

# Can The Prime Minister Be A Private Citizen As Well?

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OTTAWA (CP)—Can the prime minister of Canada be a private citizen too? If so, when?  
That question was thoroughly debated in the Commons Friday. And if no firm conclusion was reached out of the conflict of views, the debate at least focused attention on the position of the man who lives in relative seclusion at his residence at 24 Sussex Street and who heads the government from his office in the east block of the Parliament Buildings.  
The issue was over a letter Prime Minister St. Laurent wrote to A. D. Duntion, CBC board chairman, criticizing the "persiflage tone" of a CBC radio commentary last October by a professor in Winnipeg.  
Mr. St. Laurent said he wrote his letter to the CBC "as a Canadian citizen."  
**OPPOSITION'S VIEW**  
Progressive Conservative and CCF critics held that such a let-

ter, written to the head of a crown corporation, can only be viewed as carrying the authority of the prime minister's office.  
One Conservative member asked Mr. St. Laurent whether he thought it would have been improper to write such a letter in his capacity as prime minister.  
"No, I do not think it would have been proper," Mr. St. Laurent replied.  
The prime minister stated his view of his position at several points in the debate.  
"It is not as prime minister that I listen to radio broadcasts," he said at one time. Later:  
"The prime minister as such has no control over the CBC but the prime minister can listen sometimes to radio broadcasts. . . He can sometimes have an opinion of his own about the value of that broadcast."  
**SUPPORT FOR LOW**  
Social Credit Leader Low sided with Mr. St. Laurent. He said the prime minister has the same right as ordinary MPs to comment on the radio, in or out of Parliament, so

long as he does not try to interfere with CBC programming.  
But members of the other parties said the prime minister, in any dealings with crown corporations like the CBC cannot act as a private citizen.  
R. E. Knight (CCF—Saskatoon) said Mr. St. Laurent "cannot avoid the fact, and he would not want to, that he is the prime minister of Canada." That fact was the greatest reason why the letter to Mr. Duntion should not have been written.  
Stanley Knowles, CCF expert on parliamentary procedure, said the prime minister cannot have a dual personality.  
"He knows that he cannot make any utterance that does not carry with it the weight of the prime minister of Canada."  
Colin Cameron (CCF—Nanaimo) put it bluntly. He said there are 19 people in Canada—members of the federal cabinet—who must not express criticism of the CBC "because in their hands lies the power to do something about the CBC."

## TIMELY NOTES ON FUR TOPICS

The three most important mink breeders associations have scheduled their annual Spring meetings to be held in the Hotel Plankinton, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on the following dates: Great Lakes Mink Association, April 15th; Muttation Mink Breeders Association, April 16th; United Mink Breeders Association, April 18th.  
The 1956-57 production of ranch-ed mink in the major producing nations of the free world will approach 8,000,000 according to a survey made by leading brokers in New York. Of an estimated 8.8 million skins about 58 per cent is said to have been sold already.  
The consensus produced in this breakdown: United States 4 1/2 million, Scandinavia, 2 million, Canada, 1 million. Some sources state that the figure is too high by some 400,000. On the other hand a few leading dealers and brokers felt a 5 million estimated production in the United States was conservative. The above figures refer only to ranch-ed mink and do not include wild mink. The wild mink catch which is believed will total about 800,000 pelts with the United States contributing 550,000 skins to Canada's 250,000.

In the United States approximately half of the skins produced have already been sold. The two major auction companies in New York, namely, New York Auction Company and Hudson's Bay Company Fur Sales, are said to have sold 1,600,000 skins between them from December to the end of February. In other U.S.A. auctions an estimated 600,000 skins are believed to have been turned over and finally 200,000 skins exchanged hands in countries selling. Trade sources pointed out, however, that ranchers traditionally do not put out their entire crop. The previous policy would indicate that slightly more than 80 per cent is usually pelted out. The breakdown on Scandinavian skins show about 75 per cent of the crop sold by the end of March. A few sources place the turnover as high as 90 to 95 per cent. Some sources claim that this is too low a figure.  
Glancing over the world picture it appears that there has been a sharp increase in pelted types followed by conspicuous increases in sapphire. Standards continue to be cut back. Production of silver-blues and whites have either been curtailed or held a previous level. Gunmetals have shown lit-

tle change being classified as fancy color for limited use. The above article will give reason for our ranchers to consider the mink situation as much more optimistic than had been expected some months ago. It will be remembered that the December sales were discouraging and that was due to the fur auctions throughout the world. That mink still continues to be extremely popular can be seen from the figures mentioned as to the quantities that have been sold up to the end of March.  
**PLATINUM PIONEER**  
We have just learned of the death in Quebec of Dr. J. E. LaForest, who created a great sensation in the fox industry in the late 1930's when he made the announcement that he had platinum foxes in one litter at his ranch which was some miles from Quebec City. The Doctor got the loan of a male from the Ancienne Lorette Ranch, and later when the owner died Dr. LaForest took the fox home and bred him to as many females as he could on a fifty-fifty basis with the company. Platinum foxes had previously in Norway and their pelts were commanding tremendous prices at auction in the old world and the new world. In New York it was stated that first-class Norwegian pelts had sold as high as \$5,000 and naturally that set everyone in the fox industry throughout the United States and Canada on the lookout for some way of producing platinum.

The Norwegian ranchers refused to sell any for breeding purposes and when Dr. LaForest a year after the appearance of his first platinum male gave out the information that he had used him polygamously and was prepared to sell males he had plenty of in the province. Mr. Raoul Raymond of Southport took the gamble and although the price was \$5,000 he succeeded in buying a male for \$1,600. The next season he mated him to several females and they had 39 pups, 20 of them platinum. That was around 1940. The following year the McLeure and MacKinnon Silver Fox Farms secured a Norwegian platinum fox from Wilfred Todd of Boston, Mass. to be ranch-ed on a fifty-fifty basis. That fox gave us several litters and some very fine platinum.  
In a short time white faces became fashionable too and in a few years practically every rancher in the province was breeding white faces and quite a number of them platinum. Ollie MacNeill of Fort Qu'Appelle, Sask., had purchased a white marked fox from a litter produced in a nearby ranch. The pair that produced this white marked fox came from the McLeure and MacKinnon Silver Fox Ranch and the year previously, Ollie's fox was a remarkable one and probably the best white marked fox that was ever produced, and in the coming years he had hundreds of descendants. It is difficult at this time to have our people realize the excitement that was engendered throughout this province, in fact all through Canada, at the United States. As soon as the trade realized that they were popular with customers the demand for them skyrocketed and prices also. South America then with plenty of money was one of the best customers for the pelts.



### BRAVERY RECALLED

Some 39 years ago today, 2nd Lt. Alan Arnett McLeod, a 19-year-old pilot from Stoneham, Manitoba, took part in one of the most stirring air combats of the First World War over France with the Royal Flying Corps. He was later awarded

the Victoria Cross. A bust of the First World War flier, presented to the RCAF by his mother, Mrs. Margaret MacLeod of Winnipeg, was recently placed on display in the War Museum at Ottawa.

Here, beside the bust, a pair of V. L. Bartlett of St. Andrews, N.S., present-day aviators who fly jet B. Both are members of 428 (Ghost) Squadron, flying CF-100's out of Armstrong-Whitmore two seater RCAF Station Upland, near Ottawa. At left is Lt. Arnett died of influenza F.O.R. Bartlett of Campbell in 1918 after returning to Canada. River, B.C., while at right is F.O. National Defence Photo.

## WIDENING EDUCATIONAL HORIZONS

The Educational Crisis in Prince Edward Island. A talk given during Education Week by Miss Mabel Matheson, Principal, Prince St., School, Charlottetown.  
Prince Edward Island is facing an educational crisis. The other Canadian Provinces have had and are having educational troubles too; but, while the others have made significant progress toward the solution of their difficulties, our government and our school districts have not yet really come to grips with our serious educational problems.  
The inevitable result is that while conditions are improving in the other nine provinces, they are definitely worsening here; and there is an insufficient number of teachers of the desired calibre and training to replace those retiring, going to other vocations, or teaching in other parts of Canada. This situation at a time when additional teachers are required because of increased school population is doubly serious.

ing of the mind, and the guidance of our most precious natural resource, our children, do accept some who would be rejected by other professions?  
**EDUCATORS' BUSINESS**  
What is the role of the community and the home in education? Education is everybody's responsibility. It is the citizens' duty to ensure that our educational system is provided with adequate finances to do its job; that is, the citizens directly and through their elected government, are obligated to provide sufficient moneys for salaries, school plant, and equipment. It is the business of educators and teachers to initiate, direct and implement sound educational policy.  
Each district is responsible for providing a decent schoolplant, and adequate facilities for carrying out the educational programme. The community should accord the teacher his rightful place in society—show him respect due the one to whom you entrust a large part of your child's growth and development. Do not make him the "Chore boy" of the community. Moreover, he cannot be expected to do the work of the home—only parents can do that.  
Parents, encourage your children to work. Teaching and learning constitute a two-way partnership, and unless both teacher and pupil assume their full share of responsibility the result are frustrating. It is increasingly difficult to get children to tackle a problem of tough assignment, and to see it through at any cost in effort.

LEADERSHIP  
Immediate action is imperative. Already we have lost much by procrastination. Leadership is needed, so I appeal to a public-spirited man or woman in each district to organize a group to examine thoroughly the Island in an honest endeavour to find ways and means of solving our problem of educational finance on both the district and government levels, regardless of the personal sacrifice the solution may entail. I believe considerable sacrifice will be necessary to remedy a situation that has been allowed to deteriorate over a long period.  
No government which bears its share of responsibility for the future economic development of this province can allow a solution to this pressing problem to go by default. But apparently our government will not take action until you, the tax-payers, impress upon its members your willingness to support a courageous, long-term plan that will insure the best possible educational opportunities for your sons and daughters.  
Fellow Islanders, our forefathers had great respect for the truly educated man or woman. Are we allowing the things of the mind to be superseded by the material aspects of life? Are we enthralled by the wonders of mechanization that we are temporarily unmindful of the value of the human mind and spirit? I say temporarily, because I am confident that when we fully realize the gravity of the situation we shall not be found waiting—especially when it is our boys and girls who are challenging us to provide them with teachers and facilities that will afford them the opportunity to become truly educated young men and women.  
Our boys and girls deserve the finest in education. What better gift can we give them than the privilege of studying under a teacher who is a master craftsman and a fine soul.  
This department is conducted by the Prince Edward Island Teachers' Federation. Contributions are welcomed and should be sent to Estelle Bonness, Charlottetown, 98 Prince St., Charlottetown.

### GEORGETOWN

Friends of Mrs. Cyrene MacDonald are sorry that she is confined to her home through illness and all wish her an early return to good health.  
Mr. Frank Campbell of the Fisherman's Loan Board of Prince Edward Island at Charlottetown and Mr. James McIntyre motored to Georgetown on business on Friday.  
Mr. Joseph MacPhee, accompanied by her son Allen, arrived in Georgetown last week from Airdrie, Alberta, where they spent the winter as guests of Mrs. MacPhee's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Dryden.  
Mr. Emerson Lewllyn was a recent business visitor to Charlottetown.  
Mr. Gerald D. Murphy, a commerce student at St. Dunstan's Col-

lege, was the weekend guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Murphy.  
Lt. Col. J. A. MacDonald of Cardigan left on Saturday on a business trip to Ottawa.  
On Saturday, 23rd Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Fraser of Charlottetown, motored to Georgetown where they were guests of Mrs. Fraser's mother Mrs. Minnie Rafuse.  
Mr. Elmer Jeffrey left last week for Yarmouth N.S. where he rejoined a Dominion Government Department of Public Works District.  
On Sunday March 25th, Mrs. Minnie Rafuse had as her guests her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fraser and their family of Charlottetown.  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Watts of Grand Tracadie were recent visitors to Georgetown where they were the guests of Mrs. Watt's mother, Mrs. Daniel King. A.C.

### EASTERN GUARDIAN

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**WOMEN'S INSTITUTE** at Mrs. Neil Hooley's Tuesday night. White elephant sale.  
**DANCING ROLLIE** MacKenzies' Orchestra, Montague Rink Thursday, April 4th. Featuring Harold MacRae and his trumpet.  
**MORELL COMMUNITY** Hall on Thursday night, April 4th at 8:30 a meeting to discuss the organization of an Artificial Breeding Club for Lot 37, 38, 39, 40, and 41. Everyone welcome.  
**THURSDAY NIGHT**, April 4th, Morell Community Hall, a meeting of all interested Cattle Breeders to discuss the formation of an Artificial Breeding Club. Everyone welcome. Starts at 8:30 p.m. The speaker will be Dr. George C. Fisher, P.E.I. Department of Agriculture.

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### PERTINENT QUESTIONS

Let us consider two pertinent questions—(1) What is "education"? (2) What are the desirable qualities of a teacher?  
Education is a process of growth and development, taking place as the result of the interaction of an individual with his environment, both physical and social—a process beginning at birth and lasting as long as life itself, during which the finest potentialities for manhood and womanhood are to be developed.  
If we conceive of education as the entire process of growth and development in which learning takes place, and through which every fact of the child's nature is developed, we accept education as a continuum of living, and realize that parents are the first teachers of the child.  
Although only a part of one's education is acquired within the school, it is an extremely important part, and should provide the bases for further growth. In the school fundamental knowledge, habits of industry, and basic skills should be acquired, and high ideals fostered.

**PERSONALITY**  
The task of guiding the development of boys and girls is one of the most difficult, if most rewarding, which man may set himself. Teaching is not work which can or should be done by just anyone. It requires the finest personality, the highest intelligence, the greatest knowledge.  
I consider the following among the many attributes of the good teacher—superior character, desirable personality, scholarship, high intelligence, initiative, imagination, mental maturity, a sound philosophy of life and of education, a genuine love for children, a keen sense of humor, yes, and a sense of mission. Of course the good teacher must have extensive academic and professional training. One cannot teach what he does not know. The best teacher always feels humble before the demands of his task.  
These qualities, by their very nature, indicate that few young men and women possessing them will choose teaching as a career under present conditions in Prince Edward Island. We have on the Island a number of outstanding teachers who are exceptionally capable instructors and who exert a tremendous influence for good on the boys and girls fortunate enough to be associated with them. Our problem is to retain the service of those able and dedicated men and women, and to greatly increase their number.

**FOR PROGRESS**  
If true progress—educational and economic—is to be realized in this province, the immediate initiation of a long term plan designed to retain and increase the number of our top-flight teaching personnel is imperative.  
Why is there an acute shortage of fully-qualified teachers? Twenty-five years ago young people were proud to say they were going to be teachers. That is not the case in Prince Edward Island today. Why? Opportunities in other fields, extremely low salaries, low standards, lack of prestige, unsatisfactory working conditions are among the many reasons. There is a far wider range of vocations open to young people today than ever before business, industry, civil service are offering very attractive salaries for much less exacting work. Among the professions teaching is looked upon as the poor relation.  
It is difficult to determine cause and effect, but we must recognize that the tremendous lag in teachers' salaries in the last two decades, and the consequent lowering of standards of admission to Normal Schools have gone and in hand with loss of prestige. Medical work is not alarming that Normal Schools, whose graduates are to be entrusted with the train-

### IN MEMORIAM

**MRS. E. R. CAMPBELL**  
There passed away at Montague on March 20th, 1957, Mrs. Edward Roland Campbell, formerly Miss Elizabeth Mary MacKinnon of Albion, in her 98th year.  
She is survived by two sons, Charles and Nathaniel, Boston, Mass., and two daughters, Mrs. Winnifred Bell, Montague, a Mrs. Stephen Whitehead, Hampton, N.B. Also surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Melinda Henderson, Murray Harbor North, now residing at Montague, and Mrs. Edith MacLeod, Saint John, N.B.; three

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grandsons, Cecil Bell, Montague Roy Bell, Montague, and Roland Campbell, Boston, Mass.; and seven great grandchildren.  
Two sisters and three brothers predeceased her a number of years ago.  
The many beautiful floral tributes, letters and cards of sympathy were silent testimony of the high esteem in which Mrs. Campbell was held by a host of relatives and friends.  
The funeral, which was largely attended, was held in the Church of Christ and the service was conducted by her pastor, Rev. Kenneth Norris, assisted by Rev. D.A. Campbell. The music was under the direction of the organist, Mrs. Kenneth Norris. A solo, "Beyond the Sunset" was beautifully rendered by Mrs. Ralph Beck, and the hymns were "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Rock of Ages."  
The pall bearers were Cecil Bell, Roy Bell, Hubert Nelson, A.F. Campbell, B.C. MacLure and J.J. Stewart.  
Interment took place in Lower Montague Cemetery.

### TO LEARN THE RULES

TORONTO (CP)—Traffic violators in police court Thursday were given invitations to school instead of sentences. Magistrate Crawford Guest issued the invitations to attend a new traffic court clinic where drivers will be taught driving fundamentals. But they are to return for sentencing following the course.

### Montague School Unofficially Tops Racing Meet

According to unofficial statistics compiled by Mr. A.F. Campbell and Mr. John Hughes of Montague, Montague School copped first place in the Provincial ice sports on Friday night at the Sports Arena. This annual event is sponsored by the Department of Physical Fitness, and for many years Montague has come out as winners or runners-up. Coached by Mr. A. F. Campbell, the local boys and girls received an excellent training for the different events. Private cars were made available for the school children's transportation and Mrs. Mae Clay thoughtfully provided treats for all.  
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