



PRINCESS JOKES WITH MAYOR

CHILLIWACK, B.C. — Princess Margaret jokes with Chilliwack Mayor T. T. McCameron, left, and British Columbia Lt. Gov. Frank Ross after signing a guest book at Chilliwack City

### Postmaster-General Gets Hit With Own Commons Criticism

OTTAWA (CP)—Commons criticism as an Opposition member was turned back on Postmaster-General William Hamilton Saturday with the advice that he practice what he used to preach. Mr. Hamilton, a chronic Opposition gadfly in postal operations by the previous Liberal government, ran into a spate of extracts taken from his past speeches as debate opened on the postal department's \$162,399,000 budget for the current fiscal year. "Twice-a-day letter service, a demand repeatedly made by Mr. Hamilton while an Opposition member, 'is not now warranted," he said in his opening speech. It would cost about \$6,000,000 a year and most residential householders are adequately served with one delivery a day. He conceded, in contrast to some opinions of Canadian stamp design, that it is unlikely "any stamp is ever going to be issued which will receive universal acclaim. "There are those demands today and why have you changed your position?" chided Harold Winch (CCF—Vancouver East). • Azellus Denis (L—Montreal St. Denis) asked why the current departmental estimates are up more than \$5,000,000 over those for the previous year if Mr. Hamilton was hounding out the waste he said had existed. The minister, not visibly ruffled, made these observations: The Canadian postal service is second to none. Mechanical techniques will start to bring radical changes to mail handling within five years and use of various machines, including electronic models, should be widespread in Canada within the next decade. BURGLARIES UP Burglaries are up in all sections of the economy and the post office has its share, showing a need for increased protective methods. Canada's rural mail carriers

travel an annual distance equivalent to nearly 56 round trips to the moon. Mail carriers generally are in no danger of being replaced by machines and the department's permanent staff probably would remain unchanged with the advent of more machinery. Personnel being displaced are absorbed elsewhere, Mr. Hamilton said. Chesley W. Carter (L—Burlington) said he understands peeping TV cameras still apparently are being used in the Peterborough, Ont., post office although the Progressive Conservatives once roundly condemned them. H. W. Herridge (CCF—Kootenay West) reminded Mr. Hamilton that the minister as an Opposition member had once held up the Liberal government's postal estimates for almost two days. He suggested Mr. Hamilton should not object to similar treatment. A LOT TO LEARN He said Canadian stamps are "backward" when compared with those produced by most other countries. Canada had a lot to learn in stamp design. J. P. DesChatelets (L—Montreal Maisonneuve—Rosemont) said Mr. Hamilton had promised twice-a-day mail deliveries after the election of the Conservatives in June, 1957. There had been a commitment and a solemn promise. The minister had failed to give the House a proper reason for his change of policy.

### 2 Die, 20 Cars Burn In Crash

IMLAY, Nev. (AP)—A violent rear-end collision of two long Southern Pacific freight trains killed two men Saturday and flaming glycerin spread fire to 20 cars. A 115-car unit was entering the Imlay yard when the fast moving second train, 114 cars, plowed into the first one. Engineer James W. Baber of Sparks, Nev., and George M. Martinez of Reno, crew members of the oncoming freight, were killed outright. Darrell J. Jorgensen, a brakeman on Baber's crew, was injured. The SP said the three-unit diesel pulling the oncoming train was derailed and caught fire. A glycerine car split open. The solvent caught fire over the ground to 19 other cars. The cars carried miscellaneous freight. Imlay is in barren Nevada country about 190 miles east of Reno.

### 4 Sisters Were Wed Saturday In Unique Event

MONTREAL (CP)—The four Hurteau sisters went to the altar together Saturday in a multiple wedding ceremony which their father Roland described as "the proudest moment of my life." The girls, Lise, 22, Pierette, 21, Suzanne, 20, and Madeleine, 19, paced down the aisle of St. Hermenegile Roman Catholic Church in white floor-length organdy gowns similar in style but not identical. Later they left for honeymoons in three different parts of the con-

ment. Madeleine and husband Coleman Pitter were bound for Atlantic City. Pierette and groom Jean Luc Gravel started for Florida and Lise and Suzanne with respective husbands Maurice Leonard and Damien Roberge went to Gaspe—in separate cars. About 100 guests—all close relatives—watched the ceremony, which attracted several press reporters and photographers. Later everyone drove to an east-end restaurant where a 40-pound cake was cut collectively by the wedding principals. DAD IS BEST MAN Lise's best man was her father; Pierette's was Uncle Georges Hurteau. Coleman's brother Joseph was best man for Madeleine and godfather Roland Richard for Suzanne. There were no bridesmaids. "This is the proudest moment of my life," said Papa Hurteau. "I only wish their mother could have been here." Mrs. Hurteau died eight months ago. Rev. Edmond Gervais, who performed the ceremony, described his "extraordinary feeling" at marrying four sisters at once.

### Actress Gets Her Gown Back

LONDON (Reuters)—A 24-year-old Canadian actress got her white satin gown back Saturday—courtesy of a newspaper and a thief. The London Evening Star ran a story about how Suzanne Finlay of Toronto had to go on stage here wearing a borrowed nylon nightie after somebody swiped her costume backstage Wednesday evening. The paper then received an

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anonymous letter saying the gown was in a railroad station locker. The letter writer said after seeing Miss Finlay in Noon Has No Shadows at the Arts Theatre "I forgot so much... I just couldn't forget about that girl." The letter added of the dress "I took it before I even thought" and "I haven't any use for the dress." The Star said police went to the station and found the dress, which Miss Finlay wears when she plays the role of a 17-year-old girl appearing as Juliet in a high school production of Romeo and Juliet.

### Mother Of Dean Acheson Dies

WASHINGTON (CP)—Toronto-born Mrs. Eleanor Gooderham Acheson, the mother of former U.S. Secretary of State Dean Acheson, died at her home Friday. She was 87. She was the widow of Rt. Rev. Edward Campion Acheson, former Episcopal bishop of Connecticut. She was one of 12 children of George Gooderham and the former Harriet Dean. The family operated the Gooderham-Worts distillery in Toronto. In 1892 she married Bishop Acheson and moved to Middletown, Conn.

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### Four Charged After N.S. Probe Of Highways Dept

ST PETER'S, N.S. (CP)—Four men have been charged as the result of a royal commission investigation into alleged irregularities in Nova Scotia highways department payrolls. The charges were laid Saturday by Crown counsel George Williams of Port Hawkesbury, N.S. They came nearly five months after Highways Minister Smith tabled the commission report in the provincial legislature. The investigation involved an area of Richmond County where department employees were responsible for 36 miles of the county's 456-mile highway network during the period from April 1 to June 22, 1957. Benedict David and Theodorus Landry, both of Petit de Grat and Theophilus Kehoe, Rocky Bay, were charged with obtaining money under false pretenses. Philip Poirier of D'Escousse was charged with forgery. Mr. Williams said that because one of the accused was fishing he did not expect them to appear in court until about mid-August. SUM NOT DISCLOSED The amount of money involved was not disclosed. The royal commission estimated unauthorized claims in the area during the period under investigation to be \$19,400 above original work appropriations. David was a road foreman. The commission said he "falsified certain employment records."

Landry, the commission said, was the Progressive Conservative campaign manager in the Isle M dame area of Cape Breton during the campaign which resulted in election of the provincial Conservative government in October, 1956. The commission said he added his brother's name to the highways payroll "to compensate his brother for time spent driving David around the district." The commission identified Kehoe as a road sub-foreman who "improperly" added a taxi driver's name to the payroll "for a taxi trip by Kehoe to a political meeting... in the sum of \$12.00." The report said Poirier was from another highways district. "He was a Progressive Conserva-

tive committeeman... whose case was brought to the attention of the commission and who falsified employment records in an attempt to obtain \$264 for himself." On the two-member commission were Liberal Ian M. MacKeigan of Halifax and Conservative A. C. Milner of Amherst. Main recommendations of the commission were the prevention of "political interference for any reason in the conduct of highway work" and that money appropriated for highways be spent on nothing else. Many of the men involved were dismissed by the highways department. The commission was appointed Sept. 17, 1957. Its report was tabled March 5 this year.

### Canada Threatens Australia As Top Customer Of The U.K.

By JOHN BIRD Canadian Press Staff Writer OTTAWA (CP)—A trade department official predicts that Canada soon will replace Australia as Britain's most important Commonwealth customer. The forecast is made by W. Gibson-Smith, commercial secretary in the Canadian high commissioner's office in London, in an article on Britain's trade with the Commonwealth in a trade department publication. Mr. Gibson-Smith says that as a buyer of British goods, Australia now is first among Commonwealth countries with Canada close behind. However, he says if recent trade trends continue Canada soon will take over first place. SHOWN IN FIGURES "British exporters are directing more and more attention to the Canadian market and this effort shows in the trading figures," Mr. Gibson-Smith says. In the first five months of 1958, Canadian purchases from Britain rose to \$221,800,000 from \$216,800,000 in the corresponding period of 1957. Australia's purchases

from the United Kingdom in the first five months of this year totalled about \$283,800,000. Major efforts have been made in recent months to increase the flow of trade between Canada and Britain. A 57-man Canadian trade mission visited Britain last November and an 11-member British trade delegation was in Canada last April. Mr. Gibson-Smith says Canada has ranked as Britain's leading Commonwealth supplier since 1952. Australia was once far in the lead but last year shipped only three-quarters as much as Canada. Reviewing the Commonwealth trading picture, Mr. Gibson-Smith says that in 1957 Britain obtained 43 per cent of her imports from

Commonwealth countries. She also sold 46 per cent of her exports within the Commonwealth. PROPORTION DECLINING However, Commonwealth countries supplied Britain with less than one-third of her requirements in manufactured goods. The proportion has been declining steadily since 1953. "Canada, the most highly industrialized of the Commonwealth countries next to Britain itself, could no doubt have shipped much larger quantities of manufactured goods but for import restrictions in the British market," the article adds. Mr. Gibson-Smith says machinery ranks low among British purchases from Commonwealth countries. Britain bought machinery worth about \$420,000,000 in 1957 but less than six per cent came from members of the Commonwealth. Commonwealth countries last year supplied Britain with less than one-tenth of its purchases of iron and steel. Finland and Sweden also supplied the bulk of manufactured wood and wood products. Canada supplied Britain with 36 per cent of her imports of paper and paperboard. In the chemical field, however, Commonwealth countries were the source of only 15 per cent of imports.

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