OBSERVERS WONDERING

Record Electorate Seen But May Not Go to Poll

OTTAWA (CP)—Canada will have a record number of eligible voters—perhaps topping 9,200,000—in the general election on June 10. Political observers are wondering just what percentage will turn out to vote.

The question has been raised because of voter performance at the last election in 1953 when, after a steady increase in votes at every contest since 1900, the number fell off.

At that time, the body of eligible voters had risen by more than 508,000 since the 1949 election to a total of 8,401,091. But the number voting declined by some 200,000 to 5,701,063.

This will be the 23rd general election since confederation in 1867.

The number of ballots cast in 1953 was about six times the 952,496 total in 1900, when women had no franchise.

In 1904, with the trans-continental railway problem as the main issue, the vote rose to 1,030,186. It moved up to 1,173,856 in 1908 when tariff issues were added to the railway problem and jumped to 1,307,528 in 1911 on the thorny issue of trade reciprocity with the United States.

Three factors in the war election of 1917—the proposed union government, conscription and the women's franchise—resulted in the sharpest rise in the popular vote up to that time. Ballots totalled 1,650,377, including some 250,000 or more soldier votes.

WOMEN ADDED

Women voted for the first time in 1921 and their ballots swelled the total of 3,119,306.

The rate of increase slowed down in the 1925 and 1926 elections in which the main interest centred on constitutional questions and trade and tariff matters. In 1925, the popular vote was 3,168,412 and in 1926 it inched up to 3,273,062.

The depression years brought the complex problem of unemployment and focussed attention on Canada's domestic economy. The popular vote climbed to 3,992,481 in 1930. In 1935 it topped the 4,000,000 mark for the first time with 4,452,675 ballots cast.

In 1940, when the Liberal government successfully appealed for re-election to carry on the war effort, 4,620,260 voted. The 1945 election, fought mainly on war and post-war policies, brought out 5,903,572 ballots marked. Newfoundland's entry to confederation with a potential 175,000 voters produced some of the increase.

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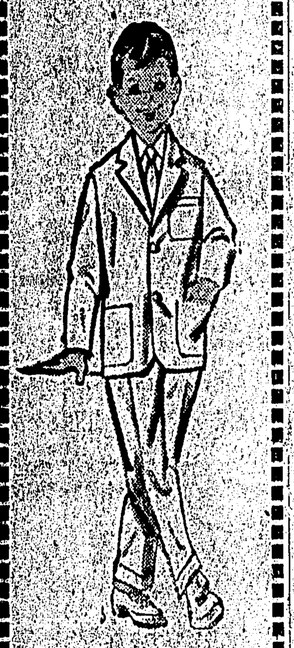

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HONORED IN NEW FRENCH STAMPS—Famous figures from the worlds of literature and art are commemorated in a new series of stamps to be issued by France. Each of the designs has a portrait of the personage it honors, as well as the dates of birth and death. Those shown here are: (top row, left to right) Joinville, noted historian; George Sand, famed female author; Bernard Palissy, artist; (bottom row, left to right) noted painter Quentin De La Tour; author Jules Guesde, and writer Lemennais.

BLACKWOOD on BRIDGE

By EASLEY BLACKWOOD

Flaw in Play by Miss Brash Sees 3 NT Bid Go Down One

Can you spot the flaw in Miss Brash's play which cost her the contract in today's deal? The opening lead was the five of spades, Mr. Dale won with the king and Miss Brash played the ten.

The seven of spades was returned and Mrs. Keen elected to play low and let the queen win. She was afraid her king of diamonds was not a quick entry. She felt sure her partner had another spade left, so that if he could get in once more the balance of the spade suit could be run immediately.

After winning the second trick, Miss Brash led a small heart to dummy's king, returned a club and finessed the queen, which held. She then cashed the ace of clubs, but the king failed to drop. Hoping for a miracle, she led another club.

Mr. Dale won with the king, returned his last spade and his partner ran off three fast tricks in that suit to put the contract down one.

As is often the case, success depended upon a slight and apparently immaterial change in the play. After her unwarranted jump to three no trump Miss Brash hardly deserved a chance for nine tricks but she had it just the same.

South dealer
Neither side vulnerable

NORTH
Mr. Abel
♠ J 9 2
♥ K 10 6
♦ J 10 7 5
♣ 6 5 2

WEST
Mrs. Keen
♠ A 8 6 5 3
♥ 9 3 2
♦ K 8 6
♣ 9 7

EAST
Mr. Dale
♠ K 7 4
♥ Q 8 5 4
♦ Q 9 2
♣ K 8 3

SOUTH
Miss Brash
♠ Q 10
♥ A J 7
♦ A 4 3
♣ A Q J 10 4

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♦	Pass
3 NT	All Pass		

All she had to do was to play her queen of spades under the king at trick one. Now if Mrs. Keen ducked the second spade, as before, the jack could be played from the board and that would be the vital second entry to dummy. Miss Brash could then take two club finesses instead of one, bringing in the entire club suit without loss.

It is interesting to note that Mr. Dale could have fouled up this line of play by dropping a low spade on the first trick, forcing Miss Brash to win and making sure that dummy would never have a spade entry. But that was practically an impossible play for him to make against a bidder like Miss Brash.

After all, she might have been in there on something like the ten-eight doubleton and in that case he would be losing the opportunity for his side to run the first five tricks.

Queen To Entertain

LONDON (Reuters) — The Queen will give a dinner party at Windsor Castle June 26 for the Commonwealth prime ministers attending the London prime ministers' conference, Buckingham Palace announced Thursday.

Witchcraft Sessions Investigated

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP)—A U.S. government investigator back from the Tlingit Indian village of Angoon said Sunday "witchcraft" there can be traced to an Indian baby's death, a virus epidemic and the revival of ancient tribal rites.

Investigator Ted Reifsteck held an informal hearing at Angoon Saturday. He returned with a 16-year-old Indian girl who, he said, had been a central figure in the midnight rituals.

Reports from Angoon had said as many of the 375 residents of the village, 70 miles southwest of here on Admiralty Island, were terrified by the midnight meetings which began Easter Sunday.

At a 3½-hour U.S. commissioner's court session, Reifsteck said, both the 16-year-old girl and a girl four years younger each claimed and described their magical powers, but said they were unable to demonstrate them because it was not midnight.

One of the tribal leaders of the village said he had seen a man turn into a bird and fly away, Reifsteck continued.

Both girls also testified they had been turned into cats at one time by a woman they named as a witch.

Apparently, Reisteck continued, there has been a "hard core" of five or six members of one Angoon family who revived tribal rites after the death of an infant girl about two weeks ago. Authorities attributed the death to virus pneumonia.

Coincidentally, he explained, a virus epidemic hit the village and the movement picked up followers.

The situation became potentially dangerous and might have led to eventual acts of violence. But Saturday's hearing and the investigation should relieve the tensions there, in Reisteck's belief.

No arrests were made as a result of the investigation and no actual instances of violence were uncovered. Neither of the young girls had been mistreated and both are in good health.

RAIN-MAKERS

VICTORIA (CP)—A new three-year contract with a rain-making firm has been signed by British Columbia Power Commission, although a B.C. research council report said no change in rainfall had occurred in any area as a result of cloud-seeding.

Low Birth Rate Hits Red Manpower

By THOMAS P. WHITNEY
(AP Foreign News Analyst)

Soviet statistics show that the USSR in the next few years will begin to feel a pinch in manpower, resulting from low birth-rates during the Second World War.

Beginning soon and continuing for five to seven years, the number of Russian young people completing school will be sharply reduced as compared with the recent past.

The manpower gap during this period will run as high as 2,000,000 young men and women a year.

Concretely, this means the Russians are either going to have to reduce their armed forces or suffer severe economic consequences from low recruitment for the labor force. It is likely an anticipation of this situation that the Kremlin last year made moves toward releasing men from military service and cutting the army's size.

HUGE MANPOWER LOSS

In the Second World War Russia lost 7,000,000 men or more at the front. Losses of manpower in the rear were even more severe. During the war years, and for one to three years after the war, the number of babies fell by some 2,000,000 a year.

This loss now is revealed in Russian school statistics. The number of Soviet children in school began falling from 1950 on.

In 1950, there were 20,000,000 children in grades one through four. By 1953 the number had fallen to 12,000,000. In 1954 it rose slightly to 13,000,000 and in 1955 to 14,000,000.

This has military and economic implications. This manpower discrepancy may offer hope that in the coming half dozen years the Russian government, with small classes of draft-age men maturing, will be eager to avoid war.

CLEANING UP

WINDSOR, Ont. (CP)— Thieves broke into a Windsor home and netted four knives and $22. They broke open three piggy banks while in the house to get the cash.

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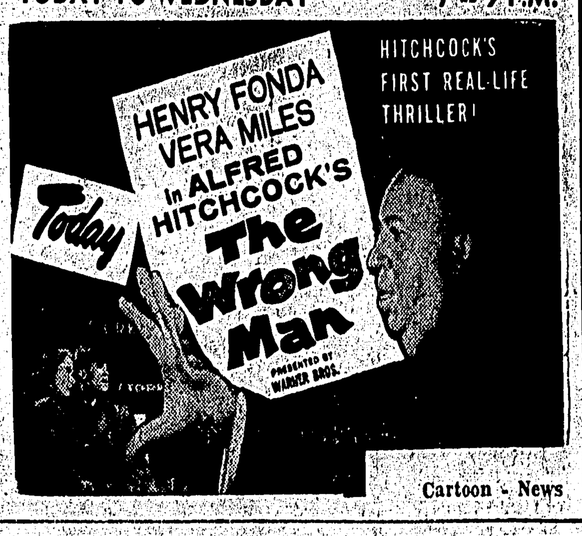

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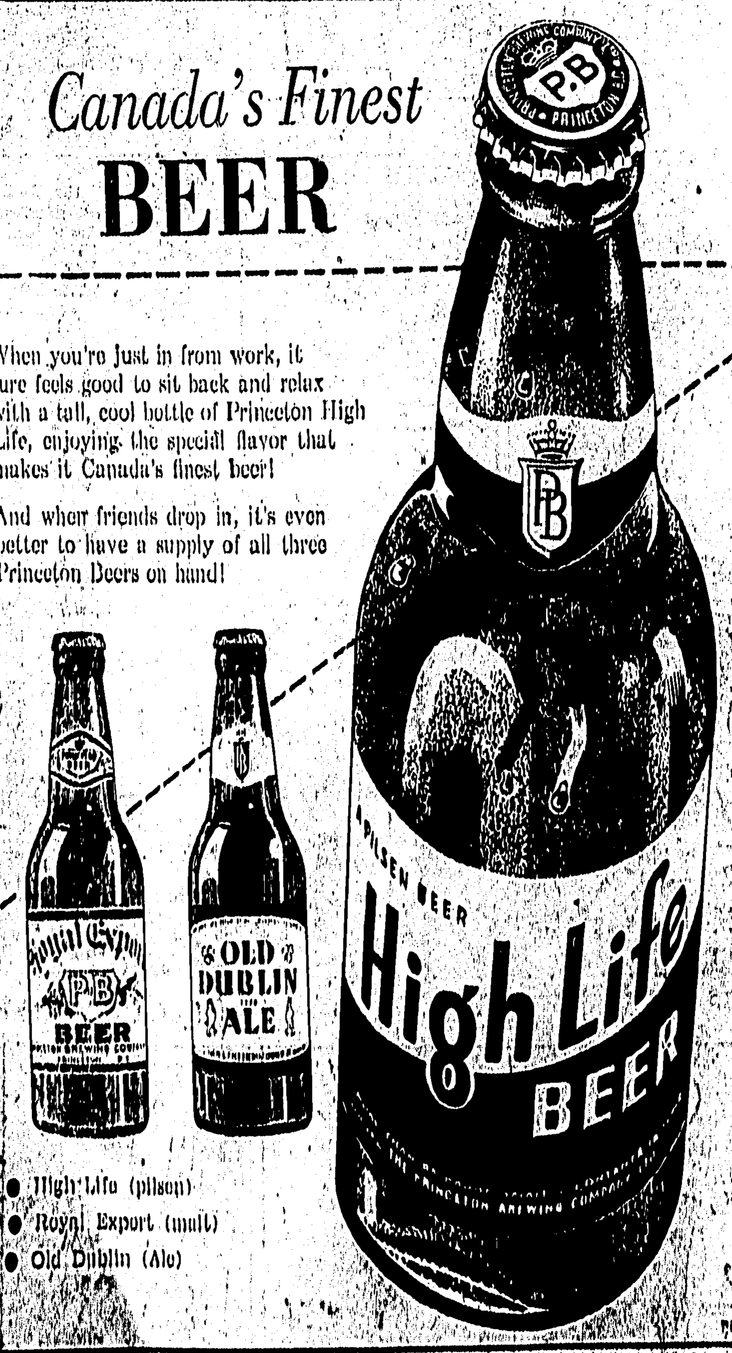

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