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The appointment of two new staff members at Prince of Wales College was announced recently. They are Miss L. Joyce Wiggington and Miss Frances E. Piercy. Miss Wiggington, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Wiggington of Montague is a graduate in both science and teacher training at Prince of Wales. She taught for two years in this province and then completed studies for the Bachelor of Science Degree at Mount Allison University. She has been appointed to the mathematics department at Prince of Wales.

Canada Sells 24 Jets To Israel

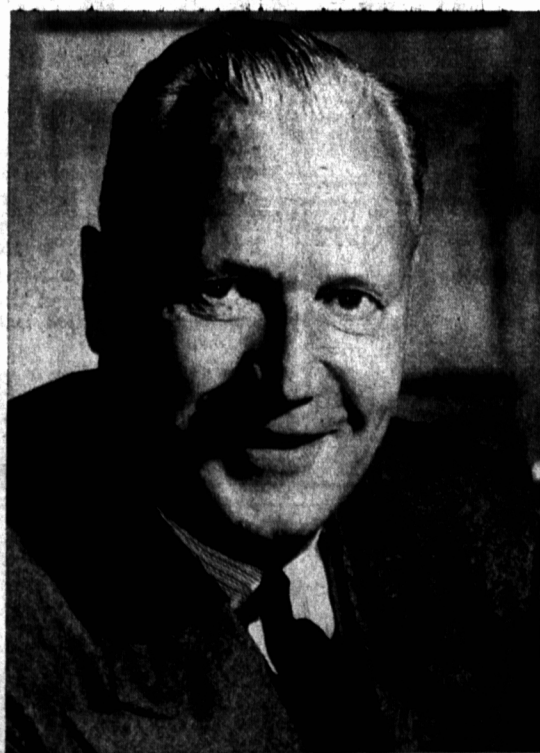
OTTAWA (CP) — With the approval of Britain and the United States, the government has agreed to sell 24 Canadian Sabre jet fighter planes to Israel. These countries themselves are not supplying arms to Israel. Prime Minister St. Laurent announced in a statement Friday approval of the sale and said the government's decision was "greatly influenced" by the fact that Egypt has received "large numbers" of jet fighters from Russia and, "even more important, a considerable number of modern jet bombers, of which Israel possesses none."

Battles In Commons Marked Drew's Leadership Career

OTTAWA (CP) — Hon. George Drew, resigning as leader of the Progressive Conservative party, can look back on eight years of battles against the federal Liberal government. But he likely will be remembered mainly for two Commons struggles which followed the most serious illness of his career. Mr. Drew, knocked out for three months by a meningitis attack in November, 1954, came back in the 1955 session of Parliament to win the Opposition's biggest victory since he was chosen party leader in a 1948 convention here.

His party's forces waged a filibuster—a rare device in Canada's Parliament — and through long days of speechmaking forced the government to back down on its plan to give indefinite extension to broad powers held by Defence Production Minister Howe. The powers were put on a temporary three-year basis. SPOKE FOR EIGHT HOURS Mr. Drew led that fight with two marathon speeches—one lasting eight hours. As opposition leader, he was the only opposition member allowed unlimited time to speak.

Again in this year's session the Conservatives, joined by the CCF, waged a bitter attack on the government's controversial legislation for financial aid to the Alberta-Montreal gas pipeline project of Trans-Canada Pipe Lines. This time the Liberals pushed the bill through, but only by the use of closure which choked off opposition debate. The issue produced the most tumultuous scenes in the Commons chamber in years as the opposition charged—without effect—that the government was twisting Commons rules to achieve its objective. These were not Mr. Drew's only battles as leader of the official opposition.



HON. GEORGE DREW

the 1954 election, again won by the Liberals in a landslide, the Conservatives improved their position to win 51 of 265 seats in a larger Commons. Subsequent by-election victories have brought party standing up to 53 seats.

OPPOSED BY B. C. GROUP During his leadership, there were several rumors that Mr. Drew's position was questioned within the party. But there was only one concrete show of opposition. The British Columbia Conservative Association, in a dispute over operations of the federal and provincial wings of the party, voted non-confidence in Mr. Drew's leadership. The dispute was smoothed over soon after. A tall, handsome man and a gifted public speaker, Mr. Drew had a spectacular public career even before he entered the federal political arena. He ended a nine-year Liberal reign by the late Mitchell F. Hepburn when elected Ontario premier in 1943. Mr. Drew's party

Mayor Whitton May Seek To Lead PC Party

OTTAWA (CP) — Mayor Charlotte Whitton said Friday she may be a candidate for leader of the Progressive Conservative party when it meets later in the year to choose a successor to Hon. George Drew. The 60-year-old mayor also said that if she is nominated "the Conservative party would come into power."

Boy Arrested In Death Of Child

TORONTO (CP)—A 14-year-old boy was arrested Friday, charged with delinquency, and held in connection with the death last week-end of Wayne Mallette, 7. The youngster's body, bruised at the throat and with teeth marks on a buttock and leg, was found Sunday at the Canadian National Exhibition grounds.

Jets Salute Unveiling Of Plaque To Early Service

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The unveiling ceremony was preceded by an arrival ceremony at the Charlottetown Airport when Mayor Harris Joyce of Moncton and a number of veteran airmen were met by Mayor Stewart. In the evening a dinner was given by the Charlottetown Board of Trade at the Charlottetown Hotel at which more than one hundred guests heard with deepest interest the amazing history of Maritime Central Airways, and chatted with many of those who piloted the organization to the high status it enjoys in the aviation world.

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REMINISCENT of a quarter of a century ago when the Mayor of Moncton stepped off the plane at Upton Airport piloted by Walter Fowler to be greeted by the then Mayor of Charlottetown. The Maritime Central Airways DC-3 after circling the city yesterday afternoon with Mr. Fowler and H. S. (Junior) Jones at the controls, landed Mayor Joyce of Moncton and veteran airmen to be welcomed by Mayor Stewart of Charlottetown. Pictured — Left to right Mayor Joyce, Walter Fowler, William Irvine, H. S. Jones, Burton Terrice, Mayor Stewart. Guardian Photo.

Arab Big Three Meeting Planned

CARO (IAP)—The Middle East News Agency announced Friday night a top-level Arab big three meeting will be held shortly in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. It will bring together Egyptian President Nasser, King Saud of Saudi Arabia and Shukri Kuwatly, president of Syria.

The three most powerful Arab countries are allied through separate military pacts. The meeting is expected early next week. The announcement came as a surprise because of Nasser's reluctance to leave the Suez crisis unsettled.

18-Nation Suez Conference Ends

LONDON (AP) — The 18-nation Suez conference ended Friday night with majority agreement to form the Suez Canal users Association within 10 days. But France expressed disappointment at the association's final form. Foreign Minister Christian Pineau surprised the meeting by withholding immediate approval, apparently viewing the project as too favorable to Egypt.

Japan, Pakistan, Sweden, Iran and Ethiopia expressed reservations. All, however, were much warmer toward the final revised plan for the association than they were toward its original terms. One of SCUA's first tasks will be to seek UN help by mid-October in reaching a final settlement on the Suez dispute. State Secretary Dulles boarded a military plane for Washington. He is to report to President Eisenhower immediately on arrival.

Dulles, author of the association plan, told reporters: "It was a good conference. It fulfilled good work and there was a co-operative spirit. I think the results are solid as we moved forward to the next stage. I am very satisfied with the outcome." SCUA's governing body, composed of one delegate from each country joining it, will meet in London Oct. 1. Its immediate talks will be: To prepare a joint case for international control of the canal, and by mid-October present it to the UN Security Council with a request for endorsement. To seek Egypt's co-operation for the "safe, orderly, efficient and economical transit" of the ships of its members through Suez. To investigate ways of bypassing the canal should it ever be closed to them.

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Ailing George Drew Resigns

OTTAWA (CP) — Hon. George Drew, ailing for two months, has relinquished the leadership of the Progressive Conservative party in a "heartbreaking" decision to make way for a new leader before the federal election expected next year. His resignation, written in his Toronto hospital room Thursday, was made public Friday and party machinery swung into action to choose his successor.

The letter from the 62-year-old Mr. Drew, party leader since 1948 said that although doctors had assured him he will be restored to health in a few months, they had said it would be "extremely unwise for me to take on the heavy strain of a session and an election campaign so soon after my illness."

He said his decision was heart-breaking. But "under the circumstances and in fairness to our party," he was leaving the way free for another leader.

HARD DECISION "It is terribly hard for me to accept the circumstances which have forced this upon me at this time." The letter was addressed to Leon Balcer, president of the party's national association, and was issued at a press conference by Mr. Balcer and Hon. Earl Rowe, acting party leader.

The resignation leaves the party with the job of choosing a new chief before the next session of Parliament, which is expected to be followed by an election—likely in June. No one person holds an outstanding favorite position for the post; there are half a dozen or more possible candidates.

Mr. Rowe told reporters he believes the party will want to call a leadership convention before the end of the year. Immediate speculation was that it will be in late November, in Ottawa or Winnipeg.

CONTINUE AS MP Mr. Rowe said he has no reason to believe Mr. Drew will discontinue representing his Ontario constituency of Carleton for the rest of the present Parliament. He said he does not know Mr. Drew's plans beyond that.

"There is no rumor of anything permanently wrong with Mr. Drew's health," Mr. Rowe said. "The doctors assure him that without this burden he will return to health quickly."

Mr. Drew's resignation culminates a series of illnesses which began in November, 1954, with a severe attack of meningitis. It knocked him out of action for three months. Meningitis is an infection of the membrane lining the brain and spinal cord.

But the Conservative leader, a tall, strongly-built man, returned to the 1955 session of Parliament with apparent vigor and led a successful opposition filibuster against indefinite extension of the wide powers of Defence Production Minister Howe.

LED PIPELINE DEBATE Last fall he developed pneumonia during an active cross-country speaking tour. Again he returned to the Commons and last session led his party during the men's roughest battle in many years.

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But near the end of the session he was hit by influenza and a tooth infection and left on holidays two weeks before the Aug. 14 session's end. He cut short his holiday for a week-long checkup in the Montreal Neurological Institute and then headed for a holiday and rest in Bermuda. He returned from Bermuda two weeks earlier than planned and entered Toronto's Wellesley Hospital Sept. 9.

At Friday's press conference, a statement was issued from Dr. Ray F. Farquharson, a friend of Mr. Drew who has been treating him in Toronto.

WILL RECOVER The doctor said the party leader "has been suffering from severe physical and nervous exhaustion" but is responding well to treatment and will retain his energy and vigor "within a period of several weeks."

"We have advised him that, although we may look forward to years of useful and productive work with vigor and energy, he cannot resume the heavy duties of leader of the Opposition without great risk to his health, particularly when it is anticipated that an arduous Parliamentary session will be followed by an election," Dr. Farquharson said.

POSSIBLE SUCCESSORS Speculation on possible successors has included four party members of the Commons: George Hees, 46, of Toronto Broadway, who preceded Mr. Balcer as party association president; John Diefenbaker, 61, of Prince Albert, Sask.; party spokesman on external affairs who sought the party leadership twice, in 1942 and 1948; Donald Fleming, 51, of Toronto Eglington, who placed third in 1948 voting for the leadership behind Mr. Drew and Mr. Diefenbaker, and Davie Fulton, 40, of Kamloops, B.C.

Premier Frost of Ontario, a cabinet colleague of Mr. Drew when he was Ontario premier from 1943 to 1948, has been rumored as a possible draft choice for the federal leadership. However, Mr. Frost has said he wants to stay in the provincial field.

Dr. Sidney E. Smith, principal of the University of Toronto, also has been mentioned. "The convention is expected also to lay down a party platform for the coming election."

URGED BY WIFE It was understood here that Mr. Drew's decision was made mainly at the urging of his wife and of Dr. Farquharson and that they had expressed fears for his health under the continued strain of party leadership.

In Toronto, Mrs. Drew said: "Today I'm just a private citizen and it's heaven." Expressions of regret at Mr. Drew's resignation and illness came from all parties.

Prime Minister St. Laurent in a statement said Mr. Drew has had a distinguished career and expressed the hope the interruption in his career will only be temporary.

CCF Leader Coldwell is on a tour of Europe but party secretary Lorne Ingle joined Social Credit Leader Lou in expressing regret at the news.

Cold Spell In Ontario And Northeast U. S. Sets Record

TORONTO (CP) — Ontario reported low temperatures, frost and snow Thursday night and early Friday as a mid-September record-breaking cold snap continued into its third day. In the Toronto area snow fell for the second consecutive day. A heavy 10-minute flurry in suburban Vaughan Township was reported Friday morning. Overnight temperatures in Southern Ontario ranged generally in the 30s and in Northern Ontario in the high 20s and low 30s. Toronto's high Thursday of 30 was the lowest in the 156 years since records started being kept. The temperature overnight was 38. The cold spell, however, is expected to ease beginning Friday night.

NEW YORK (CP)—Low temperature records tumbled in northeastern portions of the United States Friday. Nippy weather brought heavy coats out of storage in many cities as new cold weather marks were written into the books. Bardley Field, Conn., with 33 and Providence, R.I., with 34.9, had the lowest readings ever recorded so early in the season. Mount Washington, N.H., had a temperature of 15 above and as much of snow on the last full day of summer. Record lows for the date included 30 at Portland, Me., 33 at Albany, N.Y., and 32 at Windsor Locks, Conn. Citizens in Richmond, Va., saw the earliest snow flurries ever recorded.