

## Firefighters Gain Ground In Battle To Prevent Loss Of Quebec Villages

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SEPT-ILES, Que. (CP) — Firefighters had the upper hand Wednesday night, at least temporarily, in their battle to control forest fires that have moved into the village of Ste. Marguerite and threatened Clarke City.

Red Cross officials here, directing the evacuation of both communities, said there is no acute danger at present. Light west winds have failed to flare up as forecast.

Flames were halted after destroying five homes and a Roman Catholic church at Ste. Marguerite and firefighters have held back the blaze that crept to within a half mile of Clarke City.

Firefighters arriving here reported that flames are within three miles of Shelter Bay, 10 miles west of Clarke City.

**PACKED WITH REFUGEES**  
Hotels, rooming-houses and private homes in this town are crisscrossed with the 500 refugees who fled their homes. The entire community of Ste. Marguerite was evacuated, women and children were brought from Clarke City and several families left Shelter Bay where there is no organized withdrawal.

A heavy cloud of smoke blanketed the area from the fire that has destroyed an estimated 60 square miles of spruce and balsam forests, most of it owned by the Gulf Pulp and Paper Company.

The firemen, mostly lumbermen recruited from bush camps, are exhausted after three days of almost continuous work to control the flames and are pinning their hopes on favorable winds.

"If it shifts to the south again, we will be in a very serious position," one spokesman said.

The fires, apparently started by lightning, crept toward the communities during ceremonies by Acadian descendants to mark the 200th anniversary of the deportation of the Acadians from the Maritimes.

Roman Catholics placed statues and religious medals outside their homes before they were evacuated.

Residents estimated the speed of the cars at 40 miles an hour as they free-wheeled through here.

No trains were on the branch line at the time and no damage resulted.

**LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER DIES**  
HALIFAX (CP) — Matthew Lynch who operated the lighthouse on McNab's island in Halifax harbor for many years, died Wednesday at the age of 80. He had lived on the island for more than 40 years.

## Truro Father Denounced In Court By Magistrate

TRURO (CP) — Magistrate John A. Crowe Wednesday dismissed a 35-year-old father on charges arising from his infant son's death but denounced him as the perpetrator of a "foul and dirty crime" who could not be touched because of legal technicality.

John D. Tanner had been charged with "unlawfully exposing" his son so that the infant's life was endangered. It is a new criminal code section and the only one which permits a wife to testify against her husband.

Defence counsel G. I. Smith contended at a preliminary hearing that there was no evidence to support the charge. He argued that expose meant to "abandon" and there was no evidence of it in this case.

Magistrate Crowe said the dictionary meaning of "abandon" is "to leave to another course but to discontinue the effort."

The baby was taken to Colchester county hospital June 11 and died two days later of what pathologists described as severe head injuries.

Mrs. Tanner testified Monday that Tanner beat the child on two occasions after a home-brew bout.

Magistrate Crowe said there was "little reason to doubt" the wife's testimony. He said the defendant should be tried either for murder or manslaughter but this would not be possible because the prosecution's case would have to be built on the inadmissible testimony of Mrs. Tanner.

"I am obliged to abide by the law even though it is against my judgment," the magistrate said in sentencing the father to 90 days in jail. He said the father "disgusts and alarms every decent citizen."

The final business meeting terminated at three o'clock after which most of the attending members and their wives returned to the mainland.

The final entertainment provided for the ladies was an enjoyable coffee party at 10:30 yesterday morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Gerald Barrett, North River Road, Mrs. H. M. MacKenzie was committee convener.

Mrs. K. A. MacEachern and Mrs. Ray Barrett poured coffee and assisting in serving were: Mrs. W. G. Hogg, Mrs. A. L. McIsaac, Mrs. J. C. Gallant, Mrs. L. I. Duffy, Mrs. J. E. Corrigan. The ushers were: Mrs. Health McIntyre and Mrs. J. P. Millar. The guests were received by Mrs. K. A. MacEachern and Mrs. Ray Barrett.

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## No Change In Standings In Quebec By-elections

MONTREAL (CP) — The Union Nationale government retained two constituencies and the Liberals held on to a third Wednesday in by-elections called to fill three vacancies in the Quebec legislative assembly.

The by-elections were in the Montreal district constituencies of Westmount - St. George, Montreal Laurier and St. Hyacinthe.

The Liberals retained Westmount-St. George, a seat made vacant when Hon. George Marler resigned to become federal transport minister.

The Union Nationale retained Montreal Laurier and St. Hyacinthe, made vacant by the deaths of Union Nationale members.

The standing in the 92-seat legislative assembly:  
Union Nationale 68; Liberals 22; Independent 1; vacant 1.

**LED ALL THE WAY**  
The winning candidates took the lead from the outset and steadily increased their margins. The vote ranged from an estimated 38 per

cent in Westmount to about 65 per cent in St. Hyacinthe.

The by-elections brought to seven the number held since the last provincial election in 1952. In them no seats have changed hands, the Union Nationale retained five and the Liberals two.

In Westmount-St. George, Richard Hyde, a Montreal lawyer making his first bid for public office, won handily for the Liberals, defeating Dr. James Griffith, Union Nationale, and Philip Watson, Labor-Progressive.

Both Dr. Griffith, chief surgeon at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital here, and Mr. Watson lost their \$200 deposits. The vote cast and then amounted to less than 50 per cent of the total obtained by the winning candidate.

Complete figures from 174 polls gave Mr. Hyde 8,429 votes; Dr. Griffith 2,929, and Mr. Watson 123.

In Montreal Laurier, Arsene Gagne, a printer by trade, won in what started out as a six-man race and ended in a four-man contest.

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## Parliament At A Glance

By THE CANADIAN PRESS  
Wednesday  
CCF Leader Coldwell joined Opposition Leader Drew in saying he was misled by government statements on the sale of Canadian wheat to Red Poland.

Prime Minister St. Laurent and Trade Minister Howe denied they had misled the House with their statements.

Mr. Drew, ending a 4 1/2-hour speech, said the government must agree to Conservative party terms if the long defence production debate is to end.

The defence production debate went through its ninth day, reaching a total of 92 speeches, including 66 from Progressive Conservatives.

Mr. St. Laurent said the private exporter of butter to Czechoslovakia will set a 19-cent-a-pound discount in buying government stocks as replacement.

Senator John T. Haig, Senate opposition leader, urged reconsideration at the next session of Parliament's divorce machinery.

The Commons will continue debate on defence production. The Senate will sit.

**TO TOKYO**  
Col. Eric D. Elwood, 46, of London, Ont., has been appointed commander of the Canadian military mission in the Far East and military attaché to Canada's embassy in Tokyo.

Col. Elwood will be replaced by Col. Photo from National Defence.

**DEFENCE PRODUCTION ISSUE**  
OTTAWA (CP) — Opposition Leader Drew concluded a marathon Commons speech Wednesday lasting four hours and 23 minutes in furthering his party's determined fight against indefinite extension of the extraordinary powers of Defence Production Minister Howe.

He ended his speech by stating two terms acceptable to the Progressive Conservatives by which the government could bring about an end to the filibustering debate, which now has extended through nine days.

## British Leaders Plan To Ponder New Deal For Malta

LONDON (Reuters) — British parliamentarians from all main political parties soon will discuss a revolutionary proposal which would make the tiny island of Malta, in effect, a part of the United Kingdom.

Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden announced in Parliament Wednesday that a round-table conference of MPs will be held in September to decide whether the Mediterranean crown colony should send its own members to the British Parliament.

Eden said representatives of political parties in the Maltese assembly will be called in to the conference for consultation.

**ADVANCE PROPOSALS**  
He said that Dominic Mintoff, Maltese Labor prime minister now negotiating in London, had advanced proposals for closer association between Malta and Britain.

"The government welcomes this initiative," the prime minister said amidst cheers. He declared his administration is "sure that in all parts of the House there will be a sympathetic response to the suggestion that the two peoples should draw more closely together."

He said the administrative and financial aspects were currently being discussed with the Maltese delegation in London.

There were immediate signs that Britain's opposition Labor party supported the idea of closer links between Malta—122 square miles with a population of 317,000—and Britain.

Labor leader Clement Attlee said the government should not be afraid of setting precedents.

**HISTORIC MOMENT**  
Premier Mintoff said Wednesday night: "This is a historic moment for us."

Mintoff sees in integration with Britain a raising of Malta's standard of living, more employment and higher rates of pay. There is (Continued on page 2 col. 3)

## Police Chiefs Elect Officers

SAINT JOHN, N.B. (CP) — Police chief J. J. Lawlor, Dartmouth, N.S., was elected president of the Maritime Association of Chiefs of Police at their two-day fourth annual conference ended Wednesday.

He succeeded J. J. Oakes of Saint John. The organization's new name, changed from the Maritime Chief Constables' Association, was adopted unanimously. It follows that chosen by the parent body.

Other officers are first vice-president, chief B. L. Schriver, Woodstock, N.B.; second vice-president, chief Leo MacDonald, Springhill, N.S.; secretary, treasurer, S. P. C. Corkum, Lunenburg, N.S.

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The Big C-124 Globemasters of the U.S. air force which participated in the lift are required to report their exact location every half hour. After giving their position periodically, they would suddenly go off the air when they landed, presenting an opportunity for anybody listening in on their radio frequency to plot at least roughly where they had landed.

Informants said the \$170,000,000 Mid-Canada line is easier to build because the individual stations are smaller, the terrain for the most part is less rugged and supply problem is simpler because the sites are more accessible.

**TO ETHIOPIA**  
Joseph Hopkinson, 65, Canada's assistant auditor general, will take a post with the Ethiopian government when he retires this autumn.

Mr. Hopkinson becomes accounting adviser to Ethiopia's finance minister Oct. 1 for three years. (CP Photo).

## Heat Wave Begins To Hit Southern Ontario Hard

TORONTO (CP) — Southern Ontario's week-old heat wave has begun seriously to affect industry, business and health.

Employees at the A. V. Roe plant at Malton have threatened a general strike because of a "roast-out" if the hot weather continues.

More than 500 union members walked off the job Tuesday because they said it was impossible to work in a plant with temperatures ranging from 90 to 100 degrees.

All employees were reported back to work Wednesday, when a drop in humidity following thunderstorms Tuesday night brought relief.

**CONVICTS CALL OFF REVOLT**  
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## Barking Dog Saves Family In Liverpool

LIVERPOOL, N.S. (CP) — Barking of the family dog awakened Ross Roy in time to grope through heavy smoke, collect his wife and four children and lead them to safety from their burning house Wednesday. The children range in age from two to nine years. None were injured.

**PROPOSED POTATO GRADE CHANGES ARE DISCUSSED**  
ANDOVER, N. B. (CP) — Proposed changes in federal table potato grades were discussed Wednesday when growers, dealers and shippers of Carleton and Victoria counties met federal and provincial agricultural officials.

The meeting approved elimination of the rarely used Canada fancy grade designation. Under the new plan, Canada number one will signify the top grade.

A majority favored the present regulation that several varieties with similar characteristics may be marketed in the number one classification. Some proposals for size changes were approved and others opposed.

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The mayor was one of several who commented on Transport Minister Marler's announcement in the Commons Tuesday that engine trouble had delayed by about two weeks the date of the ferry's entry into service.

Iarnel Polihar, manager of the guides at the world-famous Wedgeport international tuna matches said promoters of the multi-national show had "waited for the sched-

uled July 15 for the boat and now the delay will be a dreaded blow to tuna anglers because 50 per cent of the anglers use the boat service."

"The latest ferry news regarding the burned out bearing is certainly disappointing but not entirely unexpected," Mayor Allen said. "We have become so used to delays that one more delay does not cause resentment."

More people believe the ferry will go into operation when they see her safely tied up at the terminal ready for the first voyage."

He said he hoped the latest setback would not entirely wreck the 1955 flow of tourists through here.

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