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NORTHERN COAL The Spitzbergen Island in the Arctic, owned by Norway, have large deposits of good coal.

## Elected President



J. U. BOYER

Mr. J. U. Boyer was today elected President of The Provincial Bank of Canada at a meeting of the Board of Directors following immediately the annual general meeting of shareholders.

At the same meeting Hon. E. L. Patenaude, P.C., Q.C., was re-elected Honorary President, Hon. Jules A. Brillant, M.L.C., C.B.E., Chairman of the Board and President of the Executive Committee, Mr. C. F. Carsley, Vice-President, and Mr. Leo Lavoie was appointed General Manager.

Shareholders of the Bank have also re-elected as Directors Messrs. L. Emery Beaulieu, Q.C., Benoit Benoit, Roland Bock, Ignace Brouillet, D.A.P.S., P.Eng., Charles E. Demers, P.Eng., Hon. R. O. Grothe, M.L.C., Mr. J. Louis Levesque, D.S.-Com., Hon. Gerald Martin, M.L.C., Messrs. Lucien Masse, C.A., L.L.D., Gaston Pratte, Hon. J. Orléan Rud, M.L.C., Q.C., and Mr. Arthur Simard.



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## Senator's Family Could Staff Fair-Sized Hospital

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Senator Thomas V. Grant of Prince Edward Island has 13 children all of his six sons are graduates of medical and dental colleges. Four of his seven daughters are registered nurses. One is a registered dentist, another is a laboratory technician. Health of the seventh did not permit her to enter a profession but she is a talented musician.

## The Impact Of Suez Crisis Was Felt Through The Year

By ED SIMON Canadian Press Staff Writer LONDON (CP) — Barely a year ago, the impact of the Suez crisis subjected the Commonwealth to the greatest strain of its history.

Its members rose in the United Nations General Assembly to disagree openly and vehemently on a major question of policy. The gulf between those who supported Britain's Suez intervention and those who condemned it appeared irreconcilable.

Six months later, the Commonwealth prime ministers met in London. The bonds of their association were firmer than ever and all were determined that a similar situation would not rise again.

In the ensuing weeks of the Suez debate the Commonwealth had come of age. Its members, all one-time components of the British Empire, had proven themselves sovereign and independent in fact as well as name and their association as equals had endured the proof.

UNITY IN DIVERSITY It endured because of its flexibility. Despite complaints of emerald-minded critics that Commonwealth ties had become loose to the point of being meaningless, there had been a sustained effort to create conditions establishing a diverse group of states to live with each other.

For the Commonwealth is no longer a military alliance, a political bloc or an economic entity. It is increasingly multiracial and multinational. It does not even share a common allegiance to the Crown—several republics included in its membership recognize the Queen only as head of the Commonwealth.

Its political coloring ranges from Communist cabinet members in Ceylon to extreme right-wing government in South Africa. There is a wide variety of religious beliefs and ways of life. Its members shared a parliamentary system of government and a desire to work together for their mutual well-being.

Commonwealth leaders shun publicity in their deliberations, avoiding the quarrelsome atmosphere of United Nations debates. The communications that emerge from such conferences are usually dull and cliché-ridden. And consultations between Commonwealth capitals are taken so much for granted that they create headlines only on rare occasions, such as Suez, when they do not take place.

SOLID ACHIEVEMENTS But if the political fruits of the Commonwealth relationship often appear vague, there have been solid accomplishments in the economic field.

The most spectacular is the Colombo Plan, organized in 1950 as a Commonwealth enterprise to assist backward countries in southeast Asia. In what the United States and Japan have joined the wealthier members to assist to underdeveloped nations in the area.

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"Once in a while an old patient comes in paying me a long-standing bill. If he can prove he owes me money, naturally," he said, with a twinkle in his eye. "I'll take it. But he couldn't prove it by me. I've no record of any patient's debt to me."

Where Burma staggered clear of Commonwealth associations on achieving its independence after the Second World War, members sought by the newer states, emerging from British rule, recognizing that it imposed limitations on their sovereignty. In the West Indies federation, scheduled to become a Commonwealth member in March, Commonwealth affiliation is taken for granted.

Critics have claimed the Commonwealth is guilty of backing away from its original issues as a third force between Russia and the United States. Its defenders say better results can be achieved through its present policy of going no farther than the unanimous desires of its members.

They argue that the advantages of the present union would be largely sacrificed if members were forced to abandon it in protest against policies with which they disagree.

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