

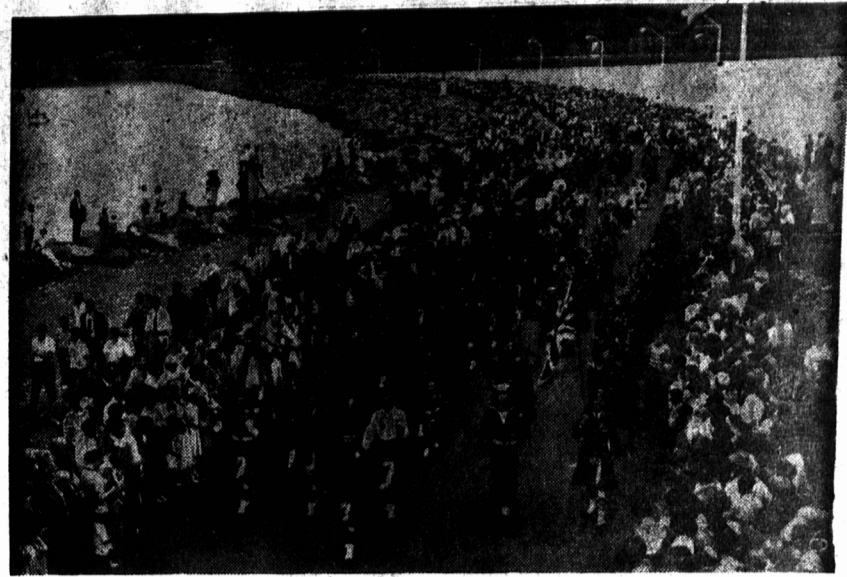
TOP CANADIAN NEWS STORIES 1955



YOUNGEST CHANNEL SWIMMER — Seventeen-year-old Marilyn Bell crawls ashore near Dover, England, after she became the youngest to swim the English channel. At right, visible only from the shoulders down, is her coach, Gus Ryder. The Toronto school girl, who conquered Lake Ontario in September, 1954, swam the 21 miles between Cap Gris Nez, France, and Dover in 14 hours and 35 minutes on July 31. When Miss Bell returned to Toronto she received one of the biggest welcomes in the city's history.



HISTORIC MERGER — Claude Jodoin (left), president of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, shakes hands with A. R. Mosher, president of the Canadian Congress of Labor, during Ottawa talks last March leading to a merger of Canada's two big labour organizations. The new Canadian Labor Congress, bringing together the 600,000-member TLC and the 400,000-member CCL, is to be established in April, 1956. The merger will unite about five-sixths of Canada's organized workers. Not included are the 100,000 members of the Canadian and Catholic Confederation of Labor—nearly all in Quebec—and the international railway brotherhoods numbering 40,000.



\$23,000,000 CAUSEWAY OPENS — The Canso causeway, linking Cape Breton Island with the Nova Scotia mainland, is opened as 100 pipers playing "The Road to the Isles" lead crowds toward the island. Some 4,000, biggest crowd to assemble at a single point in Nova Scotia's history, attended the August ceremony and choked the mile-long causeway across the Strait of Canso. The causeway, replacing ferries, was long the dream of Angus L. Macdonald, Nova Scotia premier and wartime navy minister. Mr. Macdonald died a few months after the causeway was finished. The causeway, which carries rail lines and a highway, was built in two years at a cost of \$23,000,000.



RIOT IN FORUM — Montreal Forum ushers restrain a fan who is about to attack President Clarence Campbell of the National Hockey League during the March 17 riot in the Forum. Montreal Canadiens fans were angered when Campbell ordered suspension of Montreal star Maurice (Rocket) Richard for a stick-swinging incident in a previous game. During and after the March 17 game between Montreal and Detroit, the crowd went on a seven-hour rampage. Nearby business places were looted and damaged and police arrested more than 100 before the incident was quelled. The game was called off and awarded to Detroit.



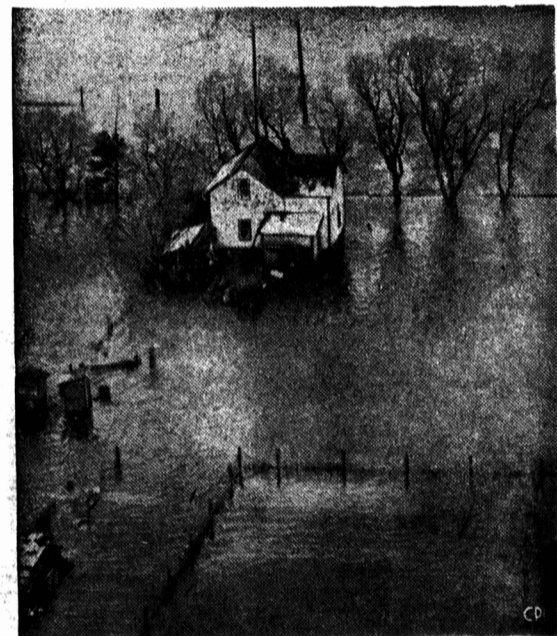
LED P. E. I. LIBERALS—Premier A. W. Matheson was returned in Prince Edward Island with an increased majority for his party in his first election as government leader on May 25.



VANCOUVER POLICE PROBE — Police Chief Walter Mulligan strides into a courtroom where a royal commission is probing Vancouver's 750-man police force. Ray Munro (right), whose stories in the Toronto weekly tabloid Flash touched off the investigation, looks on. Sitting alongside him is his father, David Munro. The commission heard accounts of pay-offs, secret meetings and plans of known racketeers to "split the take" with police officials. The sessions were punctuated with the sulk of Police Superintendent Harry Whelan and the attempted suicide of Detective Sergeant Len Culbert. Mulligan himself was fired by the police commission at his own request. Late in the year, while the commission still had to make its report, an RCMP superintendent, George J. Archer, was appointed chief constable on a two-year contract starting Jan. 1, 1956.



AUTO WORKERS STRIKE — United Automobile Workers pickets display placards outside the Oshawa plant of General Motors whose five Ontario factories were closed by a strike in September. The strike for higher wages and other benefits was still on as the year-end approached and the 17,000 workers had lost more than 850,000 man-days of work. Another big strike of auto workers ended in January, 1955, when 8,000 employees went back to work in the Ford plant at Windsor, Ont., after 113 days of idleness.



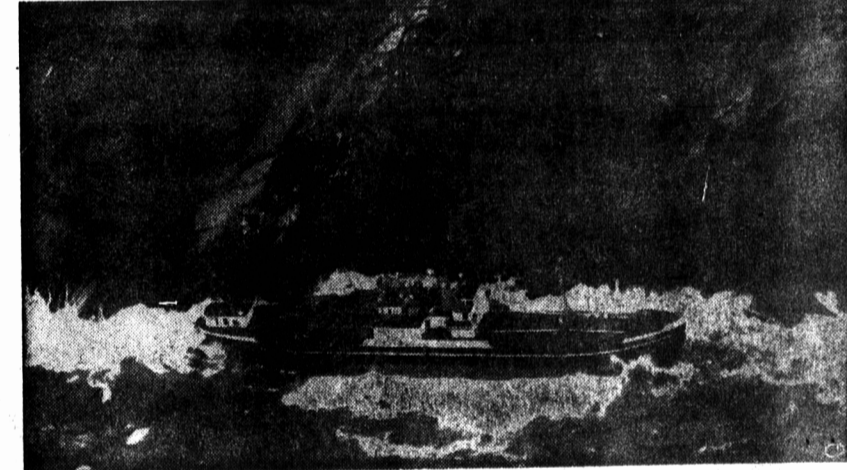
SASKATCHEWAN FLOOD — The entire Qu'Appelle Valley of Saskatchewan was declared a disaster area after a 36-hour storm brought floods in May. Hardest-hit section was Wolseley, 70 miles east of Regina, where 38 families had to be evacuated. This aerial view showing a flooded home in Wolseley was typical of many parts of the province where entire communities were isolated. The provincial civil defence organization was called in to help cope with the flood problem.



ONTARIO PREMIER — Premier Leslie Frost led his Progressive Conservatives to victory in the Ontario election June 9.



FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS — Halfback Ray Wilsey (left) and fullback Normie (China Clipper) Kwong of Edmonton Eskimos grip the Grey Cup after Edmonton defeated Montreal Alouettes 34-19 to win the Canadian football championship. The Nov. 26 game was played in Vancouver for the first time and nearly 40,000 fans crowded Empire Stadium to see Canada's annual sports spectacle. It was Edmonton's second successive win.



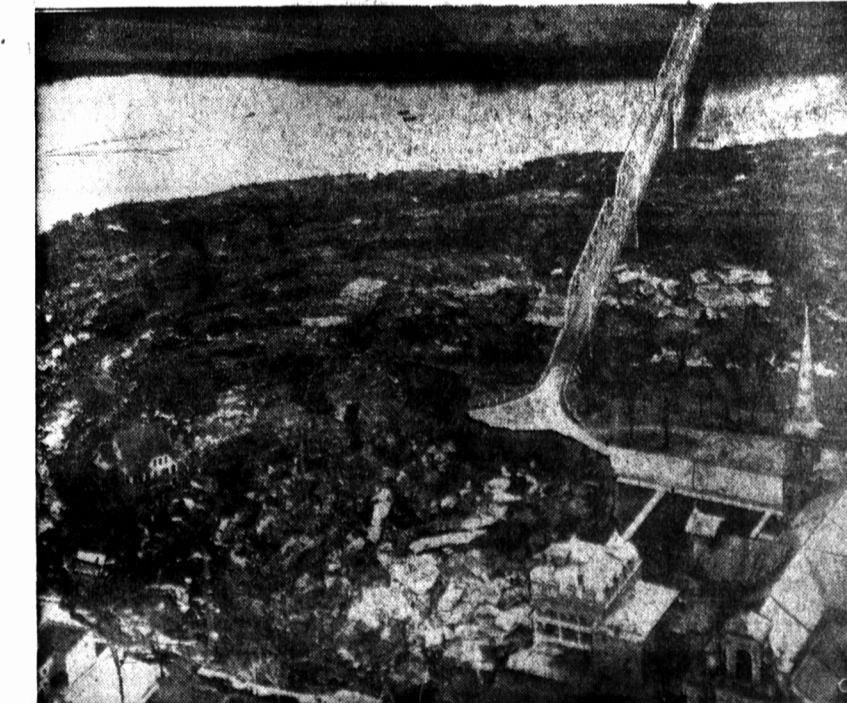
RESCUE 21 FROM SEA — Raging seas beat the 2,848-ton Liberian freighter Kismet II against the base of a 1,000-foot cliff near Cape St. Lawrence at Nova Scotia's northeastern tip. Two Royal Canadian Navy pilots, who took turns guiding their helicopter down beside the rocks, rescued the ship's 21 men after their 29-hour ordeal. The Kismet II was bound from Philadelphia to Summerside, P. E. I., when she ran aground during a November gale. This photo was taken from an RCAF Neptune bomber.



WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE — Flags of some of the 66 nations represented at the World Scout Jamboree at Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont., in August fly from standards as Governor-General Vincent Massey reviews boy scouts attending the gathering. The governor-general, chief scout for Canada, can be seen at centre, bare-headed, with other scout officials. More than 11,000 scouts attended the Jamboree, held on the North American continent for the first time.



PEARSON IN MOSCOW — Canada's External Affairs Minister Pearson stands before the microphones on his arrival at Moscow airport to begin a tour of the Soviet Union and the Far East in October. Listening at left is Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov. Mr. Pearson listed improved trade relations and a better understanding between Russia and the Western world among the objectives of his trip. He travelled 30,000 miles on a 45-day tour which took him to 16 countries.



DISASTROUS LANDSLIDE — This aerial photo shows the debris after a section of the town of Nicolet, Que., slithered into the Nicolet river during a landslide in November. Three persons died in the slide which caused damage estimated in millions of dollars. The twin-spired Roman Catholic cathedral of St. Jean Baptiste (right foreground) had to be condemned after its foundations were weakened, half of the adjoining palace of the bishop was torn away and the approaches to a bridge crossing the Nicolet river were ripped out. At left is a house which was carried off its foundation practically intact. The disaster struck as Nicolet's 5,000 residents were recovering from a fire which wiped out the town's commercial heart in March.