



DIABETIC ASS'N HEAD VISITS HERE

Dr. John A. Hunt, Vancouver, national president of the Canadian Diabetic Association signs the visitor's book at City Hall yesterday afternoon while deputy-mayor Arthur Wright looks on. Dr. Hunt addressed a meeting at the Charlottetown Hotel last evening at 8 p.m. R.E. Seller is president of the local branch. (See story on page 3.)

Early Federal Election Said In PM's Thoughts

By MICHAEL GILLAN
OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister Pearson has informed close cabinet colleagues he is thinking of calling an early general election, informed sources say. The informants said the prime minister outlined his views on a possible election at a war council with five key cabinet ministers Wednesday evening at his Sussex Drive residence.

At the meeting were his Quebec leader, Justice Minister Guy Favreau; the Liberal party's campaign co-chairman, Finance Minister Gordon; Mr. Pearson's senior cabinet colleague, External Affairs Minister Martin; Transport Minister Pickersill; and Labor Minister MacEachen.

The prime minister is understood to have made no definite decision to call an election. In fact sources said many of his ministers, and probably a majority of the party's parliamentary caucus, are opposed to one at this time.

Those opposed to an election now argue Mr. Pearson's motivation—to deliver another blow to Opposition Leader Diefenbaker and to win a majority to produce a better climate in the Commons—is not a sufficient reason for calling a vote.

DISLIKE CAMPAIGNING
Until two weeks ago Mr. Pearson, who dislikes campaigning, had categorically rejected counsel from colleagues and advisers he should call an election for this spring.

PEARSON SERIES STARTS TODAY

First of a series of 10 articles under the title of "The Unhappy Warrior" by Peter C. Newman is published in this issue of The Guardian on page 8. Other installments of this penetrating study on Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson by the author of the best seller "John Diefenbaker: Renegade in Power", will appear daily.

NO SALE UNTIL ROYAL ASSENT

Bill Lifting Margarine Ban Gets Approval In Principle

Although the Legislature has given approval in principle to the sale of margarine in the province, the spread is not to be on sale until third reading and Royal Assent is given to the bill which repeals the Dairy Industry (Provincial) Act.

Bills passed in the Legislature are usually assented to by the lieutenant-governor when the session prorogues.

Meanwhile, Agriculture Minister Andrew MacRae said he plans to introduce legislation next week which will provide regulations for the sale of margarine. The regulations are expected to cover moisture content, color and packaging.

CROSS PARTY LINE
Voting on the repeal bill yesterday did not follow party lines with each member voting "as his conscience dictated."

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No New Taxes Required To Lower Pension Age

11 Percent Sales Tax Provides Sufficient

OTTAWA (CP)—No tax increase will be necessary to pay for the lowering of the age to 65 from 70 for recipients of old age pensions, Revenue Minister Benson said Friday in the Commons.

He said, however, that without imposition of the 11-per-cent sales tax on building materials and production machinery it would not have been possible for the government to put this measure into effect.

The Commons was debating a resolution, preparatory to introduction of a bill, which would make the \$75-a-month old age pensions now paid to all at age 70, available to the 65-to-69 age group between 1966 and 1970.

The pension would be paid to persons aged 69 beginning Jan. 1, 1966; to persons aged 68 starting Jan. 1, 1967; to persons aged 67 starting Jan. 1, 1968; to persons aged 66 beginning Jan. 1, 1969; and to persons aged 65 starting Jan. 1, 1970.

Mr. Benson said for the foreseeable future — 1970 and beyond — it will not be necessary to increase the taxes which support the old age security fund.

1,600,000 WILL DRAW
By 1970, there will be some 1,600,000 Canadians drawing the old age pension.

Eric Winkler (PC — Grey-Bruce) said he favors a pension of \$100 a month at age 65 starting Jan. 1, 1966.

George Chatterton (PC — Esquimalt-Saanich) said an increase in the rate of old age pensions is bound to come and lowering the qualifying age now is only a stop-gap political move.

Gerard Perron (Creditiste-Beauce) said the legislation lowering the qualifying age for the old age pension should not be included in the bill covering the Canada Pension Plan. The old age pension had its authority in a constitutional amendment. He saw a threat to the constitution in tying the Canada Pension Plan to it.

Stanley Knowles (NDP — Windsor, North Centre) also said a universal pension of \$100 a month for everyone 65 and over would be "in much better balance" with the earnings-related pensions under the Canada Pension Plan.

A. B. Patterson (SC — Fraser Valley) joined Mr. Knowles in advocating an increase in the old age pension to \$100 a month from \$75. He said the Social Credit party had been the first to advocate this and was laughed at. Now the idea is not looked upon as unreasonable.

KELLY FIRES WINNER

St. Dunstan's Varsity Set For Finals Today

Special To The Guardian
WINNIPEG — St. Dunstan's University Varsity hockey team with John Kane at the helm moved into the Canadian Intercollegiate hockey finals by defeating Sir George Williams University 3-1 in a semi-final game staged at the Bison Gardens here last night.

Sir George Williams handled by Paul Arsenault, a former St. Dunstan's student, drew first blood in the intercollegiate battle when Bob Sbatilla banged a 15-footer past George MacNeil in the St. Dunstan's cage at the 2:56 mark of the opening stanza. They battled on even terms for the remainder of the first period and the action became slow and draggy near the close of the first frame.

The Saints roared back in the second frame and the period hadn't reached the three minute mark when Charlottetown's Gordie Whitlock plugged one past Chapman in the opposing cage to tie the game for the Red and White squad. George Monaghan and Glen Hughes drew assists on Whitlock's marker.

The Georgians fought hard for equalizer, but Billy MacMillan, the big easy moving scoring start of the Kanemen, took the wind out of the sails of the Arsenault coached forces when he blasted one behind Chapman from the top of the right face-off circle into the upper corner to give his team a commanding 3-1 lead.

The Saints were never in trouble from this point in the contest and when the final siren went the snappy band of pucksters from Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island skated off with a 3-1 decision and the right to meet the University of Manitoba Bisons in the National Intercollegiate finals which will be staged here today.

The Bisons advanced to the finals by drubbing Laurentian University of Sudbury, Ontario 10-4 in a game played here yesterday afternoon. The Bisons dominated their contest as they outshot Laurentian by a 56-22 margin.

The St. Dunstan's squad will have to come up with a top notch performance in order to topple the powerful Manitoba aggregation in today's final.



REV. G. R. TAYLOR

Assistant Arrives At The Kirk

Rev. Gordon R. Taylor, from Toronto, has arrived in Charlottetown where he will serve as assistant at The Kirk to Rev. T.H.B. Somers, the minister. He will take up his duties tomorrow, March 14.

Born in Carleton Place, Ont., the new assistant has had a world-wide experience in a variety of fields from education to intelligence work with the services. He was educated at Queen's University, Kingston; The Ontario College of Education, Toronto; McGill University, Montreal; Presbyterian College, Montreal; and took post-graduate studies at University of Leiden, Holland. In the second World War he served as chief of the Far Eastern section in naval operations departments as well as seeing duty in London, Ceylon and Ottawa.

Ordnained in 1936, he served as minister at Knox Church, Fredericton, The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, Montreal; St. Giles, Ottawa, and St. Andrew's, Ottawa.

An expert in East Asian affairs, he has been consulting several government departments and is the only Canadian working on Ming Dynasty Research Project.

Queen Mother To Visit Toronto

LONDON (CP) — The Queen Mother will visit Toronto in June to participate in the golden jubilee of the Toronto Scottish Regiment, of which she is colonel-in-chief.

A spokesman at her Clarence House residence said Friday she will present new colors to the regiment June 25 and will stay in Canada for five days.

Spud Price Outlook Is Considered Good

Figures released last night by the United States department of agriculture should indicate a strong market price for potatoes during the coming weeks. Marketing director Reid Sangster said last night. He admitted, however, that it was never easy to "predict the potato market with as much accuracy as one would like to."

Figures released by Ottawa for Canada would seem to indicate the same situation as in the United States.

Comparative stocks on hand in the United States as of March 1 are as follows: 1963 72,150,000 cwt.; 1964: 67,895,000 cwt.; 1965: 56,820,000 cwt.

The U.S. has on hand 11,000,000 cwt. less than on the same date last year, "when prices, as we all remember climbed quite high in the spring."

Canadian holdings at March 1, last year, were 12,590,000 cwt. and at the same date this year 10,148,000 cwt., down almost 1,500,000 cwt.

Coupled with this also are indications that crop prospects from Florida appear to be anything but good for the spring crop.

The marketing director said persons interested could decide on their actions in the light of current figures.

"But certainly," he said, "it would appear there is no need for panic sales at this time."



HISTORIC MEETING NEAR

The Duchess of Windsor arrives at the London club where her husband, the Duke, is recovering from a third operation on his left eye. As soon as the Duke is well enough, Queen Elizabeth is expected to pay him a visit and meet the

Parliament At A Glance

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
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The Commons continued detailed study of the Canada Pension Plan bill.

Revenue Minister Benson said no tax increase will be needed to cover lowering of the age for old age pension recipients to 65 from 70.

This will be done a year at a time starting in 1966.

Mr. Benson said this would have been impossible without the government's 11-per-cent sales tax on building materials and production machinery.

Eric Winkler (PC — Grey-Bruce) proposed a boost of \$25 to \$100 a month in the old age pension and said he would favor a tax increase for this.

George Chatterton (PC — Esquimalt-Saanich) said lowering the qualifying age is a stop-gap measure.

Gerard Perron (Creditiste-Beauce) said the old age pension improvement should not be tied to the Canada Pension Plan.

Stanley Knowles (NDP — Winnipeg, North Centre) said the old age pension should be made \$100 a month at age 65 immediately.

MONDAY, March 15
The Commons meets at 2:30 p.m. to continue the pension debate. The Senate stands adjourned until March 16.

Nova Scotia Auto Plant Said Decided

TORONTO (CP)—The Globe and Mail says the president of Canadian Motor Industries Ltd. will announce Monday in Halifax that his firm will build Japanese automobiles in a Nova Scotia plant.

The newspaper says according to an advance text of his announcement, D. W. Samuel will say in Halifax the Toronto-based company has signed an interim agreement under which Industrial Estates Ltd., a Nova Scotia Crown industrial promotion agency, will build a plant for Canadian Motors.

The company announced last fall that it would build and sell cars in Canada under franchises from the Toyota Motor Co. and the Isuzu Motor Co. of Japan.

Montreal Police Believe Rivard Letter Is 'Trick'

MONTREAL (CP) — Quebec Montreal Police are convinced fugitive Lucien Rivard wrote a letter to his wife with a Vancouver postmark to "trick" them into thinking he had fled Montreal.

"We think the letter is a trick, and we're still convinced Rivard is in Montreal," said Sub-Ins. Jean Gagnon.

"Why would he go to Vancouver? Montreal is a big town. There are a million places he can hide out here, where he has a lot of friends in the underworld," he said.

The four-page letter written in French, with the envelope flaps glued together indicating it had been opened and sealed again, was delivered by regular mail to Rivard's wife, Marie, Tuesday.

She said in a brief interview at her north-end home Friday the letter, dated March 6—four days after Rivard's escape—was from her husband.

Insp. Gagnon said police believe Rivard wrote the letter, but that it was mailed from Vancouver by somebody else. In Quebec City, Attorney-General Claude Wagner agreed the letter was "a move to put police on the wrong track."

"It seems to me this is a strategy to get the people interested in Rivard's capture to direct the search toward Vancouver, while I'm convinced he is

Fredericton Bank Robbed By Lone Man

FREDERICTON (CP) — A branch of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce here was robbed Friday afternoon for the second time in less than a month. A lone bandit escaped with an unknown amount of cash.

Manager Chester G. Robinson said the robbery was at gunpoint and he believed the bandit to be the same man who held up the bank Feb. 16 and got away with \$7,500.

Details on Friday's holdup were few.

Police have been looking for a man they described as about 45 years old and "heavy set" in connection with the robbery last month, in which a revolver-wielding bandit ordered the bank manager to fill a brown paper bag with bills of large denomination.

Several persons were questioned, but no arrests were made.

Deputy Police Chief Cyril Barchard said the latest robbery occurred about 2:10 p.m. AST. He said city police and RCMP have thrown up roadblocks in the area around the bank—located at the corner of Bridge and Water streets.

Underdog Head Claims Knows Rivard Hideout

VANCOUVER (CP) — David Cowlishaw, a former reporter who gained notoriety for throwing a carton of simulated blood on the floor of the House of Commons, said Friday he knows the hiding place of Lucien Rivard.

Cowlishaw, director of an organization called Underdog, made the statement to a reporter here after he had been questioned by RCMP.

Cowlishaw said he was questioned about the whereabouts of Rivard, who escaped from a Montreal jail March 2.

Cowlishaw said that while he was aware of Rivard's hiding place he had refused to make it known to police.

In a telephone interview at Vancouver, Cowlishaw was asked whether his story was correct.

Earlier, Mr. Wagner said the legislature Rivard was one of a group of about 40 prisoners in Bordeaux Jail who received "special privileges."

"Mrs. Rivard said the letter she received told her not to worry, and her husband would communicate with her again in two weeks.

"It is right," he said. "I have information about that man's (Rivard's) whereabouts."

When asked for details he would say only: "I have information about his whereabouts."

Asked why he was not arrested for aiding and abetting a fugitive, Cowlishaw said he did not think "it was so much a case that police didn't believe him as that they knew he would not tell."

WHAT COULD THEY GAIN?
"What could they gain by holding me if I wouldn't tell them where he was?"

Cowlishaw has been known in recent years for his organizing Underdog, which claims to assist persons wrongfully accused or punished.