

Toronto Goes "Big League" As Subway Project Starts

BAND MUSIC SALUTES START OF \$50,000,000 SUBWAY CONSTRUCTION

They held a band concert in the middle of Yonge St. today. The man with the pile-driver got the most attention. Scores of police held the crowds back, but there were no summonses issued in the extraordinary affair.

Today's ado was all over the official ceremonies launching Toronto's \$50,000,000 rapid transit project, and it was the hand of Hon. Ray Lawson, Ontario's lieutenant-governor, which pulled the lever setting off the 60-foot-high pile-driver to mark the beginning.

Timed To Perfection

With a band-shell backdrop, Yonge St. south of Wellington St. looked like the C.N.E. midway today. It was the first time in the history of the city they had held a concert in the middle of the city's main thoroughfare but not a motorist was offended for this has been forbidden territory for traffic for some days.

The ceremony, timed to T.T.C. perfection, saw government civic and other officials take the T.T.C. on the "momentous and historic occasion."

"One of the two most progressive steps in the improvement of Toronto's transportation facilities," praised Mayor McCullum, "has been taken."

William C. McBrien, the commission's peppy chairman, presided at today's do. He was flanked by members of the T.T.C., A. G. Patten, general manager; Bishop G. A. Wells, the mayor; Mr. Lawson, Hon. George Dunbar, representing the premier and Senator W. H. McGeorge.

Mr. McBrien gave Mr. Lawson a subway train. It was not one of the new long intercommunicating coaches planned for the Yonge St. subway but a delicate silver model which the lieutenant-governor said he would prize all his life.

Mayor McCullum declared that had Toronto not undertaken rapid transit as a corrective for traffic conditions "we would have had to cut diagonal highways through our built-up areas at a stupendous cost. While it will cost millions," he said, "it is expected the city will save many millions in additional street improvements that otherwise would have been necessary."

First Pile Is Driven
At a given signal the strains of

MALTA'S PREMIER GETS VOTE OF CONFIDENCE

Valletta, Malta, Sept. 8.—(Reuters)—Dr. Paul Boffa, Malta's prime minister, last night received a 10-to-2 vote of confidence from the executive committee of the Maltese Labor Party. The vote was taken as a sign of support of Dr. Boffa without consideration of the outcome of his talks—which he termed unsuccessful—with British cabinet ministers in London on the island's economic difficulties.

maltese music broadcast coast-to-coast by the 8th Highlanders, ceased and the lieutenant-governor stepped forward a guarded green lever. An engineer showed him the way the handle operated. Mr. Lawson took a push. Nothing happened. He pushed a little further and suddenly "Bang, bang, bang." The sparrows flew from the roof tops. The first pile was officially driven.

HEADS PRESTON KINSMEN

Preston, Sept. 8.—Robert McCormack was installed as president of the Preston Kinsmen club for the 1949-50 term at the first meeting of the club for the coming season. Installation of officers, as follows, highlighted the opening meeting: Past president, George Defrain; president, Robert McCormack; first vice-president, William Chew; second vice-president, William Moore; secretary, Peter Campbell; treasurer, Robert Borrowman; registrar, Harvey Goos; directors, Jack McFarlane, Harold Cook and William Kinsade; editor of club bulletin, Robin Shantz.

WORLD ROUTES FOR AIRLINES OF CANADA SEEN BY CHEVRIER

Extensive extension of Canadian air lines in the European continent, South America and Asia was forecast today by the Hon. Lionel Chevrier, minister of transport. But he told a C.N.E. audience commercial aviation's enlargement would not come overnight because "we do not intend to embark on a program of our international air routes purely for the sake of prestige, at the expense of the taxpayer."

In his address marking transportation day at the C.N.E., Mr. Chevrier said: "A certain amount of fear will have to be overcome, a fear that has been accentuated by accidents on foreign air lines, and by economic criticism of the North Star route of the transatlantic flight record of that value and of Trans-Canada Air Lines with regard to it."

In a review of Canadian transportation via air, rail and water, Mr. Chevrier termed the railways the "backbone of Canada's economy." The industry was facing "tremendous financial problems," but continued to give the country "valuable service. And it would be wrong to expect it to develop many of Canada's reported to be plentiful natural resources."

On the Great Lakes, Mr. Chevrier

EX. AUDIENCE SITS IN RAIN TO LISTEN TO BELL SINGERS

By HUGH THOMAS

Upholding the age-old tradition of the theatre, the Toronto Bell Singers, who were to perform last night in the drizzling rain, it went on 15 minutes late in the hope the sky would soon clear. But when it became apparent the steady downpour had come to stay, and hundreds had gathered, the managers decided to give the best show they could in the circumstances.

The Leslie Bell Singers sang two groups of numbers, the girls wearing their street clothes, raincoats and a great variety of "kerchiefs tied around their heads." Bell, the Star's music columnist, was dressed in his ordinary suit, not his customary summer evening clothes, and kept his collar up as an inadequate protection from the blowing rain. But with his usual sense of humor, he had that soaked crowd roaring at his ad lib cracks about the weather.

It's always easy to be on your singing mettle when you're dressed for the part, on a bright summer evening, looking out on a sea of thousands of faces as the Bell Singers have been doing every night so far. But it's harder to get into the spirit of the thing when all you can see is a comparative handful of drenched spectators out front. However, that didn't deter this admirable band of 40 young singers, who unhesitatingly filed on stage as soon as they got the signal from their leader.

And they gave no sloppy, routine run-throughs of their minor numbers, but skimmed cream off the top of their large repertoire, and sang with heart and voice for those wet but ardent music lovers, many of whom afterward reported they had caught every concert on the series, and rain wasn't going to deprive them.

Choir Game Tun
At 7.15 p.m., Dr. Bell came out,

CARRY STEN-GUNS ARREST 2 ROBBERS

Whitehorse, Y.T., Sept. 3.—(BUP)—Sten-gun armed police escorted two men here today to face charges of armed robbery, following the hold-up of a travelling salesman.

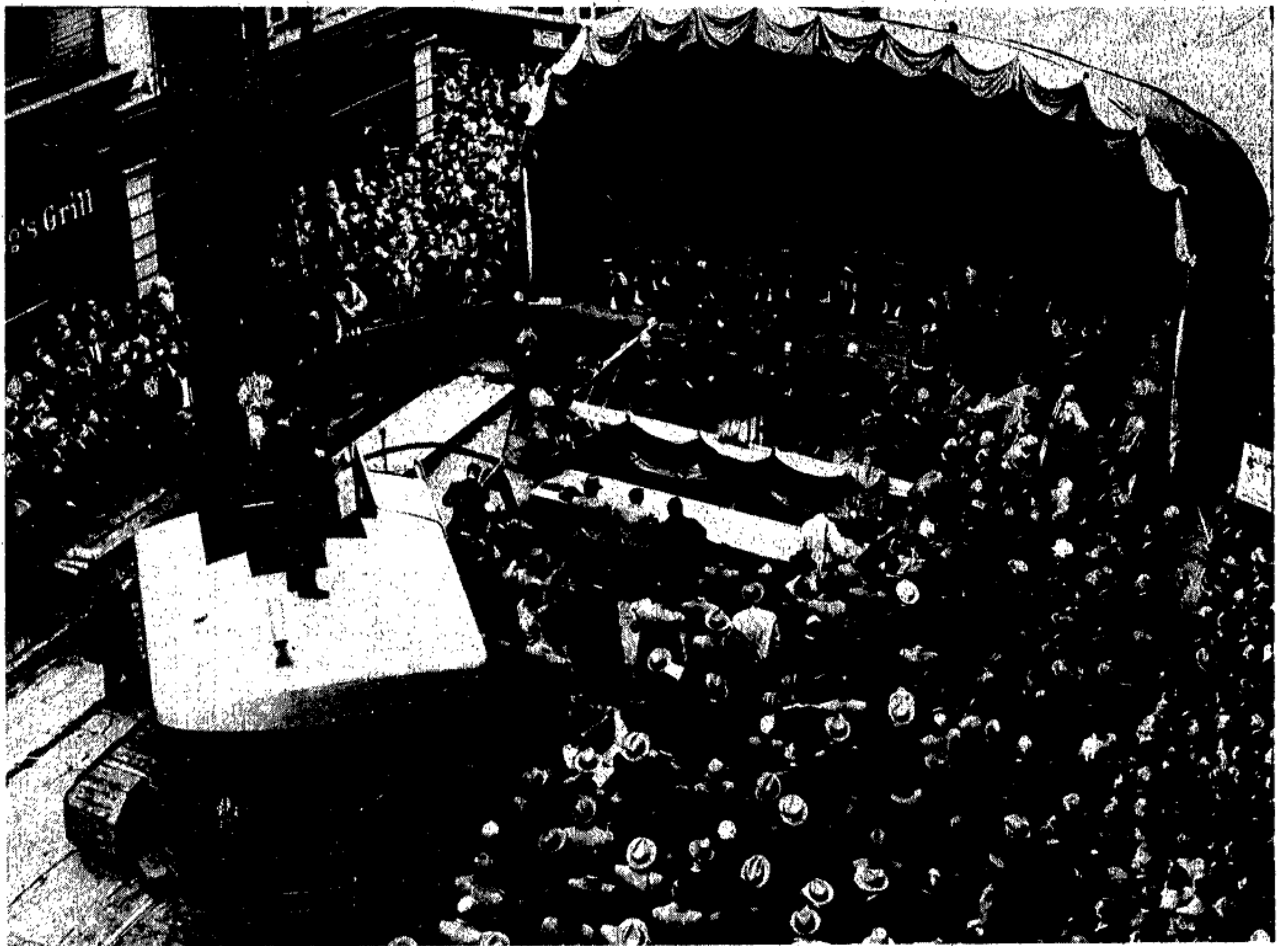
Police said Woodrow Lamber, 40, and Patrick Prakes, 23, held up Grant Dudley and took \$300 and his car.

and announced: "If you folks are game enough to sit there in the rain, we're game, too." This brought forth loud applause mingled with whistles and hoots of approval.

Then Bell had them sing two songs dedicated to the weather. "Over the Rainbow" and "June Is Bustin' Out All Over," which put the crowd in such a happy frame of mind they applauded and shouted "bravo" as the girls filed off stage in a slightly wet and rain-soaked condition, but smiling broadly at the crowd's appreciation.

If it hadn't been for the dampness having a bad effect on her marimba, Muriel Kilby, the other permanent Star "BX" artist on the series, would

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TORONTO TOOK STEP towards joining the really big-league class of London and New York today when Hon. Ray Lawson, lieutenant-governor of Ontario, officially began work on \$50,000,000 rapid transit project. Crowd is seen at Yonge St. ceremony.

Electric switch operating pile driver was pulled at 11.15 a.m. by lieutenant-governor, setting machine to work on the first steel pile. The band of the 48th Highlanders was on hand and program began with fanfare of trumpets, martial music.

3 NEW LIBERALS SENATE LABELLED 'MOST LOPSIDED'

By ROBERT TAYLOR Star Staff Correspondent

Ottawa, Sept. 8.—Three Liberals were named to the Senate yesterday, bringing government forces there to 79. When the present eight vacancies are filled, Liberals will have 87 to the Conservatives' 15 in the most lopsided situation that has existed since the upper chamber was created.

The new senators are: Robert William Gladstone of Quebec; Tom Reid of New Westminster, B.C.; and J. Wesley Stambaugh of Bruce, Alta., president for many years of the Alberta Liberal association.

Mr. Gladstone, just a few days away from his 80th birthday, has been a member of the Commons since 1932 but didn't run in the last general election because of sickness. He had been in hospital for five weeks.

Mr. Reid, parliamentary assistant to the minister of national health and welfare, has been unique in the Commons as a baggage player. He succeeds to the Senate seat held by the late Rt. Hon. Ian MacKenzie, who died recently at Banff, Alta.

By putting Mr. Reid in the Senate, the way is clear for the selection of a new cabinet minister from British Columbia in the next eight months or so.

Hon. Robert Mayhew, minister of fisheries, will be retiring next spring and Mr. Reid had some claims on the succession. This appointment will remove him from the contest, leaving it open for James Sinclair or Ralph Campney. Mr. Sinclair is at present parliamentary assistant to Hon. Douglas Abbott, and Mr. Campney, a newcomer to the Commons, almost certainly will be named as a parliamentary assistant. He is a former private secretary to Rt. Hon. MacKenzie King.

T.T.C., POLICE JOIN FORCES TO END BOTTLENECK ON BAY

Rush hour street car service in downtown Toronto has been switched to new routes following serious tie-ups in traffic last night. T.T.C. officials said today. Every effort, they said, is being made to eliminate the bottleneck that has developed at Bay St. and Wellington St. now that Yonge St. is closed for one block north of Front St. At the same time traffic officers announced drastic changes in parking and driving approved yesterday by the board of works. Beginning tonight, Kingston Rd. trippers, which were delayed last night, will now travel west on Queen St. to York St., south to King St. and then east on King St. and over the regular route.

Carlton trippers will turn south on Parliament St. to King St., then on Church St. and over the normal route. Church trippers will operate west on Queen St. to York St., then south to King St. and over the regular route.

Bathurst-Scott trippers used during the exhibition will travel via York St. when westbound. Every other Yonge train will turn east on Dundas St. and run south on Victoria to Adelaide and then up Yonge.

Bay-Front tripper service will be extended to the loop at the foot of Bay St. A new series of parking regulations for the congested area was announced by the police department last night.

Not only are deliveries prohibited but drivers are forbidden to pick up or discharge passengers on several downtown streets between 8 and 9.30 a.m. and 4 and 6 p.m. The streets on which the new regulations apply are York St. from Front St. to Queen St.; Wellington St. from University Ave. to Church St.; Victoria St. from Adelaide St. to Dundas St.; Richmond St. from University Ave. to Church St.; and Dundas St. from Yonge St. to Victoria St.

Police traffic officers had time to twiddle their thumbs during rush hour this morning at street corners where traffic is being diverted because of subway construction on Yonge St. Yesterday the same men were practically standing on their respective cars trying to cope with what is believed to have been the worst traffic tie-up in Toronto history.

REGENT PARK TOP RENT \$67 48 MORE SUITES READY SOON

Ald. Louis Shannon, chairman of the Toronto housing authority, said today top rents at the new Regent Park project is \$67. Lowest rental is \$30. It is not expected, he said, that upon completion of the entire scheme any rent will top \$30.

To date, eight families have been rehoused in the first two homes constructed. It is expected, the authority was informed today, that a 48-apartment suite will be completed by the first of October and an additional 48 families will move in.

David Mansur, Central Mortgage and Housing Corp. chairman, has informed the Toronto housing authority that the dominion government has approved the procedure followed in the fixation of rents in the project. The dominion government, which materially assisted in financing the scheme, had insisted that no rental be above the economic level. This is defined as 12 per cent of total construction costs.

Ald. Shannon said the pattern followed by the committee had ensured that no rents would go above this figure. "In fact, most will be well below," he said. Rents of tenants are based on size of family and total family income. "As a result, rentals are liable to change as either of these conditions change," added the alderman.

TRIAL IS HELD TO TELL ESKIMO SUICIDE BARRED

Ottawa, Sept. 8.—(CP)

Officers of the R.C.M.P. and the Northwest Territories administration have closed a case marking another step in the slow ideological struggle between the white man and the Eskimo.

The case, which stretched over a full year in the frozen wastes inside the Arctic circle, concluded with the one-year sentence of a 21-year-old Eskimo, Keriyyook, and the acquittal of a 21-year-old companion, Ishakak. Keriyyook, police described as "murderer," the hanging of Keriyyook's 45-year-old mother, Nukashook. However, the youths were tried on a reduced charge of assisting, her suicide.

Full story of the trial was brought back to Ottawa by D. T. MacDonald, who defended the two Eskimos in a trial at Cambridge Bay, N.W.T., on the southeastern coast of Victoria Island.

The trial, held Sept. 2 and 3, involved the flying-in by R.C.A.F. aircraft of Mr. MacDonald, John Parker of Yellowknife, who acted as prosecutor, and A. H. Gibson, stipendiary magistrate of Yellowknife, who was judge.

Specifically, the purpose of the trial which caused the white man so much trouble was described in this way by the resources department: "It is hoped the trials will have the desired effect of bringing home to the Eskimos that assisted suicides are forbidden. The comparatively light sentence given Keriyyook avoided, however, any unnecessary harshness toward an individual whose sense of filial duty and adherence to Eskimo custom led him to contravene the criminal code."

The story began last summer when the mother, in an advanced state of tuberculosis and in pain, asked her son to help her die. She asked him many times, but Keriyyook demurred, knowing white men would consider his actions wrong.

Eskimo witnesses said it had been Eskimo custom to assist the old or sick to die, at their request.

SUGGEST MARRIAGE FORM FOR NON-CHRISTIAN COUPLES

By W. F. WIGGINS Star Staff Correspondent

Halifax, Sept. 8.—A suggested form of marriage ceremony for non-Christians has been prepared for the consideration of the General Synod of the Church of England in Canada. It is the work of a commission appointed by the Synod three years ago.

It calls for the minister first to instruct the parties concerned "as to the nature and purpose of marriage both in the natural order and the realm of Divine Grace."

"If, following this both parties declare their conscientious inability to accept the Christian faith and to be married as Christians, the minister may officiate according to the form hereafter set forth," says the report.

Such a marriage may not be celebrated in the church but is to be performed in the vestry "or some other convenient place." The officiating minister may wear a cassock "but none of the vestments proper to the priestly office."

The ceremony for non-Christians is shortened and simplified considerably. The famous text—"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder"—is not to be used. Nor is there the usual prayer for the sanctification of the ring as a symbol of marital fidelity. The preliminary address to the people present is cut down, there is no reference to the presence of Christ at the marriage in Canada, nor to the ceremony signifying the mystical union between Christ and His church.

The minister is to say: "We are gathered here before God and this community to join together this man and woman in marriage, which was instituted by God, Who is Lord of Nature and Grace. Then he proceeds to state the three purposes of marriage—the procreation of children, the control and right direction of human instincts, and for mutual society, help and comfort that each may give the other."

SHIP SINKS, CREW OF 5 SAFE
Bonaville, Nfld., Sept. 8.—(CP)—The motor vessel Marion sprang a leak and sank 10 miles off this northern coast town yesterday but her five-man crew reached shore safely.

Myerious 'Black Car' Stranger Cures Hiccoughs With Wet Noodle

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 8.—(UP)—Bob Meier, 2-year-old clerk, had suffered from hiccoughs for eight days when a mysterious stranger showed up at his home.

From a black bag, the stranger took two black candles and lighted them. Then he took a wet noodle from the bag, tied a string around it and draped the string over Meier's head with the noodle hanging between his eyes.

Meier looked at the noodle cross-eyed and laughed. His hiccoughs stopped instantly.

Without identifying himself the man blew out the candles and put them in his bag.

"Shhh," the man said. "Don't tell anybody I did this."

Then he drove off in a big, black car.

DOG DAYS FOR HORSE

Winnipeg—A heat-grogged milkman's horse was in a bad way after pulling his heavy wagon over the city's hot streets recently. The driver's prescription—a garden hose played on the hot hooves of suffering Dobbin.