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P.E.I. Voice In Cabinet Said Still A Possibility

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OTTAWA — Not only does prime minister Pearson face the task of revamping his cabinet following the defeat of two ministers and the resignation of a third, but he must find some way to provide cabinet representation in three provinces where the Liberal party failed to elect a member on Nov. 8.

The defeat of Mines Minister J. Watson MacNaught removed Prince Edward Island's cabinet representative while the defeat of Agriculture Minister Harry Hays had the same effect in Alberta. The Conservatives again won all 17 of Saskatchewan's seats. Mr. Hays has sought a recount in his Calgary South riding and this will take place in Calgary, commencing today.

The sweep of the Conservative party in P.E.I. not only eliminated the Island's cabinet representative, but it removed the interesting possibility that had Mr. MacNaught lost and Kings' MP John Mullally won, as many expected, the Island would almost certainly have been represented by one of the youngest cabinet ministers in Canadian history. Mr. Mullally will not celebrate his 35th birthday until Nov. 28.

TWO CHOICES
There appear to be two alternatives open to Mr. Pearson if he wishes to give P.E.I. a voice in cabinet. He could name a nearby Liberal minister as being responsible for Island matters. Most logical choice would be Newfoundland's J.W. Pickersgill, currently the minister of transport. Mr. Pickersgill has long been closely interested in Island matters and always takes part in the P.E.I. campaign by speaking at meetings. In addition, his portfolio is one of special significance to the province, particularly in view of the Northumberland Strait crossing project.

Secondary choices would be Nova Scotia's minister, Allan MacEachen, now the minister of labour, or Herdard Robichaud of New Brunswick. Mr. Robichaud, the fisheries minister, also holds a portfolio of special interest to Island residents.

The second and more interesting possibility for Mr. Pearson is to fill the current P.E.I. Senate vacancy, naming the newly appointed Senator as a minister without portfolio and responsible for Island affairs.

CANNOT TAKE SEAT
A similar course has been suggested for Saskatchewan and the name of Senator A.H. McDonald has been suggested as minister of agriculture. The difficulty with naming a Senator to head a working department is that he cannot take a seat in the Commons to answer questions, make policy statements or pilot his estimates through the house.

The death of Senator Thomas Vincent Grant of Montague leaves one vacancy in P.E.I.'s four member Senate representation. The others are Senator Elsie Inman, Senator J.J. MacDonald and Senator Orville H. Phillips. Of the three, only one, Mr. Inman, is a Liberal.

There has been some suggestion that Mr. MacNaught to replace Dr. Grant, but by tradition, the replacement should come from



MR. MULLALLY

Kings' riding and he is a Roman Catholic. Mr. Mullally fills these requirements on both counts.

MORE YOUNG BLOOD
While some observers feel he is too young and probably has hopes of returning to the Commons some time in the future, perhaps as the Island's cabinet representative, others suggest that Mr. Pearson may wish to inject more young blood into the upper chamber.

It may be some weeks before the prime minister's decision is known as he has indicated previously that he would await until after the election writs are returned on Dec. 8 before announcing any permanent cabinet changes.

Sale Of Books Said Successful

Jack Ambler, president of the Queen Charlotte Home and School Association presided over the first meeting for the 1965-66 school year, on Thursday evening, Nov. 18.

A large number of teachers and parents were in attendance.

Young Canada Book Week was very much in evidence at Queen Charlotte when parents toured the school library and the Book Fair. Mrs. T. Lothian, the school librarian, announced the sale of over 1,000 selected paper-backed books for young people a complete success.

The parents and new members were welcomed. New staff members were introduced by the principal, Mr. W.H. Horton. On behalf of the parents the president congratulated Mr. Horton upon receiving the degree of Master of Education from the University of New Brunswick at the fall convocation. Greetings were extended from the Provincial Home and School Association by the president, Mrs. S. MacDonald.

The school librarian, Mrs. T. Lothian, introduced the guest speaker, Douglas Boylan, B.A., B.L.S., librarian at the Confederation Centre Library. Mr. Boylan gave an illuminating discourse on libraries in the community. He particularly pointed out that the routine of a library must be known in order for a student to take advantage of its resources and not waste masses of his time.

On behalf of the Association J.T. Place thanked Mr. Boylan. A short discussion followed when refreshments were served and the meeting was adjourned.

Joseph Francis Dies In Hospital

Joseph Francis of 76 Upper Queen Street, well known in Charlottetown, died Friday in the Charlottetown Hospital. He was in his 77th year.

He was for some years accountant with the wholesale firm of N. Rattenbury and Son, Water Street, and after the firm went out of business continued to work as a private accountant. He was active in Roman Catholic organizations, including the old League of the Cross, which sponsored for years the League of The Cross Band, and the Knights of Columbus.

He was twice married. Both wives predeceased him. Survivors include a son, Joseph, in Sydney; two brothers, Rev. A. A. Francis, parish priest at Truro, N.S., and George, in Charlottetown; and two sisters, Margaret, also in Truro, and Rose, Mrs. Vincent Dalton, Charlottetown. The funeral will be held this morning from the Hennessey Funeral Home to the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer where Solemn Requiem High Mass will be celebrated by his brother.

HOLDS DOWN STRIKES

There was only one strike, leaving 800 men idle for 18 days, in the businesses covered by last year's employer - employee agreements in Norway.

Re-dedication Service Held At Bedeque

A re-dedication service was held at Bedeque United Church on Sunday, Nov. 14. The sanctuary was completely renovated, the central pulpit being replaced by a new lectern and pulpit. New carpet was placed in the aisles and choir loft. New lighting was installed and the walls redecorated. A number of "In Memoriam" gifts were received including money and a pulpit hymn book, also new communion vessels.

The guest speaker for morning and evening services was Rev. Dr. J.B. Corston, professor of New Testament at Pine Hill Divinity Hall, Halifax. The pastor, Rev. R.M. Cameron, conducted both services. In the morning he was assisted by Revs. Dr. L.P. Archibald and H. Arthur Murray. Robert Schurman, Summerside, was guest soloist.

In the evening the pastor was assisted by Rev. E.S. Weeks. The choir of the Central Bedeque United Baptist Church joined the regular choir and Mrs. (Rev.) Horace Estabrooks who was heard in a solo, "Bless This Church," the music for the day was of a high order.

Deacon George Campbell, extended greetings from the Baptist Church. Large congregations were present at both services. After the evening service a social hour was enjoyed in the Church Hall.

Week Features Book Display

TIGNISH — Book Week was observed in Tignish during the past week, and librarian Margaret Conroy was kept busy every day with a various display of books at the Tignish Library from 1 to 4 each afternoon.

School children along with their teachers visited the library during the week to select reading material for their classes.

A display of books for Book Week was set up in the dry goods store of Mrs. William Handrahan. This proved to be a great attraction for the children.

Apart from the library books there was a display of oil paintings by a local artist, Henri Gaudet. These scenes have been much admired by a large number of viewers. The collection will remain in the library till after Dec. 1.

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Dr. James L. Saunders, left, is seen checking the eyes of a patient, Clara Mountain, while

in the background, from the left, are Dr. G.G. Houston, who directed the clinic, and Lion Club members Edward Gaudet and Kenneth Linklater. A second clinic will be held next Sunday at Civic Auditorium, between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m., for residents of Summerside and surrounding districts.

Training Ended For Club Leaders

Fifteen Wolf Cub Leaders completed their Gilwell training over the week-end at the Retarded Children's Camp, Oyster Bed Bridge.

The training consisted of two full week-ends of activity with the candidates arriving each weekend on Friday evening and working through until late Sunday afternoon.

The course was sponsored by the Provincial Council, Boy Scouts of Canada and is the most advanced training given in the Wolf Cub program.

J. Frank Gaudet of Southport was course leader. He was assisted by Irene Kasser of Souris, Joan Willis of Charlottetown and E. Gordon Kerr, provincial Scout executive. Guest lecturers were Frances Dorsey and Blanchard Mahon of Charlottetown. Mrs. Edward Gillis, Eldon was cook.

DEATHS

ELLIS — At the Community Hospital, O'Leary on Saturday Nov. 20, 1965, James Frederick Ellis of O'Leary in his 77th year. Resting at Jolley's Funeral Home from where the funeral will be held this Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment in Bloomfield Cemetery.

DUNN — The death occurred at Churchill on Saturday, Nov. 20, 1965, of Mrs. Pearl Dunn in her 70th year. Resting at the Bowness Funeral Home until Tuesday morning then to St. Paul's Church, Summerside, for Requiem High Mass at 9 a.m. Interment in Church cemetery. Visiting hours 2 to 4 and 7 to 10.

CHANDLER — At Toronto, Nov. 19, 1965, Robert L. Chandler of Hamilton, Ont. Remains will arrive this evening at the MacLean Funeral Home, MacLean Funeral Home, on Wednesday, Nov. 24, from the Salvation Army Citadel with service commencing at 2 p.m. Interment in the People's Cemetery.

DRUMMOND — At the P.E.I. Hospital, Sunday, Nov. 21, 1965, Mrs. Thomas A. Drummond of 10 Ambrose Street. Remains were transferred from the MacLean Funeral Home to Hamilton, Ont., for completion of funeral arrangements.

MacLEOD — The death occurred at the P.E.I. Hospital, Friday, Nov. 19, 1965, of Neil Hudson MacLeod, formerly of 88 Highland Avenue in his 70th year. Resting at the MacLean Funeral Home until noon today then to Zion Presbyterian Church for funeral service commencing at 2 p.m. Interment will take place in People's cemetery.

WARREN — At the P.E.I. Hospital, Sunday, Nov. 21, 1965, Leslie Warren of North River in his 81st year. Resting at the MacLean Funeral Home from where the funeral will be held Tuesday, Nov. 23, with service commencing at 2 p.m. Interment in East Wiltshire cemetery. In lieu of flowers contributions to the Cancer Society or the Geddie Memorial would be appreciated.

CROZIER — At the Prince County Hospital, Nov. 20, 1965, George E. Crozier of Hamilton in his 82nd year. Remains were forwarded from Davison Funeral Home to his late residence. Funeral services will be held from Malpeque United Church today at 2:00 p.m. Interment in the People's cemetery, Malpeque.

CAMPBELL — At the Prince County Hospital, Nov. 21, 1965, Mrs. Alex H. Campbell of Irishtown, age 77 years. Remains will be forwarded from Davison Funeral Home to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clayton Stafford, this evening. Funeral services will be held from St. Stephen's Church, Burlington, on Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. Interment in Church cemetery. Please omit flowers.

Senior Homes Contracts Let

SUMMERSIDE — Health Minister Henry Wedge, president of Senior Citizens' Housing Corporation, has announced the awarding of contracts for construction of senior citizens' homes at Summerside and Charlottetown.

Lowest bidder and winner of the contract for the Summerside construction was Capital Enterprises Ltd.; the plumbing, heating and electrical contract was won by Inman Plumbing and Heating Co. Ltd.

The firm of Fitzgerald and Snow Ltd., Charlottetown, won the construction contract for the Charlottetown units; the plumbing and heating contract went to Bevan Bros. Ltd. Bidders were given an extra day to bid for the electrical contract.

The construction will consist of 22 units at Summerside and 44 units at Charlottetown. Construction will start immediately and is expected to be finished by June or July of 1966.

Variety Concert Staged By Pupils

TIGNISH — The Tignish Elementary School, under the direction of Sister St. George, music teacher, held a variety concert in the region's high school auditorium on Friday night before a large audience.

In the opening chorus, "Prince Edward Island" was sung by grades seven and eight. Piano solo "Patrol March" was played by Irma McInnis. Rhythm Band "Military March" by grades one, two, three "putting the baby to sleep" was very colorfully put on by the little ones.

First Meeting Set By Group

ALBERTON — The first meeting of Alberton Home and School Association for this season has been announced for Thursday evening.

A highlight will be the presentation of Women's Institute prizes to the three students of the region who had highest standing in grade eight provincial exams.

Helping to make up the program were French songs, square sets, and rhythmic physical drill, and instrumental groups.

A Choral Reading "Charge of the Light Brigade," was done by the grade five pupils. Karen Gaudet sang a solo, and a flag drill was presented by grades five and six boys and girls.

Piano trios, and piano solos were played during the program. A campfire sing-song was very enjoyable. Auld Lang Syne and Till We Meet Again brought the evening to a close.

There will be opportunity for parents to meet new members of the regional high school teaching staff. New officers will be installed. The meeting is scheduled for 7:30 with Mrs. Herman Corcoran presiding.

CARC Branch Holds Meeting

ALBERTON — Alberton branch of the Canadian Association for Retarded Children held their November meeting at the hospital Thursday evening.

Mrs. A. C. Green presided and the minutes were recorded by Mrs. Fred Millman.

Plans were made to invite a guest speaker for the December meeting and to invite a neighbouring branch of the association to attend. A social hour will follow the meeting. The committee on arrangements for the amateur cavalcade reported that plans for the Friday evening program are progressing satisfactorily.

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