

## Ontario Voting Slated June 9

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TORONTO (CP)—Premier Frost Monday confirmed a weller of good guesses by announcing Thursday, June 9 as the date of the Ontario general election.

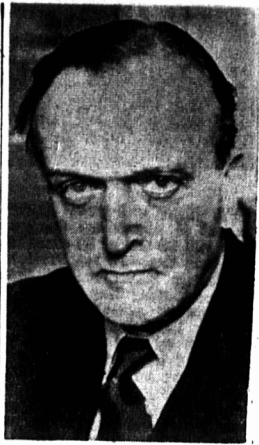
The premier's mid-afternoon announcement made prevalent reports official. It came after a meeting between the premier and lieutenant-governor Louis O. Breitaupt at Queen's Park.

"I have today advised his honor, the lieutenant-governor to dissolve the legislature, to which advice he has graciously acceded," the premier said. "The legislature will be dissolved today."

polling day will be Thursday, June 9.

He handed a prepared statement to newspaper men who had accompanied him to the lieutenant-governor's apartment.

The 350-word statement also announced the retirement of Hon. George H. Challies as a cabinet minister and vice-chairman of the Ontario Hydro - Electric Power Commission.



To Visit Canada

LONDON (CP)—In a rare move, a top-ranking British civil servant is taking a month off from Whitehall to "have a close look" at Canada.

Sir Gilbert Lathwaite (above) permanent undersecretary of state for Commonwealth relations, leaves by air Friday for a month as official visit, covering cities from Halifax to Vancouver. He is due back in London June 5.

Sir Gilbert told a reporter: "I have been to all the Commonwealth countries except Canada and South Africa. It seems to me it's no use just sitting in an office in Whitehall when I can go out and see the country myself."

Cities on the itinerary are Montreal, Vancouver, Victoria, Banff, Winnipeg, Toronto, Quebec, Ottawa and Halifax.

Sir Gilbert specifically insisted on fitting Halifax into the program because he feels that too many visitors tend to "hop over" the Maritimes. He asked for a stop in Fredericton, but that was ruled out.

# ECONOMIC COUNCIL HEAD URGES TOP BRAINS BOOST ATLANTIC PROVINCES

SYDNEY, (CP)—The president of the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council called Monday night for the help of the best available brains in a concentrated effort to turn the four provinces once again into the role of exporters.

R. W. Ganong of St. Stephen, N. B., told a group of 250 Cape Breton business men that the newly formed council aimed at improving the economic and social status of the people of the four eastern provinces will "need the best brains available."

In his first public speech as the initial president of the council, Mr. Ganong warned that the task "will require patience."

"Immediate or spectacular results are not possible," he said. "It is a long-term project."

He recalled that before the turn of the century the provinces were not only self-sufficient but had a booming export trade. "And now we cannot even feed ourselves."

### POTENTIAL WEALTH

He termed the council "the best step forward since Confederation," and said that despite the handicaps of geographical location, lack of cheap electrical energy and inability to cope with rich manufacturing provinces of Canada, the Atlantic provinces had potential wealth.

He said that timber now being exported could be manufactured at home, that the market prospects for fish challenge the imagination, that canned and processed food could be turned out within the provinces rather than be imported, and that a large market exists for products which could be produced at home but now were being brought in from other provinces.

"Our greatest asset is our people, people who have proven in the past, their capacity for being imaginative, ingenious, progressive and industrious."



## S'ide Sea Cadets Compete At Festival

These handsome young tars from Summerside High School, R.C.S.C., entertained the large audience at P.W.C. last night and received 80 marks for their well played selection at the Music Festival. Left to right, Gabriel Chaisson, Band Master; Louis Poirier, Eric Levin, Jackie Gallant, Clarence Campbell, Hazen Mellish, Gerard Arsenault. Second row: Don Norton, Richard Rankin, Elmer Newson, Roger LeBlanc, Mike Scott, Bruce White, Earle Campbell. Third row: Don Coles, John Sullivan, Greg Noonan, Billy Pinesau, Winsor Arsenault, Alban Gallant, Jackie Brown, Gerald Daley. Back row: Lawrence Milton, Gorsin Gay, LeRoy Gallant, Norman Sheen, Fred MacFarlane, Tony Coles.

## Veteran Pilot Is Killed On Ground

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (AP)—A veteran pilot and airplane mechanic was killed in his backyard Sunday when he was mangled by the propeller of a wingless plane. The plane apparently tossed Andrew Clinton Slemp Jr. into the wall—of his garage and tore both arms from his body. There were no witnesses, but officials at the engineering firm where Slemp worked thought he may have turned the propeller to free the engine and that a short circuit could have kicked the motor into action.

Slemp owned the plane and had removed its wings for storage.

## Formal Opening Last Night Of Music Festival At P.W.C.

The Music Festival will not be so large, so long as we can be assured of an adequate supply of devoted workers and adequate financial resources," said Dr. G. D. Steel, president of the Association at the formal opening of the tenth Prince Edward Island Music Festival at Prince of Wales College last night.

The opening was attended by His Honour Lieut. Gov. T. W. L. Prowse and Mrs. Prowse, Hon. A. W. Matheson and Mrs. Matheson, His worship J. D. Stewart, Mayor of Charlottetown and Mrs. Stewart, His Worship Mayor Henry Wedge of Summerside and Mrs. Wedge, Hon. Keir Clark, Minister of Education and Mrs. Clark.

Mayor Stewart in declaring the Festival officially open, noted the tremendous growth of the Festival from the time it started ten years ago. "I am sure that all of you are grateful for the wonderful contribution these volunteer workers have made in bringing this event to the success that it now enjoys," said Mayor Stewart.

Using the quotation, "Music is

## By-election In Alberta June 20

OTTAWA (CP)—A by-election June 20 for the Alberta federal seat of Battle River - Camrose, made vacant by the death last year of Social Credit member Robert Fair, was called Monday by the government.

There is one other vacancy in the House, caused by the death last April 18 of J. Gaspard Boucher, 58, Liberal member for Reservoir-Madawaska since the 1953 general election.

The Commons party standing now is: Liberals, 171; Progressive Conservatives, 51; CCF, 23; Social Credit, 14; Independent, 4; vacant, 2. Total, 265.

Mr. Fair won handily in the last election, polling 9,238 votes against 4,531 for the Liberal standard-bearer and 2,261 for the CCF candidate in a five-way race.

## Parliament At A Glance

Monday  
Ross Thatcher (Ind.—Moose Jaw, Lake Centre) said left-wing elements have gained dangerous recognition in councils of the CCF party.

Frank Enfield (L.—York Scarborough) urged federal budget policies encouraging risk-taking development of Canada's natural resources.

Carl Nickle (PC—Calgary South) said tax laws involving oil companies discourage Canadian investment in developing new oil and gas wells.

Tuesday  
The Commons will continue the budget debate. The Senate will sit.

## Society Reports Mental Illness Great Threat

HALIFAX (CP)—The Nova Scotia Mental Hygiene Society appealed Monday for psychiatry at the grass-roots level to combat illness of the mind which it said made up "one of the greatest single threats to the health of the nation."

The society released a 37-page report on Nova Scotia mental health services, concluding with several broad recommendations which sought:

1. More qualified personnel.
2. A government-nominated committee to visit mental institutions once a year and make needed recommendations.
3. A "rehabilitation and follow-up" program to guide the recovery of discharged mental patients.

### MORE CLINICS SOUGHT

4. Psychiatric clinics in smaller centres such as Yarmouth, Wolfville, New Glasgow and Sydney so that "all Nova Scotians" can be covered by these services.

"Mental illness is a chronic illness; the death rate is low, the incidence high and the treatment long," the report said. "In consequence, it is costly in terms of suffering and money."

It said the problem was getting worse.

The report proposed "an over-

## Coming Events

- Brooklyn concert to be held in Cambridge Hall, Wednesday, May 4, 8 p.m.
- Paying highest market prices, good pigs, 40 lbs. and over. Willard Prowse, Brackley.
- See Kelly's Cross Play in Mt. Ryan Hall, Johnston's River, Wednesday, May 4th.
- Unloading car of Royal Feeds at Milton Wednesday, Edison Mutch.
- Kelly's Cross Players present their 3-act play in Mt. Ryan Hall Wednesday, May 4. Curtain 8:30. Dance after.
- All interested in Westmorland cemetery please attend meeting in Westmorland church on Wednesday evening, May 4, 8 p.m.
- Annual meeting Wheatley River Hall, Wednesday, May 4, at 8:30. All those interested please attend.
- Reserve Thursday, May 12 for Indian River play in Stanley Ridge hall. Sponsored by St. Ann's W. I. Curtain 8:30.
- Dance, Cardigan Hall, Wednesday, May 4th. Websters Orchestra. Auspices Cardigan Fire Fighting Department.
- French River, May 5th, see (The Boy Named Beulah) by Summerside Baptist Players. Admission 50c and 35c. Sponsored by W. I.
- Buying daily, good pigs over 35 lbs. each. Paying highest market price. Wellington MacNeill & Son, Buntain & Bell's Wharf.
- Seven Mile Bay Hall, Friday, May 13th, 8:30, two one act plays, good specialties. Sale of candy. Admission 50c and 35c.
- The monthly meeting of Mt. Stewart Legion Branch Number Four will be held in Legion home, Mt. Stewart, Tuesday May 3 at 8:30.
- Big opening dance Charlottetown Forum Wednesday, May 4. Music by Don Messer and his Islanders. Dancing 9:30 to 12:30. Entertainment 11 p.m., canteen.
- Cleaning grain and grass seeds now at our Charlottetown and Summerside mills. Do not leave your cleaning until ready to sow and be delayed. P. L. Morris Feed Service Mills.
- Farmers meetings Marshfield Hall, Wednesday, May 4th; Uigg School Hall, Thursday, May 5th, 8:30 p.m. All farmers and their wives invited. P. E. I. Federation of Agriculture.
- Our stores will be open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evening and closed Wednesday afternoon effective this week. Signed Waddell Bros. and Parker Canfield, Crapaud.

## Ottawa Watches Situation Events In Europe Causing Concern

By DAVE MCINTOSH  
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OTTAWA (CP)—There is "grave concern" here at the recent turn of events in Europe, informants said Monday.

The disturbing developments arise from Russia's offer to end the occupation of Austria providing that Austria remain neutral. Officials here foresee the possibility that Russia now may offer Germany reunification and an end of the Soviet occupation of East Germany if Germany will stay neutral in the cold war.

The danger of this, informants said, is that German reaction to such a proposal would be more favorable than to the present plan of West Germany raising 12 army divisions for Western defence. The West wants Germany as an armed ally, not as a disarmed—or armed—neutral.

This will be one of the subjects discussed at the NATO meeting of foreign ministers in Paris beginning May 9. External Affairs

Minister Pearson will leave here Friday by RCAF plane for the conference.

West disarmament talks in London, which have been going on since February.

The senior external affairs department official accompanying Mr. Pearson will be John A. Holmes, assistant undersecretary for the Far East affairs and disarmament.

Informants said Canada and its allies for weeks have been discussing ways and means of finding some solution for the Formosa impasse. Apparently nothing concrete has yet been arrived at.

### WILL DISCUSS FORMOSA

On May 9, West Germany is scheduled to become the 15th member of the North Atlantic alliance, the day following the 10th anniversary of Germany's capitulation to the Allies. The republic has also been given the right by the Western allies to rearm but still has to pass the necessary laws to raise the authorized 12 divisions.

Canada regards the membership of West Germany in the Western community as more important than the addition of 12 German divisions to Western defence, although there is certainly no sneezing at the 12 divisions, informants said.

### REFUSE INVOLVEMENTS

Authorities denied American press reports that Canada has been asked to share in a guarantee of Formosa's neutrality in exchange for Chinese Nationalist abandonment of the off-shore islands of Quemoy and Matsu.

Mr. Pearson has said that Canada won't become involved in any fight between the Chinese

## Pictou Firm Gets Defence Contract

OTTAWA (CP)—Defence contracts totalling \$22,639,347 were awarded by the defence production department in the last half of March.

Contracts included one to Ferguson Industries, Ltd. Pictou, N.S., for a power generating barge at \$294,613.

## Retail Business Above Average

SAINT JOHN, N.B. (CP)—Retail business in the Atlantic provinces last year was above the national average, the president of the Retail Merchants Association of Canada said in an interview here Monday night.

D. A. Gilbert of Winnipeg said that while national figures showed a decrease of 14 per cent the Atlantic provinces had an increase of 9 per cent.

Mr. Gilbert and F.A.B. Rands, national foods consultant for the organization, plan to visit Fredericton, Bathurst, Charlottetown and Nova Scotia.

## Decide Against Opening Causeway Immediately As Fire Destroys Canso Ferry

PORT HAWKESBURY, N. S. (CP)—One Canso strait ferry was destroyed by fire and another damaged her dock Monday, sending highway and trail traffic into a tangle most of the day.

Highway traffic was back to normal by nightfall despite destruction of the automobile ferry John Cabot but rail traffic wasn't expected to be resumed until sometime this morning.

The John Cabot was destroyed as firemen fought to avert an oil dump explosion and traffic piled up on both sides of the strait that separates mainland Nova Scotia from industrial Cape Breton island.

Rail traffic was cut later in the day when the ferry Scotia II rammed and damaged her dock at Point Tupper on the Cape Breton side.

### FERRY STRIKES BEAM

The Scotia II, only railway ferry remaining in service across the strait, hit a beam holding the apron—a sort of floating platform leading from the rails to the ferry.

The CNR tie-up came less than two weeks before the railway packs up its ferry service. The old Scotia I left last month for Borden, P.E.I., to go into operation there and the CNR has announced that its first passenger train will run across the new Canso causeway May 14.

The seven-year-old Cabot burst into flames at her pier at this Cape Breton terminal shortly after 3 a.m. A.D.T. Her bent and blackened upperworks were still smoking at 2 p.m. long after she had settled to the bottom.

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## Remanded In TV Tower Case

WINNIPEG (CP)—A daredevil soft drink salesman who scaled a 245-foot television tower Saturday night, forcing the station off the air, until he was coaxed down, pleaded guilty Monday to an obstruction charge and was remanded until today for sentence.

Norman J. Fennell, about 35, of suburban Fort Garry, climbed the tower on a \$5 bet which police said he made at a bootlegger's establishment. When he reached the top of the spiny antenna he froze with fear.

George Smith, 25-year-old former steeplejack visiting from St. Paul, Minn., for the weekend volunteered to climb the tower. He talked Fennell into leaving his perch.

Police took Fennell into custody. He pleaded guilty Monday to a charge of obstructing, or interfering with lawful use, enjoyment or operation of property.

## To Assist In Preparing PEI Potato Tariff Brief

Premier Alex W. Matheson announced last evening that Mr. W. J. Callaghan, formerly of Kirkcubright, P.E.I., has been engaged to assist Prince Edward Island potato organizations in the preparation of a brief to be presented at the hearing before the Tariff Board in Ottawa in June.

Mr. Callaghan, lately retired from the Department of Finance in Ottawa, is now a tariff consultant in Ottawa.

He will be coming to the Island shortly to meet with the various potato organizations in the Province to assimilate ideas and information relative to the preparation of the brief that will be presented. The services of Mr. Callaghan were engaged by Premier Matheson while on his recent visit to Ottawa.

## Sask. Minister Declares Ottawa Talks Great Flop

REGINA (CP)—Provincial Treasurer C. M. Fines of Saskatchewan Monday described the federal-provincial conference in Ottawa last week as a "great flop" with proposals advanced representing "the greatest repudiation in the history of Canada."

Mr. Fines and Premier Douglas represented Saskatchewan at the conference, convened to draft an agenda for a full conference to be held this fall.

"I feel we were taken for a ride," the provincial treasurer said.

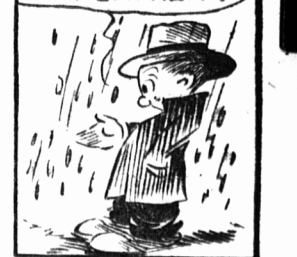
He said press reports of conference proceedings were misleading.

The federal government advanced a plan for looking after the unemployed, Mr. Fines said. But it made no definite offer, a complete reversal of the federal proposal of the 1945 Dominion-provincial conference when the federal government said it would assume full responsibility.

Premier Douglas in a prepared statement said the conference on the whole was disappointing.

"Discussions revealed that Ottawa has retreated all along the line from its 1945 proposals which were designed to provide social security, full employment and a high level of national income," Mr. Douglas said.

## WET FEET AN GOOD HEALTH ARE NOT ON SPEAKING TERMS THIS SORT OF WEATHER!



TORONTO (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	35	45
Vancouver	41	56
Victoria	44	55
Edmonton	32	57
Calgary	36	48
Regina	46	53
Winnipeg	45	79
Toronto	53	70
Ottawa	47	40
Montreal	54	—
Quebec	40	—
Fredericton	37	—
Saint John	32	—
Moncton	37	—
Halifax	34	—
Charlottetown	35	—
Sydney	25	—

HALIFAX (CP)—The weather office says improving weather is forecast for Tuesday in all regions except Cape Breton as the rain area moves slowly eastward.

Northern Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick: Cloudy with occasional rain ending during morning; variable cloudiness in afternoon and evening; warmer; light winds. Low-high at New Glasgow and Charlottetown 35 and 55, Moncton 35 and 60, Fredericton 35 and 67, Saint John 35 and 60, Edmonton 35 and 67, Campbellton 35 and 65.

Bay of Fundy: South winds 15 becoming light southwest winds in the forenoon; variable cloudiness; scattered fog patches; visibility 10 minutes lowering in fog to one-quarter mile; warmer.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 8:16 a.m. and 8:51 p.m.; at Rustico at 2:53 a.m. and 2:34 p.m. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. Sun rises today at 5:01 a.m. and sets at 7:20 p.m.



At Official Opening Of Music Festival Last Night  
The Tenth Annual Musical Festival was officially opened last night by His Worship Mayor J. David Stewart. From left to right the distinguished guests of the Festival are: Dr. L. W. Shaw, Hon. Keir Clark, Minister of Education and President of the Festival, Dr. G. D. Steel and His Worship. Barter's Film Lab.