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QUEBEC VOTES

ANADA'S provinces are not changing their governments in this year of many elections and there was no expectation that Quebec would be any exception to what, after Ontario, New Brunswick and Saskatchewan, seemed to be the rule.

Premier Maurice Duplessis' administration seemed sure to be re-mandated but possibly there may have been some element of surprise in the landslide return to power which it was accorded. Certainly, there is little comfort for the Liberals who, let alone failing to increase their strength, were all but wiped out in seatage. Provincial autonomy and anti-communism enthusiasm turned the trick for the rightist Duplessis and the Quebec people were abundantly emphatic about how they felt on these two issues.

The Quebec outcome may also seem somewhat disconcerting for the federal Liberals and, in view of the friendliness of Duplessis and the Progressive-Conservative Premier George Drew of Ontario, it leaves room for speculation as to how the Liberals might fare in a national election. The very provincial attitude that caused them to so thumpingly endorse their non-Ottawa co-operating Premier could swing them in federal voting against a political alliance with Conservative Ontario, no matter what the associations of the currently victorious Duplessis may be.

NEW FREIGHT RATES DEAL

THE not unexpected application of Canadian railways for a further increase in freight rates over and above the much-protested twenty-one percent increase throws the whole matter of railway freight rates much in the limelight again. It has been generally admitted that the railways must find new revenues so some sort of a further rate boost seems inevitable. At the same time, there are inequalities and penalties under which certain parts of the Dominion, particularly British Columbia and the Maritimes, are now suffering, inequalities which are even further accentuated by the increases in rates which only make more obvious the need for their relief.

Financial Post, even though it is published in Ontario which is not much perturbed as long as it thinks only of itself, calls for a "new look" at the whole question of rates and speaks sympathetically in regard to the case of seven provincial premiers who are demanding a new deal on the whole freight rates question.

Apropos of new developments in the freight rates matter, Financial Post says:

The Canadian railways stood to net \$65 millions a year after the long-drawn-out struggle for a freight rate increase. Last week they committed themselves to \$76 millions a year in extra wages.

Very obviously, the railways will have to get another rate

We think there is much to be said for the approach of the seven provincial premiers who this week stormed Ottawa demanding a frontal attack on the whole railway rate issue. Their strategy is designed to bring about a thorough overhaul of the whole freight rate structure.

Surely there is need for this. Many very fundamental things have happened to the economic structure of Canada, and to transportation, since 1922, since which year Transport Minister Chevrier blithely confessed in the House "there have been no changes in the general rate level, though rates have been substantially increased both in the United Stats and in the United Kingdom." In fact, so great and so fundamental have the changes been since 1922 that we would think this prima facie evidence that something needs to be done about them.

The seven provincial premiers want this matter tackled by a Royal Commission because, they say, the Board of Transport Commissioners is so hamstrung by its own rate-making precedents and the terms of its assignment that it can't do a full and fair review.

Few would deny that the staff of the Transport Commission contains many outstanding experts and that in it is lodged a major accumulation of technical knowledge about rail rate

But we lean far to the premiers' view that what's needed now is a fresh, imaginative and unhampered-by-tradition

approach to this important problem. It is dominated by two fundamentals.

Our railways have to be kept in sound financial condition. They must not only be permitted to earn their keep, but they must accumulate sufficient additional funds for sufficiently rapid replacement and development. In this latter respect, the railways have too long been starved. That is sheer folly and, in the long run, extra costly.

The second fundamental is that Canada is a nation: that Cape Bretons are Canadians and so are Vancouver Islanders. These are natural penalties of living on the periphery. But if rates are rigged to establish unnatural economic penalties for anybody, then surely there's something wrong somewhere.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

A penalty of 5% will be added to all taxes remaining unpaid at August 1st.

Final date for payment is SATURDAY, JULY 31st.

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H. M. FOOTE

Collector.

Brigadier Gillingham Is Retiring

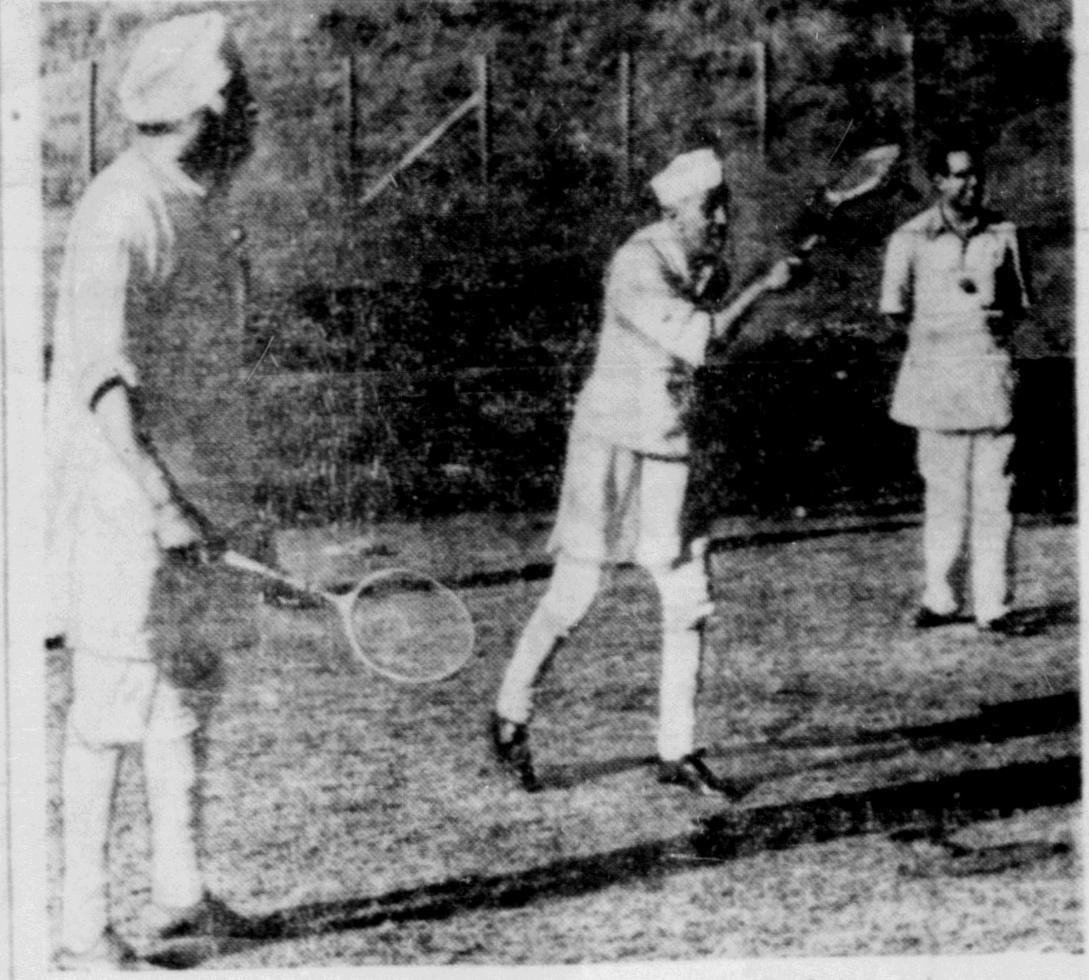
After Fifty Years With Salvation Army

After half a century of active service in the Salvation Army, forty years as an officer, Brigadier Joseph T. Gillingham, divisional commander of the Salvation Army for northern and central British Columbia, is retiring. His successor here will be Major Cornelius Warrenden, at present young people's secretary in Vancouver.

Brigadier and Mrs. Gillingham will take their farewell from Prince Rupert at a Northern British Columbia Congress to be held here September 3 to 6 with Commissioner Charles Baugh and Col. G. Best, field secretary from Toronto, in attendance. They will then leave for Vancouver where they will make their home in retirement.

Army as a young man in New- less active in the Army work McInnes, Econson Bussey, Thomfoundland. After serving for than her husband whom she as King, Cho wDung, R. A. Fraser, ten years as a soldier, he re- married in 1911 after having ceived his officership in 1998, been engaged in school teaching following attendance at the in Newfoundland. Their departofficer training college in Tor- ure from Prince Rupert will be onto. His first posting was as much regretted. captain in charge at Strathroy, Ontario. Service at various other points in Ontario and Nova Sco- HOTEL ARRIVALS tia was followed in 1924 by ap- Mr. F. Freeborn and son, Vicand Calgary followed.

work at Brandon, Brigadier Gil- Brooks, Reno, Nevada; C. Maclingham came north as divisional Lean, Juneau; Mrs. H. C. Leege, commander for Northern British Juneau; Mrs. D. B. Apland, Columbia and Alaska, headquar- Huntington Park, California; ters then being made at Wran- Mrs. J. Calder, Terrace; W. Willgell. With the separation of iscroft, Terrace, Mr. and Mrs. Alaska. Brigadier Gillingham W. Ludwig, Hazelton; Mr. and came here in April 1946 as divi- Mrs. W. Panter, Hazelton.



TIME OUT FOR A PRIME MINISTER-The life of prime minister is not a happy one, but even India's prime minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru (centre), takes an occasional afternoon off. During his recent tour of war-torn Kashmir, Nehru took the opportunity to play a few sets of badminton with India's defenc eminister, Sardar Baldev Singh.

British Columbia.

Brigadier Gillingham joined the Mrs. Gillingham has been no

pointment as first divisional toria; J. Howe, Vancouver; T. B. commander in Bermuda where Brown, Vancouver; Mr. and Mrs. three years were spent. Return- H. Loder. Prince George; T. ing to Canada, appointments as Woods, Smithers; H. S. Rustad. officer in charge of citadels at Port Edward: R. A. Fraser, Van-Montreal, Vancouver, Winnipeg couver. J. L. Stuart, Toronto; H Gordon, Vancouver; A. Hershey, After a year of social service Vancouver; Mr. and Mrs. W. H.

sional commander for Northern AIR PASSENGERS

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To Vancouver-Rev. Father A. J. Stewart.

To Sandspit-R. Moody.

From Sandspit-H. Gordon, J.

trip to Edmonton. Mrs. Simmons and family are spending the summer holidays in Edmonton.

LETTERBOX

Editor, Daily News:

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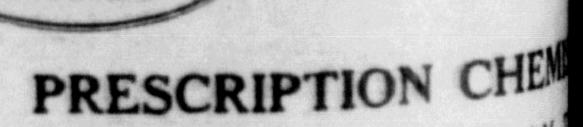
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