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## Social Credit Government Falls After 206-Day Reign In B.C.

### General Election Possible in Fall

By The Canadian Press

VICTORIA.—British Columbians today faced the probability of a second provincial general election within 10 months.

The 206-day reign of the minority Social Credit government came to an abrupt end Tuesday night when it was defeated in the Legislature by the combined opposition and one rebel Social Creditor.

Premier Bennett said he will ask for dissolution of the 48-member House and an election, probably June 8.

CCF leader Harold Winch will make a bid today to form a new government.

He was scheduled to meet with Lieutenant-Governor Wallace at Government House and said he is prepared to tell Wallace he is ready to form B.C.'s first CCF government.

Premier Bennett, too, may visit the lieutenant-governor during the afternoon to ask for dissolution of the House and an election.

Lieutenant-Governor Clarence Wallace can do one of two things:

● He can grant Mr. Bennett's request for dissolution and election. Earliest possible date for election would be 60 days after dissolution.

● He can ask the CCF opposition leader, Harold Winch, to form a government. Mr. Winch said he is ready and willing to form a government immediately. The first choice appears more likely.

Present standing in the House is: Social Credit, 19; CCF, 18; Liberals, six; Progressive Conservatives, two; Labor, one; vacant, two. Total —48.

The government crashed to a 28-17 defeat on second reading of a bill designed to set up a new system of education costs.

Bert Price (SC—Vancouver-Burrard) voted against the government with the combined opposition. Before the vote was taken, Mr. Bennett said he would regard it as a vote of confidence.

The Legislature is not meeting today out of respect to Queen Mary, but Mr. Bennett will meet other party leaders to discuss passage of a supply bill. This is necessary to keep the government business going until a new election is held.

### Supply Bill Comes up Tomorrow

The supply bill probably will be passed tomorrow and Mr. Bennett then will take his case for an election before the lieutenant-governor.

If the House is dissolved, it will be the first such dissolution following defeat on the floor of the Legislature since 1900.

The bill that caused the government's defeat was known as the Rolston formula, after Education Minister Mrs. Tilly Rolston.

It would cancel the municipalities' one-third share of sales tax revenue and set up a new system of government grants to pay for education costs.

The opposition maintained the municipalities would benefit the first year under the scheme but would run into the red in following years.

Mr. Price said he could not support the fact that Vancouver would have to pay 75 per cent increased school costs.

Mr. Bennett said he would be willing to campaign on the merits of the government bill.

Mr. Winch asked the government to put the bill aside until all expenditures were approved.

Liberal leader E. T. Kenney said the onus for defeat of the government rested squarely on its own shoulders. The Liberals could not support the education financing scheme.

Progressive Conservative leader George Miller said he had told the government "half a dozen times this would wreck you but you walked right into it."

### NEWSPRINT PRICE UPPED \$7 PER TON IN CANADA

VANCOUVER.—Powell River Sales Company Limited Tuesday announced a \$7-a-ton increase in the price of newsprint, effective April 1. The new price will be \$122 a ton.

The increase applies to Canadian customers. Price to American newspapers remains at \$126 a ton.

### Message of Sorrow Drafted By Provincial Legislature

VICTORIA.—A message expressing "profound sorrow" was drafted in the British Columbia legislature Tuesday following the announcement of the death of Queen Mary.

The message, proposed by Premier W. A. C. Bennett and seconded by CCF opposition leader Harold Winch, will be sent to Queen Elizabeth. It reads:

"We, the members of the legislature of British Columbia, humbly beg leave to proffer your majesty an expression of our profound sorrow at the demise of her majesty the Dowager Queen Mary who was universally revered and beloved.

"In this hour of sorrow and bereavement the people of British Columbia extend their sincere sentiments of sympathy to your majesty and to the members of the royal family."

OTTAWA.—The Commons Tuesday night adjourned its regular sitting as a mark of respect for Queen Mary.

Word of the Queen's death reached here during the dinner recess of the chamber.

Some members evidently had not heard of it until Mr. St. Laurent made his announcement. When he said it was his "deep regret to announce the death of

Queen Mary," a swelling gasp went up from the chamber and was echoed in the galleries.

### Employees Fail To Identify Pavlukoff

VANCOUVER (CP)—Three prosecution witnesses failed to identify Walter Pavlukoff as the slayer of bank manager Sydney Petrie during an abortive hold-up attempt here August 25, 1947.

Sixteen crown witnesses were in court as the trial opened in Assize Court before Mr. Justice A. M. Manson and a jury of 10 men and two women.

Pavlukoff, 40, captured in a Toronto suburb in January after 5½ years of freedom, pleaded innocent to the murder charge.

Robert Sowden, Petrie's assistant in the Bank of Commerce branch where the shooting occurred, was the first witness unable to identify the accused.

Patricia Knight and Mrs. Gwendolyn Knight, members of the bank staff, also were unable to identify Pavlukoff as the gunman.

### Rupert Barge Service May Hit Seattle Trade

Seattle businessmen today expressed fears that Prince's Rupert's proposed barge service to Ketchikan would bring the end to the southern port's prominence in Alaska shipping and trade.

Reports received here today said that Alfred Shyman, chairman of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce, Alaska division, declared:

"Seattle is faced with the most dangerous competitive situation in our history of trade with Alaska in the barge service from Prince Rupert."

He said the new northern service threatens to cost Seattle a major share not only of present Alaska trade but of increased trade which will accompany industrial development of southeastern Alaska.

#### SHORTER DISTANCE

The mid-west manufacturers can ship to Prince Rupert over the CNR as cheaply as they can ship to Seattle and the distance from Prince Rupert to Ketchikan is only 90 miles, compared with 667 miles between Seattle and Ketchikan, he said.

"Unless Seattle's labor and business groups can co-operate in some means of meeting this threat, we shall certainly see an end of our prominence in Alaska trade and the business it creates," said Mr. Shyman.

The CNR completed construction of a temporary barge slip here last month and plans are underway to construct a bigger, permanent one. Another slip is nearing completion at Ward's Cove near Ketchikan.

The barge service will provide transportation of railroad cars between the two points.

It was originally planned for transportation of pulp to be produced by a proposed Ketchikan mill and for transporting equipment and supplies for mill construction.

Ketchikan and other southeastern business groups have viewed the installation of the barge service as a big boon in many ways, but principally because the service would provide cheaper freight and regular service.

Shipping to Alaska points has been seriously hampered in recent years by numerous wildcat strikes and other wage disputes.

### Enemy No. 8 Captured In Burnaby

By The Canadian Press

VANCOUVER.—A slippery Ontario bank robber suspect is behind bars here after an acrobatic attempt to escape custody at the portals of Oakalla prison in Burnaby.

Harry Duguid, 38-year-old fugitive, eighth on the RCMP list of most-wanted criminals and sought for two bank robberies and a jail escape, was nabbed while breaking into a suburban theatre here Sunday.

A restless baby crying in an apartment over the theatre lobby woke her father, theatre manager Lyle Kinnee. He heard noises in the lobby and called police.

Duguid was caught after a two-block chase and pleaded guilty Monday to a breaking-and-entering charge. He was remanded a week for sentence.

Handcuffed, he was being driven to jail in a police car by an RCMP officer.

As the gates of Oakalla prison farm loomed ahead, Duguid lunged at the steering wheel, wrenched it from the officer's hands and then dived from the moving car. The officer baled out after him and the abandoned car crunched into a cement post at the prison gate.

Duguid dashed into heavy brush surrounding the prison. He was recaptured 20 minutes later by the officer and a prison guard, who fired several warning shots.

### Move Started Here to Form Branch of Peace Council

A move to establish a branch of the Canadian Peace Council in Prince Rupert is being made here by three union leaders who have invited a speaker to talk on the subject at the Civic Centre April 2.

Ray Gardiner, former newspaperman turned envoy for the Council is scheduled to address a public meeting here at the invitation of W. D. Griffiths, W. J. Prusky and T. E. Parkin.

Mr. Griffiths, acting as spokesman for the trio, said the aim of the meeting was to form a nucleus of a peace council here.

"We feel there is a danger of war and it must be avoided. I saw the damage and the terror and cost of human life during the London blitz of the last war."

"I don't want to see a repetition of this in Canada," said Mr. Griffiths. "War can be avoided by peaceful negotiations."

Gardiner, who left the newspaper business to join the Peace Council movement, recently returned from world conventions of the organization in Peking, Red China, and in Vienna.

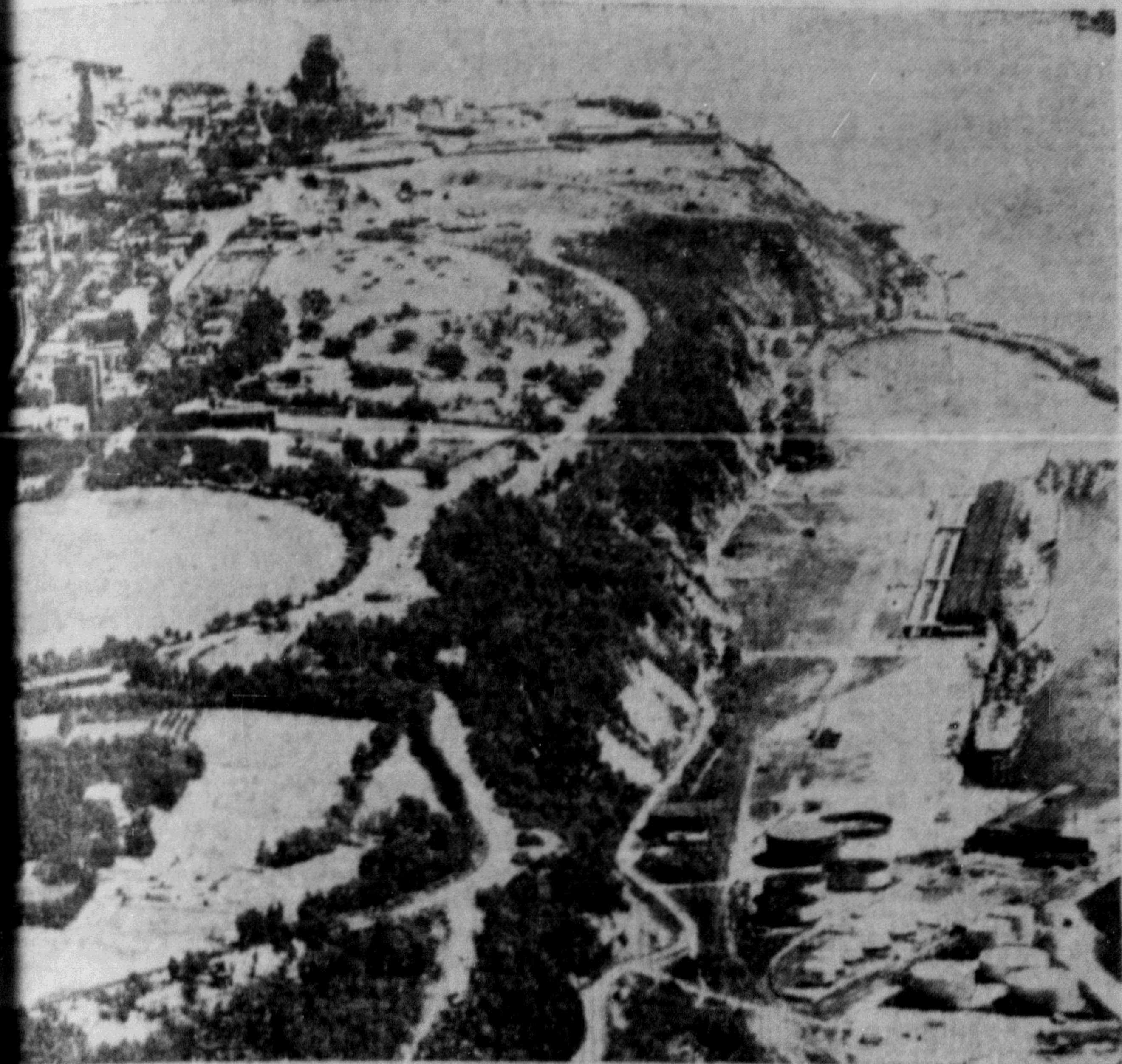
Mrs. Gardiner caused a mild uproar in Vancouver's city council when it was learned she obtained leave of absence from her public library post to attend the Peking convention. She was dismissed from her post.

The Peace Council movement has been labelled as a Communist-front organization headed by Dr. Endicott, former United Church missionary in China.

Gardiner is scheduled to arrive in Prince Rupert April 1, by private plane. A private meeting has been arranged for that evening at the home of Mr. Griffiths, 1515 Eighth Avenue East, to which all church ministers here will be invited.

Purpose of the first meeting, said Mr. Griffiths, is to present Gardiner's story to the churchmen, to see "if any of the ministers will commit themselves and get behind the movement."

Two of Gardiner's sponsors, Griffiths and Parkin, are leaders in the United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union here. Prusky heads the local branch of the Boilermakers Union.



### History Debunked

PLACE OF REAL ESTATE in Quebec-city is called the Plains of Abraham in history books. Historians now say the name is wrong. They say the site of the battle between Wolfe and Montcalm in 1759 did not belong to settler Abraham Martin after whom it is named. Historians say the "Battle of the Plains of Abraham" did not take place on the "Plains, (left foreground) Newe's Knolls," or Covefields (upper centre). A true, historical name for the area, now property of the federal government, which calls it "Battle Fields park, is a controversial one among some Quebecers.

### Millions Around World Mourn Passing of Grand Old Queen

Millions around the world today mourned the passing of the Grand Old Queen, Queen Mary.

The Empress for 26 years, two sovereigns, grand-daughter of a third—she died in her sleep Tuesday at the age of 85.

Elizabeth today decreed a four-day mourning, carrying out the wish of her grandmother that nothing interfere with the coronation in June.

The Queen also announced the funeral will take place next Tuesday in St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle.

The body will lie in state at Westminster Hall beginning Sunday. It will remain there until Monday night.

Queen Mary likely will be buried at Windsor, where her husband, King George V, was laid to rest in 1936 and her son, King George VI, was buried only 13 months ago.

Queen Mary has been ill for more than a month with what doctors described as a gastric ailment. Exact nature of her illness has not been disclosed.

Her death came at 10:20 p.m., within hours of a sudden turn for the worse in her condition. Only the day before she had been reported improving.

Prime Minister Churchill gave a hushed House of Commons and the world the first news of death.

As Churchill spoke, a solemn attendant a few blocks away posted the fourth and last medical bulletin of the day on the gates of Marlborough House.

Edged in black, it said simply: "While sleeping peacefully, Queen Mary died at twenty minutes past ten o'clock."

Four generations of Britons who knew and loved her as a proud symbol of royalty, paid tribute. Through the Commonwealth, with its 575,000,000 people, flags were dipped and minutes of silence observed.

Queen Mary outlived all queens and kings of English history. Her lifetime spanned six reigns, two world wars and three "epochs," each with special quality—Victorian, Edwardian and Georgian periods. She saw vast social changes.

Through all changes she remained steadfast and immutable, the embodiment of old-fashioned Victorian virtues.

### —WEATHER—

Forecast

North coast region — Cloudy with showers today and Thursday. Not much change in temperature.

Winds southeast 30 this morning, shifting to westerly 25 through the afternoon and westerly 20 Thursday.

Low tonight and high Thursday at Port Hardy, Sandspit and Prince Rupert, 38 and 46.

### Provincial Basketball Finals To be Played Here April 10-11

The provincial senior "B" basketball finals have been set to take place here April 10 and 11.

A two-game, total-point series, the playoffs will feature Rupert's all-star Challengers against the B.C. finalists yet to be decided between Trail, Kamloops and Cumberland.

Meanwhile, the Basketball Association here has approved an exhibition game to take place next Saturday between city "old-timers" and the all-star squad.

Promoted more in the vein of part comedy and as a treat for fans to see their former popular hoop stars turn out once again, the event is expected to draw a good crowd.

Such old timers as Freddie Calderone, Jack Lindsay, Sev Dominato, Don Fitch, Herbie Morgan, Vern Clecone will be reinforced by Joe Davis and Ted Arney, and will face the present-day veteran Challengers coached by Alex Bill.

Angus Macphee, recent basketball great here, will coach the old-timers.

The basketball association also decided to revise its entire constitution before the next hoop season and named President Art Murray and Fred Calderone, reg-former-in-chief, to arrange a program of visiting basketball teams here next winter.