

Political Front Remains Steady During The Year

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OTTAWA, Dec. 23—(CP)—Canada's political front was busy in 1951, but few major developments emerged.

There were three provincial elections—in Ontario, Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island—with each Government being returned to power.

In Ontario, the Progressive Conservative Government of Premier Frost improved its position. The brilliant in Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island, governed by the Liberal administrations of Premiers Joseph Smallwood and Walter Jones, left the party standings pretty well unchanged.

In the Federal, Prime Minister St. Laurent's Liberal Government lost ground in the five by-elections called during the year. Nine Federal contests took place in 1950.

The Federal Liberals lost three seats to the Progressive Conservatives—Queen's in Prince Edward Island and Brandon and Winnipeg South Centre in Manitoba. The Progressive Conservatives held their own in the other two contests in Calgary West and the Ontario riding of Waterloo South.

However, the Liberals still held a majority of 111 members over other groups in the 262-seat House of Commons. This is the latest House standing:

Liberals 136; Progressive Conservatives 46; C.C.F. 13; Social Credit 10; Independent 4; Independent Liberal 2; vacant 1; total 262.

The vacancy exists in Ontario riding, which Walter Thomson, Liberal member gave up to contest the Ontario general election provincial Liberal leader. No date has been set for a by-election.

Three New Senators

Three new members, all Newfoundland Liberals, entered the 62-member Senate. They were H. W. Quinton, Calvert Pratt and Michael Basha. With their appointment, the Senate standing was: Liberals 78; Progressive Conservatives 9; vacant 15; total 102.

There was only one cabinet appointment. Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe, the aggressive Munitions Minister of the Second World War, took on the newly-created portfolio of Defence Production in addition to his duties as Trade Minister.

As in 1950, Parliament met before the year—in spring and fall—enacting legislation with important ramifications in the national and international fields.

Canada continued during the year to hear talk of a possible successor to Governor-General Viscount Alexander, whose term has been extended to late 1952, and of the further possibility that the new appointee might be a Canadian. Prominently mentioned were

Activities Of The Forestry Division

The following review has been supplied by the officials of the P.E.I. Forestry Division:

In January of this year, a Forestry Division was formed in the Department of Industry and Natural Resources. Early in February a publicity program was launched. By means of a series of newspaper ads, radio speeches and talks at agricultural meetings on woodlot management and conservation, a remarkable interest was aroused.

Approximately one hundred and fifty woodlot owners were visited and advised on how to manage their woodlots to the best advantage. While looking over the woodlots, the owners were advised on the importance of protecting their woodlots from grazing, fire, disease and insects and also of the advantages of treating it as a crop and the utilization of proper cutting methods such as: removing mature, weed and diseased trees, thus leaving their woodlot in a much more healthy and productive state, thereby increasing their net annual income.

In the latter part of February, a short course on forestry was given by the Department Foresters at the Vocational School.

Woodlot Management

This course covered the practical and economical phases of woodlot management. It was hoped that a great number of students would take advantage of such a course, but very little interest was shown.

Last spring, three, one-half-acre Experimental Red Pine plantations were set out, one in each county. Each site chosen was on an old abandoned farm, where the soil was quite sandy and the sod fairly thick and where the land was unsuited for agriculture. Approximately seven hundred plants were set out in rows, six feet apart and the plants placed six feet from each other. Two to three stock was used, while the "T" method of planting was tried in setting out the plants. The object of the experiment was to study the growth and development of Red Pine planted in a sod field.

With the ever increasing demand for wood and wood products during the past year, and as a result of a poor price for Island produce, the woodlot owners cut heavily into their woodlots.

Forestry Act

Realizing that if clear-cutting were continued, the Island wood-

the names of Speaker Ross Macdonald of the Commons and Chancellor Vincent Massey of the University of Toronto.

Analyzing the provincial election results of the year, political observers noted that no government provincial or federal, has been voted out of power in Canada since 1944.

lots would soon be depleted, the Provincial Government passed the Forestry Act, the first of its kind dealing with privately-owned forest land. September following, regulations were proclaimed providing as follows: that a person cutting over two acres in any calendar year must apply to the Forestry Division for a permit. This permit forbids the cutting of trees less than six inches at stump height (stump height being a point six inches from ground level).

It is hoped that this Act will discourage the age-old practice of clear-cutting and leave sufficient trees on the area to ensure the future of the woodlot.

The twelve major buyers in this Province have shipped over 100,000 cords of pulpwood from Prince Edward Island. At first the quality of the wood exported was excellent, but as the demand grew, the quality decreased.

Fearing that the poor quality of wood combined with high freight rate would stop the mills from buying our Island pulpwood, this Department called a meeting of all major pulpwood buyers. At the meeting it was agreed that they (the buyers) would abide by certain regulations to better the quality of pulpwood.

As forestry is a long term proposition, it is difficult for a small staff to accomplish very much in a single year, nevertheless, the Island has never before been so forestry-conscious. It is hoped that this interest will continue and flourish.



TRANSPORTATION STRIKE THREATENS TORONTO

Many Torontonians may be faced with the unhappy task of walking to work within the next few days, if members of Toronto Transportation Commission decide to strike. At a mass meeting, attended by some 2,000 tram operators, James McGinnity, left, international vice-president, and George Wilson, president of Toronto local, on the weekend the membership overwhelmingly rejected the commission's wage reports, based on recommendations of the majority report of a conciliation board. Despite strong sentiment for an immediate strike vote, the executive of the AFL Street Railway Union won approval of a suggestion to take a strike ballot only after efforts have been made to reopen negotiations with the TTC. The union is seeking a 15-cent-an-hour increase and improvements in fringe benefits, which the commission estimates as costing an additional 26 cents an hour.

erica and the South Pacific region—two of the world's greatest growers of exportable cereal surplus. These experts said that despite hopeful higher production goals set in some countries, they could see no actual prospect of real gains.

The report said thus "it could not ignore the danger of the recurrence of a world crisis in cereals on the scale of the early post-war years."

Of present "increase targets",

the report said:

"For Europe, the Far East and Near East, an aggregate increase of 34,000,000 tons of grains, or nearly 10 per cent. is envisaged over the two years from 1950 to 1952. Current trends scarcely confirm this possibility.

"In Europe, the area under cereals as a whole is not increasing. In the Far East the trend is slowly upwards. In the Near East, the trend is more marked, but below the rate of increase needed."

New Lady-in-Waiting For Princess Margaret

LONDON, Dec. 23—(Reuters)—Princess Margaret is to have a new lady-in-waiting, Buckingham Palace announced tonight.

A lady-in-waiting is a combination of chaperone, companion, private secretary and general guide, philosopher and friend.

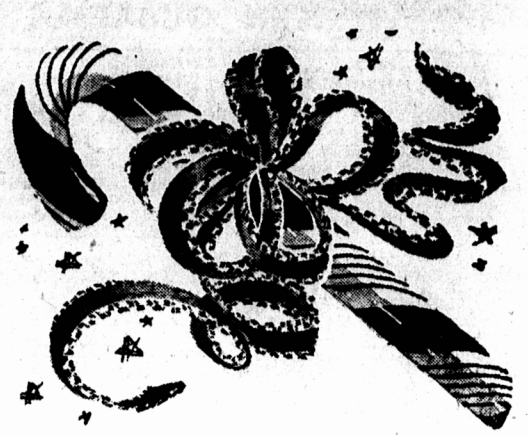
She performs such duties as carrying about any cash the Princess may need—the Royal Family never touches money.

She must be "socially acceptable" but never so glamorous as to outshine the Princess. The pay is modest but the social prestige is huge.

Miss Iris Peake, 28, is to succeed Miss Jennifer Bevan as the lady-in-waiting. Miss Bevan is leaving to be married next month.

Liner Queen Mary Delayed By Storms

LONDON, Dec. 22—(Reuters)—Storms in the Atlantic will cause a 24-hour delay in Winston Churchill's departure for the U. S. He was due to sail for New York in the Queen Mary Dec. 29, but will leave a day later. The liner is due to dock in New York tomorrow 48 hours late after running through rough seas. On her return journey to Britain this week she is unlikely to be able to make up sufficient time.



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U.N. Express Anxiety Over Future Of Grain

ROME Dec. 23—(AP)—The appeal of life in the cities, the better pay and hours of jobs in industry, and the needs of defence against aggression are threatening the world's breadbasket.

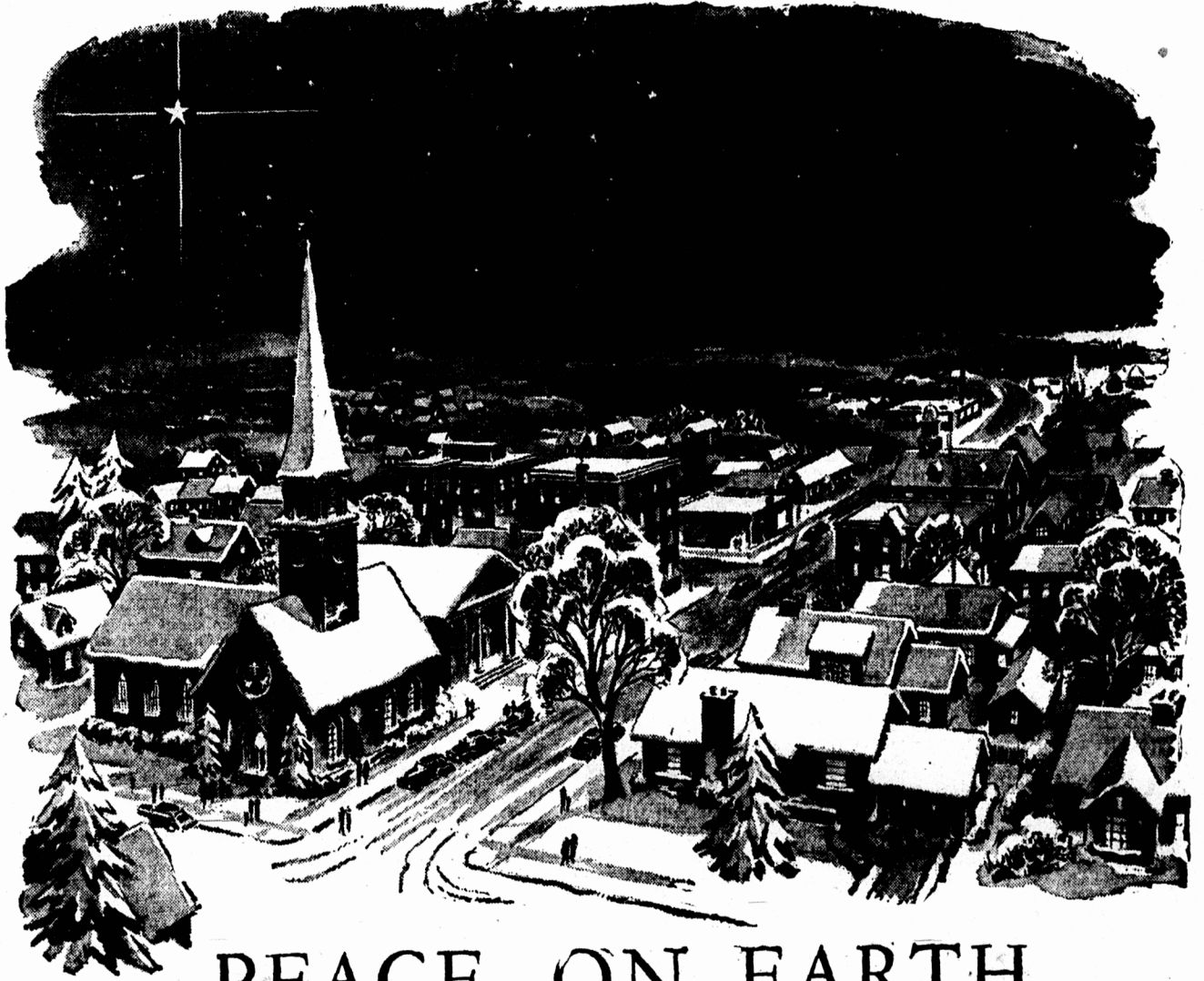
The sixth world conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations expressed "special anxiety" over the outlook for cereals—the staff of life for four-fifths of the world's population.

In a summary of the world cereal outlook, the conference reported:

1. An increasing movement of manpower from farming districts into the cities;
2. Transfer of farm workers to the steadily expanding job possibilities of industry;
3. Further loss of rural manpower to the requirements of defence.

The report said these trends "may have a serious impact on food production—particularly cereals."

F. A. experts said they expect a decline in cereal production within the next two years in North Am-



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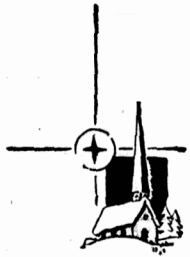
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