



PARKDALE GETS NEW FIRE ENGINE

Keys to the first regulation Underwriters' approved "King Seagrave" fire engine are being handed to Parkdale Fire Chief Dan McAskil. The presentation of the new unit by Fred Wotton, chairman of Parkdale Village Commissioners. RIGHT, was made Saturday evening at the Parkdale Fire hall on the St. Peter's

Road. The new engine, equipped with a pump, is capable of supplying 625 gallons of water per minute. The engine also has a 500-gallon booster tank and hose reel. During tests carried out on the unit last week it was found that the unit could lift water 13 and a half feet. The "King Seagrave" is an addition to two

large tankers, a two-wheel 500 gallons-per-minute capacity pump and a hose carrying truck already utilized by the department. Also on hand for the presentation (FROM THE LEFT) are Francis MacDonald, Harvey Douglas and Nelson Good, all members of the fire committee, of village commissioners.

candidates in the last federal election.

The committee was to report early this year, but it seized on the Nov. 8 vote as a golden opportunity to conduct in-depth research projects.

BEDEQUE

Harold Leard, Central Bedeque who has been under treatment in Prince County Hospital expects to return home shortly. He is a teacher in Summerside. Peter MacCaull, Ellerslie, has purchased the residence of Ernest Johnson, in this village.

Mr. and Mrs. William Senter, have returned to their home in Chelton. Mr. Senter had been a patient in Prince County Hospital for several days. They spent the winter months in this village.

Christian Family Sunday was observed here at the United Church on May 8th. There was a large congregation and an interesting service was conducted.

HONOR WOMAN PREMIER

Mrs. Indira Gandhi, Prime Minister of India, was the first woman ever honored as Man of the Month by CBS Television.

HUSBAND GIVES OKAY BUT WIFE TO END ACT

By JAMES F. KING LONDON (AP) — Gordon MacKintosh says he sees nothing wrong about it, but his vivacious wife Hazel has decided to tame down her temptation to liven up parties by stripping.

When a guest objected she poured champagne over him.

AND THE BAND PLAYED ON

Two weeks ago she did another strip-dance at the club after the other guests had left, but the band stayed to play and cheer.

"There was nothing wrong," said MacKintosh. "It was just Hazel's way of saying 'thank you' to the band, who work while everyone else is playing."

Hazel, in giving her pledge to change her ways to a reporter for The People Saturday, summed up her philosophy.

"Life is meant to be lived and, particularly after a few drinks, I enjoy undressing. A woman's body is beautiful, so what's wrong with showing it off?"

"The trouble is that my husband's family do not seem to agree with me and word has come that his allowance could be affected."

But MacKintosh chimed in: "I don't see why she should not show off her superb figure."

Overhaul Of Elections Act Likely To Be Recommended

By RONALD LEBEL OTTAWA (CP) — A complete overhaul of the Canada Elections Act is expected to be recommended this summer by a five-man special committee.

The committee is completing the first official Canadian study of the shady, twilight zone of politics—financing election campaigns.

A draft report of nearly 500 pages has been prepared after more than a year of research in depth and it is expected to be published in July. The interval is needed for checking, editing, translating and printing.

Reliable informants say the committee will propose many changes to hold down election expenses and reduce politicians' dependence on large contributions from hidden donors with an axe to grind.

Main recommendations are expected to include:

—Subsidizing part of the candidates' campaign costs out of public funds. This done in West Germany and other countries and is being introduced in the June 5 Quebec election.

—Encouraging more individuals and companies to contribute to political parties by offering tax deductions, as for charitable gifts.

—Limiting campaign spending to a fixed amount for each voter in a constituency, as is done in Quebec. Requiring candidates and federal parties to file detailed and accurate reports on their expenses and sources of revenue.

—Granting free mail privileges up to a certain amount to parties and candidates, as is done in Britain and France.

The committee also is looking at Sunday elections, compulsory voting and shorter campaigns as possible methods of reducing electoral costs.

It is estimated the federal election Nov. 8 cost roughly \$25,000,000. Returning officers and the staff of Chief Electoral Officer Nelson Castonguay spent nearly \$13,000,000 to compile and set up polls and generally organize the election.

At least 10 candidates reported campaign expenses of

\$5,172,833, but most politicians agree that official reports list only a part of the actual spending. In addition, 254 other candidates ignored the Elections Act and did not file any reports. The CBC provided the five

parties with free-time campaign broadcasts worth \$206,296.

On top of that, party headquarters spent millions for time on private television and radio stations, national advertising, printed material, rental of halls and offices, transportation and extra staff. Parties do not report their expenses.

There have been persistent charges some hard-pressed politicians accept big donations with strings attached from businessmen facing legal difficulties or even racketeers who desire immunity from prosecution.

The special committee was appointed by former state secretary Maurice Lamontagne Oct. 27, 1964, but the inquiry did not get off the ground until the following March.

The original chairman, Liberal official Francois Nohbert of Trois-Rivieres, Que., died shortly after his appointment and was replaced by Alphonse Barbeau, Montreal lawyer and a prominent figure in the Quebec Liberal party.

Other members are former Conservative MP Art Smith of Calgary, former CCF leader M. J. Coldwell, Gordon Dryden, Toronto lawyer and Liberal party treasurer, and Norman Ward of Saskatoon, political science professor and author.

Committee members visited the United States, Puerto Rico, Britain, France, Sweden, Norway and West Germany, and studied the election laws of other countries.

They hired eight professional research assistants, two secretaries and circulated a detailed questionnaire among the 1,011

National House Builders Seek More Mortgage Money

By KEN SMITH Canadian Press Business Editor The National House Builders Association has launched an all-out campaign for action to meet what it calls a crisis in the supply of mortgage money.

Association President Jean-Yves Gelinas toured southwestern Ontario last week, repeatedly calling on the federal government to make some funds available for direct government mortgage loans immediately, and not reserve them for a winter construction program.

"It is an understatement to say the mortgage situation is critical," he told a Woodstock, Ont., audience.

"We all know if the manufacturers are beginning to feel the pinch, employees who are being laid off across the country realize it and the home buyer is aware of a shortage of houses and rising costs."

Labour Minister Nicholson told Parliament May 3 that the government would keep direct federal mortgage loans at the same level this year as last, and called on builders to intensify their search for other sources of money.

TOTAL MAY DECLINE

Last year federal loans were made available for 31,500 units of the record 166,000 starts. The total figure is expected to decline by 15 per cent this year.

Mr. Gelinas painted a gloomy picture of the impact this will have on the Canadian economy.

"While the effects of the mortgage shortage is being immediately felt in on-site construction, it will be only a short time until manufacturers of building components will also become aware of the production cut," he said in London, Ont.

"Within a few months the housing slow-down will begin to have its effect on other business such as furniture manufacturers and dealers, hardware suppliers and the infinite variety of other goods and services that are required by the new home purchaser."

The Toronto Real Estate Board also called for federal funds to be made available immediately for mortgages, saying that if they aren't "the nation's house-building industry will be afflicted with bankruptcies and mass unemployment."

HOUSING SLUMPS House-building activity slumped 37 per cent last month, it said, blaming the drop on

what it called "the critical shortage of mortgage funds created by federal government indifference and neglect."

In Metropolitan Toronto, building permits were issued last month for 463 detached or semi-detached houses, compared with 635 in April, 1965, the board said.

Some builders, however, suggest the situation is not so serious as these statements might indicate.

One spokesman notes a reduction in housing starts is in keeping with the government's program of easing the pressure on Canada's taut construction industry and so help control inflationary pressures.

Although lay-offs have been reported because of the slow-down in housing starts, workers have been able to get jobs immediately in other construction fields, he says.

Another source argues that, although established private lenders can get higher rates of return for their money elsewhere, they are not to forget about builders entirely.

"Many of these lenders represent established users of funds for these sources and the lenders are not going to pass them over now just for a short-term gain," he says. "They will keep their eye on the long-term situation as well."

ELLERSLIE

Rowena and Gaylene Miller were recent visitors of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ellands.

Mr. and Mrs. George MacQuarrie and family, Charlottetown were recent visitors of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Neil MacQuarrie.

Mr. and Mrs. Jock MacIsaac and family, Borden were recent visitors of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest MacNevin.

Mr. and Mrs. James Morrison and family, Alberton were recent visitors of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Morrison.

Mrs. Emerson Barlow is a patient in Prince County Hospital where she underwent surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Simmonds, Summerside were recent visitors of her sister and brother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gillis.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Morrison, Hamilton, were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. John Morrison.

Arlene Hayes, Summerside was a recent visitor of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Hayes.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Hut-

chinson and family, Summerside were recent visitors of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hutchinson and Mr. and Mrs. William Grant.

COLLECTED THE HONORS Herbert Hoover, U.S. president from 1929 to 1933, was awarded more than 80 honorary degrees.

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