

Coleman Achieves Goal

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IT WAS the final of a lifetime. I gathered from Ottawa General Watson MacNaughton when "the boy from Coleman" walked the federal cabinet room in the East Block at St. Lawrence with the others who were chosen by Prime Minister Pearson to form the first federal government. Politics has been Watson's ambition since he first recalls, as a boy of eight, hearing his father reading from the Bible just 50 years ago. Making the cabinet has been a dream for most of the intervening years.

But the real story of a one-time fellow student at Prince of Wales College in Montreal is the story of a man who has achieved his boyhood dream, but the obstacles and the vicissitudes, and at times heart-breaking reverses he suffered from the start.

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Rejected by Own Constituents
BUT the rejection at his own constituency convention in December 1961, by more than two-to-one, in favor of Provincial Highway Minister James Mackay, following an almost three-hour debate in the effort to win the provincial Liberal leadership less than three weeks previously, must have been about the most disappointing thing any one man can be asked to do about I want to list just one more thing. Watson was just one vote away from being elected to the rank of member of parliament earlier this year. He won by only one vote from Alex Campbell, a young lawyer who was making his first bid for political support. The name of one vote would put him out. And almost certainly would have been the end, for it would have done so during a row in his own constituency.

Wrote the story of many a brilliant and unexpected comeback during the 10 or 11 years I was a sports writer, but I can't recall a greater comeback than that of the Islander who has achieved what he walked in to take his seat before Works Minister Jean Paul Deschêtales and Health Minister Judy LaMarsh in the east end room of the Parliament Building. He will give much of the credit for his perseverance in the face of so many setbacks, to Mrs. MacNaughton who must rightly share the credit for the comeback which he tried to outline briefly.

Few P.E.I. Men Recognized

I WAS amazed, incidentally to learn just how miserly federal prime ministers have been in recognizing sons of this province as cabinet material. Watson is the first native Island member of parliament to have been in a federal cabinet since Sir Louis Davies was made minister of marine and fisheries in 1936. Hon. Cyrus Macmillan, then professor of English at McGill University, was made fisheries minister in 1945. Sir James Macpherson, June 17, 1860, but he was not a member of parliament at the time, and he was defeated in the general election which followed 41 days later on July 28.

But I was even more surprised to learn that Angus MacNaughton was the only P.E.I. man named to a federal Conservative cabinet in more than 80 years when he was made fisheries minister in 1957. The last previous one I can find in the cabinet is James C. Pope who was appointed to the cabinet in 1876. I know that we've had at least two non-portfolio ministers. Hon. John E. Sinclair, Emeritus for the Liberals, and Hon. John A. Macdonald, Emeritus for the Conservatives, the latter the father of the late John A. whom most of us knew, and now have been cabinet members from outside the province, but I'm talking about Islanders who held portfolio, and they have been mighty scarce.

Athletic Feats Are Recalled

ATHLETIC FEATS of former years came flashing back into my memory as I sat in this week on the annual meeting of the amalgamated P.E.I. Farmers' Union. I was particularly interested and listened to the smiling, soft spoken manager, John S. Wright, detailing business highlights of the concern from his own knowledge of the past. I believe that Jack Wright I know as a bearcat of a grapper back in the Twenties.

It was back around 1920 or 1925, I believe, that Jack Wright I know as a bearcat of a grapper back in the Twenties. I can't fill in the details but I know that the man who was on the platform for the Island heavyweight title, and he won by knocking out his man, though he normally fought as a lightweight or in lighter division.

Mr. Wright has achieved outstanding success as manager of the company that last year passed the \$2,000,000 mark in volume for the first time. I know that many of the patrons I know with regard that he is taking of retiring before another year has rolled around.

It was interesting to hear him tell of some of the successes the company has achieved. His story about the "important customer" who has since his people's success, was particularly interesting. He said that he was anything else, was particularly interesting.

I was interested in the discussion that developed concerning future participation in the dairy industry. Nationally, emphasis is being placed on cutting back certain dairy production, but in P.E.I. the vast majority of the farms that have developed across the country.

That asking the Island to cut back on its butter production would be the best way of the large margins that have developed across the country. It should cut down on the most productive and important phase of its business. Island dairymen have established an enviable reputation for their products in past years. The fact that there is no surplus in the Maritimes and we can sell all we can make and butter manufacturers tell me, it just doesn't make sense that P.E.I. should cut back on its production.

Dairying accounts for 20 percent or more of total farm cash income. It amounts to some percentage in some other provinces. These places. It is basic and by far the most important factor in the economy. That makes it the most important here.

Marshall Is Congratulated

CONGRATULATIONS to the ladies of the Marshall women's Institute, and to the menfolk and children too for it was a community effort, on winning the Carv Lane safety award that was up for national competition. Any time an organization from this tiny province can triumph in a nation-wide competition, it deserves more than the usual commendation in my book, and that's the way it was done along at this time. The fact that the triumph was achieved in such a practical and completely useful way, and that highway safety makes the achievement all the more worthwhile.

The Marshall people were assisted by a number of persons who helped them to win. I know that many of the people who helped them to win. I know the names of a number of them, but I'm not going to list them here, because I'd be sure to leave out some of them, and that would be a pity.



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PERFORM IN DANCE

Don Jose Greco and Castillo dance Greco's complete company of dancers and musicians will be seen on a forthcoming CBC television program. (CP Wirephoto)

FED. OF AGRIC. NEWSLETTER

Butter Support Price to Go Down One Cent?

While there may be some other angles to the question it does appear now that the newly announced price support on butter will actually mean something like one cent less per pound to producers than was the case last year. In the past season plant operators sold butter on the board at 32 cents per pound and received 12 cents from the board. This year the system is being changed and for each 100 pounds of butterfat processed the plant operator will receive \$14.50 and be allowed to claim the 32 cents only on an overrun of 23 per cent. Without getting into the fine print of the operation it does appear to mean about one cent less. Shippers of surplus fluid milk selling it to a butter factory will not receive the 14 1/2 cents per pound subsidy which will probably leave them with something in the vicinity of 55 cents per pound for butterfat. Neither will they receive the 30 cent subsidy on cheese, but this represents no change from last year's situation.

Shippers of surplus fluid milk had in the past received the 25 cent per 100 subsidy, this is now discontinued and what the effect will be on prices in this area are not so far indicated.

FARMER CONTROL
In most countries and generally in most of the provinces of Canada the trend is towards farmers obtaining a greater degree of control over their own business through legislation, boards, and government agencies. Most provinces are prepared to consider quite favorably any action which places the farmer in a better bargaining position. We realize that it may be difficult to prove this, but we do have the impression that it is still considered a resistance on the part of the public generally and by governments too in this province to the idea of according the farmer the right to bargain in a collective way and to the developing of more control over his own industry. We see in this attitude an obstacle to progress.

Unless the farmer is recognized as a mature, responsible individual and his organization recognized the right to negotiate for him, agricultural and rural progress will be slow indeed.

However, it must be pointed out that the farmer himself if he values the future of the industry, has a responsibility to act in a manner and support his organization in a manner that will develop respect and consideration for both.

FARM FORUM VISITORS
Visiting the province last Monday were a number of the old Hillsdale Schwab editor - manager of Farm Forum and Larry Gosnell editor of Farm Forum. They were on their way to the farm program for the CBC. Meeting in the afternoon with members of the Farm Forum Committee and other officials discussions were held on subjects that would make suitable topics for the coming year and the weakness or otherwise of last year's considered. Possible improvements in the Guides and the broadcasts were considered. Some twenty members of the Ufg-Knox and Heatherdale Farms were

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In this province during the past season reports were received from one hundred and eighty Farm Forum meetings. The number would have been over two hundred had the last three programs not fallen victim to weather and traveling. In addition to those meetings a large listening audience heard some twenty national programs and the same number of provincial broadcasts. Added to this was the distribution of over 12,000 Farm Forum guides containing a great variety of well researched information all of which seems to indicate that in spite of its ripe old age Farm Forum is still an adult education program with considerable vitality.

FROG REWARD
For those who do not believe it is a little spring we draw attention to the fact that so far the frog has not made his appearance in this province. We can recall years when in late March the croaker had decided that spring was here and put on a program which compares very favorably in interest with some of the best offered of the winter. The continued freezing of at night and muddy condition of the fields are certainly holding up agricultural progress. While pastures and hay fields appear to have come through the winter in excellent condition no real growth will take place until temperatures improve.

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Quebec Terrorists Claim Bombing Responsibility

MONTREAL (CP) - Le Front de Liberation Quebecois, Quebec's terrorist separatist group, said Thursday it carried off the "raid" on a Canadian army recruiting station which a night watchman was killed by a bomb explosion here April 28.

The two French-language statements issued by mail, the terrorist group also claimed responsibility for an explosion May 3 at a Royal Canadian Legion here in John C. Queen, the placing of a time bomb near a mining company's office in Montreal the same day.

One of the statements also announced the formation of a "Tribunal Revolutionnaire des Patriotes Quebecois" to judge foreign and Quebec criminals who are traitors to their country. "This tribunal," it added, "will deal only with the most important cases. In case of guilt, two sentences only will be passed: exile or death."

The statements were mailed to newspapers and news agencies.

One statement said that the FLQ's "special intelligence services" made it possible for the FLQ to "acquire some \$35,000 which, instead of being used to pay vile mercenaries, will be used to help the revolution."

HOLDUP SUGGESTED
Although the statement did not say so explicitly, this appeared to be a reference to the holdup of an army paymaster April 30 in east-end Montreal.

The paymaster, Lieut. J. J. Marcel Ste. Marie, 45, was shot in the ankle, calf and thigh when he refused to give up a briefcase containing some \$35,000, the vice collator of the Longue-Pointe army depot. At least three took part in the holdup.

The death of W. V. O'Neill, 65, in the explosion of a time-bomb at the rear of the army recruiting station in Montreal had been tentatively blamed by police on the FLQ.

The FLQ statement which referred to Mr. O'Neill's death as the first sign that the terrorist group claimed it had a part to play in the bombing.

It described the death as "unfortunate accident," but said the "revolution," unfortunately, cannot be carried out without blood flowing.

PATRIOTS NOT GUILTY
"The patriots in this death are not the patriots," the statement said. "They are all the exploiters, all the vile collaborators who have forced Quebec patriots to take up arms for the freedom of the nation."

Referring to the placing of a bomb May 3 near the office of Solberg Copper Mines, the FLQ statement said:

"We give Solberg one week to

resist its dispute with its miners. Otherwise, we shall have to place the matter before the R.T.P. (revolutionary tribunal) which will order a general strike for almost 11 weeks. The time bomb, spotted in a shoe box near the Solberg offices, was dismantled by a police bomb expert two minutes before it was scheduled to go off.

The explosion at the Royal Canadian Legion hall in St. Johns caused about \$100,000 damage to the front of the brick building.

The FLQ in its statement bitterly attacked members of the Legion, whose members were described as "vile traitors."

"Every member of this organization automatically joins his fellow countrymen and the Quebec nation," the statement added.

DIPHTHERIA KILLS THREE
WINNIPEG (CP) - Manitoba has had its worst diphteria outbreak since 1949 this year with 25 cases reported so far. A government official said Thursday three died in the outbreak, all from a single family in Gypsumville.

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