

# Howe Confident Enough Scientists Will Be Ready

ST. ANDREWS, N.B. (CP)—Trade Minister Howe said last week the "real threat to Canada's future" lies in a slowdown of the economy's growth rather than in a lack of engineers or scientists.

"I am confident that if we succeed in maintaining more or less continuing expansion of our country we will get the engineers and scientists we need," he said.

Mr. Howe said he doubted that Russia is about to usurp the "technological pre-eminence" of the Western world.

"I am not too impressed by alarmist reports that Russia's educational system is turning out scientists and engineers at such a rapid rate as to outdo in the foreseeable future the United States, Canada and other Western countries," Mr. Howe told the closing banquet of the national engineering manpower conference.

The speech was released to the press in advance of delivery.

**NEED FACILITIES**

Chairman James S. Duncan of Toronto earlier Tuesday sought support of industrial and educational delegates for the conference's keynote brief which said Canada was in danger of losing her prestige as an industrial power unless effective steps were taken for the training of additional engineers and scientists.

Dr. C. Edward Hall of London, Ont., president of the University of Western Ontario, said "the universities of Canada accept the brief in principle. We are happy to accept it on long-term prob-

lems." Industrial leaders gave tacit consent.

Mr. Howe said that in considering the technical manpower "problem," it must be approached from a Canadian angle "not just because somebody else is doing it."

"We are not engaged in a competitive race with either the Americans or the Russians," he said. "I do not want to suggest our current shortage of engineering and scientific personnel is exaggerated but I do feel we should look at the problem in its proper perspective."

**SECURITY NOT IN DANGER**

Canada seems to have had enough engineers to make possible an economic expansion unparalleled in the country's history. National security is not endangered by shortage of professional personnel.

"The real threat to Canada's future" lies in a slowdown of the economy's growth rather than lack of "a few engineers or scientists," he said.

"I am confident that if we succeed in maintaining a more or less continuing expansion of our country we will get the engineers and scientists we need."

The trade minister agreed indirectly with an earlier statement by Mr. Duncan that "our problems are manageable."

"In the vital necessity," he added, "to supply the universities with the facilities in the buildings and staff which they are going to need in the future."

"To meet the current and im-

mediate shortage of engineers and scientists we should give attention to a better and more efficient use of the engineers we are producing and have in our midst."

**SHOULD BE VOLUNTARY**

Mr. Howe took issue with educationists and businessmen alike who suggested at conference discussion sessions that Canadian students should be given greater incentives to enter scientific and engineering schools.

"I think any effort to force an undue proportion of our competent youth in to engineering or science or by other activity would be wrong, but rather we should leave it to voluntary means of interest, aptitude, opportunity and reward," he said.

The shortage of technologists can be attributed to a record demand because of rapid Canadian expansion and to the low birth rate of the depressed 1930s.

He said he was not suggesting, however, that there is no immediate shortage of technologists or a potential lack of university facilities but that "our problems are manageable if met with the intelligence, resourcefulness and vigor which our people are capable of."

"We will need a lot of constructive thinking such as you have done—followed by persistent action. But the emphasis should be on what we could do to help our country continue to expand as rapidly as appears feasible, getting the necessary manpower, capital and managerial and scientific know-how we must have in this age of the atom and electronics."

## TRAINED AS YOUTH LEADERS



BRIGADIER W. W. Reid, presented Gilwell certificates to John Wright (2nd), Miss Frances Dorsey (Basilia), Mrs. Marion Chandler (Basilia), Miss Mazine Claybourne (Holy Redeem) and Miss Phyllis Gaudet (Holy Redeem) at a recent meeting of the Charlottetown Scouters' Club. The five have completed Part I of the wood badge course. Guardian Photo.



GILWELL certificates were presented by Brigadier W. W. Reid to Frederick A. Large, M.L.A., Q. C. (Trinity) and W. A. McMurtry (Baptist), who have completed Part II of woodbadge training. The presentations were made at the annual meeting of the Charlottetown Scouters' Club. Guardian Photo.

## P. W. C. NEWS

## New United Church Moderator Has Long Been Noted Scholar

WINDSOR, Ont. (CP)—Rt. Rev. Dr. James Thomson, elected Wednesday night as moderator of the United Church of Canada, isn't afraid of ambitious schemes.

Immediately after his election to the two-year office, he confided he would like to see all Christian people united. But his immediate aim and the task of the United Church, he said, is to minister to the people of Canada.

Dr. Thomson was elected on the fifth ballot after a 90-minute election fight.

Born in Stirling, Scotland, the 64-year-old minister is a leading figure in theological teaching in Canada since immigrating in 1930. From then until 1937, he was professor of systematic theology of Pine Hill Divinity Hall, Halifax. In 1937 he was appointed president of the University of Saskatchewan. Except for one year service with the CBC during the Second World War, he stayed there until 1949. In that year he became the first dean of divinity at McGill University, Montreal. He still holds that position.

He was educated at the university of Glasgow. He interrupted his schooling when the First World War broke out to enlist as a private in the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders. He rose to the rank of captain before the war ended.

The final election Wednesday night was between Dr. Thomson and Rev. R. Douglas Smith of Edmonton. Seven persons stood for election including Rev. W. T. R. Felmington, president of Mount Allison University, Sackville, N.B.

**"HOT" RAIN HARMLES**

CANBERRA (Reuters)—Australian Defence Minister Howard Beale assured the Australian people Tuesday that possible radioactive rain from Britain's forthcoming atomic tests in South Australia will be harmless to humans, livestock and plant life.

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## RELIGION AND LIFE

By Very Rev. George C. Pidgeon, D.D., LL.D.  
First Moderator of the United Church of Canada

**WHAT IS ALTERNATIVE TO BELIEF IN CHRIST**

A young minister was expatiating largely on the iniquities of the present social order. "What's your alternative?" his senior asked. "I never thought of that," was his reply. It is easy for youthful ardor to tear down, to rebuild, is a coat of a different color.

This was the question in St. Peter's mind when Jesus inquired: "Will you also go away?" There was no alternative for them. After Jesus had fled the five thousands, the crowd who had earlier bread plotted to make Him King. Instead Jesus offered Himself to them as the Bread of life. This was not what they wanted. These people were Jesus' friends and admirers who would have followed Him at any cost if only He had been willing to lead their way. But they would not follow Him in a spiritual ministry. When, therefore, Jesus offered Himself to them as the Source and Support of life eternal in one interview after another, the record is: "After this many of His disciples drew back and no longer went about with Him." It was then that Jesus turned to the Twelve: "Will you also go away?"

For Eleven of the Twelve Apostles Simon Peter answered Him: "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God." For them there was no alternative. As their condition between the Crucifixion and Resurrection showed, for them a Christless world meant blank despair.

In the case of the eleven, this was loyalty without understanding, or loyalty in advance of understanding. In the case of Jesus because He refused to lead them to battle and victory that would set up in Jerusalem an earthly kingdom. To the moment of His arrest, the eleven—Judas was an exception—wanted and expected the same thing. They knew Jesus' power and could not imagine anything but that He would exert it when the crisis came for the overthrow of His throne. Right to the door of the Upper Room they were disputing among themselves about which of them would have the first places in the kingdom that seemed so near. But although they could not understand Him, they believed in Him, and would not leave Him. They had no alternative.

**PICTURE OF DOUBTER**

But is it not absurd to ask for loyalty without understanding in an intellectual age like our own? Well, in the first place, our age is not nearly as intellectual as we think. No one would compare its mentality with Athens in the time of Plato and the great tragedians—even though Stratford is now a name to conjure with, in the second place, many of the great minds in the church began just where the Apostles did. Christ found them and called them into companionship with Himself; to them He became "all in all"; but they had to go a long way to reach understanding. One such thinker fitted exactly into Tennyson's picture of the honest doubter. His acceptance of Christ was quite and decisive, and it meant an inner transformation and a revolution in all his relationships. He began his Christian life with a narrow but intense conception of the way of salvation, and was intolerant of any explanation other than his own. In this temper he entered the Christian ministry. But as this brought him into the world of thought, his early interpretations were no longer adequate. Then came the struggle. His loyalty held. In a deeper sense than ever Christ was everything to him. But the old thought-forms were no longer big enough for the greater Christ he had come to know. Of him, Tennyson's words were true. Though perplexed by the faith he was pure in deed. He would not make his judgment blind. At last the higher truth became clear, and it dawned on him like the sunrise. He too "found a nobler faith his own." The discovery not only satisfied his heart, but also made him one of the constructive minds of his church and nation.

His salvation was all the result of the alternative, and he was willing to wait for it. Now this is exactly what happened to the Apostles. Right up to the Day of Pentecost they failed to understand, for shortly before Christ's ascension, they inquired: "Lord, wilt Thou at this time restore the Kingdom to Israel?" Christ's answer to that question was epoch-making: "It is not for you

## SPEAKS TONIGHT



Mr. W. H. Beaton, general chairman of the City Cancer Campaign, will give a talk over CFXY this evening at 7.32 Standard Time (or 8.32 radio time). Mr. Beaton, who is one of the national directors of the Canadian Cancer Society will speak on the cancer campaign.

to know the times or seasons which the Father has fixed by His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you." Discovery of the great alternative to a faith that has become too small must come from within. It is not something that anyone else can give you. It is an illumination from within. You must see the truth for yourself.

**Hope Darkened**

What is your alternative when you outgrow the forms of an ancestral faith? Because an alternative you must have, or die. Everyone is disillusioned about the dreams of his youth except the preachers. A young cynic once remarked. Cynicism like that just turns your eyes from far horizons down to the dirt at your feet. The future loses its splendor, and with the fading of the vision, hope is darkened, and life loses its goal. You need not be able to hold the old creeds; but has Christ become too small for you? Or have you just let Him drop out of your calculations because of the stern insistence of His requirements? Christ must be all or nothing. But if, in spite of the fact that you cannot yet find your place in His vast design, you hold Him fast, He will lead you into a wider world than you yet have dreamed of, and life's sunset splendor will not be merely a radiant cloud but the golden glory of the hour when the door opens into the realm of light.

To whom will Christ turn if you fall Him? Those first disciples would have been lost without Him, and His cause would have been lost without them. Christ's only asset is the loyal heart leading to the awakened mind. If not yours, whose then?

## Will Give Expert Advice On Advertising Problems

Clyde Bedell, who will address merchants and advertising people on "How to make advertising to a better job" under auspices of The Guardian on Wednesday, September 19th, has had more than his share of advertising honors.

In 1953 Bedell was honored by America's national academic and professional advertising fraternity, Alpha Delta Sigma, as the man who made the greatest contribution to advertising education in a biennium. In 1955 he was Charter Member number 1—elected to the national retail advertising Hall of Fame. In the same year, a poll was taken among 2000 retail promotion and advertising executives to determine who has done most for retail advertising in the United States. There had been 6 prominent nominees for this honor. Mr. Bedell polled more than 65 per cent of the total votes cast.

As an advertising consultant he has served great organizations for the most part, such as top department stores and newspapers in the United States, among them Marshall Field and Co., J.L. Hudson Company of Detroit, Straw-

## Liberal B.C. Leader A Veteran Politician

VANCOUVER (CP)—Arthur Laing has been a member of the British Columbia Liberal party since before the age of 21.

He will be leading the B.C. organization for the second time when the provincial election is held Sept. 19.

Mr. Laing, 52, was born at Richmond, B.C., and by the time he was 21 had been elected secretary of the then Point Grey-Richmond Liberal Association.

However it wasn't until 1949 that he ran for election—and then it was in a federal riding. The voters of Vancouver South voted to send him to Ottawa as their representative.

He was president of the B.C. Liberal association from 1947 to 1949, when after a dispute with Liberal Premier Byron Johnson, leader of coalition government, he resigned to enter the federal field.

He remained an MP for only one

term, after which he returned to B.C. to take over the leadership of the provincial party. He led the Liberals in the 1953 provincial election.

He is an executive of a large feed and seed firm. He is married and has one daughter.

**DANGEROUS GAME**

WELLINGTON, N.Z. (Reuters)—"Chicken" has found its way to the southern hemisphere. Three youths were charged in court Tuesday with stealing cars and driving head-on at speeds of up to 90 miles an hour. The first driver to turn aside was called "chicken."

**FARMERS' AID**

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## Coming Events

- Dances cancelled in Craupad rink until further notice.
- Dance St. Georges' Hall Sept. 17th. Webster's Orchestra.
- Barn dance at Cliff Peters, Rollo Bay, Monday, September 17.
- Wiltshire Women's Institute supper Sept. 19th.
- Annual chicken supper Brae Park Hall, Thursday, Sept. 20th.
- Dance Iona East School Monday, Sept. 17th. Good music.
- Regular Dance Bonshaw Inn, Tuesday night. Burns Orchestra.
- Dance Iona East School every Monday night. Good music.
- Jamboree in Cherry Valley Hall Wednesday, Sept. 19th. In aid of Earncliffe Women's Institute.
- Pantry sale Simpsons-Sears, Friday, September 21, 7 p.m. Kingston L.O.B.A.
- Buying and cleaning Timothy daily. No amount too small. MacGaugan and Boyle Ltd.
- Dance in New Glasgow Hall every Tuesday night, 9 to 12. Canten.
- Dance St. Peter's Holy Name Hall, Tuesday night. MacEwen's Orchestra.
- Dance Mt. Stewart Memorial Hall, Tuesday night. Rollie MacKenzie's Orchestra.
- Regular weekly dance, St. Mary's Hall, Souris, Wed. Sept. 19 Cliff Peters Orchestra.
- Dance Eldon Hall, Sept. 19th. Good music. Lunches. South Pinette W.I.
- Buying live fowl and chickens, 8 to 12, Tuesday, R.L. Dickeson, New Glasgow.
- Hot chicken supper Rollo Bay Hall, Tuesday, Sept. 18th. Bingo and other games. Meals 5-9.
- Chicken and ham supper at Rose Valley Hall on Tuesday night, Sept. 18th.
- Stanley Bridge W.I. chicken and ham supper, bazaar and dance at Hall on Wednesday, September 18. Supper served from 8 to 9.
- Reserve your date for September 18, Victoria. Hot, old time fiddling and step dancing, ladies and gentlemen. Sponsored by Canadian Legion Victoria. Cash prizes, mail or phone entries to Kenneth MacLennan, Victoria. Phone R. 482.

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The winning candidate in Prince Edward Island will be awarded a trip to the Royal Winter Fair at the expense of the T. Eaton Company where he will compete with winners from the other provinces for this Scholarship.

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