

Former Liberal Leader Alone In Backing Resignation Move

Former Liberal leader Alex Matheson stood alone in the opposition in the Legislature yesterday to back up his resolution that Walter Dingwell (PC-2nd Kings) vacate his seat because he received money which he is not entitled to receive under the provisions of the Legislative Assembly Act.

Mr. Matheson said there was no allegation of theft or stolen money only that the principle was wrong when the legislation of the assembly provides expenses for members and a member should not get additional expenses.

The amount involved was \$197. Government members were quick to point out that there is provided in other acts, so that Mr. Dingwell was not paid illegally.

Mr. Matheson maintained that Mr. Dingwell was disqualified from sitting in the House and could be sued for every day he sat as a member and for every time he voted. The penalty, he said, "is \$200 for every day he sat and anyone can sue him."

Mr. Dingwell said there is an allegation that he stole money and the allegation casts doubt on the integrity of his family name. He said "I know the Liberals won't support this resolution and I'd like to withdraw from this chamber until the vote is taken. I hold this in contempt."

Mr. Dingwell was urged by his colleagues to remain in the chamber.

Welfare and Labor Minister Hubert MacNeill said "my opposition for the former opposition leader has gone so low that I don't think anything he could do could bring it up to the former level. If you don't withdraw this resolution, respect for you will go down. There are a lot of vacant seats on your side, your own members can't stomach this."

Fisheries Minister Leo Rostler called the resolution "a dirty, cheap political trick." He said "the former opposition leader knows Mr. Dingwell cannot be defeated and he tries to bring dirty political undertones into this House to mar my colleague's name. Mr. Dingwell is one of the most honorable men in our district."

In closing the debate, Mr. Matheson said that during the past several years he had pointed out to the government that legislation should be changed to provide for a member to get additional expenses. He said there was no allegation of wrongdoing on the part of Mr. Dingwell. "He just wasn't given the proper support of the government. The Legislative Assembly Act should be changed. I'm just pointing out where it is wrong."

When a vote was taken, all members in the House, including the six Liberals who were in the chamber, voted against the resolution.

"I'm standing for it," said Mr. Matheson. "I know I'm right."

A second resolution, introduced by Opposition Leader Alex Campbell, calling on the Legislature to approve a portable program of medicare of universal application to all people of the province, was ruled out of order as it involved expenditure by the province and only the government can introduce a money bill.

Missing Pilot Is Found Dead

MONTREAL (CP)—The pilot of an RCAF jet trainer was found dead Thursday near the wreckage of his plane some 60 miles northwest of Montreal.

Search and rescue officials here said the pilot, Flt Lt L. S. Lumsdaine, 43, of Hudson, Que., "had made an attempt to eject himself before his plane crashed."

The plane, a CL-41 Tutor, had been missing since Tuesday, when it took off from Cartierville airport north of Montreal. It carried enough fuel for two hours in the air.

Search planes fanned out over an area of 10,000 square miles and hope was expressed that Flt. Lt. Lumsdaine, a married man with three children, might be safe.

Thursday a search plane spotted "something unusual on the ground" near the village of Ste. Lucie. The object turned out to be the plane's wreckage.

Search and rescue personnel parachuted into the area "found the body close to the trainer," a spokesman in Montreal said.

Cartierville airport had lost contact with the plane shortly after it arrived in a test-flying area at St. Jovite, 100 miles north of Montreal.

Flt. Lt. Lumsdaine was senior RCAF test pilot at Canadair Ltd. He was a Second World War veteran with 10 years' experience as a test pilot.

His flight Tuesday was an "acceptance flight," an individual test given each aircraft before delivery to the customer.

The Tutor was one of 190 jet trainers ordered from Canadair by the RCAF.

The air force has already taken delivery of 160 of the planes. Flt. Lt. Lumsdaine was checking out one of the remaining 30.



SUSTAINS HEAVY DAMAGE

A 1963 Mercury driven by Ralph Judge of Summerside sustained heavy damage Tuesday night when it was in collision with a truck at the intersection of the RCAF Military Road and the Western Highway at St. Eleanors. The driver of the car, was taken to Prince County Hospital suffering from head injuries and is reported in satisfactory condition by hospital officials.

Local Teachers Hold Workshop

An evening workshop sponsored by the Charlottetown Teachers' Institute was held in Queen Charlotte High School on Wednesday evening, March 30th.

The guest speakers were Reverend Owen Sharkey and Russell Ewing who spoke on types of tests and the problems of children.

Father Sharkey dealt with the I.Q. test, teacher-made and standardized tests.

He stated that there has been a shift today in the I.Q.'s measurement from basic hereditary potential to knowledge learned. A child's I.Q. can therefore be greatly increased or improved as he goes through the school system. Father Sharkey said that the greatest influence in helping the I.Q. is to teach the child to read before he comes to school and by talking to the child, for it is in the pre-school period that there is the greatest mental growth.

With respect to teacher-made and standardized tests he said none were accurate and that teachers must settle for 80 per cent accuracy rather than abandon them.

Mr. Russell Ewing discussed the various sources of children's problems. One being the pressure of society placed on students. These include popularity, class pressures, the greater emphasis for higher education and parents' ambitions for their children.

Other sources of problems are individual differences both in temperament and intellect which are often unconsidered; family relationships which sometimes create the hostile child; specific learning disabilities particularly in reading.

Mr. Ewing stated that the child's memories of his teachers are not the good or bad marks given, or the disciplinary measures taken, but their understanding and sympathetic attitude toward the pupil.

A question period and lunch followed the remarks of the speakers.

Judge R. R. Bell Allows Appeal

In Supreme Court Wednesday morning, an appeal by Donald G. Jay, East Royalty, was allowed by Judge R. R. Bell. The appeal was against a conviction by Magistrate A. J. Haslam, QC, on a charge of driving without due care and attention.

Judge Bell felt that it was a borderline case since the speed with which the accused was charged travelling was only estimated by the police.

Alan Seales acted for the Crown. Lester O'Donnell was counsel for the appellant.

Dinner Meeting Held Recently

Five members from the Georgetown Lions Club were guests at the Parkdale Lions Club regular semi-monthly dinner meeting held at the Charlottetown Hotel recently.

As a result of a major discussion during the meeting it was decided to order 300 reflecting, triangular safety signs and Lion Roger Birt was appointed chairman to organize and promote a sales campaign of these signs.

The signs are designed as a safety apparatus to be employed by motorists who encounter mechanical failures on the highway or who are involved in an accident.

Edgar Dennis, second vice-chairman, who presided at the meeting, introduced the guest speaker Allison Gill from the Charlottetown Club. Mr. Gill spoke on the Island Club's campaign to elect Bill Brown as district governor.

Reg Newson and Ron Leary were appointed as representatives of the Parkdale Club to assist in the campaign which is to begin April 15.

City Resident Assessed Fines

In Queens County Magistrate's court Wednesday morning Harry Matthews of Charlottetown pleaded guilty to two counts of driving while his licence was suspended. Magistrate James B. Johnston, QC, presided. Lester O'Donnell acted as counsel for the accused.

On the first count he was fined \$50 and costs or 15 days and on the second charge he received a fine of \$75 and costs or 20 days.

Jack Beaton, Charlottetown, pleaded not guilty to a charge of break and entry at Bunbury School with the intent to commit an indictable offence and had his case adjourned to April 13. The accused had elected trial by Magistrate. Counsel for the accused is Frank Sigsworth.

Edison Walter Strickland, Clinton, charged with theft of an article valued at less than \$50 had his case adjourned to April 27. Counsel for the accused is Gordon Tweedy.

RAF CHIEF PLANS VISIT
OTTAWA (CP)—Air chief marshal, Sir Charles Elworthy, chief of air staff of the RAF, will visit Canada for four days beginning today, the defence department said Wednesday. He will hold informal talks with Defence Minister Hellyer and Air Chief Marshal F. R. Miller, chief of the defence staff and will tour RCAF facilities at Trenton, ONT., AND Chatham, N.B.

\$20 Penalty Is Imposed

In city police court yesterday morning, John A. MacEachern, Mt. Stewart, was fined \$20 and costs or 10 days for speeding. Magistrate A. James Haslam, QC, presided.

A city man, Jerry Claude Simpson, also charged with speeding, was fined \$14 and costs or five days.

George Reid, city, charged with selling liquor to another person, had his case adjourned to May 31.

Bernadine Chandler, city, also charged with selling liquor to another person, had her case adjourned to Friday, April 1st.

Alan Gregory Harris, city, charged with operating a motor vehicle without an operator's licence, was fined \$10 and costs or five days.

Ernest R. J. Johnston, city, charged with failing to stop at a stop sign, was fined \$5 and costs or two days.

Number 97 Is Observed

John D. MacMaster, Seven Mile Road, observed his 97th birthday anniversary on March 25.

Mr. MacMaster was a ship's carpenter in his younger days and some of the many ships he helped to build included The Victory Chimes, the Barbara MacDonald and the Anna MacDonald.

Mr. MacDonald who is still hale and hearty is a son of Charles MacMaster who was born in Cape Breton, N.S. and his wife who was the former Elizabeth MacPherson of Launcheon.

Mr. MacMaster makes his home with his nephew and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Charles MacPherson, Seven Mile Road.

Ogilvie Mills Profits Higher

MONTREAL (CP)—Ogilvie Flour Mills Co. Ltd. reported Thursday net income of \$2,257,000 for the six months ended Feb. 28, 1966, against \$1,989,000 for the same period in 1965.

Common share earnings, exclusive of the profit on the sale of investments and fixed assets, amounted to 45 cents per share in 1966 against 38 cents in 1965.

The Montreal-based company said net sales totalled \$57,263,000 in 1966 compared with \$52,460,000 in 1965.

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Extension Announced

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A ministerial order extending the date by which motor vehicle owners can get their vehicles registered has been signed by Dr. Dewar.

This year, operators of motor vehicles have until their birthdays to get their drivers' licences. Notification as to when the license comes up for renewal will be sent to all drivers.

Benefit Dance Is Scheduled

A dance is scheduled at the Rollaway Club Monday night, April 4, with three of Charlottetown's leading orchestras donating their time free of charge.

The proceeds from the dance will be presented to the Easter Seal campaign. The hall is being donated for the dance by Joseph MacDonald and family.

Providing the dance music will be The Downtowners, Blue Crystals and the Hi-Notes.

Members of the Downtowners are: Jim Coady, Charlie Munroe, Derrick Dew and Elmer Gallant. The Blue Crystals include: Ronnie MacLean, Gary Cudmore, Andy Arsenault, George MacDonald, Donnie Taylor and Lenard MacEwen. The Hi-Notes members are: Niall MacKay, Knucker Richards, Doug MacEwen, Gary Chipman, Ronnie MacEwen.

Also donating his time for the evening will be Becky King, ticket taker.

The dance will be from 9-12:30. Admission is 75 cents.

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Miss Court is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Court of Charlottetown, and prior to her appointment to the administrative staff of The Charlottetown Hotel she was with the Convention Department of the Royal York Hotel in Toronto.

In addition to her duties as hostess of the hotel, Miss Court will be directly responsible to Management for the general supervision of the house and dining staffs.

Jets Collide, Airmen Escape

LAON, France (Reuters)—An RCAF T-33 jet trainer plane and a U.S. Air Force F-101 jet collided in the air Thursday about 55 miles southeast of here.

The crew from both planes escaped unhurt, with the two-man crew of the Canadian aircraft ejecting and parachuting to safety about 10 miles from the Canadian base of Marville, near Metz. The Canadian plane crashed in open country.

The American pilot Capt. Warren C. Pearce of Brille, N.J., returned to Laon base in northeastern France with only slight damage to the plane's tail-section.

The Canadian crew, William Thomson and John Aires, were flying their T-33 from Canada's Zweibrucken base in West Germany.

PIONEER DIES

PORT MORESBY, New Guinea (Reuters)—Pioneer settler Cyril Cameron, said in popular legend to have kept a harem of 80 native beauties while he ruled a tiny island off Papua for 50 years, has died here at the age of 78 after a heart attack.

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Resolution Withdrawn

Former opposition leader Alex Matheson withdrew in the Legislature yesterday a resolution asking for a complete report on the operations of the Fathers of Confederation Memorial Building Trust.

Mr. Matheson said that if the province is saying anything toward the Confederation Memorial Building, such as for maintenance and administration, the Legislature should have a full report on its operations.

"If we're not paying," he said, "we have no business knowing about the trust's affairs."

When the government suggested there was no firm commitment on provincial participation in future costs, Mr. Matheson withdrew his resolution.

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