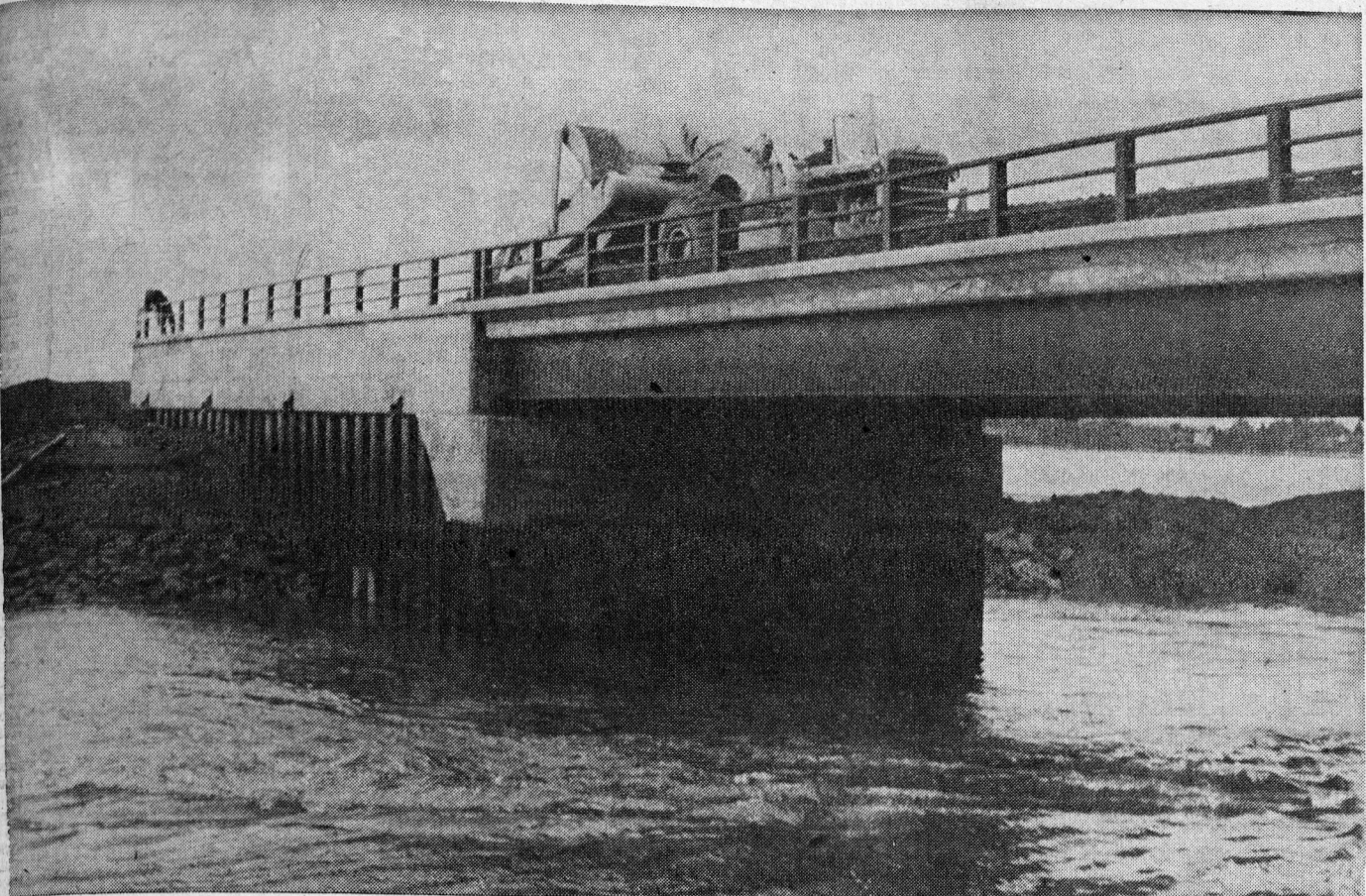


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THE INCOMING TIDE sends water rushing through the West River bridge as the gap in the causeway narrows. Seen crossing the bridge is a large carryall engaged in hauling fill for the causeway on the south side of the river. Highway officials yesterday stated that in a short time the gap will be closed and the whole flow of water directed through the bridge opening.

## Projects Near Completion; Department Pushes Work.

"Never has so much work been accomplished in such a short period of time," was the way Hon. J. George MacKay described his road and bridge construction program yesterday. The Highways Minister felt that a great deal of credit for the "splendid progress" could be attributed to an early spring break-up and a group of contractors who are anxious to get on with the job. This week trucks began crossing the West River Bridge and preparations are being made to close the last existing gap in the causeway on the south side. Engineers have been taking stream velocity tests from a flowmeter which has been placed in the stream. High bulkheads of end are being built up at either end of the opening and when the right moment arrives two bulldozers on either side will begin dumping the fill into the gap. This was the manner in which the North River Causeway was finally closed. The whole operation took less than one hour. The Madowbank road from Cornwall to the Bridge has been widened and improved. It will be paved this summer, Mr. MacKay said.

## Eisenhower's Trade Program May Have Fighting Chance

WASHINGTON (CP) — President Eisenhower's embattled trade program now appears to have a fighting chance of getting through congress without being denuded in the process. A few weeks ago, the outlook for congressional approval of this year's program was dim. Since then, Eisenhower has agreed to concessions designed to make the bill more acceptable to the protectionist elements in Congress. This is the bill through which the president is asking Congress to extend the U.S. Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act for five years and give him authority to reduce U.S. tariffs by 25 per cent in return for similar concessions by other exporting countries. For Canada and other nations which depend heavily on the American market for their export sales this will be about the most important piece of legislative business to be handled by Congress this year. The legislation still faces some major hurdles. It comes up for floor debate in the House of Representatives within the next few days and then must clear the Senate. But Eisenhower is expected now to rally enough support to get approval of his two main requests—the five-year extension and the tariff-cutting authority. The trade act will die automatically June 30 if Congress does not renew it. If that happens, the trade agreements that the U.S. now has with 43 other powers will be frozen and Eisenhower will have no authority to reduce tariffs on foreign imports. To avoid this happening, Eisenhower has agreed to two major concessions, neither of which will be particularly to the liking of Canada and the other exporting powers. Both represent a tightening up of U.S. trade laws.

## Gov't Tightens Lending Control

OTTAWA (CP) — The government has moved to take greater control over its direct mortgage lending. Works Minister Green said in the Commons Thursday, under questioning by Lionel Chevrier (L—Montreal Laurier) that "for the time being at least" federal funds for lower-priced homes are being loaned directly by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation. Previously, this money was loaned out by private institutions such as the chartered banks, trust companies and so on. But a CMHC official said that the private lenders have not always been directing the money as the government would like. By lending the money directly itself, CMHC is able to select the borrowers in whatever way seems most in the public interest. Another change, the official said, is that a would-be borrower who can show CMHC he has been turned by two private lenders may apply for a loan from the government agency in any community.

## Ceremony Marks Opening Of Atlantic House In London

LONDON (CP)—Hoping to attract more European industrial capital, immigrants and trade, Canada's four Atlantic provinces Thursday opened an office for their first agent-general in Britain. The co-operative venture by the Liberals and two Progressive Conservative governments was commemorated at a ceremony at which the provinces' four premiers and George Drew, Canadian high commissioner to Britain, took part. H. Watson Jamer of Lancaster, N.B., is the agent-general who will have the job of building trade, industry and a public relations program. The premiers, flown here as guests of Lord Beaverbrook, Canadian-born newspaper magnate, appealed for support and spoke of their close ties with Britain. Premier Hugh John Flemming of New Brunswick said he hopes prospective investors won't mistake the Maritimes' effort as a stepping stone to central Canada. "I think we should make it a toll gate," Premier Alex Matheson of Prince Edward Island said. Premiers Joseph Smallwood of Newfoundland and Robert Stanfield of Nova Scotia stressed the importance of strengthening ties with Britain. Drew promised "the closest possible co-operation" of his office across Trafalgar Square. The premiers left for the Brussels World Fair next week. Thursday night they dined with their host, Lord Beaverbrook, and Drew.

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### ISOLATED CASES

## H'ways Min. Is Annoyed Over Truck Rate Cutting

A large delegation of truckers waited on Highways Minister MacKay yesterday complaining that they were being offered rates considerably below those set by the Government one week ago. Mr. MacKay said he was keenly disappointed that certain contractors or sub-contractors had seen fit to make such offers in view of the study that had been put on this question after some years of negotiation between the truckers and the Government. He said the new rates had been established for all Government contracts for the benefit of the truckers and it was thought that those engaged in this work would see fit to co-operate. Under the new rates, the trucker is to receive 23 cents per yard for the first mile and nine cents per yard for each succeeding mile of the haul. While the new rates do not become effective until the first of June, it was hoped that as many as possible would begin to pay on the higher scale immediately. The Minister felt that the complaint received yesterday was an isolated case and the contractors in general would, as in the past, give full co-operation. Mr. MacKay explained that the rates set are those which the Government pays for road construction but noted it has always been the rule that contractors have complied with these rates.

## Seek Tender For Causeway Jobs

MONCTON (CP)—Tenders are to be called for drilling of test holes and other survey work in connection with a proposed Northumberland Strait causeway. Dr. H. Q. Golder of London, Eng., engineer in charge of the survey, said in a telephone interview Thursday the test holes would be sunk on both the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island sides of Northumberland Strait and in the strait itself. Dr. Golder said he and his staff had just moved into their headquarters at Borden, P.E.I., and details of the survey were not fixed as yet. "We have set no specific area for the drilling," he said. He said drilling was being done to establish the condition and formation of the rock and soil on both shores and on the strait bottom. Dr. Golder said the drilling would involve holes about 100 feet deep. "If we find the causeway is feasible we will need a large stone quarry. We have found several small ones but nothing big enough yet," he said.

## Price Support For Pulpwood Being Considered

OTTAWA (CP) — Consideration has been given the question of price supports for pulpwood cut on farm woodlots but the government has not yet reached any decision. Agriculture Minister Harkness said Wednesday. He was replying in the Commons to Samuel Boulanger (L—Drummond—Athabaska). Several members, on both government and opposition sides, have requested such price support for pulpwood. Some have suggested a price of \$20 a cord. TOWN CLERK WILL RETIRE NEW GLASGOW (CP) — Miss Margaret Wadden, New Glasgow's Town clerk for more than 25 years, will retire Dec. 31. Miss Wadden will be placed on leave of absence beginning July 1, Town Council decided Thursday.

## BODIES RECOVERED

TABUSINTAC, N.B. (CP)—The bodies of William J. Grattan, 34, a fisheries protection officer, and Gerrold Morrison, 35, assistant forest ranger, were found Thursday on a beach near Tabusintac. They were drowned a month ago, while making a patrol on the eve of the lobster season, when their boat was wrecked in heavy seas.

## RENEWAL DATE

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LIEUT. KAREN Simmonds, in charge of No. 4 platoon, salutes as she is introduced to the inspecting Officer, Col. A.W. Rogers, E.D., Officer Commanding 2 Militia Group, at the annual inspection of No. 20 Queen Charlotte High School Cadet Corps yesterday afternoon. On the inspecting officer's right is Cadet Major Dewar Harper, Corps Commander.

## Heavy Rain Interferes With Q. C. H. S. Cadet Inspection

The presentation of certificates and awards to members of the No. 20 Queen Charlotte High School Cadet Corps will take place this evening at the cadet dance in the school auditorium. The presentation was scheduled to take place yesterday afternoon as part of the annual inspection of the Corps, but due to the heavy downpour of rain had to be cancelled. The rain started shortly after day afternoon. On the inspecting officer's right is Cadet Major Dewar Harper, Corps Commander.

## President Says It's Now De Gaulle Or Civil War

PARIS (AP)—Gen. Charles de Gaulle agreed Thursday night to form a new French government, but insisted he must have full powers to head off civil war. The outcome still depends on the National Assembly. Former president Vincent Auriol charged de Gaulle encouraged secession in Algiers. That charge drew a 62 to 29 endorsement from Socialist deputies, a key group needed by de Gaulle in his quest for power. Auriol, a Socialist elder statesman, made the charge in a letter asking de Gaulle's attitude toward the military insurrectionists in Algeria and on Corsica. This, and a reassuring reply from de Gaulle, were studied by the National Assembly. De Gaulle's rightists ideas and any spectre of authoritarian government are distasteful to the big blocs in parliament, especially the key Socialists. The Socialist party, second strongest in the assembly after the Communists, caucused Thursday night and adjourned until today. Spokesman said they would not reach a decision until Saturday and this could prolong the crisis through the weekend. De Gaulle's rightists ideas and any spectre of authoritarian government are distasteful to the big blocs in parliament, especially the key Socialists.

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His Paris office quoted him as saying: "I do not know how to undertake the task of conducting the business of the state and the nation unless these indispensable conditions are given me with frank and broad confidence required for the health of France of the state and of the republic. The full powers he seeks would approach those of a dictatorship. He wants them to run for a period to be set by the National Assembly. He did not specify in accepting Coty's offer how long he hoped to run the country single-handed. But he previously had made known that he wants the National Assembly to adjourn for a full year. It was in an atmosphere heavy with strife that Coty warned parliament and the nation that only de Gaulle now could save France from civil war. Within three hours, the general

## CAUCUS ADJOURNS

The Socialist party caucused again late Thursday night and adjourned until today. Presumably this was to allow Socialist leader Guy Mollet time to see Coty and determine fully the latest views of de Gaulle. The Socialists said they would not reach a decision until Saturday. De Gaulle's communique said that during his meeting with Coty he had indicated under what conditions he could assume charge of the government "at this decisive moment for the destiny of the nation." Part of his program, de Gaulle said would be reform of the constitution. He said he would submit a changed constitution to the country in a referendum. The changes would notably concern the balance of powers in the administration between the Executive and the legislature, and France's relations with its overseas territories. (Continued on Page 11 Col. 5)

## P.E.I. Chaplain To Officiate At Funeral Of Col. Flint

OTTAWA (CP) — Lt. Col. George A. Flint, killed in an exchange of gunfire between Israeli and Jordanian forces, will be buried Saturday morning at Moss-car, near Ismailia, Egypt. Mrs. Flint and the 47-year-old Canadian officer's two daughters will watch as his body is lowered into a grave at the Imperial War Graves Commission Cemetery, army headquarters said Thursday. Col. Flint's body will be transported under officer escort from Tel Aviv, Israel, to the Canadian camp at Rafah, Egypt, today. The body will be flown to Port Said Saturday where the family, accompanied by Swedish General Carl van Horn, chief of staff of the UN truce supervisory organization on which Col. Flint served and other senior officers will join the party. They then will proceed to the cemetery where the officiating clergyman will be Capt. Leslie A. Dignan, Royal Canadian Army Chaplain Corps, of Port Hill, P.E.I.

## Legion Head Is Re-elected

EDMONTON — David L. Burgess of Ottawa was re-elected president of the Dominion Command of the Canadian Legion here Thursday. The 68-year-old man is beginning his second two-year term. Earle Burgess of St. Thomas, Ont., was returned for the fourth term as chairman.

## 4 Rail Workers Die In Crash

POINTE AUBARIL STATION, Ont. (CP)—Four rail workers died Thursday night in the splintered wreckage of a caboose as a fast freight smashed into a work train on the main CPR line near this community, 68 miles south of Sudbury. Dead are C. Dermot Buttineau and his brother Richard of Nobel, Ont., David Watkinson of Parry Sound, Ont., and Laverne Bushey of Nobel. In critical condition at St. Joseph's Hospital, Parry Sound, is Raymond Monette of Carleton Place, Ont. Howard Snyder, 23, also of Carleton, was reported in good condition in hospital and Melville Trickey of MacTier, Ont., was released after treatment. CPR officials said an 11-car through freight, southbound from Sudbury to Toronto, rammed the back of an eight-car work train. Two diesels and all cars on the freight were derailed as was the caboose filled with eight men, and steam locomotive pushing the work train.

## German President Given Bouquet

QUEBEC (CP)—A full morning of sight-seeing by the president of Germany Thursday evoked a reminder of the Second World War and brought a surprise bouquet of forget-me-nots from a German woman who intercepted the official party on the island of Orleans. Dr. Theodor Heuss arrived in Quebec Wednesday evening to begin a week-long state visit to Canada—the first ever made by the head of the German state. He is being accompanied by Foreign Minister Heinrich von Brentano, State Secretary Felix von Eckhardt, and the president's son, Dr. Ernst Ludwig Heuss. Following a drive through city streets, the party moved to the island of Orleans, a few miles downriver from Quebec. When they arrived at Ste. Petronille, on the island's western tip, an attractive woman was waiting. "I'm from the president's home town of Stuttgart," she told reporters, "and I was afraid no one would think to give him flowers—so I picked a bouquet of forget-me-nots." CHATS WITH HEUSS The woman, Mrs. Ruth Gillies, who has been in Canada eight years, opened the door of the president's limousine before police could intervene. Dr. Heuss was obviously pleased and Mrs. Gillies sat on the floor of the back seat and chatted with the president for several minutes before the motorcade moved on. Following an informal lunch at Manoir St. Castin at Lac Beau-

## Mr. Parker Made Vice-President

OTTAWA (CP) — Harold B. Simpson of Sydney, N.S., is the new president of the 300,000-member Canadian Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation. Mr. Simpson was elected by acclamation during the federation's three-day meeting of more than 60 delegates. The sessions end today. A former Nova Scotia Home and School president and for the last two years the national body's executive vice-president, Mr. Simpson succeeds Mrs. J. D. Taylor of Hamilton, Ont. Only other officer elected during this meeting was Kenneth Parker of Charlottetown as eastern vice-president.

## TO EXPAND HOSPITAL

SACKVILLE, N.B. (CP)—The board of trustees of the Sackville Memorial Hospital Thursday announced a \$135,000 expansion program to add 16 rooms, a maternity wing and a children's section to the 32-room hospital.