

# Drew, Low Hit Propaganda In Defence Dept. Booklet

OTTAWA (CP) — Opposition leader Drew and Solon Low, Social Credit chief, Thursday assailed the defence department of its bi-monthly armed forces publication "Current Affairs."

Mr. Drew charged that the government is issuing "insidious" propaganda in the guise of information.

Mr. Low said an article on Russia in the March 1 edition of the pamphlet glorified life in the Soviet Union and, at best, was a rash apology for the U.S.S.R. He described it as a deliberate misrepresentation of the facts, tripe and propaganda.

Defence Minister Campney said the department attempts to make its publications as objective as possible. They were not intended to promote any person or party but served a very useful purpose in helping to keep servicemen informed on current events.

### ENDED DEFENCE ESTIMATES

The discussion about "Current Affairs" ended Commons study of the 1955-56 defence estimates of \$1,775,000,000, which were passed by the House.

Mr. Drew said that as far as "Current Affairs" is concerned, Canada was already a one-party state. The only persons mentioned were cabinet ministers.

There were other numerous examples of the taxpayers' money being spent by the government for "straight Liberal Propaganda," Mr. Drew said.

"Current Affairs" report on the six federal bye-elections in Novem-

ber were elected. Actually, four Liberals, one CCF and one Progressive Conservative were elected.

### ASKS COMMITTEE

Mr. Drew suggested establishment of an inter-party committee to supervise government publications to make them objective.

He agreed with Mr. Low that the article on Russia was "highly colored propaganda" which should never have been published. It ignored the fact there were 12,000,000 persons in Russian slave camps.

Mr. Low complained that the pamphlets do not contain "inspirational" articles. There was little in them about the superiority of democracy over Communism, the glories and traditions of the British Empire and the need for attention to the spiritual side of man.

## Inquest Ordered In Woman's Death

The death occurred yesterday morning under distressing circumstances at the Prince Edward Island Hospital of Mrs. Percy Yeo, 49 year old housewife from Richmond, Prince Edward Island.

Mrs. Yeo was admitted to the hospital on Sunday and was under the care of Dr. A. A. MacVicar. She was found in the bathroom of her room hanging by a dressing gown cord which had been affixed to a clothes hook on the inside of the door.

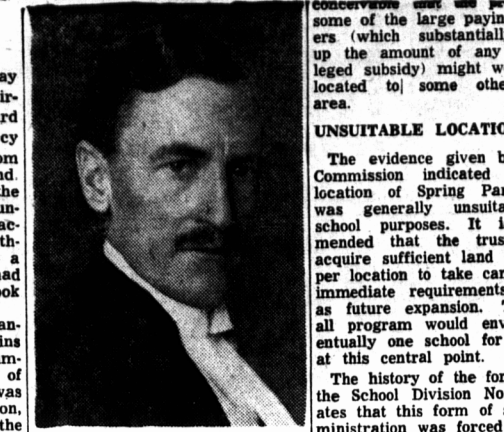
Coroner L. E. Prowse empanelled a jury to view the remains and learn some of the circumstances surrounding the death of the deceased. The body was identified by Miss Ardet Dixon, R.N., a floor supervisor at the hospital. After viewing the remains the inquest was adjourned until July 19, 4.00 p.m. A.D.T., at City Hall. The following are the jurors: Earl Baker (foreman), Frank MacDonald, Allison MacKinnon, Earl Taylor, Thomas Rogers, Morton Dew, Ernest Selinger.

## Guest Speaker

Rev. John Sutherland Bonnell, D.D., minister of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York City, will be the guest speaker at the morning service of Trinity Church, Charlottetown on Sunday, July 17.

Dr. Bonnell who was a candidate for Moderator at the last General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, has recently returned from Scotland where he introduced the Evangelist Billy Graham at the beginning of his revival campaign in that country.

The subject of Dr. Bonnell's sermon on Sunday will be "The Search for Peace of Mind." At present Dr. and Mrs. Bonnell are spending the holidays at their summer home in Georgetown, P.E.I.



## Holidaying Here

Mr. Justice J. D. Hyndman (retired) former Judge of the Supreme Court of Alberta and later chairman of Pensions Appeal Board, Ottawa, accompanied by Mrs. Hyndman is holidaying at Keppoch.

## City and Central

CRASWELL for Better Photographs.

RADIATOR REPAIRING, recoring, flushing, Mallett's Battery and Radiator Service.

IMMUNIZATION CLINICS will be held at the Health Centre, 188 Prince Street, on Friday afternoons only from 2-4 o'clock, City Time.

CRAPAUD Gospel Hall, George Heidman of Saint John N.B. will present the Gospel 8 p.m. Lord's Day. All welcome.

GOSPEL TENT, Special meetings beginning Lord's Day at 8 p.m., the Gospel Tent, Kingston, G. A. Ramsay conducting the services. All welcome.

PIPE BAND COMPETITION — For the first time the Junior Pipe Bands will be able to compete at the Caledonian Club Highland Games (10th August). This innovation will be sponsored by Simpsons Sears, Charlottetown.

DOUBLE VALUE HAT SALE. — At the Hi-Style Millinery, Great George Street with the purchase of any of our better hats at half price we offer one regular \$3.95 to \$5.95 hat for \$1.00. Limited quantity. Buy two for less than price of one.

**BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS**  
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**BIRTHS**  
KING—At the King's County Hospital on July 14, to Mr. and Mrs. Everett King, Montague, twin boys, 6 lbs, 9 ozs; 4 lbs, 4 ozs.

**MARRIAGES**  
MacDOUGALL — TAYLOR — At Knox Presbyterian Church, Toronto, on June 11th, 1955, by Rev. William P. King, John Lorraine Taylor of Nine Mile Creek, P. E. I., to Kenneth Edson MacDougall of New Haven, P. E. I.

**DEATHS**  
MacKINNON—Suddenly at Goose River on Wednesday, July 13, 1955, John F. MacKinnon, aged 67 years. His remains were transferred last evening from the Hennessey Funeral Home to his late residence from where the funeral will be held on Saturday morning at 9 o'clock to St. Peter's Bay Church for Requiem High Mass. Interment in the church cemetery.

MacLEOD—At Bonshaw on Thursday, July 14, 1955, James Mustard MacLeod of Lorne Valley in his 67th year. Resting at the MacLean Funeral Home until Friday morning then at his late residence, Lorne Valley. Funeral Sunday at Lorne Valley Presbyterian church, service commencing at 2:30 (S.T.) Interment in Lorne Valley Cemetery.

WILLIAMS—At the P. E. I. Hospital, July 14, 1955, Edward Williams formerly of Graham's Road in his 86th year. Remains resting at Davison's Funeral Home, Kensington until Saturday noon thence to United Church, Clifton, where funeral service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Standard Time. Interment Clifton Cemetery.

YEO—At the Prince Edward Island Hospital, Charlottetown, on Thursday, July 14, 1955, Gertrude Belle Yeo, wife of Percy Yeo of Richmond, P. E. I., age 49. Funeral from the Bonness Funeral Home to her late residence on Friday morning from where the funeral will be held at a time to be announced later.

**PERSONALS**  
Mr. James Turner, Hope River, was a visitor to Charlottetown on July 16.

Miss Norma Stone, city, is visiting in Pownal as the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Parker Ings.

Mrs. Hector K. MacNeill, Charlottetown, spent a pleasant week at Summerside, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rogerson.

Mrs. J. E. Fleming of Hillsboro Street, Charlottetown, had as her guests her nieces, Miss Natalie Leonard and Miss Leonard's friend Irma Gilson of Waltham, Mass.

Miss Ethel MacArthur of Kensington left recently on the Overland Special for Calgary, Alta., where she will be the guest of her cousins, Mrs. Edward Urch, and Mrs. Gillespie.

Mrs. John Marks (nee Gladys LeBlanc) and infant son of Bonshaw, are visiting Mrs. Mark's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pamphile LeBlanc, at their home in Kensington.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Crocker of Avon, Mass., are visiting the Island as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. McDonald, St. Peter's and of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Murphy, New Haven. Mrs. Crocker was formerly Marea Nolan daughter of the late Michael Nolan of New Haven, P. E. I.

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then the last Friday in August, at which meeting the elected trustee from the area shall present the financial report of the Division for the previous school year; and that at such meetings committees be appointed to act in an advisory capacity to the trustee or trustees of the respective areas.

While the Commission feels that the larger units of administration have much to recommend them, and can perform an important function in any overall educational program, it is recommended that before any new Divisions are formed, considerable study should be devoted to laying a proper foundation so that a harmonious and working administration will result.

The inclusion of semi-urban and rural areas within one Division should not be encouraged. While the School Act does grant authority to the Minister to set up such units without reference to the people in the area, we feel that this power should not be arbitrarily exercised.

We recommend that the wishes

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## Commission Findings

It was obvious from the result of the plebiscite referred to, that a sense of grievance permeated the Division and considerable time was spent at the hearings in endeavour to obtain a comprehensive history of the formation of the Division and its operation in order to ascertain the basis, if any, for such apparent widespread discontent, and what arrangements, financial or otherwise, might alleviate or eliminate the source of trouble.

It early became obvious that the main difficulties were financial, as with a substratum of resentment as to the way in which the Division was formed; and an unsatisfactory liaison between the Division Board and ratepayers of the constituent school areas.

The combination of semi-urban school districts, such as Spring Park and Parkdale, with purely rural districts substantially comprising the rest of the Division appeared to be unfortunate with assessments naturally levying a much larger tax on farmers than on owners of house lots alone, though the latter might be enjoying much greater income than the net profit from farm operations. At the same time, by area, the urban ratepayers appeared to be subsidizing the conduct of the rural schools.

The Commission thinks that at this time it should be indicated that from an educational point of view it was generally admitted that a much better service was being given than was or could be provided by each of the districts operating separately, and with this conclusion the Commission unanimously agrees.

## FINANCING

To finance the building program the School Commissioners sold a 20 year 3 1/2 per cent Serial Bond issue of \$175,000 at \$96.33 which netted \$168,557.50.

The Commission also assumed the liabilities of the Division existing, as follows: Parkdale, \$23,550.00; Spring Park, \$6,410.50; Central, \$1,000.00; total, \$31,160.50.

The annual payment required to look after principal and interest on the Bond issue is approximately \$12,000.

In addition to this, the interest and principal payments on the old debt has to be taken care of each year at the interest rate being 5 per cent.

The outstanding capital liabilities of the Division as of April 30, 1955 were: Bond Issue, \$147,500; Old Indebtedness \$24,115.56.

At the outset in order to equalize taxation throughout the area the services of the Provincial Land Valuation Board were obtained and a revised assessment roll was prepared for the Division.

To obtain a better class of teachers for the schools, the Board set up a comprehensive salary scale for higher basic supplement rates and annual increases.

While the cost was high, the accommodation provided the pupils was much superior to that previously supplied throughout the Division. Heating and lighting arrangements were improved, toilet facilities made adequate and sanitary. The improved physical plant, the opportunity to obtain a better trained teaching personnel, and the encouragement of wider extra-curricular activities have resulted in greatly improved academic standards.

The cost of servicing the debt and meeting the general operating expenses made it necessary to set a tax rate of \$1.35 per hundred dollars, on the revised assessed valuation. Prior to the formation of the Division the average tax rate was approximately sixty cents on the hundred on a valuation — 40 per cent less than that fixed by the Land Valuation Board.

## IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS

A recent survey conducted by the Division Board indicates that ten new classrooms are required within the next five years, with the urgent necessity of providing at least five for the coming school year.

Ten classrooms referred to above will be required as follows: Spring Park, three; Parkdale, two; Central Royalty, four; West Royalty, one.

The essential requirements for the next school year would appear to be — two for the area served by Spring Park; one for the area served by Parkdale; one for the area served by Central Royalty, and one for the area served by the West Royalty school. If these urgently needed facilities are not made available the Trustee Board will have to stagger classes in these schools,

## CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

In arriving at our conclusions we are convinced that the larger unit of school administration is providing much better educational facilities, a higher standard of academic training, and a better qualified teaching staff.

The Division Board very properly located the schools at points which would most efficiently serve the school population of the whole area without reference to previously defined School Districts.

If the Division were to be broken up, we, as a Commission, could only suggest a basis whereby new districts would be set up, each substantially comprising the area presently served by an existing school. Some of the original districts would lose much of their more valuable assessable properties while others would correspondingly gain. On the other hand, if the Division were broken up into the original districts, including the creation of a new school district at Winsloe Station which would then appear to be imperative, some new schools would have to be erected, while some of the present facilities might not be required. Financially such a course would be wholly impracticable. In addition to this, the problem of allocating the capital indebtedness equitably among the different sections of the Division would present a major problem. If the total indebtedness were allocated to the different districts on the basis of the assessed value of the properties within each area, those who did not receive any benefits from the union would be severely penalized, whereas those who did receive substantial benefits would obtain disproportionate benefits. On the other hand, if the capital indebtedness were divided on the basis of benefits received some of the smaller districts with a low tax potential would be saddled with an indebtedness far beyond their capacity to pay.

The method of assessment seems to be reasonably sound, and most of the taxpayers who appeared before the Commission did not strenuously object to their present taxes, but it was generally stressed that any further substantial increase would create an excessive burden on many.

The claim made by Parkdale that the taxes collected in their village are to some extent subsidizing other areas has some foundation, but when the additional facilities are provided, this apparent inequality will be largely rectified.

The plebiscite vote in Parkdale district was substantially in favour of breaking up the Division, but if such were done it is quite

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