



PRIME MINISTER SPEAKS AT BIRCHWOOD
Guardian-Patriot Staff Writer
Large audiences greet Mr. Diefenbaker

LT-GOVERNOR PRESIDES AT HOUSE OPENING
In foreground Legislative Assembly clerk Wood Mackay (left) and Speaker John R. McLean

PREMIER SHAW MEETS MISS LAMARSH
They were introduced in hotel lobby

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Miss LaMarsh Basts PCs For Lack Of Plan, Budget

By RALPH CAMPBELL
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It was a bad parliament, mercifully it was also a short one. Miss Judy LaMarsh, Niagara Falls, said of the last session at Ottawa, as she introduced the Conservative government for its failures.

Miss LaMarsh was faced by a large crowd at the Rollway in Charlottetown despite an appearance at Birchwood High School by Prime Minister Diefenbaker at the same time.

The throng, estimated at well over 1,200, also heard both Fifth Queen Liberal candidates, Allison Gillis and Ira Lewis in brief addresses. A. W. Matheson, provincial party leader, also was present to urge support for the candidates and tell the audience that in Miss LaMarsh they were about to meet one of the ablest political campaigners in Canada.

In mentioning the argument raised around the defence policy she was critical of Minister of External Affairs Howard Green for keeping to himself knowledge of the precarious position at the time of the Cuban crises. She remarked that Mr. Diefenbaker says the Bomarc is no good and claimed no weapon would be good if it lacked a head. She called huge armament expenditures on "useless" weapons by the Diefenbaker government a waste as she said it had cost \$80,000,000 and (Continued on page 3, col. 4.)

Contract Let For Project In Ch'town

By RALPH CAMPBELL
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Total of the contracts awarded in February by the department was \$3,091,386.

Two other contracts involved Nova Scotia, including one for \$1,108,910 for construction of an extension to a department of transport wharf at Dartmouth and one for \$139,473 for repairs to a quay wall at Halifax.

ELECTION ACT TO BE REVISED

By NEIL MATHESON
Patriot and Provincial Editor
Assurance that an early start will be made on the Northumberland Strait Causeway project. Mother's Allowances will be increased to \$65 per month and a stated effort to explore with other provinces the possibility of developing a more uniform course of school studies, were three of the highlights of the December Throne Speech given by Lieutenant-Governor F. Walter Hyndman yesterday afternoon.

The opening ceremonies were held out with all the usual pomp and ceremony and members of the House mingled with other guests in the historic Confederation Chamber afterwards in the traditional hallways.

The members were sworn in by Mr. Justice Mark R. McGuigan and the New Testaments were read by Mr. Justice McGuigan and Mr. Justice George F. Tweedy.

Other distinguished guests at the opening ceremony included His Excellency Bishop Malvern A. MacEachern, Mr. Justice R. B. Bell and Mrs. Bell, and Senators F. Elsie Inman, J. J. McLean and Orville Phillippe.

Graft Probe In Victoria Called Best Show In Town

By STEPHEN SCOTT
VICTORIA (CP)—A most unconventional proceeding in a Victoria courtroom is turning into the best show in town.

"It is doubtful that Hollywood at its wildest could dream up a show so explosive as this morning's hearing—Highways department. The jury box and a box generally reserved for upcoming witnesses are filled with members of the press. Photographers wander about taking pictures, a television camera is operating intermittently.

Further along are advisers to Liberal Leader Ray Perrault and the four NDP members, including Gordon Dowding of Burnaby who introduced an affidavit in the legislature Feb. 28 which alleged that \$135,000 in money was paid on a Trans-Canada Highways contract.

Constantly the committee bogs down as the members argue. Tempers have got so short that Mr. Strachan has been generally by Mr. Corbett and Mr. McKenzie for slapping his finger at them both time after time.

"I'll stake my finger if I like." Nobody cares to speculate on how long the committee hearings will last.

At the end of the bench, beneath the witness box and beneath the court officials' bench—now filled with the committee chairman's counsel and three tables filled with 12 members of the committee: One Liberal, four members of the New Democratic Party and seven Social Crediters.

The public galleries, with seats for 80 persons, are packed with people standing at the sides and in the doorways.

A long bench, centrally reserved for lawyers not participating in the case at hand, is almost filled with lawyers and others who definitely are participating.

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Confederation Plan Yanks Pinch Sir Winston?

LONDON (Reuters)—Columnist William Connor asks whether Sir Winston Churchill will have to give up smoking Havana cigars to become an honorary citizen of the United States.

Connor, who writes under the pen-name Cassandra in the mass circulation Daily Mirror, also says the U.S., having denied Britain the Skybolt missile, now is trying to pinch Churchill.

"They make no bones about their plan to collar the most famous and distinguished Englishman of the 20th century," he says.

"We might however consider leading-legendary Sir Winston to them."

"After all, they drove a very tough bargain with us in 1940 when they transferred 50 ancient destroyers to the Royal Navy in return for a 99-year lease on naval and air bases in the western hemisphere."

Provision would be made he said, for the retaining of workers replaced by automation.

"A manpower council would be established to assess the effects of automation. New labor codes would be set up and existing ones extended and portable pensions, in cooperation with the provinces, would be encouraged."

NATION ON UPSTROKE
"The nation is on the upsurge," Mr. Diefenbaker said. "We have a gross national product of \$40,000,000,000; never has a country with less than 20,000,000 population had national production that high."

Turning back to 1956, the Prime Minister said, "at that time I placed before you a plan for Canada to develop east, west and north. The Liberals ridiculed this."

"I said we would open the north. People are moving in there today and 100,000 acres are taken up for oil and vast mineral deposits. In doing that I annoyed some great interests; they were opposed."

"Capital should be outside in Canada and not outside interests. We brought in legislation providing that 50 per cent of equity stock must be made available to Canadians. In anything wrong with that? I believe wrong with that? exists in Canada. (Continued on page 3, col. 1.)

Freak Snowstorm Hits In Calif.

CRESCENT CITY, Calif. (AP)—A freakish snowstorm blew into extreme northwest California Thursday. At Gasquet, 17 miles north of here, six inches of snow piled up the heaviest fall there in 15 years. Hoehle, 10 miles north of Crescent City, had three inches. Normally, it doesn't snow there at all.

Wheat Guarantee Called Liberal Vote Gimmick

WAINWRIGHT, Alta. (CP)—Social Credit leader Thompson said Thursday a Liberal guarantee of \$2 a bushel for wheat "is nothing more than an election gimmick to get your vote."

Speaking to a crowd of 400 persons, which almost filled the community's main street theatre, he said the Liberal policy cannot work.

"We also have an economic policy and means of bringing about a two-price system for wheat," he told the meeting.

France Faces Rail Strike

PARIS (Reuters)—Paralyzed threatened France's nationalized railroads today as railway workers called a 24-hour strike—the latest in the current epidemic of labor troubles which have put a crimp in President de Gaulle's prestige.

Pearson Regrets Move To Fan Anti-U.S. Fire

LONDON, Ont. (CP)—Liberal Leader Pearson told the biggest crowd he has faced so far in the April 8 election campaign that he regrets the establishment of a new anti-Americanism under the guise of pro-Canadianism.

He told a crowd estimated at nearly 2,000—the doors of the London Arena were locked and closely guarded—that "Canadian governments can be strongly Canadian without wanting like petulant children."

He added, "I don't like Canadians on one side of a coin, for instance, that has anti-Americanism on the other. I regret this igniting up of the bones of 1911 and trying to warm up a new anti-Americanism under the guise of pro-Canadianism."

The crowd's sizzle was made by a London fire department inspector who was letting people into the building one by one. He said that when the doors were locked, he judged there were 2,500 outside and a lot had come home.

Asked how it compared with the 1962 campaign opener here by Prime Minister Diefenbaker, he said Diefenbaker's crowd was bigger inside the building because restrictions were not as tightly imposed.