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CANADIAN CLUB TOLD

Britain Never Stronger, High Commissioner Says

In her economy, in self-confidence, in her partnership with her allies and in her adherence to her ideals, Britain was never stronger than she is today, Sir Saville Garner, KCMG, High Commissioner for the United Kingdom in Canada told a Charlottetown audience last night.

Guest speaker at the final 1958-59 meeting of the local Canadian Club, Sir Saville said that Britain's gold and dollar reserves were healthy, her trade was expanding, and the pound sterling was strong and getting stronger. These factors indicated that the British people were now beginning to reap the rewards of the servitude they endured in the years following the last war.

The High Commissioner was introduced and thanked by the club president, F.W. Curtis of Charlottetown.

Statements indicating that Britain had had her day, was finished and her former empire dissolved or dying were a "complete travesty of the facts", Sir Saville maintained.

True, her position and prestige appeared to have declined relatively in the face of the tremendous strides accomplished by the two giants among the world's nations, the United States and Russia.

But Britain was still a power with influence in all parts of the earth, and the pound sterling still financed over half the trade of free world.

In addition to her normal worldwide military commitments Britain was also an active partner in every major security pact existing in the free world—NATO, SEATO, and the Bagdad Alliance.

By her active support of the Organization for European Economic Co-operation (O.E.C.), Britain has aided in the development of the new Europe that has emerged since the end of World War Two, Sir Saville declared.

Because doing so would have entailed the abandonment of the principle of Commonwealth preference, Britain did not join the six-nation European Common Market, he added.

The fact that the many former Empire countries now independent choose to continue as members of the British Commonwealth was a major vindication of British colonial policy, the UK High Commissioner asserted.

By its very nature, the Commonwealth could play a major role in forging the multi-racial associations necessary to guarantee the future peace and security, he observed.

The complete frankness and understanding evident during the periodic conferences of the Commonwealth's Prime Ministers was very encouraging to the newer members, he maintained.

Because the populations of most of its nations were non-homogeneous, the independence movement in Africa, the African section of the Empire was proceeding much more slowly than it had in Asia, Sir Saville said. However, in such countries as Nyassaland, "very

considerable progress" was being made.

Faced with the threat of militant and expanding Communism, the British, like the Canadians, pin their hopes for survival on partnership with the United States, the High Commissioner stated.

WAR DANGER

"There is the ever present danger of global war," Sir Saville said, "and even if we think that neither side will deliberately embark on a hot nuclear war the cold war and mutual suspicion imposes upon the world a mounting burden of armaments and a sense of insecurity."

"We must surely try to find some way of lessening the antagonism between East and West. It will not be easy. We shall have to be patient and at the same time firm; and always willing to make small advances toward greater understanding when an opportunity occurs."

"It is because the North Atlantic Alliance is so firm and strong that Mr. Macmillan was able to take the initiative by his 'recon-

naissance' in Moscow and I am sure that what he achieved there will be of great value to the whole of the free world. Above all he demonstrated that the West stood firm by its responsibilities and was not open to blackmail."

IMPORTANT RESULTS

"There were at least two important results from his visit. First, Mr. Khrushchev virtually withdrew his ultimatum over Berlin and the way is now clear for negotiations taking place without the imminent threat of unilateral action by the Soviet Union in Berlin. Secondly, he obtained from Khrushchev an assurance that the Soviet Government was ready to negotiate about the German problem in preference to a settlement by force."

"If we remain strong and united by use of imagination and good sense here is a good prospect of reaching agreement over Berlin, and if that difficulty is overcome it could be the first step in a process leading to the lessening of tension in Europe and perhaps some beginning on disarmament."

S' side Squadron Receives Praise

SUMMERSIDE BUREAU OF THE GUARDIAN

The annual inspection of No. 53 Summerside Air Cadet Squadron was held last evening at the RCAF Station with the commanding officer Group Captain J. E. Creeper, D.F.C., inspecting the 60 smartly clad cadets, led by their bugle and drum band.

Group Captain Creeper congratulated the cadets on their fine performance and good appearance and told them there are now 25,000 Air Cadets in Canada which is the quota originally set. Cadets will only be taken on by the various corps from now on as replacements for those who leave because of age or other reasons.

The president of the corps sponsoring body, Russell Phantou of the Summerside RCAF Association presented prizes to three cadets for good attendance and general all round interest throughout the year. These were Cpl. Garth Champion, Summerside, Cpl. Thane Bell, Borden and LAC Ted Corbett, Summerside.

The commanding officer of the Squadron is Flt.-Lt. John Leuty, supply officer, Flying Officer William Stull, adjutant, Flying Officer Don MacDougall.

The squadron is sponsored by

the local Wing Association of which Cyril Hickey is chairman of the Air Cadet committee.

CRASH KILLS THREE
SUDBURY, Ont. (CP) — Three persons died Saturday when the car collided with a dump truck on the road to Leveck Mine, about 20 miles northwest of here. Leveck miner Roma Brousseau, 24, his wife, Olive, 19, and their two-year-old son, Rene Denis, were thrown from their car and killed when they drove out of a side road into the path of a truck loaded with asphalt.

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BEST OFFICER IN CORPS

Cadet Major Erroll MacLure, receives the award for best officer in the Montague Cadet Corps from inspecting officer Colonel A.W. Rogers, ED, at the annual inspection held last week.

ISLAND Mixed Reaction Greet's Proposal

HOME FROM COLLEGE

A student at Eastern Nazarene College, Hazen Mellish, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Mellish, Summerside. The college is located at Quincy, Mass.

HELP NOT NEEDED

City police sped men and equipment to aid a man who observers believed was drowning in the North River. However, he needed no assistance and was greatly surprised at all the commotion. He was searching for shellfish along the river bed.

SHIP DOCKS

The 250-foot British ship Abbotford docked at Charlottetown Sunday evening to discharge 600 tons of flour for the Robin Hood Mills agent J.S. MacKay.

The ship was the first to arrive here from the Great Lakes through the St. Lawrence Seaway. Saturday she paid a brief call to Summerside.

JOINS CHURCH STAFF

Two new members of the staff of the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer have arrived in Charlottetown and taken up their duties. Rev. Raymond Fitzgerald, C.S.R., recently arrived from Sudbury, Ont., while Rev. Francis Cunerty, C.S.R., arrived about two weeks ago.

SITE IS CLEARED

The site for the new church for St. Paul's Roman Catholic parish in Summerside is being cleared. In making room for the new church the Knights of Columbus home is being demolished. The building had been purchased by the Knights about 40 years ago from Henry Stavert, a Summerside banker. It's expected that tenders will be called and construction of the new church building will commence within a month.

FIRM EXPANDS

A Charlottetown businessman is planning to establish a branch of his company in Summerside. The proprietor of Eastern Auto Supply, Hanford MacKenzie, is reported to have purchased a business property on Central Street from the estate of the late Dr. E.T. Tanton. Extensive renovations to the building are planned to start immediately.

POLICE COURT

A New Brunswick resident was fined \$10 and costs when he appeared in Police Court in Summerside yesterday charged with failing to report an accident in which his vehicle was involved. The charge arose when the accused's car backed into one owned by a Freetown man Saturday. The New Brunswick man reported the accident to Police Sunday and paid for damages to the other car.

A Cape Breton man appearing on a vagrancy charge drew a suspended sentence when he agreed to leave the province. Magistrate R.S. Hinton, QC, presided.

DOIRON FUNERAL — The funeral for Stanislaus Doiron was held Monday morning from the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Amos Blaquiere, to Stella Maris Church, North Rustico. The requiem high mass was celebrated by his pastor, Rev. Leonard Ayers, who also conducted the service at the grave. Pallbearers were Austin Doucette, Amos Clark, Milton Green, George Clark, Ronald Gallant and Robert Arsenault. Interment was in the church cemetery and the funeral was largely attended.

DRAKE FUNERAL — The funeral of the late Cecil Bernard Drake, Montague, who passed away on Saturday, May 30th was held from St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Monday afternoon and was conducted by Rev. M. Carl Currie, Murray Harbour North. The organist was Mrs. A. F. Campbell. The hymns "Haven of Rest" was feelingly rendered by John Bears, Malcolm Munroe and Willard Bruce. Congregational hymns were "The Lord's My Shepherd" and "Abide With Me". Pallbearers were: John MacKenzie, James Lowery, William Bears, Roy Clow, Leo Collings and A. F. Campbell. Flower bearers were: Wellington Nicholson, Hubert Nelson, James Shaw, Harold Brothers, Douglas MacLaren and Simon Nicholson. Interment took place in Montague Community Cemetery.

Montague reported business men "all for it" and in the midst of general approval in Alberton one merchant suggested that there were three of four businesses open every evening and the change would simply give these firms an extra hour of business lost to others.

Premier Matheson said should the city's merchants adopt the new change the government would consider the same change for government offices but he would not predict what action might be taken.

The city will consider new hours for its working force at a council meeting Deputy Mayor A. Walthen Gaudet said yesterday. He felt that since the original suggestion came from municipalities they should take the lead in putting it into effect.

FARM FEDERATION

The Federation of Agriculture, according to J. Lincoln Dewar, secretary, has specifically stated it has no objection to firms opening and closing an hour earlier. He recalled that in a meeting with Village Commissioners last winter assurance had been given stores adopting the plan would not be discriminated against.

Canada Packers, one of the largest establishments in the province dealing with farmers, is giving serious consideration to the change. G.E. Hartlen, manager, said this was in effect at the plant last year and was found both workable and satisfactory.

Restaurants and drug stores in general will maintain present hours as managers of the former noted the greater amount of business done in the late night hours as compared to the early morning. Drug stores remain open in the evening anyway.

Apart from the Post Office, where employees work on a shift basis, the Income Tax office has the largest number of employees of a Federal office here. D.J. Gill, director, said if early hours were agreed on his office would definitely follow suit. He added such an arrangement would be welcomed by him and his staff. Federal departments generally work the same hours as are in effect in the cities of their location.

ALBERTON — The funeral of Mrs. Robert Kenny of Waterford was held Saturday morning from the Church of the Immaculate Conception at Palmer Road. Solemn Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Patrick Walsh with Rev. Nazaire Gallant as deacon and Rev. Floyd McGaughey as sub-deacon. Pall bearers were: Stephen Kenny, Ralph Connolly and four grandchildren: Daniel Aylward, Alan and Barry MacIsaac and Gerald Noonan. Flower bearers were John and Garth McIsaac.

The late Mrs. Kenny is survived by two sons and three daughters: Robert of Rumford, Me.; Fred of Charlottetown; Mrs. Daniel Noonan (Freida) of Charlottetown, with whom she resided; Mrs. Emmett MacIsaac (Margaret) of Bedouque, and Mrs. Frank Aylward (Frances) Freetown; also seven brothers, Francis and James in Boston, Mass.; Maurice in Richmond, Frederic in Tignish and Gerald, Edward and Robert at home. There are also four sisters, Edna and Patricia in Boston, Beatrice in Langdon, N.D., and Blainie at home. Interment was in the church cemetery.

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