

Cabinet Session At Halifax Has Everybody Guessing

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HALIFAX (CP) — When it comes to speculation about politics or royalty it's not hard to find experts. Combine the two subjects and everybody wants to get into the act.

About the only thing that's definite in the latest guessing game is that the federal cabinet will meet here Aug. 1. Authority for that is Prime Minister Diefenbaker, who made the announcement in Ottawa Wednesday.

The Queen and Prince Philip will spend their 45-day Canadian tour here the same day.

Armed with these facts the speculators were off to a flying start. The cabinet meeting would be held in the Red Chamber of province house, where the first representative government in the Commonwealth outside Great Britain met in 1758.

The Queen would attend and announce the name of Canada's next governor-general, almost certainly Maj. Gen. George Vanier of Montreal. Governor-General Vincent Massey, scheduled to retire in the fall after a record 7½ years in the post, would

bow out ahead of schedule. **MASSEY TO BE HERE**
Mr. Massey is slated to attend a state dinner for the royal couple here Aug. 1.

It is not the first time the federal cabinet met here. The last time was in 1931 when Prime Minister R. B. Bennett and his ministers met here after taking part in the inauguration of the late Lord Beesborough as governor-general.

Although the records are rather misty, Canada's first prime minister, Sir John A. Macdonald, was here with most of his cabinet for the swearing in of the Marquis of Lorne as first governor-general in November, 1878. It is believed a cabinet meeting may have been held on that occasion.

The red chamber itself is steeped in history. The big oak table that is the major piece of furniture in the room was brought from England by Edward Cornwallis who founded Halifax in 1749. Cornwallis and his advisers sat around the table to draw up plans for the settlement.

TABLE TOO SMALL
The table would have to be extended to accommodate all cabinet members. It normally seats 12. There are 23 members of the federal cabinet, and Prime Minister Diefenbaker said "most would attend."

However, at least one who won't be there is Veterans Affairs Minister A. J. Brooks, who said in Sussex, N.B. today that he would not be able to attend because of an earlier commitment. He is to officiate at the opening of the annual convention of the Ontario command of the Canadian Legion at Kitchener on Aug. 2.

Despite the speculation, it appeared the Queen would not be able to attend the cabinet session unless some changes were made in her schedule. Her itinerary for Aug. 1 would not leave time for any diversions.

Undaunted, the speculators says the locale of the cabinet meeting could be changed to government house where the Queen will be in residence. This would probably allow her to fit the meeting into her tight schedule.

MAY SIGN MINUTES
Alternately, the Queen may not attend the meeting at all, but merely sign the minutes afterwards, as her father King George VI did in 1930 after a meeting of the Nova Scotia cabinet.

Also providing fertile ground for speculation is the mode of the royal couple's departure. Originally they had been slated to leave by air, then it was changed to a night departure on the royal yacht Britannia. Wednesday it was switched back to air, and there apparently it will stand.

The switch knocked the navy's plans for an illuminated review of the fleet into a cocked hat. Tour planners were trying Thursday to work the fleet into the leaving-taking somehow.

Fashion Show Ends Thursday

LONDON (Reuters)—The London autumn and winter couture fashion collections ended Thursday in a sparkling climax as Ronald Paterson, the Scottish designer, showed some of the best designs of the three-day series.

He has not named his line but the theme was "bell, or domed skirts, featured in almost all the collections in the series."

Paterson stresses it in sleeves a topcoat with belted sleeve spreading from a very low mid-arm inset; and an evening bolero jacket with short, elbow length bell sleeves.

Suit jackets are longer than last season and frequently drop lower at the back than in front. Topcoats follow suit jackets, with the trends more exaggerated.

Dresses for the daytime are casual and feminine. Most are softly bloused, at least at the back, and some are folded or cut in a V-shape which at once emphasizes shoulder width and narrows the waist.

After 6 o'clock, many sheath dresses have a belted overskirt reaching around the back to the front of the hips.

The other two collections shown Thursday, by Michael and Matti, also were elegant and oighly-wearable.

Michael, specializing mainly in tailored clothes, featured the season's wide shoulders, light-defined waists and "easy elegance" in suits trimmed with fur.

Matti emphasizes feminine curves, especially after dark, in bell-shaped skirts to short evening dresses fashioned in dramatic fabrics.

Mt. Allison Summer Institute Key Figure To Be Dr. M. Long

SACKVILLE, N.B. — One of the key figures at the Mount Allison 1959 Summer Institute will be Dr. Marcus Long, one of Canada's most distinguished philosophers and well-known writer and broadcaster on political, educational and philosophical matters.

The institute, now in its sixth year, will be held at Mount Allison University on August 13, 14 and 15, and will deal with the theme, "Canadian Politics."

Dr. Long appears on the program no less than three times, each time in association with several of the other distinguished Canadian figures who will be participating in the institute. During the opening session on Thursday afternoon, Dr. Long

will be commenting on the lecture "Philosophy and Politics" to be given by Dr. Frederick Watkins of Yale University, and will lead off the discussion in which the whole audience will be invited to participate.

He will play the same role the next afternoon, Friday, following talks by Heath Macquarrie, Conservative M.P., and Stanley Knowles, executive vice-president of the Canadian Labor Congress on the topic "Business, Labour and Politics."

Finally, Dr. Long will be one of three men participating in the final event of the institute, a panel discussion Saturday evening on the topic "The character of Canadian Politics." This will be by way of a summing up of the main points brought out during the three-day gathering.

Marcus Long is an Irishman who emigrated to Canada in 1925. After earning the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in philosophy from the University of Toronto, he taught at Brandon College and the University of Manitoba until the outbreak of the Second World War. He served overseas with the Canadian Army during the war, achieving the rank of Major.

Since 1945 he has been at the University of Toronto, where he is now full professor of philosophy. As a writer, he achieved distinction as author of "The Spirit of Philosophy," published in 1933, and as editor of the important new periodical "Canadian Commentator," which gives the Canadian viewpoint on national and international affairs.

Guy H. Nelson, 79 Dies At Montague

The death of Guy H. Nelson of Montague, occurred yesterday in the Kings County Memorial Hospital in his 79th year.

Mr. Nelson was born in Montague where he lived his entire life. He was the son of the late Horatio and Suzanne (Gay) Nelson.

In his early years he operated a blacksmith shop on the site of the Fraser and Annear feed Mill, following which he was known by young and old as the genial caretaker of the old federal building which is now the home of the Garden of the Gulf Museum.

He will probably be best remembered by many people throughout this area as a capable auctioneer, a career which he followed for 35 years until ill health forced his retirement several years ago.

He was an active member of the Church of Christ from where his funeral will be held on Saturday, July 25th at 2:30.

He leaves to mourn besides his wife, the former Fannie Stewart of Roseneath, two sons: Stewart and Leland, both of Montague; one daughter, Emma, predeceased him several years ago; two brothers, Hubert, Montague, and Horation, Boston, Mass.; two sisters, Amy (Mrs. John Ingram) Dorchester, Mass., and Ruth (Mrs. Huga Buchanan) Moncton, N.B.

Interment will take place in the Lower Montague Cemetery.

Former Islander Passes In Oregon

Word has been received in Summerside of the passing of Harry A. Bell in Portland, Oregon on July 12 and the funeral on Wednesday, July 15 when Rev. Loren Grant of Four Square Church officiated. The Washington Lodge A. F. and A.M. conducted the graveside service at the Sky Line Memorial Gardens.

The deceased was born at Carleton, P.E.I. on Oct. 17, 1881 to the late William Bell and Jennie MacFadyen Bell. Before leaving the province for the West he worked in Summerside with the Mechanics Manufacturing Company and George W. Robinson Company.

After he moved to Oregon, he owned and operated tug boats on the Willamette and Columbia rivers, until becoming a partner in the Nichols Boat Works at Hood River in 1944. He has been retired since 1953.

There are left to cherish his memory: his widow; one son, Captain Lloyd Bell; and two daughters, Norma and Harriet, both married; and four grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Bell visited Prince Edward Island in 1950.

REPORT MORE CLASHES DAMASCUS, Syria (AP)—The Syrian press Thursday reported new clashes in Iraq. Newspapers said 80 persons died Tuesday at Hindiyah about 50 miles south of Baghdad. One Damascus daily said the Hindiya fighting was started by Communists angered because a crowd of anti-Communist demonstrators had set fire to Communist-owned libraries the previous day.

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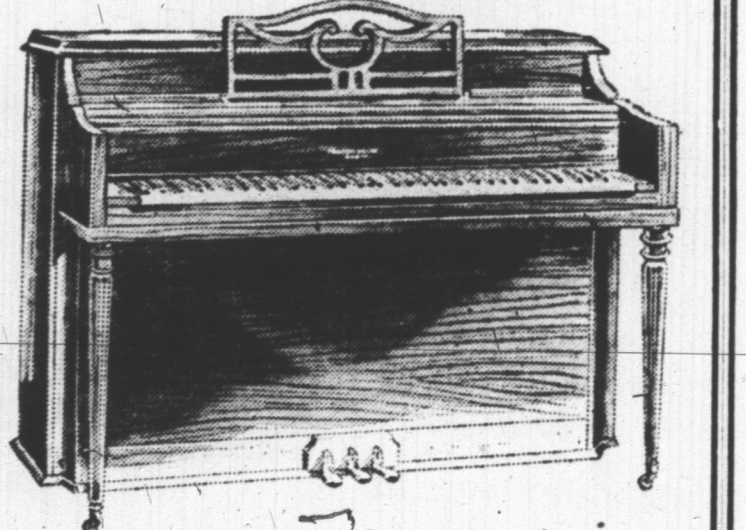


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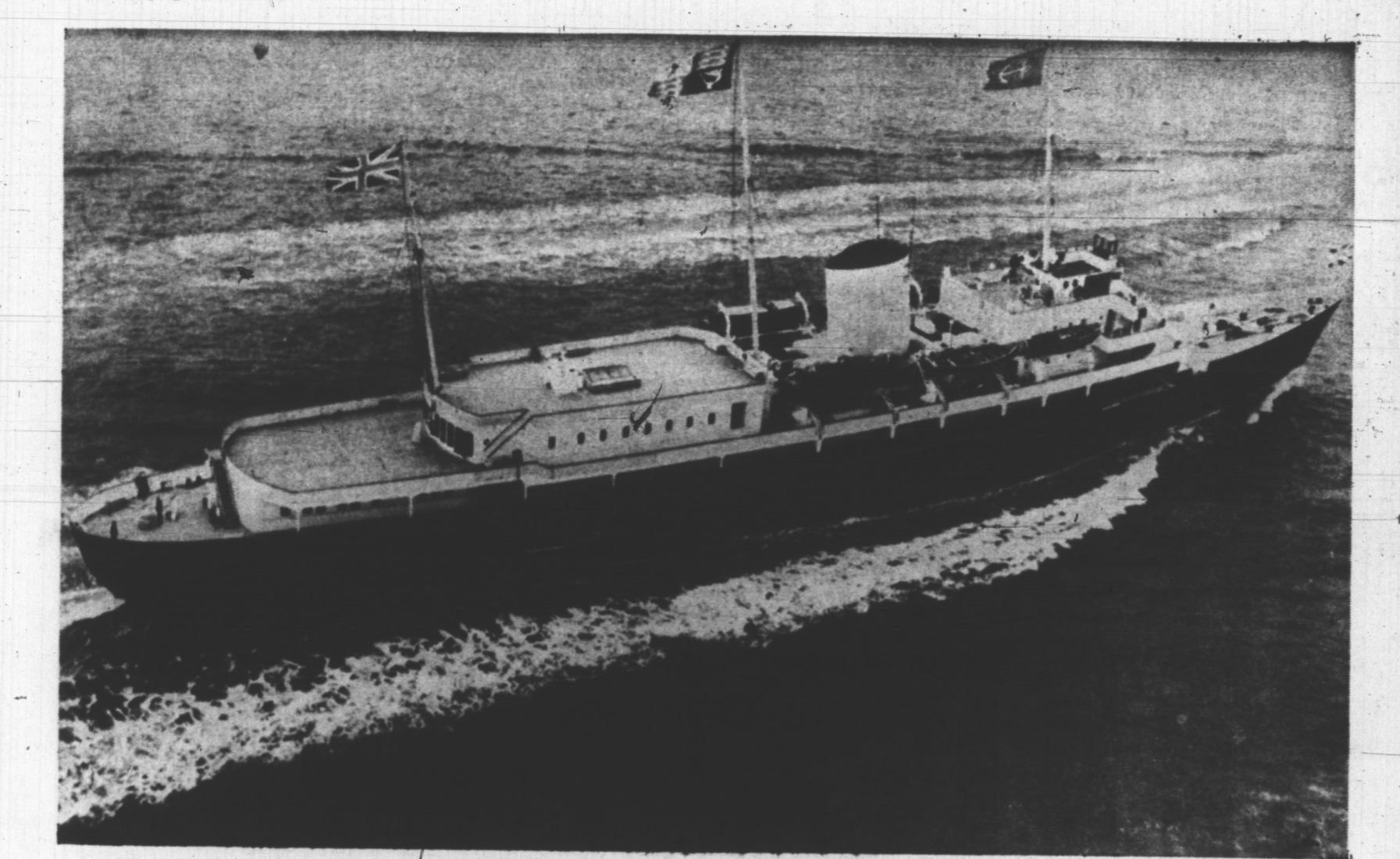
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