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Frost's PC Government Is Returned In Ontario

MRS. LESLIE Frost plants the kiss of victory on the lips of her happy husband who yesterday won his third triumph at the polls in Ontario. The government's majority was reduced but Frost emerged triumphant with a whopping majority in his own riding of Victoria.

Majority Is Cut But Win Is Easy

TORONTO (CP) — Ontario re-elected its Progressive Conservative government Thursday. It trimmed Premier Leslie Frost's heavy House majority but left him with a thumping margin of 44 seats over Liberals and CCF combined.

The Progressive Conservatives rolled easily to their sixth straight election victory since 1943, winning 71 of the 98 seats. Liberals took 22 and the CCF five.

Opposition strength was almost doubled from the 11 Liberal and three CCF seats in the last legislature. The Conservatives, with 83 seats at dissolution and one Conservative vacancy, lost 11 to the Liberals and two to the CCF.

CABINET INTACT

Premier Frost—who said in a victory statement that he had expected to lose some party strength—won an overwhelming personal victory in Victoria and saw his 20-man cabinet returned intact.

Both opposition party leaders were re-elected handily. Liberl John Wintermeyer held Waterloo North and CCFer Donald C. MacDonald swamped three opponents in York South.

With all but 110 of the 13,998 polls reported the Conservatives had 46 per cent of the total vote as compared with 49 per cent in the 1955 election. Liberals drew 37 per cent, up from 31 per cent in 1955, and the CCF 17 per cent as against 19 per cent.

Early returns put the Progressive Conservatives into a quick lead that was never in doubt. Premier Frost won an overwhelming personal victory in his home riding of Victoria.

Speaking from the balcony of his campaign headquarters in Lindsay, he said the victory was "a mandate from the people to continue on to greater things in the days to come."

Mr. Wintermeyer, who received the returns at a party rally in a Kitchener Hotel, conceded the victory to the Progressive Conservatives at 10.25 p.m. EDT.

CONGRATULATES PREMIER

He congratulated the premier and pledged the Liberal party would continue working for progress in Ontario. "we . . . will work to get the government to enact at least some of the legislation we proposed in our election program."

CCF Leader Donald Macdonald congratulated the premier, saying "I wish him well." The campaign workers carried him off on their shoulders to celebrate his personal victory.

Two Progressive Conservatives who resigned from the cabinet last year after investigations revealed they had purchased promotion stock in a natural gas distributing company were defeated.

Former lands minister Clare Mapledoram lost to Liberal John Chapple in Fort William and William Griesinger, who quit the public works portfolio, was defeated by Liberal Maurice Belanger in Windsor-Sandwich. The seat had been held by Mr. Griesinger for 14 years.

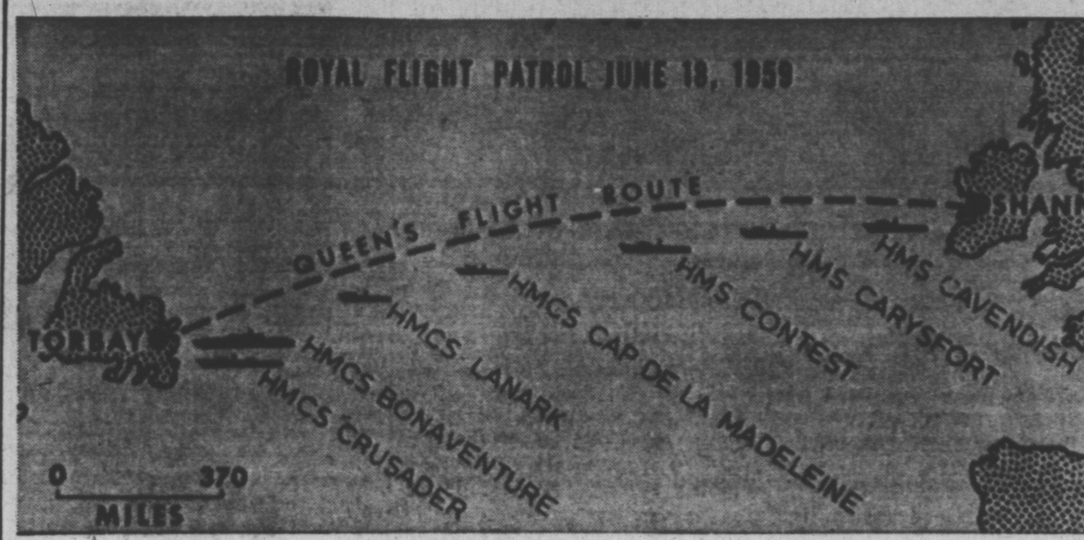
STANDING

	1959	1955
Prog. Con.	71	83
Liberals	22	11
CCF	5	3
Ind. PC	0	1
Total	98	98

3rd Party Is Termed Due In Nfld.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—Steve Neary, secretary of the Newfoundland Federation of Labor (CLC) said Thursday direct steps will be taken before the end of the year to form a third political party in Newfoundland.

He said a meeting of 21 labor action committee officials in Gander, Nfld., Wednesday decided steps should be taken to form such a party or affiliate with a third party. Lawyer J.B. McVoy announced here Wednesday he is considering forming a third party to oppose Liberals and Progressive Conservatives.



GUARD FOR QUEEN

Canadian and British warships will take up stations in the Atlantic along the 2,000-mile route of the Queen's plane when he flies to Newfoundland June 18 to start her Canadian tour. Map shows approximate positions of the four Canadian and three British ships assigned to guard duty along the flight path from Shannon, Ireland, to Torbay, Nfld. (CP Newsmap)

Highway Link Seen To Reds

OTTAWA (CP) — A linkup between Soviet and North American highways would be an excellent thing for international relations, CCF House Leader Hazen Argue suggested Thursday.

He asked Gordon Robertson, deputy minister of northern affairs, whether any study has been made of Russian plans for a trans - Siberian highway and whether any thought has been given to building up Canada's road network to mesh with Russia. Cars then could drive to Asia via the Bering Strait route.

Mr. Robertson, questioned during a meeting of the Commons mines committee, said no Soviet trans - Siberian highway is known to exist and no such planning is known. There did not appear to be roads of any length in the Bering Strait area.

But he doubted whether this is likely, at least in the foreseeable future.

Rapid Transit Station Blast Hurts 37, Demolishes Area

BOSTON (AP—A bomb hidden in a public locker tore apart an elevated rapid transit waiting room outside North Station Thursday, injuring 37 persons.

The blast, likened to that of a 500-pound high explosive shell, hurled heavy beams to the street below, littered the area for a hundred yards around with rubble and shattered windows on the ninth floor of a building across the street.

Thirty - seven persons were treated at hospitals. Three names were placed on the danger list, one an 81 - year - old man with shrapnel wounds in the neck. The most badly injured was a 15-year-old boy who suffered a crushed leg that may have to be amputated.

Police sought a man who recently escaped from a mental institution. He had been involved in a previous bomb attempt, they said.

State Police Capt. Gerald F. McCarthy said chemical tests on pieces of the lockers showed residue characteristic of black powder. There was also an odor of black powder, he said.

RESIDUE OF POWDER?

"A test on some of the locker pieces shows sulphide resudue characteristic with black powder," McCarthy said.

Fire Chief Leo C. Driscoll said: "We are positive there was something of a foreign nature in those lockers."

Three U.S. Marines raced with police into the station directly after the blast to remove several men who had been blown across the platform and into submerged tracks which contain a live third rail.

LIKE AN ATOM BOMB

Samuel Cutler, co - owner of a restaurant just below the elevated structure, said "it sounded like an atom bomb."

"I ran outdoors and, believe me, when I looked into the restaurant again . . . I know I would have been killed if I hadn't got out.

"There were about six persons in the restauarnt, including a policeman. All of them were injured, none seriously."

Building inspector Thomas Hughes said the blast was so violent it knocked off heavy beams at the base of the elevated structure.

The Metropolitan Transit Authority, which operates the rapid transit system, said no one was killed.

Shortly after the accident the Massachusetts General Hospital reported that 20 persons had been brought in and others were still coming.

Commons Big Guns Turned On Pallet Valuation Action

OTTAWA, (CP)—All parties in the Commons Thursday wheeled up their heavy artillery in a resumed battle over whether John Pallett, chief Conservative Whip, acted properly in a government land transaction.

Liberal Lionel Chevrier said the Toronto-area MP said he had been "condemned" by the Exchequer Court of Canada for his involvement in a transport department expropriation case at Malton in his constituency of Peel.

Prime Minister Diefenbaker accused the Liberals of innuendos, imputations, suggestions and inferences—"I will not call it McCarthyism"—for which they would not take responsibility.

Transport Minister Hees charged "smear" and "witch-hunting" on the part of the Liberals.

ERROR OF JUDGMENT

In turn, Mr. Hees, who was in the middle of the transaction was told by J.W. Pickersgill (L—Bonavista - Twillingate) that he had been "guilty of a very serious error of judgment."

H. W. Herridge of Kootenay West, deputy CCF House Leader, said Mr. Pallett "exercised immature and poor judgment" and renewed Liberal and CCF demands for a parliamentary committee inquiry. He said Mr. Hees was laying down a smoke screen.

The Pallett issue, which has been popping up in the Commons all week, had its warmest workout Thursday, with Mr. Pallett absent from the House. The amiable Mr. Hees was shouting angrily at the Liberals, and suave Liberal Leader Pearson also was heated at times.

The prime minister, who normally does not stay around the House for the passage of departmental spending estimates such as Mr. Hees' Thursday, remained to come to Mr. Pallett's defence on occasion.

COURT DECISION

The fight revolves around a recent decision of the Exchequer Court of Canada in the expropriation case, with the court saying Mr. Pallett instructed appraiser J. E. S. Clare of Port Credit, Ont., to put as generous a valuation as possible on properties to be expropriated by the transport department.

The court judgment said Mr. Pallett had testified Mr. Hees had agreed to be bound by the decision of the appraiser, appointed by the minister of the Peel MP's recommendation.

Ship Handled In 49 Minutes

MONTREAL (CP)—Ships have moved through the eastern gateway of the St. Lawrence Seaway on an average of one vessel every 49 minutes day and night since the mammoth waterway opened in April.

This is an average figure worked out on the basis of 1,375 vessels going through the St. Lambert Lock in the first 47 days of seaway operation.

It shows that the lock—first of seven in the seaway route to Lake Ontario—handled an average of 29 ships every day since the new deep-water route opened for business April 25. The locks are big enough to handle two smaller vessels at one time.

Saucer Seen Forerunner Of Mile-Long Flying Craft

By ADRIAN BALL

COWES, England (Reuters)—Britain's Flying Saucer—possible forerunner of a craft one mile long and weighing 100,000 tons—made its maiden public flights over land and sea Thursday.

The two successful tests appeared to mark the beginning of a new era in land and sea transport.

The four - ton, oval-shaped Saunders Roe Hovercraft first gave a 15-minute land display of its ability to ride on a cushion of air forced down by an engine-driven fan. The silver-and-blue craft hovered about a foot off the ground and moved slowly in turn in all directions.

Later the Hovercraft's two-man crew made their first flight over water off this yachting centre.

SAILS OVER SEA

Hundreds of vacationers saw the craft hover stationary for several minutes above a slightly choppy sea. Then it went skimming over the water at speeds of up to 20 miles an hour, throwing up a mass of spray.

A few hundred yards off shore it went through its manoeuvres amid an armada of small craft, demonstrating its ability to move within confined spaces.

Thursday's press demonstration followed five hours of secret flight testing this week. A long research and development program still lies ahead.

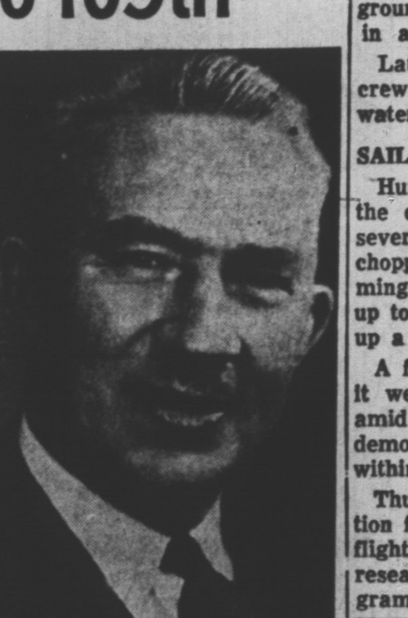
Veterans' Minister Will Speak To 105th

Col. A. J. Brooks, Minister of Veterans Affairs, will be invited as guest speaker at the annual reunion of the 105th Battalion to be held here August 19.

Veterans of the famous Island unit of the First World War met in Summerside last year but Hon. Mr. Brooks was unable to attend due to pressure of Parliamentary business. However, he said he would attempt to be present this time.

Decision to hold the reunion was taken at an executive meeting Wednesday night of the 105th Battalion Association when officials said they expected upwards of 125 veterans to attend the dinner at the Clover Club. A parade led by the Recce Regiment Band will precede the dinner.

Attending the meeting Wednesday were C. R. Palmer, president, E. D. MacPhail, Ira Brown, J. M. Lee, P. E. MacNutt, William Wadman and J. S. Walker.



HON. MR. BROOKS

Herter Denies Threat To Take Plane To U.S.

GENEVA, (Friday) (CP) — A United States spokesman called a midnight briefing here Thursday to put into perspective a report that a plane was standing by on four hours' notice to fly State Secretary Herter back to Washington, Reuters said.

The spokesman denied that Herter told Russian Foreign Minister Gromyko Thursday that he had a plane ready to fly him home.

The spokesman said the American plane was put on an alert basis earlier in the week.

He added: "I assume that with all the pessimism of the last few days, Mr. Herter decided to tell the boys to get his plane ready to take him home if necessary."

He pointed out that Herter's plane was not in Geneva but in the United States.

DENIES RUMORS

At the briefing, the spokesman denied rumors which he said apparently were circulated by Russian sources.

He denied that Herter gave Gromyko an ultimatum and told him that he would talk for only three more days, and that Herter and Gromyko would meet again this weekend.

The spokesman confirmed that Gromyko told Herter the Russian proposals for Berlin were not an ultimatum.

Kings' M.P. Goes To Camp

OTTAWA (Special)—John A. MacDonald, member for Kings, who is also commanding officer of the Prince Edward Island Regiment, flew from Ottawa today to lead the regiment to summer training at camp Gagetown, N.B.

The armoured regiment, under charge of Lieutenant-Colonel MacDonald, leave the Island Saturday to spend one week at Gagetown.

Mt. A. Plans On Expansion

SACKVILLE, N.B. (CP — An expansion program including construction of three new residences, a chapel and athletic centre were announced here Thursday for Mount Allison University.

Dr. A. J. Ebutt told the Maritime conference of the United Church of Canada the program would be the largest in the university's history.

He said the new residences to accommodate more than 300 students would cost about $800,000. Capt. R. V. Bennett of Sackville has donated $150,000 toward the amount. About $71,200 has been received toward construction of the chapel.

A campaign for funds for the athletic centre has netted about $100,000, Dr. Ebutt said.

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Weather Slows Crop Seeding

OTTAWA (CP) — Cool, damp weather slowed Canadian spring seeding operations with 88 per cent of the major crops sown by May 31 compared with 94 per cent at the same time last year, the bureau of statistics reported Thursday.

The 88-per-cent figure applied to Canada on a national basis and to the Prairies on a regional basis. The Western provinces account for about 90 per cent of the five major spring crops, spring wheat, oats, barley, flaxseed and so-called mixed grains.

The bureau said Prairie seeding was delayed considerably during the first half of May by cool, unsettled weather. Only 51 per cent of the wheat was in the ground by May 15 compared with 64 per cent last year and 58 per cent two years ago.

Chignecto Canal Costs Estimates May Run As High As $140 Million

OTTAWA (CP) — Estimates of the cost of the proposed Chignecto Canal run between $90,000,000 and $140,000,000, Transport Minister Hees informed the Commons Thursday.

The minister said reports on engineering and economic studies on the feasibility of the waterway between the Bay of Fundy and Gulf of St. Lawrence should b received som tim this summmtttt Gulf of St. Lawrence should be received some time this summer.

Mr. Hees said he has received this report from the economics division of his department:

"Estimates of cost have risen greatly since the surveyor commission estimated in 1931 the cost of a smaller project than now being studied at $46,000,000. The estimates now run from $90,000,000 to $140,000,000. An alternative plan has been submitted by the Foundation Engineering Company and this too has been referred to engineers for study.

JOINT PROJECT UNLIKELY

"The question of hydro-electric power development in connection with a canal has been given consideration, and thus far it would appear that engineering opinion is generally agreed that the two projects could be treated independently; in other words there would be no substantial saving from a joint project.

"At the same time the department has undertaken to obtain information on the possible economic value of a Chignecto Canal. In view of the comparatively heavy cost of construction this is an important aspect of the question but not one on which it is easy to reach definite conclusions. We know of certain items of traffic that might use a Chignecto Canal but whether the canal is capable of attracting sufficient long distance traffic from present routes to justify its construction is still problematical.

PRINCESS IN PORTUGAL

A smiling Princess Margaret arrives at the Ebelen Palace in Lisbon, Portugal, June 7. Admiral Americo Thomaz, right, the President of Portugal, is on hand to greet her. The Princess, on a six-day private visit to the country, delivered a private personal message from Queen Elizabeth to Thomaz. The Princess is a guest of Ambassador Sir Charles Stirling.

'Foul Play' Is Suggested

CLINTON, Ont., (CP) — Foul play is strongly suspected in the death of 12-year-old Lynn Harper of Clinton whose body was found Thursday in a wooded area 1¼ miles east of here, Crown Attorney Glen Hayes of Goderich said.

Mr. Hayes said a preliminary report submitted to him by Coroner F.G. Thomson of Clinton indicated the girl may have been murdered. But he added:

"I'm not in a position to advise exactly the cause of death."