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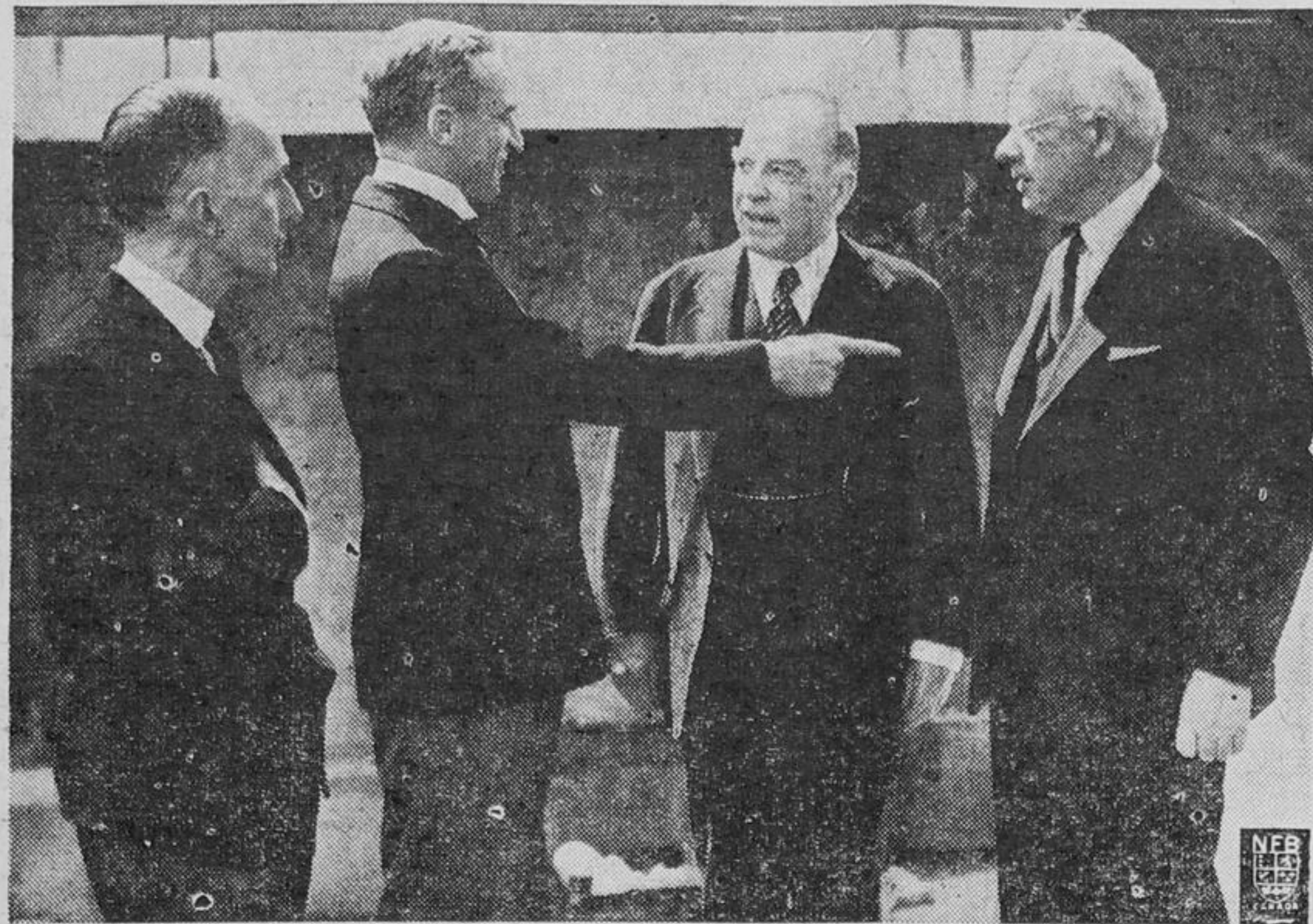
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Speaking before members of both Houses of Parliament in London on Thursday, May 11, Prime Minister Mackenzie King stated: "Like the nations of which it is composed, the British Commonwealth has within itself a spirit which is not exclusive, but the opposite of exclusive. Therein lies its strength. That spirit expressed itself in co-operation. Therein lies the secret of its unity. Co-op-

eration is capable of indefinite expansion. Therein lies the hope of the future." Above, before the first talks of the conference between Commonwealth Prime Ministers began, Vincent Massey, High Commissioner for Canada; Sir Archibald Sinclair, British Air Ministry; Canada's Prime Minister and Peter Fraser, Prime Minister of New Zealand hold an informal, outdoor discussion.

Bird Chatter

We've been enjoying some delightful days the past two weeks discovering new migrants from the south and our spirits have been light and gay as a result. As we have so often said, we can't think of anything that gives us greater pleasure than 'birding' and there are a few outstanding experiences which will always remain quite vivid in our memories.

Sunday, May 14th, marks one of these eventful days. We were driving north beyond Keswick when we started seeing so many different birds we could scarcely keep up with them. The bobolink flying from the fence to land in the long field grass; a kingfisher perched on a telephone wire with the bank swallows flying around him; the sandpiper teetering on a stone in a marshy plot of ground near the road and further on an American bittern standing like a statue near a willow bush, his long neck stretched to the limit; the meadow lark calling out good morning to us as we passed him by and the flash of blue of the bluebird as we startled him from a nearby shrub; a pair of barn swallows on an old wooden fence sunning themselves in the sun, the kingbirds looking so gentlemanly, perched at intervals on the fence and the sparrow hawk atop a telephone pole scanning the nearby field for a victim. These and many others gladdened our hearts and made us feel "God's in His heaven, all's right with the world."

They tell us housecleaning is simply an 'out' when this wave of spring migrants reaches us. We thought we could do both but have concluded that it isn't a very harmonious combination. We just couldn't resist focusing our glasses on the birds flitting here and there among the wild plum blossoms in the garden and finally stationed ourselves in a convenient spot with our bird book for reference. The brightly colored warblers had arrived, their spots of red or gold or yellow appearing as miniature lights among the blossoms. The cape may with the rust colored patch over his eye, the Canada Warbler with his black necklace on his yellow breast, the Myrtle warbler with his yellow spots, were all busily engaged getting the honey from the blossoms. Later on in the day we made a trip to the waterworks pond with friends where the warblers were putting on a splendid exhibition displaying their new spring colors. The blackburnian warbler was there showing off his orange and black; the redstart spreading his fan tail with the two bright red spots was also a performer, and the Maryland yellow throat intriguing us with his witchy-witchy-itch in the shrubbery finally flew along the fence to show us his black mask over his eyes. We saw the yellow warbler with the red stripes on his yellow breast and the ever faithful goldfinch calling out 'dearie' to his mate. Some of our friends were fortunate in seeing the bay breasted warbler, the chestnut sided, the magnolia, and the Nashville. As if this weren't exciting

enough the catbird, red winged black-bird, kildeer, sandpiper, veery thrush, oven bird, all formed a background with their calls and songs. It was really one of birdland's most colorful spring shows in a perfect setting. Later the rose breasted grosbeak, the scarlet tanager and towhee were seen attired in their bright plumage and on Sunday last two whip-poor-wills were spied having their daily sleep in a large elm tree, quite oblivious to the stir and interest caused by their presence.

These are just a few of the birds, mark you, that have been seen around our grand little village. Had you realized there are so many? We notice quite a number of our boys and girls watching the birds. We'd be glad to hear of some of their expeditions.

BUTTONVILLE

The annual meeting of the Buttonville Institute was held at the home of Mrs. J. Rodick on April 20. Officers were elected for the coming year. We were then led in some community singing by Mrs. A. Newson. A contest was won by Mrs. G. Kelly. Hostesses for the afternoon were Mrs. Walton and Mrs. J. Rodick.

The first meeting of the new year was held on May 18th at the home of Mrs. A. Glendenning. The program was taken by the Markham Institute. A very interesting paper on Newfoundland was given by Mrs. McLean and instrumentals by Miss Joyce Campbell. Speaker for the afternoon was Mrs. Ningate. Mrs. G. Kelly moved a vote of thanks to all who took part in the program. Lunch was then served by the hostesses, Mrs. E. Pierheller, Mrs. G. Kelly and Mrs. A. Glendenning.

The next Institute meeting will be held on June 15th at the home of Mrs. C. Burr.

In turning from defence to attack, British fighter planes have had to be designed for greater range of operations—distance and altitude. In the Battle of Britain the maximum operational time was about 1 hour and 20 minutes for fighter types, since then it has been greatly improved upon, and now fighter bomber sweeps are being carried further and further into enemy territory.

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Q. Is there any reward for scholarship and effort?

A. Yes. The student whose standards of effort and scholarship justify it, on the recommendation of his university, may receive assistance, beyond his period of service, to enable him to complete his course. An outstanding student can go on to post-graduate work.

Q. Is there any financial assistance in addition to the maintenance grants?

A. All fees are paid, including athletic fees. The student, however, must buy his own books.

Q. If I fail in a university year and decide I want to take vocational training, can I do this?

A. It can be done if your period of service is sufficiently long. You cannot, however, exhaust the benefits to which your service entitled you in university and then receive these benefits during vocational training. In the same way, out-of-work benefits and temporary incapacitation benefits would result in the time of your entitlement to other benefits being shortened.

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