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THE FIRE FIEND CREEPS ON GAGETOWN

Dominion Election Costs About Four Million Dollars

**This Is Usual Cost of
Federal Contests—
Eight Hundred Candi-
dates For 245 Seats.**

OTTAWA, August 21—Six million Canadians will be eligible to go to the polls next month and take their pick of the 800 candidates who are offering themselves as members of parliament. When election day is over the \$70 will have been "boiled down" to 245.

The election in Canada is big business. It usually costs about four million dollars of which the parties put up more than half. This election is an especially expensive one because nearly \$2,500,000 has already been sent in preparing the basic voters list and in revising it up to date.

Political leaders usually say that it costs a million dollars to run a federal campaign, for each major party. With the advent of the radio the expense has not gone down.

It is likely that both the Liberal and Conservative parties will have spent that sum by the time the election is over.

The newer parties, C.C.F. and Reconstruction, will probably have to get along on a good deal less. Still, between them they will probably spend another half million.

Although six million Canadians are entitled to vote, the prospects are that hundreds of thousands will not bother to exercise that privilege.

In 1930 the total vote was 3,395,955. However, nearly a million young Canadians have since reached voting age. Even if only half of them exercised their vote, it may mean a total vote of nearly 4,500,000 next month.

In 1930 the vote was distributed as follows: For Conservatives, 3,909,955; for Liberals, 1,714,860; for other candidates, 274,180.

This distribution of votes resulted in the election of the following candidates, it will be recalled. Conservatives, 137; Liberals, 91; Independents, 2; United Farmers, 10; Labor, 3; Progressives, 2.

Except in Alberta and in the cities of Winnipeg and Vancouver, the 1930 election was practically a straight party fight between Liberals and Conservatives. Only about 7 per cent of the total popular vote was cast for third-party candidates. But in the election just ahead of us a very different situation arises.

New national parties have been formed in the past three years and will make their bow to the public. These small factions are only important in the Western country which enjoy fads.

The Reconstruction party is an expression of discontent growing out of

ACCIDENT VICTIMS ARE LAID TO REST

EDMUNDSTON, August 21—A combined service was held at 8.30 a.m. today in the Roman Catholic church at Baker Brook for the five children of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Morneault, Morneault Settlement, parish of Baker Brook, who were burned to death when the Morneault home was razed early Sunday morning. Rev. Ernest Lang, parish priest of St. Francois de Madawaska, and nephew of the deceased father, officiated.

The church was filled to capacity and many waited on the steps outside as the five little coffins were borne up the aisle, 20 children being the pallbearers. Interment was made in a common grave in the adjoining cemetery.

Cars on the Bridge

The letter from a Fredericton lady who was fined for passing another car going in the same direction on the Fredericton-Devon Highway was the subject of considerable discussion after it appeared in The Daily Mail last evening. Our editorial pointing out that the Motor Vehicle Act provided for such a fine was also discussed.

Several prominent citizens stated that they had often passed cars on the bridge while the same were going in the same direction. They had no intention of violating any law and they saw a clear space on the bridge and passed the other fellow who was going slowly in the same direction. None of these people had ever heard of a law providing against this.

Speaking to The Daily Mail this morning the Deputy Minister of Public Works pointed out sections of the Motor Vehicle Act which made it an offence to pass any car on a curve on the brow of a hill or on a bridge. He said that the fine for violation of the law was ten dollars for the first offence, twenty dollars for a second offence and fifty dollars for a third offence. The Deputy Minister said that this law had been in force three or four years and that the information regarding it was printed on the road maps, and on other publications issued to motorists when they were given their drivers' licenses. Tourists also had the information on the tourist maps, together with other information regarding our Motor Vehicle laws.

The trouble so far as the general public is concerned is that not one out of fifty ever read the information regarding our laws. It may be their own fault if they do not do so, but it is the case just the same.

When tea was first brought to England an old man and woman who were presented with a quantity of it ate the leaves and threw the tea away. Tourists and others take in the information regarding the highways and throw the other away.

The proper way for the department to advertise these things and give the public the information regarding how to act on the bridge and elsewhere, is through the newspapers. Every live person reads the advertisements and other matter in the newspapers. Few people read some small printed matter on the back of a pamphlet. Live advertising agencies have long ago recognized this fact and use the press. Why do not governments do the same?

It is annoying for a law abiding citizen to be haled into court and fined for a law which they never knew existed and which has never previously been enforced so far as the Fredericton-Devon bridge is concerned. All people who can see the danger of passing a car on a bridge near a curve or a hill, or passing a car on the brow of a hill or on a curve would never dream that the same law applied to a clear space on the Fredericton-Devon highway bridge which is practically the same as our streets.

Deputy Minister A. W. Barbour, who is always courteous and obliging, has given The Daily Mail the following information taken from a booklet which is given to every licensed automobile driver in the province:

"No one shall pass or attempt to pass any motor vehicle moving in the same direction if it is on a bridge, or is on a curve or brow of a hill, where clear view of the road cannot be had for at least 200 yards, or if the driver of such motor vehicle extends his left hand and arm horizontally."

the conditions revealed by the price spreads inquiry, and out of the impatience of Mr Stevens to see his own type of reforms for these abuses placed on the statute books

The Reconstruction party has already nominated a considerable number of candidates, and many more will be placed in the field on nomination day.

Since there are 245 seats, and none of them is expected to go by acclamation, the minimum number of candidates needed will be 490. It is expected, however, that this number will be far exceeded. It is quite possible that a record number of 800 men and women will present themselves, out of which the Canadian electors will make their choice.

Redistribution of seats took place in 1933, based on the population enumerated in 1931. It so happened that the total number of seats, based on a fixed number in Quebec, 65, did not change, but the representation of several provinces was altered

On the basis of population alone, much larger changes would have been made. Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick were saved by fixed minimums stated in the British North America Act, and the fact that the population must rise or fall by one-twentieth, in relation to Quebec's, saved Ontario from the loss of two or three seats.

BELGRADE, August 21—Two persons were killed and five wounded by police bullets and 19 others were badly beaten when orthodox Yugoslavs and Mohammedans who had been drinking heavily came to blows in Regatitza, Bosnia, following an impressive orthodox religious ceremony.

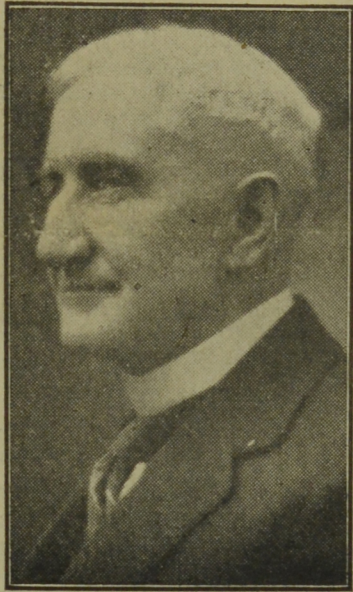
BOSTON, August 21—Two young bandits swaggered into a fashionable jewelry store in the Ritz-Carlton today held up 15 employees and customers with a sub-machine gun, and escaped with jewels valued at \$60,000.

M. E. AGAR WILL RESIGN FROM THE LIQUOR BOARD

**Resignation To Take Effect
September First**

**Applied for Senatorship
His Own Party at Ottawa
Did Not Recognize
His Services**

Miles E. Agar who is in the city this week, has received a letter from Hon. A. A. Dysart, Premier, asking for Mr. Agar's resignation as a member of the New Brunswick Liquor Control Board. The letter states that the Liquor Control Board changes are made on the ground of economy. It is understood that the intention of the government is not to replace the commissioners Messrs. Robidoux who resigned some weeks ago, and Mr. Agar, but to have a control board composed of R. G. Fulton, the chairman, and



M. E. AGAR, Ex-M. P. P.
Who is Resigning from the Liquor
Commission on September First

two members of the executive, possibly the Attorney General and the Provincial Secretary Treasurer, who will serve without salary. This will decrease the expenses in connection with the Liquor Control Board.

Mr. Agar, who accepted the position under the Tilley Government, states that he will resign his position within the next few days and that his resignation will take place on September first.

Mr. Robidoux who resigned a month or so ago, was an applicant for a Senatorship when the increase in the number of Senatorships from Westmorland was increased from four to five and A. J. Leger of Moncton was appointed.

Mr. Agar, who has given fifty years of service to the Conservative party both in the Legislature and out of it, was also an applicant for a Senatorship and felt that he should have the position, both because of his service and because he felt that the Irish Catholics should be represented somewhere. But when the plums in the way of Senatorships were dealt out, the Irish Catholic element were passed over and Mr. Agar was sidestepped.

During recent years Mr. Agar's business at St. John has not been in as prosperous a condition as formerly, and his friends felt that his own party might have remembered this instead of passing him by for younger men, and men who did not and cannot do much to increase the party popularity.

FIRE AT DEVON

A fire started this morning below the old Douglas Mill site on the east side of the river at Devon. The fire had gained a foothold in the sawdust and refuse and was giving quite a bit of trouble to the Devon Fire Department. The smoke from the fire was heavy this afternoon.

Flames Surround Gagetown Area

**Heavy Breezes Increase
Peril to Residents
There as Flames Are
Swept Onward — Over
2,000 Fighting Forest
Fires in Province To-
day.**

(Special to The Daily Mail)

GAGETOWN, Aug. 21 — Gagetown, focal point of one of New Brunswick's most serious forest fire conflagrations in years, was threatened today by jutting fingers of fire which angrily pointed toward this settlement today, influenced by the mounting breezes.

At one point the fire was hardly more than a mile away from Gagetown proper. The fire spread south-east from Upper Gagetown last night, and razed the Sucker Brook area.

Today the fire was only one half mile back of Arthur Cooper's property, midway between Upper Gagetown and Gagetown, and fire fighters were concentrated at this point to ward off the menace. The danger is very real today because of heavy gusts of wind which occur intermittently and carry the flames rapidly along.

Fire swept the Chipman area today also, and a shack owned by Ray Burpee was burnt to the ground. A new fire was reported by the Chipman tower. Apparently it had been burning for over half a day. Failure to notice the fire before was due to the dense clouds of smoke rising from the fire at Coal Creek, near Chipman, which was out of control. The Coal Creek fire was caused by coal stripping operations.

A ray of hope loomed for weary fire fighters and officials who began their fifth day of work today, the ray being the prediction of showers this evening and tomorrow. In view of the heavy losses and the inability of the fire-fighters to successfully cope with many of the outbreaks, the rain, if it comes, will be a heaven-sent one.

A rumor was about last night that truckloads of local men would be taken today to the scene of the fires at Geary and Gagetown. It was planned so the rumor had it, to conscript as many as possible and to make a house to house canvass to secure men for the work. R. C. M. P. officials today declared, that this was not the case.

More than 2,000 people today were battling New Brunswick's history-making forest fire blazes. Settlers and settlements were harassed by the mounting, sweeping flames and some of them were in danger of being annihilated as treacherous breezes sprang up today, warning of worse to come.

At least five settlements were in danger of the flames today. The most imminent danger was in Gloucester county where three of the five threatening blazes were located. Other settlements endangered were in Kent County and in Queens Co., with serious fires also in Kings and Northumberland counties.

Thirteen families were left virtually homeless at Charnesey, a new settlement near Tracadie. A new C. P. R. station was burned at Belledune, and Upper Caraque was endangered although the flames had not reached at last reports.

THE GEARY-GAGETOWN
The most serious holocaust is the Geary-Gagetown one, upon which more than 500 men are valiantly working tirelessly throughout last night. Causing the most concern probably was the Geary-Lawfield fire in Sunbury county. This fire split at Drummonds yesterday, part scooting down the Otnabog river along the back road.

It was burning on the old Spry grant, west of the Lawfield road yesterday, and large crews of fire fighters were fighting the fire determinedly last night. Included in the fire fighting crew was a crew of about 100 men from the Cambridge airport relief project. This outbreak was edging towards Upper Gagetown late last night. Another branch followed down the Rockwell Stream toward Geary and the Broad Road and working gradually towards the Sunbury-Queens county line.

2,370 ACRES BURNED

Late this afternoon a report came to the Daily Mail that 2,370 acres on the Deveber property at Gagetown was fireswept yesterday and today. This property is now owned by Miss Marjorie Lee, who resides in this city. This fire-razed property will all have to be cut this winter.

Like a giant dragon the forest fire at Geary spread over miles of timberland, writhing its way toward Gagetown, the centre of fire fighting activities today. Hundreds of staunch young men and old men are doing yeoman service, attempting with the greatest efforts to thwart every move of the fire beast, with a stray wind from the southwest last evening the fire was headed back after crossing the upper end of the Otnabog river and the Jack Road.

Forest Service headquarters here today reported that the fire has not yet crossed any main roads and was still within four miles of Upper Gagetown last night.

At Belledune the fire was serious. Apart from the station, however, no buildings were burned at Belledune, with the possible exception of a number of small structures in the station yard. About 400 men were engaged in fighting this outbreak, which had covered between 4,000 and 5,000 acres, chiefly blueberry lands.

IN GLOUCESTER

Similarly the St. Leolin and Caraqueet fires, in Gloucester County had become practically one. The former burned south across the Caraqueet River and out to the railway tracks west of Upper Caraqueet, where it died down without reaching the village. The Caraqueet blaze crossed the main highway between Caraqueet and Pokenouche and was on granted land.

The Portage River-Tracadie fire destroyed 13 buildings at Charnesey Settlement on the south side of the Tracadie River. The Portage River church was saved from the flames. Only four buildings at Charnesey were left

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J. VICTOR NORRAD SUCCESSOR TO W. T. GRIFFIN

J. Victor Norrad, of Bloomfield Ridge, was yesterday elected as the York county councillor to represent the parish of Stanley in the York County Municipal Council. The by-election in the parish was conducted yesterday. Norrad had a majority of only four votes, however, over other contestant, Lorenzo D. Hunter, also of Bloomfield Ridge. Fred Sansom, parish clerk at Stanley, gave out the results last evening and showed a total of 335 votes for Norrad and 331 for Hunter. A total of 666 votes were cast, from a possible 1,487. Women voters numbered 837.

The vacancy at the York County Council board was caused by the resignation of Councillor William T. Griffin, who removed from the parish into Northumberland county. The unexpired term of the councillorship is two years. A general county election will be held in the fall of 1937. The other Stanley parish representative on the council is Councillor E. J. Malone of Stanley.