

The Week at OTTAWA

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OTTAWA (CP) — Prime Minister Mackenzie King and his Liberal government were returned to power with a bare majority in the Dominion General Election Monday. It was the Liberal party's third victory in 10 years on the basis of the civilian vote, but the soldier vote may prove the key to the election.

Following was the standing at noon Tuesday:
Liberal, 117; Progressive Conservative, 65; C.C.F., 26; Social Credit, 13; Independent, 8; Independent Liberal, 8; Bloc Populaire, 2; Independent Progressive Conservative, 1; Independent C.C.F., 1; Labor Progressive, 1; Doubtful seats were, Athabasca, North Battleford and Queens, P.E.I.

In addition to the prime minister the election of all other party leaders was indicated on the basis of the civilian vote.
Mr. King had a close fight in Prince Albert and the final decision may rest with the soldier vote. In more than 60 seats where election of candidates was indicated on the civilian count there was a margin of only seven per cent or less over the nearest opponent. The service vote is expected to be known by June 20.

Progressive Conservatives enter Canada's 20th parliament more than 50 per cent stronger than at dissolution. Most of their gains were made at the expense of Liberals in Ontario constituencies. The indicated Liberal strength of 117 in the Dominion compares with 178 members elected in 1940 and 171 in 1935.

The C.C.F. and Social Credit parties made gains in the West. Strength in Saskatchewan gave the C.C.F. more than double its dissolution strength of 10, but only one member was elected in the east and J. W. Noseworthy, lone Ontario member of the last house, was beaten in York South.

Two cabinet ministers were defeated. Defence Minister McNaughton in Qu'Appelle, Sask. and Revenue Minister MacLaren in St. John Albert, N.B.

The eight Independent Liberals elected in Quebec and probably some Independents elected there were expected to vote and sit with the Liberals with whom they were associated until the conscription controversy developed.

Mining industry which in conjunction with other of the Dominion's enterprises has been geared for total war these last three years, saw initial government steps taken during the week to put back into peacetime development. But both mining men and government officials agreed that it would take some time, probably a year yet, to get it back to the peacetime peak of 1942 when Canadian mineral production went over \$600,000,000.

The first green light came in an announcement by Munitions Minister Howe of removal of metal controls on mining of gold and other metals or minerals which were clamped on June 2, 1942 to conserve Canada's manpower and machinery for war. The statement meant all controls on sinking shafts, expansion of underground work and opening of new developments no longer apply. But there are still important considerations of manpower and availability of machinery to be met, a fact which caused Mr. Howe to temper his statement by saying:

"Mining labor is still subject to strict control by National Selective Service and it may be some months before machinery becomes available."

The minister foresaw, however, the eventual development of many new properties, discovered during the war. These included fields of tungsten, molybdenum, copper and gold which had been partially developed through surface drilling on which there has been no wartime restriction.

Peacetime Start
Mining authorities in Ontario — Canada's biggest mineral producer — took cognizance of the minister's warning about over-optimism. All, however, agreed that the announcement was a start in getting mining back on its peacetime feet and some saw the possible relaxation in the near future to help relieve the miner-worker shortage estimated to total between 7,000 and 10,000 in Ontario alone.

The week also brought an important announcement about housing. Finance Minister Halsey's office said that details will be released shortly on a program by which the government will share risks of home-building corporations in the Dominion objective for 50,000 new housing units within the next year.

The statement said that in order to promote integrated housing developments and get them started in the near future, the government is prepared to share some of the risks which may be involved in the operations on a large scale under present abnormal conditions. However, such support will be given only to well-planned projects which are developed by capable builders on sound and desirable lines and which will provide urgently needed housing at reasonable cost.

The statement also disclosed that the labor department plans to shortly appoint a senior officer who will de-

vote all his time to the field of construction and the direction of manpower to the housing program.

The Veterans land act department has been accumulating supplies of essential materials for some months and now is in the process of letting contracts for 3,000 houses on small holdings. In addition the wartime housing agency has built 1,123 houses of a permanent or semi-permanent nature for rent to veterans and dependents and another 1,414 are under construction or negotiation.

Canned Horses
A contract was signed at Ottawa recently for the supply of 10,000 tons of pickled horse meat to the Belgian government through the Saskatchewan Horse Co-operative Marketing Association. Authorities for some time have been attempting to find a means of disposing of thousands of head of horses running on community pastures and elsewhere throughout Saskatchewan and in some parts of Alberta and the contract, helped along by the Dominion Department of Trade and Commerce, is the result.

The contract involves the movement of more than 100,000 of the surplus horses and these will be processed at plants in Edmonton and Swift Current, Sask.

The Co-operative Association including some 60 livestock producers of Southern Saskatchewan are to purchase a plant in Edmonton and will also erect the plant at Swift Current. The Saskatchewan government has agreed to underwrite a bank loan for \$50,000 and the co-operative plans to raise \$100,000 more to finance the project. The Belgium contract will expire by January, 1947.

Thought Twins Merge Talents With Pen-Name

"Clare Jaynes" Stands for Combined Literary Efforts of Two Writers of Peas-In-The-Pod Similarity

CHICAGO (CP) — Clare Jaynes, the author, leads a singular double life. In fact, she is two persons, in the fancy dress of her creators and readers, she is just one.

Four days a week, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mrs. Clara Spiegel and Mrs. Jane Mayer isolate themselves in a secret hideout, merge thoughts and talents, and effectively imagine they are Clare Jaynes. It's an unusual trick, and they turn it in an unusual way.

The results of their two-in-one endeavors include two novels — "Instruct My Sorrows," which recently was converted into a movie titled "My Reputation," and "These Are The Times," and a number of short stories. Another book is in prospect.

The secret of their two-ly success, very probably is their peas-in-the-pod similarity. The trim matrons are the same size. They went to Vassar together, married business executives, settled on the north shore, and observed the city and suburban life that provided their fundamental material. Ten years ago they were bitten by the literary bug, discovered they were identical thought twins, and formed a partnership under a non-diplome contrived from their given names.

They work in a room that is out of this world indeed. Very few people know where it is. It's bare as a poet's garret. There are no distractions — telephone, radio, pictures or mirrors — and, happily, no wolf at the double-locked door. Just a desk, two chairs, a typewriter, several reference volumes, a stack of note books, a coffee pot and a rusty horse shoe.

Character Creation
Either one may contribute a basic story idea. Then they "meditate aloud." As they talk, the characters take shape like Aladdin's jinn. They discuss them in biographical detail until "our people seem real." A plot develops. A full outline of action is drafted, and divided into episodes.

Simultaneously, one writes the first episode and the other the second in longhand. They read each other's copy, make changes, revise the revisions until they are in agreement, and put the instalments through the typewriter. Ultimately, they have a complete manuscript.

Away from the shop, they lead peacetime lives. Mrs. Spiegel has two children; Mrs. Mayer has three. They supervise their household, play tennis, ride, often get together for social evenings, and devote two days a week to Red Cross service.

In conversation they refer to "Clare" half of the signature, and Jane writes the complementary "Jaynes."

HERD FOR MEXICO

LINDSAY (CP) — First complete herd of dairy cattle ever shipped to Mexico from Canada was assembled here. Most of the 1008 Holsteins were obtained from district breeders. Diplomatic and agricultural officials from Canada and Mexico attended the event.

HOME FROM CANADA

LIVERPOOL, Eng. (CP) — Home after five years as war guests in Canada, Doreen, Beryl and Basil Moles arrived in their home country to be welcomed by having their luggage stolen.

Letters from Acton Soldiers to the War Service League

Following are some extracts from letters from the boys overseas, received by Acton and Vicinity War Service League:

Jim Lamb writes from Germany: I was very pleased to receive a box of chocolate bars from your league a few days ago. At the same time I received 300 cigarettes so I am doubly thankful to you. Comforts like these and the knowledge that the people back home are thinking of us go a long way towards making it easier. After good weather in March and April, we are having cold and rainy weather now. Thanking you again for your kindnesses.

From Holland we hear from Sgt. J. Nicol:

Your cigarettes were more than appreciated this time as being moved from Italy, it takes time for mail to catch up to us and the rigs were really scarce till your lot came along. Thanks very much for them and hope you are able to thank you all personally in real soon.

E. A. Norrish with the CWAC overseas says:

I was most surprised, and most pleased indeed, to receive chocolate bars from Acton and Vicinity War Service League about three weeks ago. Previous to that I had received a carton of cigarettes with sender shown as "Anonymous," and shortly after I received the chocolate bars I had a letter from the Imperial Tobacco Company telling me this was an error, that they were from the Acton League, and also gave your name and address. Will you please thank the League most sincerely, as I am very appreciative of the thoughtfulness and kindness. The chocolate bars arrived just before I was going on leave.

Life over in England is quite pleasant, especially at this time of year with the European war over and the end of flying bombs, etc. We are naturally all looking forward to returning home before too long.

Tien Corless writes: Many thanks for your welcome cigarettes which arrived today. Although I am not a native son of Acton, I certainly feel like an adopted one, and am looking forward to seeing all the old friends again soon.

From England "Dude" Lindsay tells us: So sorry I haven't written before now to acknowledge your lovely parcel of chocolate bars I received some couple of weeks ago but I have been kept so terribly busy that I just could not find time to write anyone. Our camp has been on the move and we have just got nicely settled down again and I find myself away behind in my correspondence and will have to make extra effort to get in touch with all my old friends.

Of course the big news of the present is V-E Day. No one was any more pleased to receive the news than I was. It was a long row to hoe but paid dividends in the end. I often wonder if the boys could have carried on with the spirit they did, had it not been for the kindnesses of organizations similar to your own. At times the situation looked pretty grim over here and it was just those little things that we needed most to brighten up the times. When large scale movements were the order around this country, parcels and cigarettes from friends back home took

so long to reach us and the spirits of the boys dropped considerably. Then one day they would catch up to us and you folks would be amply rewarded for your trouble if you could have just seen the smiles that blossomed up.

Speaking for myself, I got to the stage where I could expect your carton regularly every month and really looked forward to getting them and I have gone so far as to borrow some from other chaps who had a few, knowing that I could repay them with the ones I would receive from you folks in a few days.

Now that the war is all through over here I want to thank you again for all you have done for me and hope I will be home again in the very near future and will be able to thank your members in person. Cheers, the kindest regards to all.

Ron Langford writes:

Just a little note to thank you people over there for the parcel which was waiting for me yesterday when I got in. I'm afraid that perhaps you may not have received the letter I sent you a short time ago to thank you for the cigarettes. Letters I had posted at the same time to the folks at home failed to make the trip, so I'd like to add my thanks for the smokes in this letter, a bit late perhaps, but appreciated just as much. It's beginning to appear as though we won't have to work over here much longer isn't it? The heavy bomber business is almost out of the picture already it seems the bomb racks loaded with food bags today I believe, guess we'll have to change our lanes over to keep pace with the R.A.F. now. It's a much nicer, as well as a less tetchikish load to carry I imagine.

Thanks ever so much again to everyone. Remember me to all the folks, won't you? Lots of luck.

Spr. Peter Hinne from Germany says:

Once again I wish to say "thanks a million" to you folks for another parcel of 300 cigarettes that I received one day last week. No doubt you have all heard the good news by now, that all fighting has stopped in Europe as far as we are concerned. Once we get strengthened around again, it

shouldn't be long till we are homeward bound. Hope it's not long now anyway. Thanks again.

Letters and cards were also received from the following:

H. V. Dron, T. A. Perryman, E. Patrick, Cliff Young, Bill Coleman, Max Storey, A. W. Sinclair, Walter Lamb, Frank Kelly, J. Warrington, Lyle Cripps, Ross Swackhamer, J. R. Doherty, Frank VanWyck, George Hargrave, Norm Wright, R. J. Braida, George Williams, F. Tournour, E. G. Elliott, E. Patrick, E. Lasby, Jim Marshall, J. N. Cunningham, M. G. Bauer, George Lee, R. Footitt, E. W. Coles, W. H. Barber, Jack vanGoozen, Wm. Elliott, Walter Gibbons, J. L. Ellerby, L. Marzo, J. C. Nodwell, Reg Finney, I. Doby, L.K.O. Land, N. Gibson.

ENGLISH PENNIES VALUABLE COPPERS

SYDNEY, Australia, May (CP) — Certain people in Australia are paying up to 10 shillings (\$2.25) each for English pennies.

Two-up has been described as Australia's national game. Two pennies are tossed into the air and players bet on heads or tails. A minimum of equipment is necessary and the participants can run to any number. The English pennies are sought for tossing. They are truer in balance, do not "float" in the air when spun, do not chip on roads or hard floors, images are more readily distinguishable. Gaming police say that "schools" lose caste when they have to use Australian pennies.

THE BAILEY BRIDGE



The Bailey bridge is the best answer yet to the enemy's demolitions, and greatly facilitated Allied advances in both Italy and Normandy. It is a British invention and is named after its inventor, Mr. D. C. Bailey of the Ministry of Supply. Components, which are made both in the U.S.A. and Britain, are interchangeable and can be speedily put together. This together with its great strength and stability make it ideal for every purpose for which heavy bridging is required. Picture shows a Bailey bridge built across a river somewhere in Britain.



CANADA THEIR NEW HOME: W. Garfield Weston, Canadian-born member of the British House of Commons, who has given up politics to devote all his time to his extensive biscuit and pulp and paper interests in Canada, was enroute to his new home in Vancouver with his wife and five of their nine children on the Canadian Pacific Railway's transcontinental Dominion when this picture was taken. The two older Weston girls went on to Toronto, their father's home, to visit after the family arrived in Montreal by freighter. Still in England are the two older boys, one serving on a Canadian Navy corvette and the other at Oxford waiting his call.

'Steamship Special' for Child War Guests



BACK TO BRITAIN: Child war guests who came to Canada from Great Britain in 1940, when 6,000 of them were carried in Canadian Pacific ships, now are returning to the Old Country. A group of them are shown above at dinner in the Windsor Station coffee shop prior to boarding a C.P.R. "steamship special" for the east coast. Also making the trip were R.A.F. dependents like the wee Scottish-Canadian (right), enroute to Falkirk and her R.A.F. father, who trained and married in Canada.

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