



MR. GEORGE BARTER (left) Veterans' Association of Canada, president of the Charlottetown Mr. Dave Miller, D.S.C. of Sun-Branch of the Main Brace Naval Veterans' Association of Canada.

### Main Brace Holds Annual Banquet & Dance

Wednesday evening, May 29th, the Clover Club took on a nautical touch for the occasion of the first Annual Banquet and Dance held by the Charlottetown Branch of the Main Brace Naval Veterans' Association of Canada. Two uniformed sea cadets, Lynn Gallant and Blair MacDonald, capably ushered the distinguished guests to the T.V. room where they were received by members of the executive and their ladies. "Hands to Dinner" was piped at 7:00 p.m. The evening opened with the singing of "O Canada." Following Grace, which was asked by the Main Brace Protestant Chaplain, Rev. Canon J.T. Ibbott, approximately 178 members and guests enjoyed a delicious dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion. Master of Ceremonies, President George Barter, proposed the Toast to the Queen. In proposing a toast to the Navy, the Premier the Hon. A.W. Matheson, remarked briefly on the rapid changes being made in the Navy and urged members of the Brace to impress upon their children the opportunities and fu-

### To Attend N.E.C. Meeting Here

One of the men who has been most closely connected with the labour movement in Canada for many years, Mr. A. R. Mosher, will be in Charlottetown next week, attending the meeting of the National Employment Committee. Mr. Mosher is a fifth generation Canadian, born in Nova Scotia. Has been identified with the labour movement for over fifty years, was elected Grand President of Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees in 1908 and in 1927 he took a leading part in organizing the Canadian Congress of Labour of which he was elected President. He retained that office until the merger of the two major labour organizations in Canada in April 1956.

He is now Honorary President of the Canadian Labour Congress and represents Canadian labour on the National Employment Committee. An Honorary Doctor of Laws was conferred on him in July 1953, and he was awarded C.B.E. for special services during the war. He is a member of the Canada Labour Relations Board.



WILL VISIT

Ross C. Brown, of Vancouver, newly elected president of the Canadian Restaurant Association, will visit Charlottetown June 3 and 4. He began his cross-Canada tour in Saint John, accompanied by Mrs. Brown and Mrs. F. G. Montgomery of C.R.A. national office.

### Joint Political Meetings Enjoy Some Slight Revival

By BERNARD DUFRESNE Canadian Press Staff Writer OTTAWA (CP) — Western politicians are reviving a feature of past election campaigns that was all but abandoned years ago. It is the contradictory meeting, joint meeting or political forum, in which rival candidates or their supporters meet in debate to defend their party and attack their opponents. Except in rare instances, however, the old-time, no-holds-barred color and oratory that marked contradictory meetings of a generation or more ago are gone. The meetings are more peaceful, too.

THEY'RE RIVALS NOW One such was held May 20 at Mossbank, Sask. It featured Premier T. C. Douglas of Saskatchewan and Ross Thatcher, former CCF member of the Commons for Moose Jaw-Lake Centre, who is now a Liberal candidate in Assiniboia against his former CCF deskmate, Hazen Argue.

The meeting, called to debate the CCF provincial administration and its crown companies, attracted an estimated 2,000 persons to a village of about 600. That's small stuff compared with a contradictory meeting in St. Hyacinthe, Que., in the 1911 election. It was attended by 25,000 from all over Quebec and parts of Eastern Ontario.

Sen. Charles L. Bishop, ex, a long-time parliamentary correspondent who covered the meeting, said it was the biggest he ever saw. "The big issue that year was trade reciprocity with the United States," he recalls. "But in Quebec the main issue was the Navy Bill."

POLITICAL GREATS "Henri Bourassa, the old Quebec nationalist and a great orator and Rodolphe Lemieux, a Liberal got together to debate the navy issue. "The meeting started at two o'clock and when the train left for Ottawa at seven it was still going on. The big guns had had their say, but the local boys were still speaking."

The origin of joint meetings is not clear. The practice probably was brought to Canada from Britain and flourished from at least the time of Confederation in 1867 until about the middle of the First World War. Then, its popularity declined. Probably the only constituency in which contradictory meetings have been held at every federal election since Confederation is Carleton, near Ottawa. The his-

Among the best were Charles Thibault, Auguste Corneillier, Charles Langelier, Armand Lavergne and Bourassa. Dr. Beauchessne said the popularity of contradictory meetings began to decline in 1916-17 at the time of the Borden union government. "In those war years," he said,

CAEN U REOPENED CAEN, France (CP) — Representatives from 110 foreign colleges and universities attended ceremonies there build University of Caen founded in 1432 and largely destroyed in the Battle of Normandy in 1944.

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### Trade Board Activities Reviewed By President

"Perhaps one of the greatest contributions ever made by your Board to our community is that of the leadership given over many years, but particularly during this past year, to the subject of the future of Metropolitan Charlottetown," stated President R.E. Taylor in his report at the annual meeting Friday night of the Charlottetown Board of Trade. Reviewing some of the major projects carried on by the Board throughout the year, Mr. Taylor said in part: "Formed by our instance, activated by our enthusiasm, and supported throughout by our wholehearted faith and confidence in this Community which for most of us is our Birthplace and Home, the Charlottetown Metropolitan Committee this week filed at City Hall and with the adjacent Villages of Parkdale and Spring Park a most comprehensive report giving full details for study to all parties interested in this all-important matter. To Board Representatives—Chairman F.J. Storey and B.E. Rogers, not forgetting our Secretary as one of the City Representatives, as well as acting as Secretary of that committee, we owe a tremendous vote of thanks for their tremendous labours and efforts on our behalf and on behalf of all our citizens. Instead of a Guest Speaker tonight, we are going to hear a Panel discussion on this subject of Amalgamation of Charlottetown and the suburban areas of Parkdale and Spring Park and we trust you will find the same of much interest."

Time tonight does not permit me to dwell in detail on all of the various projects on which your Board has been active this past year—in addition to those enumerated above, may I merely record for the record the following additional ones at this time: Investigation of the delay in distribution of Airmail through Post Office Boxes here; U.S. Potato Tariffs; United Appeal: Springhill Disaster Relief Fund; Canadian National Railway Nova Scotia Short Line; Opening and Naming of new Federal Building here; Borden - Tormentine Causeway; Proposed Group Insurance Plan for the Board; Support to the Charlottetown Little Theatre; Brief urging Civic Auditorium for our City; Establishment of our Provincial Building here as a National Historic Shrine; Charlottetown Waterfront Problems; Support to Junior Board of Trade

Home Products Week Exhibit: Canadian Chamber of Commerce referendum holding of Dominion Day; Establishment here of a Shippers Association; Daylight Saving Time; Provision for more modern Pullman for C.N.R. Service out of Charlottetown; Paving of Borden Pier; Progress on promised new Naval Barracks for our City; and Study of Workmen's Compensation Act here in relation to other Provinces.

ACCUSED OF MURDER WATERLOO, Ont. (CP) — A charge of murder was laid Saturday against Richard Beam, 30, following the fatal shooting of Mrs. Augusta Taylor, 47, widowed mother of a seven-year-old daughter. She was shot in a two-room apartment occupied by Beam and his father, Frank Beam. Police said they believed the shooting was the result of an argument over a lawn mower.

Of interest too was the special Council Luncheon of March 28, 1957 in honour of Mr. Howard Mann, newly appointed Executive Man-

ager of the Maritime Transportation Commission who brought us up to date on more recent developments in this all important subject to all Maritimers - Transportation, including the 1957 decision of the Federal Government, following the recommendations of the Gordon Royal Commission on Canada's Economic Prospects to launch immediately a general review of our Maritime Transportation Problems as well as render immediate action on the subject of Freight rates from our Atlantic Provinces to Central Canadian points by way of increased subventions running to as high as 20 and 30 per cent and at a cost of \$2 millions of dollars annually to the Federal Treasury.

The importance of these events during our year is illustrated by the fact that with freight rates now 119.9 per cent higher than they were 10 years ago, that his action this year on the part of the Federal Government constitutes the first time since 1927 that Government will attempt to bring our Maritime Freight Rates Act up to date.

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