

Role Of Strong Man Expected For Sevigny

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OTTAWA (CP) — Pierre Sevigny's appointment as associate defence minister raises the question of whether he may eventually become the Diefenbaker government's "strong man" in Quebec.

It is still too early to say whether he will emerge as a major voice for Quebec in the federal cabinet, but the job is there open for someone with enough political brawn to take it over.

So far, Prime Minister Diefenbaker's ministry has broken with the relatively recent tradition in federal cabinets of having a top-flight lieutenant from Quebec.

Mr. Sevigny, 41-year-old MP for the Montreal-area constituency of Longueuil, had not much chance to show his mettle in his first two sessions of Parliament. His former position of deputy speaker pretty well precluded him from entering debate.

But now the wartime lieutenant-colonel has been given a cabinet portfolio that could lead to much greater prominence. On the surface, he will be in the shadow of Defence Minister Pearson. But at the age of 71 Mr. Pearson is nearing retirement. It may be that Mr. Sevigny is being groomed as his successor.

After the new Quebec minister was sworn in, Mr. Diefenbaker made a point of telling reporters that under an order-in-council passed by the former Liberal government in 1953 the associate defence minister has the same powers as the defence minister.

This would put Mr. Sevigny in a policy-making position. The other Quebec cabinet ministers representing the French element do not hold major policy-making portfolios which, in the past, have gone with the "Quebec strong man" concept.

This tradition really began with Liberal justice minister Ernest Lapointe under prime minister Mackenzie King. When Lapointe died, he was succeeded as Quebec's top voice by Louis St. Laurent, first as justice minister and later in the major policy role of external affairs minister.

As prime minister, observers recall, Mr. St. Laurent was his own best spokesman for his home province, though he appeared always to subordinate this role to that of spokesman for all of Canada.

FIVE QUEBEC MINISTERS

In order of precedence the current Quebec ministers occupying the portfolios that are less in the public eye are:

Solicitor-General Balcer, who poses in the past sometimes as an adjunct of the justice portfolio; Postmaster — General William Hamilton, who can hardly be called a spokesman for French Canada; Mines Minister Comtois, whose department is a technical service handled by technicians; Defence Production Minister O'Hurley, who basically runs a procurement office for the defence department, and State Secretary Courtemanche, whose most important agency is the government printing bureau.

The major policy-making portfolios are held by members from outside Quebec. These include defence; external affairs; Canada's window on the international scene; finance and trade, mainly responsible for the state of the economy; agriculture, which handles the heavy subsidies for Canada's primary industry; transport and public works, which give jobs to thousands of Canadians; health and welfare, which handles heavy social welfare payments; and justice, a prestige position.

Four of these are held by Ontario ministers; three by British Columbians; one by a Manitoban and one by an Albertan.

Turkey Price Support Is Cut

OTTAWA (CP) — Agriculture Minister Harkness announced Thursday that the government's turkey price support will be cut by five cents to 29 cents a pound effective next Jan. 1.

The 25-cent floor will remain in effect until then, he said, but he warned that if turkey production continues to outstrip the domestic market, demand, "further action would have to be taken."

The government has not had to enter the turkey-buying business since the 25-cent support was first announced in July, 1957.

Market prices in the first quarter of 1959 remained fairly stable at 27 to 29 cents a pound live weight, and although they since have dipped slightly below the support level the turkey processors so far have not offered any bids to the government larder.

TO FRANCE

Francis C. Blanchard, B.A., who, for the past two years has been a member of the teaching staff of Queen Square and Birchmount High School has left for Montreal where he will board the SS. Italia which is scheduled to arrive at Le Havre, France, on Sept. 1st. He will proceed to the RCAF Station at Grostenquin to teach in the school for the children of Canadian airmen.

Stock Market Trading Is Seen At Standstill

NEW YORK (AP) — Jittery investors sat tight last week and brought stock marketing trading action close to a standstill.

In all, investors swapped only 11,762,210 shares against 12,768,484 the week before. Not since the week ending April 11, 1958, when 10,375,640 shares changed hands, had trading limped along so slowly in a full week.

Brokers ticked off these explanations for the investor caution:

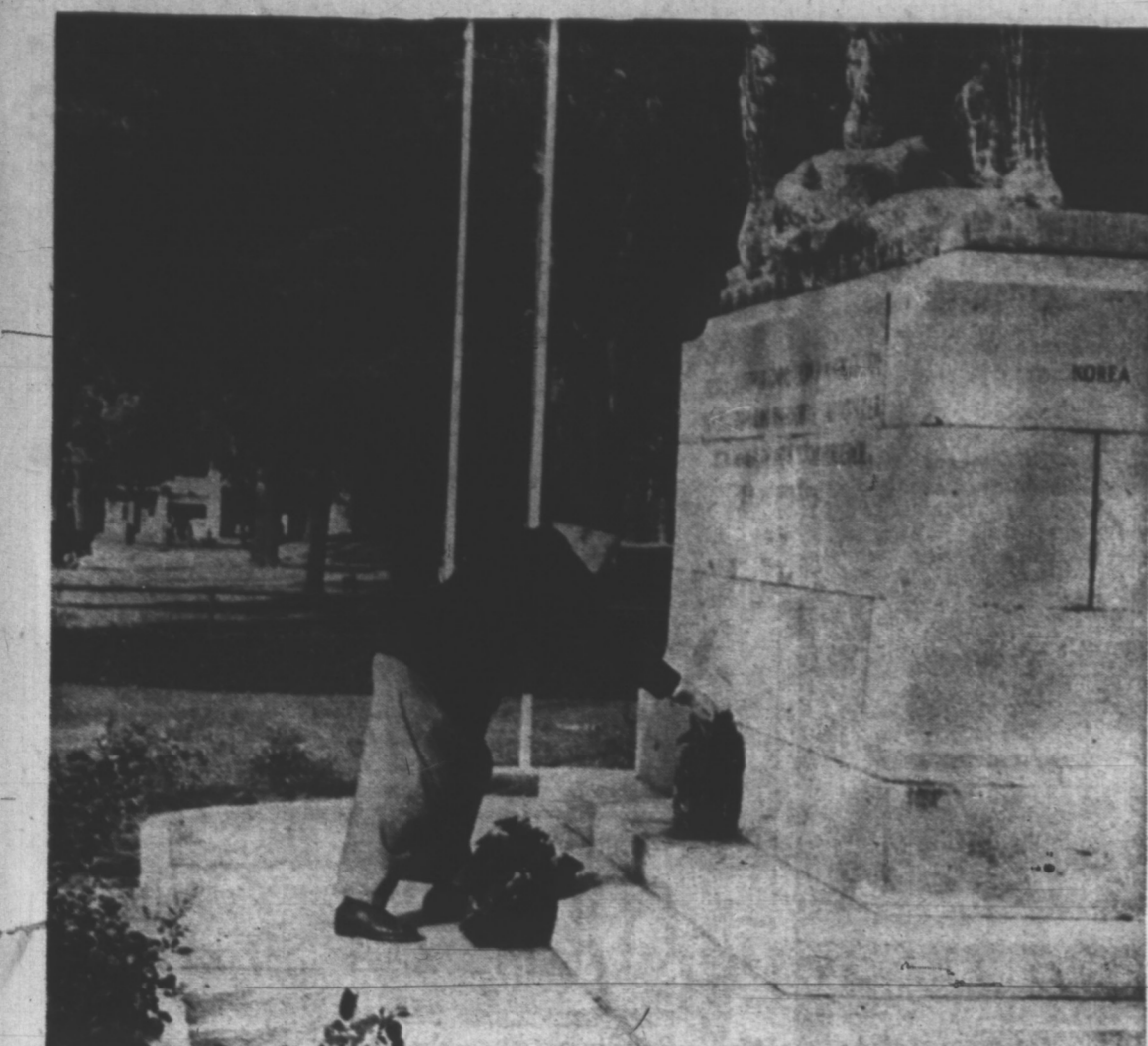
1. The unknown effects of the Eisenhower - Khrushchev visit, particularly on defence industries.

2. The lengthening steel strike deadlock.

3. Uncertainty whether the government's "tight money" policy might dampen the business boom.

Over-all, the Associated Press average of 60 stocks slipped 1.10 to \$29.90.

Most steels staked out gains, mainly on a mid-week rally fueled by hopes of a strike settlement. U.S. steel picked up 2%, Bethlehem 1% and Lukens 5%. Copiers retreated as strikes spread through the industry. Magma fell 3%, Kennecott 1 and Anaconda 1/2.



THE 8th Canadian Siege Battery which was recruited in Charlottetown in 1915 and went overseas as a unit in 1916 held a reunion Saturday. Above H. A. Messervy, the honorary president of the association, is shown as he lays a wreath on the cenotaph to honor fallen comrades of the First World War.

'Happy 8th' Siege Battery Holds Reunion At Dalvay

Old memories were revived and old friendships were renewed Saturday when the 8th Canadian Siege Battery, more commonly known as "The Happy Eighth" of the First World War, held a reunion.

Prior to attending a banquet at Dalvay-by-the-Sea, the 36 stalwarts proceeded to the cenotaph in Queen Square where a wreath was laid by H. A. Messervy, the honorary president. The Last Post and Reveille were sounded by Frank Smith.

Among those from out of the province, who attended the reunion were Wilbur MacLellan, Vancouver; W. E. Daley, Boston; W. C. West, Campbellton, N. B.; and Darrell Steves, Amherst, N. S.

Re-elected as honorary president of the association was H.A. Messervy.

Other officers elected included president A.E.B. Murphy, M.C.; vice-president, Bert Johnson, Summerside; and secretary-treasurer, E. B. Ellis.

During the banquet a toast to the Queen was proposed by J.J. Connolly and A.E.B. Murphy, M.C., proposed a toast to the battery, which was replied to by P. MacLellan, E. Keating, M.C. West, W. MacLellan and D. Steves.

Elected as county representatives were: R. L. Mollison, Summerside, Prince; J. Myers, Mt. Albion, Queens; and Ewart Keating, Murray Harbour, Kings.

As a result of a resolution the reunion will now be an annual affair and will be held on the Saturday immediately following Old Home Week.

Guilty Pleas Are Entered

Two persons charged with stealing groceries and cigarettes from the Central Farmers' Co-operative Store, Charlottetown will appear in city police court this morning.

They both pleaded guilty to the theft charges on Saturday and will be sentenced by Magistrate K. M. Martin, Q.C.

A Summerside resident, Reginald Doucette, was given seven days in jail when he appeared Saturday on a charge of drunken driving. Another man, Charles Aubrey Dwyer of Picton, N.S., was charged with the same offence but entered a guilty plea to the lesser charge of driving while impaired.

He was remanded for sentence this morning.

A Charlottetown motorist was fined \$50 on a speeding charge after he had been clocked at 55 miles per hour on Longworth Avenue.

Four persons charged with being drunk and incapable completed Saturday's city court docket.

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corresponding drop for the Liberals. The latest standing shows 50 per cent for Conservatives, 44 per cent for Liberals and the balance favoring the CCF.

In Quebec too, where Tory popularity has been slumping badly, today's standing shows an upward turn for them and a corresponding drop for the Liberals.

While the Conservative showing in the West remains today at the same point it showed in the poll's May report, Ontario has continued to slip downward. The latest figure for the party is at less than the half-way point, with a standing of 46 per cent compared to 41 per cent for the Liberals.

A year ago Conservatives held 63 per cent of the popular vote in Ontario, while the Liberals had 29 per cent. The fact that, today, both parties' ranking lies within the 40 per cent level shows a sharp reversal of voting trends for the experts to argue about.

As it has done for many years, the Gallup Poll sent its corps of trained interviewers to homes in every part of the country, as a sample of the nation, asking the classic political question:

"IF A FEDERAL ELECTION WERE HELD TODAY WHICH PARTY'S CANDIDATE DO YOU THINK YOU WOULD FAVOR?"

The table below shows party standing, nationally, at several points since last year's March election.

	P	L	C	F
March election, 1958	54	24	9	3
July, 1958	60	29	9	2
January 1959	57	30	9	4
May	50	36	10	4
TODAY	47	38	11	4

The upward turn in the Maritimes and Quebec, the continuing down-beat in Ontario, and the stationary Western reaction to Tory popularity since May, is shown in the columns below.

	P	L	C	F
July 1958	57	40	3	*
January 1959	51	45	3	1
May	47	50	2	1
TODAY	50	44	6	-

	P	L	C	F
Quebec	62	36	2	*
July 1958	57	37	3	3
January 1959	41	55	4	*
May	44	50	2	4
TODAY	44	50	2	4

	P	L	C	F
Ontario	68	29	8	*
July 1958	61	30	9	*
January 1959	61	30	9	*
May	55	35	9	1
TODAY	48	41	11	*

The West
July 1958 61 15 19 5
January 1959 55 19 16 10
May 46 21 29 11
TODAY 48 21 22 9

Newsman Dies In Montreal

TORONTO, (CP) — Arthur Cranwick Morton, 75, former vice-president and general manager of the Montreal Herald, died in hospital here Friday.

He retired from The Herald, which was absorbed by the Montreal Star last year, in 1944, and published a journal of opinion called Canadian Mail until his death.

Mr. Morton was born in Pugwash, N.S., a son of Rev. A. D. Morton. Educated at Dalhousie University, he went into newspaper work and became managing editor of the New Glasgow Standard in 1910.

After the First World War, in which he commanded No. 2 Training Depot at Toronto and later served with railway troops in France and Belgium, he joined the Montreal Star as veterans' editor, and became managing director of The Herald in 1921.

He was president of the Montreal Rotary Club, 1942-43.

Mr. Morton campaigned vigorously for equal rights for women in Quebec. He was known also for his devotion to the idea that Canada's flag should be the Royal Standard, giving equal prominence to the lions of France and the lions of England, the flag first planted on what now is Canadian soil by John Cabot.

He is survived by three sons, Evan and Paul, Toronto; and John, Montreal. A fourth, David, was killed in action in 1943.

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Conservatively Speaking

BY ISLANDER

The minister of agriculture in the last Matheson government is one Liberal standard bearer who has failed to practise what he preaches. For many moons now he has been telling the farmers of the province of the important contribution that artificial insemination has made to the agricultural economy of the province. But, what has been his policy at Falconwood Farm? A1? Not a bit of it. Instead, a great deal of government money spent to acquire big name sires or show purposes. Tut! Tut! Mr. Cullen. Stop the BULL-oney. You too will have to realize that the citizens of the Province cannot be fooled indefinitely.

After September 1 for the first time in the history of the Province, farmers who sell milk to dairies, creameries, cheese factories or other processing plant, can look forward to being paid on the basis of butterfat content as determined by qualified government inspectors. This extra bit of good news for Island farmers was revealed by Andrew MacRae in Mount Stewart Thursday night. Truly, another Conservative first, and another plank in the PC farm platform that even the bitterest Liberal must concede is the best ever put forward by any provincial party.

Did you see the latest Liberal appeal to the voters? Vigorous champions of provincial rights, no less! Do they think that the people forget what happened when those same would-be Davids tackled the Ottawa Goliath in 1957? Some champions — extended credit in return for a pledge to commit the Province to joining the Hospital Insurance scheme was all they could get from an administration supposedly friendly to them. Do they think that the Island electorate fail to realize that the Province received more aid from Ottawa in the past two years than it did in any similar period in history?

Yes, Sir! It takes the wide-awake PC party to come up with something new in the way of political meetings. Many veteran electors have expressed the opinion that the PC reception type of meeting which includes entertainment and refreshments is stealing the show. Plan to listen to these telecasts: Leo Rossiter at 6:25 to-night, followed by Hon. Angus MacLean at 7:30; Dave Stewart at 8:11 tomorrow evening followed by Dr. George Devar at 9:45.

Plan to attend one of the big PC rallies on tap for tonight. There is one at Bradabane and another at Mount Ryan. Another big rally will be held at Afton Hall tomorrow night. Remember — BE A WINNER! VOTE CONSERVATIVE ON SEPTEMBER (Adv.)

Hot House Vegetables Are Seen Arctic Diet

MONTREAL (CP) — A top Canadian botanist says hot-house vegetables, reindeer steaks and reindeer milk can help support more people in the Arctic.

The far north will never become a haven of peace and plenty, says Jacques Rousseau, an Arctic expert.

But it could support 100,000 people — five times more than live in the northern barrens at present.

Dr. Rousseau, 54, an eminent scientist at the ninth International Botany Congress here, said in an interview that the north offers a pastoral life not found anywhere else on earth.

NOT FOR EVERYONE
"It wouldn't suit everyone, of course," he said.

But for those who want to go north — really north — they can become largely self sufficient for food.

Most vegetables, he said, can be adapted to the two-month growing period of the sub-arctic. Some could be started under glass in greenhouses.

"Greenhouses would be expensive, but so is flying food in," said Dr. Rousseau, former director of human history at the National Museum in Ottawa. He was relieved of his job after internal disputes at the museum.

MUST TEACH ESKIMOS
He said reindeers could be a northern source of milk and meat. But Eskimos would have to be taught animal husbandry to look after domestic reindeer herds. Yaks, musk oxen and a half-cow, half-yak hybrid creature are also Arctic possibilities.

Dr. Rousseau said soon he plans to leave Canada. After he lost his museum job, he said he looked for other work in Canada without success.

Duffy Named House Leader

ST. JOHN'S (CP) — A. M. Duffy was officially named Friday as House leader of the United Newfoundland party.

Mr. Duffy and John O'Dea were the only successful UN members in Thursday's provincial election. Defeated candidate James Higgins will continue as party leader.

The party will meet Monday to determine whether to ask for a recount in St. John's East where Mr. Higgins lost by 148 votes to Conservative James Greene.



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