in age from 10 to 29.

Mrs. Allard, a former concert singer and CBC radio performer, enjoys the diplomatic life very much, Mr. Allard said. "She comes from a family of French diplomats and has several cousins who are close to the rank of ambassador."

AT HOME FOR REST

The visit to the modest farm, 20 miles west of Winnipeg on the banks of the Assiniboine River, was for a three-month rest after three years as ambassador to Cuba, Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

Since joining the department in 1932, the 57-year-old native of Notre Dame de Grace, Man., has risen to the rank of ambassador—highest in the diplomatic profession—while serving in posts at Washington, Mexico City, Brussels and Geneva.

At Geneva he served three years as Canada's permanent representative at the European office of the United Nations. During this assignment, he sat in on meetings of the Big Four chiefs of state and the Big Four foreign ministers in 1955, as well as following sessions of the dozen other UN agencies based at Geneva.

A sidelight to his UN term was the growth of the Canadian establishment at Geneva from a two-room office to one occupying 12 rooms.

GROWING IMPORTANCE

"This expansion gives an indication of Canada's importance in the United Nations—an importance I'm certain will continue to grow," he said.

"Canada is in the happy position of having no axes to grind, and from this neutral standpoint she is free to try to find peace formulas for other members."

Reflecting on his career to date, Mr. Allard remarked that a diplomat's life is far from the constant round of cocktail parties.

DEAD SEA SCROLLS
Topic Of Address
To Alberton Men

ALBERTON—The United Church Men of Alberton pastoral charge held their first regular meeting of the season Monday evening. They assembled first around the tables and enjoyed a delicious goose dinner served by Alberton Ladies' Aid.

During a brief worship period the theme hymn, "Rise Up, O Men of God" and several other hymns were sung with Miss Annie Leard as pianist. Russell Leard led in prayer.

Rev. Ross A. Howard, minister of O'Leary Baptist church, was guest speaker. He gave an interesting address on the Dead Sea Scrolls, ancient Biblical manuscripts, recently discovered, which are of great significance because of the contribution they make to our knowledge of the Bible.

Retiring president, Frank Bryan, presided over the meeting. Officers for the coming year will be installed at the next meeting. Elmer MacLean, past president; Frank Bryan, vice-president; Arthur Hudson, secretary; Angus Milligan and treasurer; Norman Hardy.

NOT TOO WINDY

Average hourly wind speed at Chicago—long known as the "Windy City"—is 8.5 miles an hour, compared with 15.2 at Atlantic City.

Committee Named To Study Religious Education Project

A further study regarding the possibility of including religious education in the curriculum of public schools will follow a meeting held Monday night at the YMCA sponsored by the Charlottetown Ministerial Association.

A nominating and exploratory committee was named to study the possible framework of a constitution and to bring in a slate of officers that would constitute a Christian Education committee. This committee will report to a public meeting to be called early in the near year.

The meeting also recommended that the Ministerial Association compile a list of scriptural passages that could be read by the teachers in the schools. These passages would be compiled according to grades.

It was also recommended that the Ministerial Association order sample copies of the religious text books now in use in the Province of Ontario.

The meeting chaired by Rev. R.S. Latimer heard reports of religious education, as it is taught in several of the provinces of Canada, by Rev. E.R. MacLean, D.D., chairman of the committee on religious education for the Province of Ontario.

Dr. MacLean said one of the

fears that confronted the move in Ontario was that of denominationalism. However, he reported that there has not been an objection from "even the most radical sects." He said the legislation which is on the basis of corporate compulsion allows for conscientious objection from teacher, school board or parents.

At the present time, he said, only 19 school boards out of 400 have asked for exemption from instruction. He described the program in Ontario as most congenial.

Among the suggestions left by Dr. MacLean were that the Association request changes in the education act that specifically mention the Lord's Prayer as part of the religious exercises permitted in the schools of PEI.

Although the Lord's Prayer is recited in many of the Island's schools, it is not specifically mentioned in the school act, Dr. MacLean pointed out.

He suggested that religious instruction might be included in the Normal College course of prospective teachers and proposed a public campaign to arouse interest on the subject in the rural areas of the province as well as in the city.

He suggested that ministers should treat school teachers as professional equals and be prepared to offer them advice on matters pertaining to Christian education.

He felt that a campaign should be initiated in the churches to encourage young people to pursue the teaching profession as a Christian vocation.

He also thought a free pamphlet setting forth the section of the school act in relation to religious instruction should be distributed among citizens so that they may be aware of what may or may not be permitted in this field at the present time.

Dr. MacLean recommended that a committee be named to explore the religious content of present school texts. He said that one Ontario text book revealed enough content for 60 Sunday School lessons.

Finally he suggested that a pilot experiment with the backing of the clergy, the school board and the Department of Education be undertaken in one or two schools to see what results could be accomplished.

Engineer's Wife To Launch Dredge

SYDNEY (CP)—A 90-foot dredge built for the federal works department by Sydney Engineering and Drydock Company will be launched here today (Wednesday).

The vessel designated Dredge No. 10 will be used in Prince Edward Island harbors. It will be christened by Mrs. Clive Currie, wife of the Prince Edward Island district engineer for the work department.

Hunter River Teachers Elect

FREDERICTON—Eleven teachers of the Hunter River local met in Fredericton School No. 10 the first in a series of workshop meetings on Thursday.

Mrs. Winnifred Cutcliffe acted as chairman, and welcomed the teachers.

The following officers were elected for the year: president, Mrs. Winnifred Cutcliffe; vice-president, Mrs. Pearl MacDonald; secretary and press secretary, Mrs. Shirley Dickieson.

It was decided to hold meetings in different centres, Bradbane, Hunter's River, etc. throughout the year. Next meeting will be held the week of Nov. 9, when a full display of exchange work from J. R. C. will be on view. A special guest will also be invited.

Mrs. Cutcliffe introduced Mr. Ross, supervisor of schools who spoke to the teachers on various matters pertaining to schoolwork.

He also led discussions on "the teaching of literature and science—some practical and helpful suggestions were given.

Mr. Ross mentioned the value of Home and School Associations in the community and hoped to see new members and branches throughout the coming year. He also spoke of the value of teachers attending study group of different kinds, meetings pertaining to education, and of reading widely.

A highlight of the evening was the display of work done by various Red Cross branches throughout the world. Many interesting paintings, albums, and items of hand work were displayed.

Murray River, and one brother, Donald, California.

The funeral was held from her late residence on Monday, Oct. 26th, when the service was conducted by Hugh Roberts, assisted by Charles Beyea.

Hymns sung were "Precious Thought My Father Knoweth", "Fading Away Like the Stars of the Morning" and "Sweet, Sweet Release".

Pall bearers were James Richards, Fred White, Hugh MacBeth, Neil Munn, Heywood MacLean Jr., and Murdock Gillis.

Interment was in the Murray River cemetery.

Vandalism Not Tolerated Says RCMP

Inspector A.S. MacNeill, officer commanding "L" Division, yesterday issued a warning that in connection with this year's Halloween celebrations, that the force is through with merely issuing warnings to those participating in activities which go beyond that of good clean fun.

Detachments throughout the province have been instructed that any person caught engaged in vandalism or the destruction of public or private property will be required to appear before a magistrate to account for their actions.

The clean pranks of the younger set of window soaping, doorbell ringing and noisy chatter, is easily tolerated he said, but it is the actions of the older set that is of concern to both the police and householders. Their kind of so-called fun can often run into considerable expense to the person on which the exaggerated prank is played.

To ensure the greatest possible coverage of the districts patrolled by the RCMP, Insp. MacNeill announced that every available man and car will be employed on patrol Halloween night. To augment the regular policing staff, every member of the office staff is also being detailed for patrol duties.

To cut down on the possibility of damage, the inspector suggested that citizens could aid in this if they would place whatever goods and equipment they can in a secure storage space. "In this way," he said, "a good proportion of the temptation will have been removed from would be vandals."



DIES IN STREET AFTER SHOOTING

Dressed in dressing gown and pajamas, Albert William Smart, 67, sprawls dead in a rain-washed Toronto street. Police said he was victim in what appeared to be double-killing and

suicide. His daughter Phyllis Panasiuk, 43, bride of eight weeks was also shot. Police said William Panasiuk, 63-year-old retired grocer, shot his wife and father-in-law in the street then

went in the house and turned his rifle on himself. Roomers in the home said they heard Panasiuk say he was going to kill the pair after an argument over \$2,000 his wife had spent. (CP Wirephoto)

Regional Auditor Is Island Native

MONCTON, (CP)—The appointment of G. Homer Betz as regional auditor of the Atlantic Region was announced here Tuesday by the CNR. He succeeds the late C. L. Stevens.

Mr. Betz was born at West Point, P.E.I. and joined the

CNR in 1916 as a clerk in the accounting department. He was appointed acting travelling accountant in April 1929, and was confirmed in that position a year later. On June 1, 1947, he was appointed chief travelling accountant and became assistant regional auditor Jan. 1, 1956.

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Mrs. C. Cuddy, 58 Dies in Hospital

MONTAGUE—The death of Mrs. Clarence Cuddy of Gladstone in her 58th year, occurred at the Kings County Memorial Hospital, Montague, on Saturday, Oct. 24th.

Left to mourn her passing are her husband and three daughters: Joan (Mrs. Edward Muttart) Gladstone; Catherine (Mrs. Leon Buell) Murray River; Clara (Mrs. Douglas White) Ontario; and one son Harold, Gladstone. Also one sister, Catherine MacDonald.

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