

## Irregularities Charged In Manitoba Election

By The Canadian Press

WINNIPEG.—The Free Press said in a newspaper story that charges of irregularities in election procedure are being raised in two Manitoba constituencies over the June 8 general election.

The newspaper says Leon Michalchuk, defeated Independent candidate for Fisher constituency, has sent a lengthy, unsigned submission to Charland Prudhomme, chief electoral officer. The newspaper says a covering letter indicated the statement contained charges of irregularities. Mr. Prudhomme said he had not yet had time to read the statement.

The Free Press also quotes an unnamed CCF supporter as saying Tom Kobzey, proposed CCF candidate in Emerson constituency,

was "railroaded" out of Vita, Man., the day before nomination day.

It quotes the supporter as saying Kobzey was approached by a group of men while collecting signatures for his nomination papers and told to get out of town. He allegedly was followed by the men in a car.

The CCF did not contest the riding and party officials said they have not decided on any action on this claim and others that returning officers marked voters' ballots for them.

L. O. Baskerville of Dominion City, Man., Emerson returning officer, said no protest had been made to him, but he understood the defeated Social Credit candidate, George I. Friesen, had applied for a refund of his election deposit.

On first count, Mr. Friesen polled only 220 votes compared with 2,329 for the winner, John R. Solomon, Independent Liberal-Progressive.

The Election Act calls for forfeiture of a candidate's \$200 deposit if he does not poll one-third the votes of the first candidate. Mr. Friesen sought a refund on the grounds his name was listed on election material as John I. Friesen instead of George I. Friesen.

Mr. Baskerville said the error was not noticed until the day before the election.

Alternative voting is used in Emerson and other single-member Manitoba constituencies. Transfer of Mr. Friesen's second choices gave Mr. Solomon 2,353 compared with 2,234 for the official Liberal-Progressive candidate, Frank Casper, on the second and final count.

Mr. Solomon's re-election previously was indicated by the Canadian Press trend analysis.

The House standing is Liberal-Progressive 30, Progressive Conservative 15, CCF 5, Social Credit 2, Independent 4, Independent Liberal-Progressive 1, Labor-Progressive 1, deferred 2. Total 57.

### Victoria Man Committed On Theft Charge

VICTORIA (CP)—Vernon Reid, 31-year-old Victoria man, was committed for trial in a higher court by Magistrate H. C. Hall in city police court here following a preliminary hearing on a charge of breaking and entering and theft.

He is alleged to have broken into the Salvation Army Citadel here on the night of Feb. 9 and taken bearer bonds owned by Maj. C. J. Milley of the Salvation Army.

Police said a safe was stolen from Maj. Milley's office on the night in question.

It was the first of a series of safe thefts in the city which netted thieves close to \$1,500 in cash and bonds over a two-month period.

A perjury charge against Reid was dismissed by Mr. Justice J. B. Clearhue in County Court Thursday.



FOUR CANADIANS were selected as gold staff officers for the Coronation and acted as royal ushers at Westminster Abbey. They carried short gold staffs bearing the Queen's cipher and directed the guests to their seats at the Abbey. Left to right: G. G. Crean of Toronto, counsellor; Lt.-Col. H. E. Price, Quebec city, secretary of the Canadian joint staff in London; Louis Couillard, Ottawa, first secretary at Canada House, and Robert Campbell Smith, Vancouver, commercial secretary.

### Medical Society Acclaims Country Doctor

CHARLOTTETOWN (CP)—Dr. Roderich J. MacDonald, a country doctor for 66 of his 96 years, is acclaimed by the Prince Edward Island Medical Society as perhaps the dean of his profession in the world.

Still going strong and with no thoughts of retirement, Dr. MacDonald was given a testimonial dinner and presentation recently by the society.

#### ALWAYS ON JOB

Dr. MacDonald hasn't yet refused a call—day or night—during his practice at St. Peter's, as the only physician within 15 miles. He once spent a winter night on the ice of St. Peter's Bay, marooned while on a call. He has rushed to so many emergency cases that his walk rather resembles an average person's spring.

Mention retirement and his usual reply is: "What do you think I am, Slipping?"

Dr. Harold Shaw, president of the P.E.I. medical group, said Dr. MacDonald is "a splendid and outstanding example of a class of physicians who for years have been the heart and soul of the profession, the general practitioner, better known as the family doctor."

"We are not aware," Dr. Shaw said, "that a similar record has ever occurred in medical history and we hereby claim for you not only a provincial or dominion record but a world record."

#### Historic Area

NELSON, B.C. (CP)—The Nelson district this summer is being scouted by an archaeologist from the National Museum of Canada. Dr. Douglas Leechman will make a reconnaissance of southern British Columbia, tracing the route of ancient migrations from Siberia to North America.

## New Zealand Track Star, Yvette Williams Hopes to Set World Record at Vancouver

By J. C. GRAHAM  
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DUNEDIN, N.Z. (CP)—Yvette Williams, New Zealand's greatest woman athlete who won the Olympic broad jump at Helsinki last year, is a definite starter in the 1954 British Empire Games at Vancouver. She holds the games record of 19 feet 4 1/2 inches set in Auckland, N.Z., in 1950.

And if anybody thinks they can keep up with the tall, attractive athlete, they should start training right now. Yvette, already in training, has her sights on a 21-foot jump, which would be six inches better than the world record.

New Zealand paid her singular tribute this year when she was named the Dominion's sportsman of the year, the second straight year she has held the honor. It went to her because of her Olympic performance—broad jump winner, sixth in the shot put, and 10th in the discus.

#### LONG DISCUS THROW

She jumped 20 feet 5 3/4 inches in the Olympic games and since her return from Helsinki has thrown the discus 155 feet two inches, in an unofficial toss. This has not been equalled by any woman athlete outside Russia and is nearly 14 feet short of the 168 feet 8 1/2 inches hurled by Olympic champion Nina Romashchikova of Russia last year.

Yvette has lost count of her records. She holds the Olympic

Empire Games, New Zealand, Australian and Fijian records for the broad jump; Australian, New Zealand and Fijian records for the shot and discus, and the Fijian records for 50 yards and 100 yards. She has broken records in relay teams, and is a top-class basketball player.

She is beginning her preparation for the 1954 games at once, and to show her determination to exceed her present performance, is transferring from Dunedin, in the far south of New Zealand, to Auckland in the north because the coaches who have trained her for four years, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bellwood, have moved to the northern city.

Yvette says she feels she owes it to New Zealand sport to defend her Empire Games broad jump title.

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FOR THE FIRST TIME the President's Medal, University of Western Ontario, has been awarded for a scholarly article. It has been given to Dr. Norman Ward, associate professor of political science at the University of Saskatchewan, for his "The Formative Years of the Canadian House of Commons."



W. O. MITCHELL of High River, Alta., has been awarded the President's Medal, University of Western Ontario, for his short story, "The Princess and the Wild Ones." The award, one of three, was announced by Dr. Frank Stilling, chairman of the Governor-General's Awards Board, which administers the medals, donated by the university for outstanding contributions to Canadian literature.



THE PRESIDENT'S MEDAL, University of Western Ontario, for a general article has been awarded to Robert Thomas Allen, 52, of Onemee, Ont., for his "I'm Looking for the Man We Celebrate."

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