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Harkness becomes minister of national defence as Pearkes appointed B.C. lieutenant-governor

Hugh John Flemming
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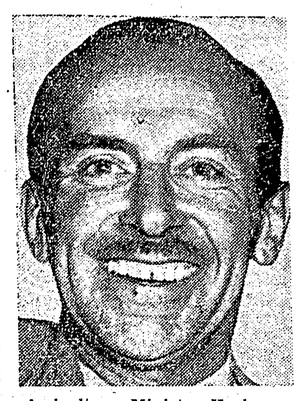

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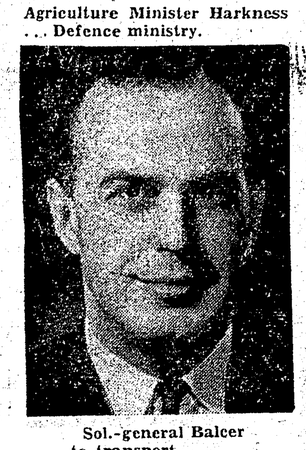
Transport minister Hees
. . . to trade.



Sol.-general Balcer
. . . to transport

Balcer heads DOT, Hees trade chief

OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister Diefenbaker made 10 cabinet changes today, shifting Agriculture Minister Harkness to defence with the appointment of Defence Minister Pearkes as British Columbia's new lieutenant-governor and making Resources Minister Alvin J. Hamilton the new agriculture minister.

He brought into the cabinet as minister of forestry, to head a new department set up by the last parliamentary session, 61-year-old Hugh John Flemming, former premier of New Brunswick.

Other new members of the cabinet are Walter Dinsdale, 44-year-old MP for Brandon-Souris, minister of northern affairs; Noel Dorion, 56, MP for Bellechasse, secretary of state; G. Ernest Halpenny, 57, MP for London, minister without portfolio.

Other changes:

Trade Minister Churchill, 61, to minister of veterans affairs and chairman of the privy council committee.

Transport Minister Hees, 50, to trade minister.

Solicitor-General Balcer, 42, to transport minister.

Minister without portfolio, William J. Browne, 63, to solicitor-general.

The cabinet has seen relatively few changes since the Conservatives took office June 21, 1957.

Up to today, 16 of the 22 members were "originals" from that first cabinet and three others have been in the cabinet since August, 1957.

The last change in the ministry was the departure of state secretary Henri Courtenmanche January 19, 1960, on his appointment to the Senate.

There have been two small-scale cabinet changes in the last two years. On August 20, 1959, Works Minister Walker and Associate Defence Minister Sevigny joined the cabinet, one day after the departure of J. M. Macdonnell, 75, as minister without portfolio. On May 12, 1958, Mr. Courtemanche and defence production minister O'Hurley entered the cabinet and Mrs. Ellen Fairclough switched portfolios from state secretary to immigration minister.

NEW SECRETARY

Walter Jorgenson, 42, from Provencher constituency in Manitoba was named as a second parliamentary secretary to Agriculture Minister Hamilton.

This will give Mr. Hamilton secretaries from both eastern and western Canada. Present parliamentary secretary is L. Elston Cardiff, MP for the Ontario seat of Huron.

Transferred to the agriculture ministry was the Canadian Wheat Board, previously under the trade department.

Mr. Diefenbaker paid tribute to Mr. Pearkes as one of the greatest soldiers Canada has ever produced.

"His devotion to his sovereign and his country have become a legend in his lifetime."

"WORTHY" ADMINISTRATOR

His administration of the defence department had been worthy. He had never faltered or shirked his duty.

Mr. Diefenbaker said Mr. Churchill will continue as government house leader. The job of trade minister and government house leader has been too great a load for one minister, Mr. Diefenbaker said.

Mr. Churchill had been "remarkably successful" as a trade minister, the prime minister said. What had been achieved in the department must be attributed in considerable measure to him. Exports from Canada to the United Kingdom this year would be $180,000,000 more than in any other year in history.

Defence Minister Pearkes
. . . to Lt. Governor.

FIRE PREVENTION SCHOOL—A Grade 9 class from Booth Memorial Junior High School is shown here with Assistant Fire Chief W. H. Hill during a fire prevention class at the firehall Friday. Students are taught the basics of fire prevention; what keeps a fire burning; operation of fire extinguishers; how to ring an alarm box; what to do in an emergency; and many other things which could prove valuable at some time. Besides the lectures, experiments and demonstrations were carried out. —(Staff photo by Gary Oakes).

Civil servants aim to improve image

VANCOUVER (CP)—British Columbia's civil servants voted Saturday to join a proposed national federation of provincial and federal government employees, the first such group to make the move in Canada. The decision came after lengthy debate in the closing session of the B.C. government employees association annual convention.

The proposed national group is the Canadian Federation of Government Employee Association. If approved by other civil servants' organizations across Canada, it would provide a central body with a national office and budget to deal with civil service problems.

Its mean aims would be two-fold:

1. strengthen the drive of government employees for collective bargaining rights, and 2. act to improve the public image of civil servants and enhance their prestige.

At present, there is only a loose national council of government employee associations from nine provinces and one federal association.

The convention Friday rejected a resolution that they dissafiliate from the B.C. Federation of Labor (CLC) because it supported the CCF party in the September 12 election. However, they recommended a secret ballot on the issue of political action if the proposed merger of the CCF and the Canadian labor movement takes place.

Helland continues on commission

Well-known city fisherman Harold Helland of 656 Fourth Avenue East, will soon start on the second year of his third term on the International Pacific Halibut Commission.

An announcement in the Canada Gazette at Ottawa Friday that Mr. Helland had been appointed to the Halibut Commission for one year, is slightly incorrect. Mr. Helland hasn't been off the Halibut Commission since 1953. He was re-appointed to the commission for his third term November 1, 1959. That term doesn't expire until October 31, 1961.

Since Canada only appoints its representatives to the international group every two years, Mr. Helland will start the second half of his third term on November 1. He served from 1953 to 1955; 1955 to 1957 and was reappointed in 1959.

CARS founder to address meeting tonight

Miss Mary Pack, founder and executive director of the Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society, will address a public meeting at 8 o'clock tonight at the First Baptist hall.

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River wrecks Cassiar road, isolates 50

The Bear River has overflowed its banks cutting away large sections of the Stewart-Cassiar road and isolating a road construction camp, housing 50 persons.

Reports reaching here from the isolated area said the river, which began flooding Wednesday, carried tons of glacial ice, boulders and debris from the mountainous area of Bear Pass to tidewater at Stewart.

Radio communications from a road construction camp at Snow Lake, 21 miles north of Stewart, have been cut as well as radio contact from Stewart.

John Geer, superintendent of the Dawson Wade and Emil Anderson Construction Company said there was no danger to the camp but it appeared that most of the road would have to be rebuilt.

Sections of the gravel Cassiar road at Mile 18 and a half mile stretch at Mile 12 were washed out. On Thursday night the river rose over a retaining wall at Mile 11 and washed out another 1,500 feet.

District Department of Highways superintendent Roger McKeown left for Stewart today but is not expected back with a report until tomorrow.

Diver bangs head in pool

A 12-year-old boy is in Prince Rupert General Hospital today after striking his head on the bottom of the Civic Centre swimming pool yesterday afternoon.

Leslie Duncan, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Duncan of 653 Eighth Avenue East, suffered lacerations to his head after diving into the pool at the shallow end.

He is reported to be in satisfactory condition.

Critic dies

VANCOUVER (CP)—Rhynd Jamieson, 83, one of the deans of Canada's music critics, died during the weekend. He had been music columnist for Toronto and Winnipeg papers before coming to The Province in 1917. He retired in 1951.

Kitimat man found hanged

KITIMAT (CP)—Henry Kurbel, 40-year-old father of four, was found hanging in a doorway of his house here Friday.

An inquiry was ordered into the death.

Kurbel, a native of Poland, came to Canada in 1952 and Kitimat in 1956. He had been separated from his wife and family for several months.

POLICE COURT

Two burglars sentenced to jail for break-in

William Thomas Lanthrone, of Port Edward, was sentenced to 15 months in jail on a charge of breaking, entering and theft when he appeared before Deputy Magistrate R. A. McLean Friday afternoon in police court.

Ronald Edwin Martinson, of 817 Bacon Street was given a one-year jail sentence for the same charge.

Lanthorne and Martinson had pleaded guilty to the charge September 28, following the September 21 break-in of Eddie's News Stand. They had been raised from juvenile court to adult court.

Harold Samuel Kidd of Prince George pleaded guilty Saturday to a charge of obtaining goods by means of a worthless cheque and was remanded until October 12 for sentencing when he appeared before Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite.

Kidd had obtained goods to the value of $10 from George Hill & Sons July 26.

He also pleaded guilty to a charge of obtaining $33 from the Prince Rupert Social Welfare June 17 and was again remanded until October 12 for sentencing.

David McKee of Port Edward was fined $25 when he pleaded guilty to a charge of permitting a motor-vehicle registered in his name to be operated at an excessive rate of speed.

RCMP told the court that McKee's car was clocked at 65 to 70 miles per hour along Eleventh Avenue East September 25 and was unable to be stopped.

Police said that McKee was not driving but was in the car at the time of the offence.

Also in court Saturday was Clifford Eldon Terris of 1138 Second Avenue West who was convicted of impaired driving and fined $50.

Terris pleaded not guilty to the charge September 17. He was charged at 7 p.m. September 16 near the Canadian National Railways roadway.

Two-car crash injures driver

Mrs. Kurt Crossman of 1546 Eighth Avenue East received bruises and face injuries following a collision Friday at the intersection of Seventh Avenue and Green Street. The driver of the other car, Reid Nelson of 1018 Third Avenue West, was not injured. Mrs. Crossman is in satisfactory condition in Prince Rupert General Hospital.

Police stated that Mrs. Crossman's car skidded across the road into a power pole. Mr. Nelson's car apparently followed, rolling on its side immediately behind the former's vehicle.

Mrs. Crossman's car was said to be a total wreck. No charges are contemplated by RCMP.

B.C. ROUNDUP

Two masked men rob hotel countinghouse

VANCOUVER (CP)—Two men staged a daring daylight holdup at a downtown hotel Sunday and escaped with about $12,000.

The two men, both wearing white gloves and trench coats, held up a cashier in the penthouse office at the Georgia hotel.

Police said the men, at least one of whom was armed, raced down the stairway of the hotel after tieing up the clerk.

R. E. Williams, assistant manager of the hotel, said the loot would total about $12,000, almost all of it cash.

Lower voting age

VANCOUVER (CP)— Alderman Reg Atherton has suggested to a committee studying Vancouver's voting list that the voting age should be lowered to 19 from 21 to conform with the provincial age.

Old station burned

KAMLOOPS (CP)—A 50-year-old CPR station at nearby Monte Creek was destroyed by fire Saturday. No one was injured. The station has not been used for regular passenger traffic for 25 years.

Three car deaths

PRINCE GEORGE (CP)—Three persons died Friday night in two separate automobile accidents near here. Two were killed when a truck in which they were riding overturned five miles north of Prince George. The third was found dead in a wrecked car that had gone through a guard rail and over an embankment a mile north of here.

Police identified two of the dead as Thomas Serris, 23, killed in the wrecked car, and Robert Fuite, 17, who died with a 20-year-old companion in the truck. All were from Prince George.

Drowned in lake

HARRISON HOT SPRINGS (CP)—Danish-born Ib Friis, 23, of New Westminster watched helplessly as his three hunting companions drowned in Harrison Lake, about 10 miles north of here. Friis was the only survivor of the Thanksgiving weekend hunting trip. He told RCMP the lake's choppy water swamped the 14-foot boat he and his companions were in, forcing the men to cling to the overturned vessel.

Herring plan ousted

VANCOUVER (CP)—An employer plan to re-open B.C.'s dormant herring industry by eliminating such "fringe workers" as the tendermen who transport catches to the processing plants was rejected Friday by British Columbia herring fishermen.

"YOUNG PEOPLE APPALLINGLY ILLTERATE"

Trustees rap government financing; U.S. speaker hits schools' efforts

VANCOUVER (CP)—British Columbia school trustees said Monday pupils are on double shift because the provincial government does not market school debentures soon enough and thus does not provide money for school construction at the time it is required.

The annual meeting of the B.C. School Trustees Association here passed a resolution asking the government to guarantee that finances for construction will be provided when required.

Delegates said the government does not provide funds until it decides to market school debentures or approves school board short-term bank borrowing.

The convention sent back for revision on a resolution asking that an approval by the minister of education of a project requiring borrowing authority authority be given the effect of approval of borrowing.

Delegates said there are delays of months or years between approval by the minister and approval by the provincial comptroller who controls financing.

The convention asked that school districts be empowered to pay capital costs with money raised through taxation.

At present capital costs paid by the district must come from borrowing money such as debentures.

A resolution said this was too expensive and asked authority for a small levy, the proceeds of which could be accumulated to meet future capital costs.

A top United States educationist said schools at all levels have failed miserably and young people today are "linguistically deficient, mathematically incompetent and morally wanting."

Dr. Julius Summer Miller of California's El Camino College, an outspoken critic of education today said during a panel discussion:

"With our technological advances there has been no corresponding moral or spiritual improvement. There is in the land a want of thinking and morality that omens the dark ages."

Young people were unable to read well, write well or speak well, and were "appallingly illiterate."

Dean Geoffrey Andrew of the University of B.C. agreed there are "moral softnesses," but added that it was wrong to put all the blame on schools. He said intellectual training alone is not enough for the world of today.

Dr. B. E. Wales, director of adult education in Vancouver, said reports Statistics showed the standards of achievement in all fields except perhaps handwriting have continued to rise.

Prince Rupert has now gone 63.5 days without a fatal traffic accident.

WEATHER

Cloudy with showers ending this afternoon. Sunny tomorrow, clouding over in the evening. Little change in temperature. Northwest winds 15 becoming southerly 15 tomorrow afternoon. Low tonight and high tomorrow, 40 and 52.

TIDES

Wednesday, Oct. 12, 1960
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	06:43	15.7 feet
	18:20	16.7 feet
Low	00:11	7.0 feet
	12:22	10.3 feet