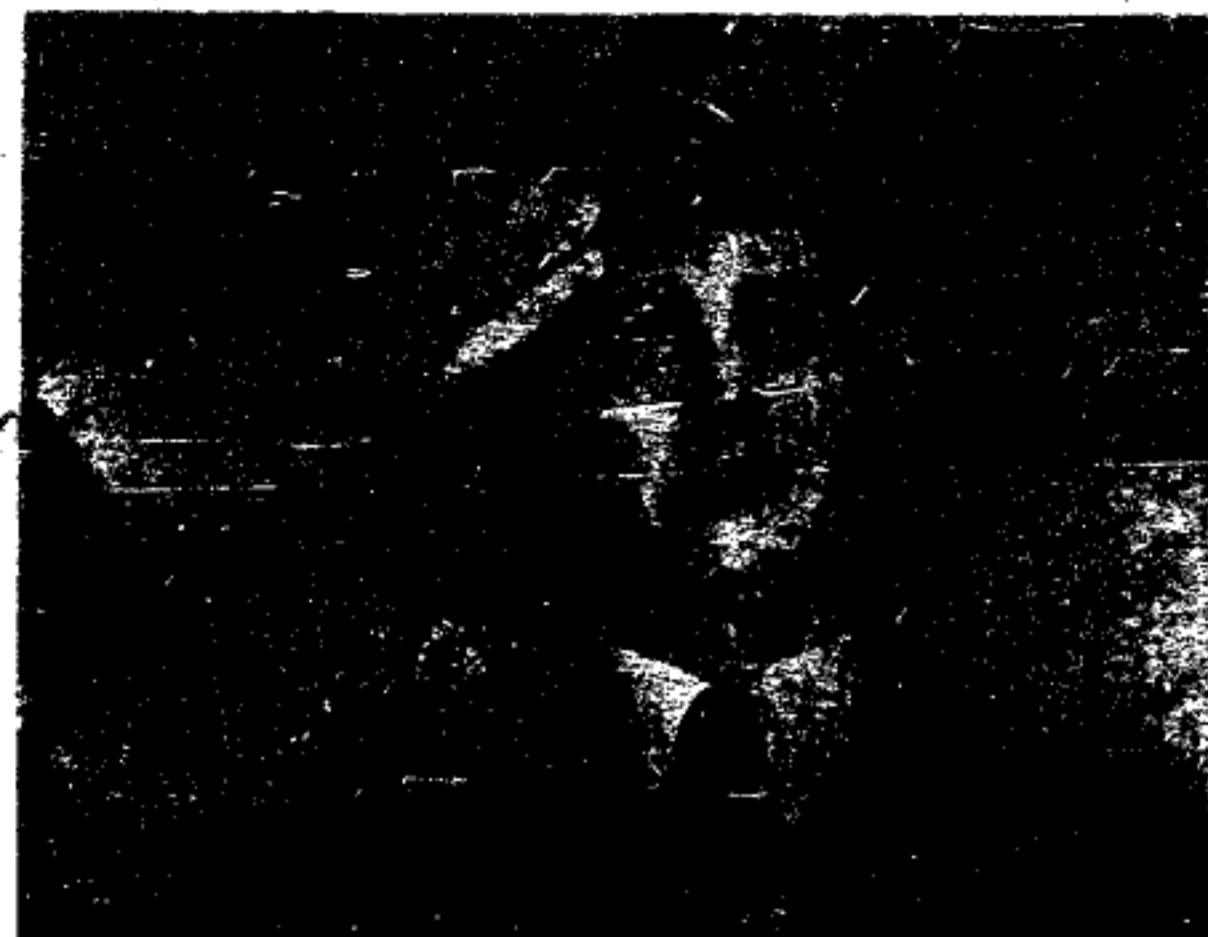
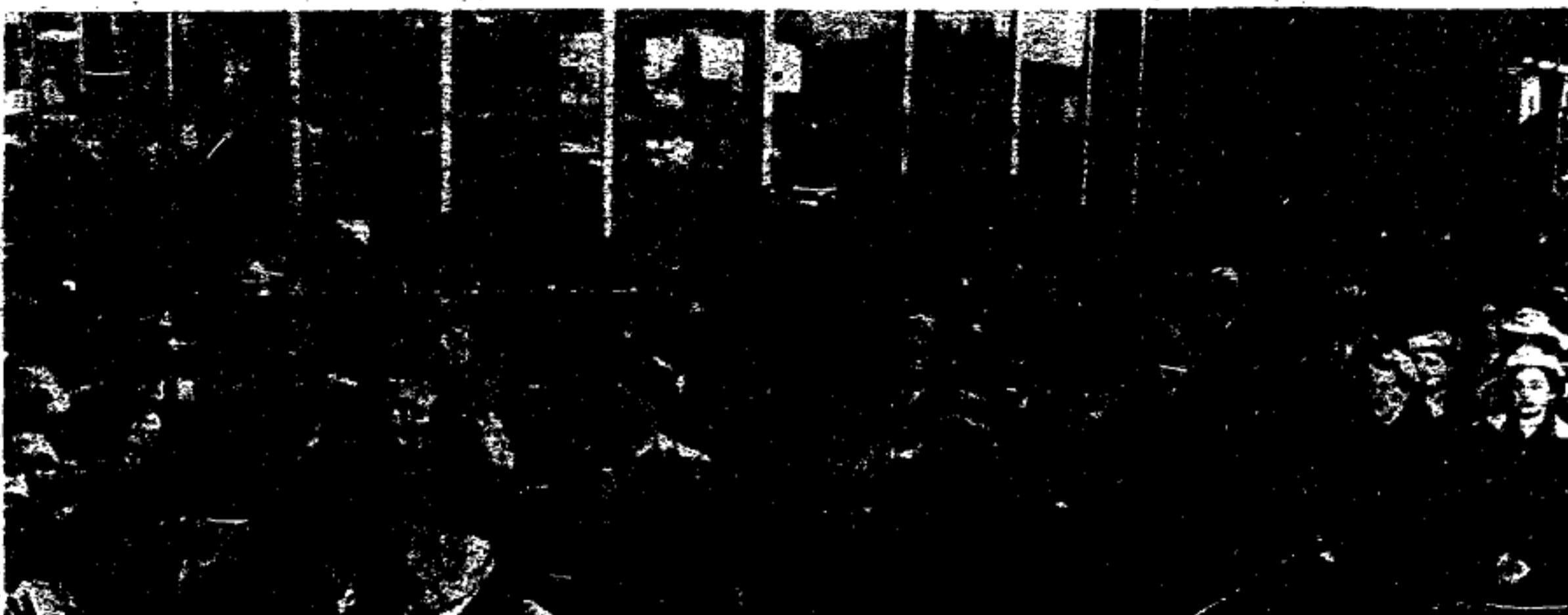


Davisville Station Jam-packed as Subway Starts to Roll



MARGARET MONTGOMERY SALUTES SUBWAY



DAVISVILLE CROWD WATCHES DIGNITARIES ARRIVE FOR SUBWAY OFFICIAL OPENING



CROWD JAMS DAVISVILLE STATION TO SEE LAUNCHING OF RAPID TRANSIT



W. C. McBIEN, MAYOR LAMPORT, PREMIER FROST AT CEREMONY



W. DAVIS HOLDS PHOTO OF FATHER'S STORE



AERIAL VIEW SHOWS THE CROWD THAT GATHERED TO WATCH THE OFFICIAL OPENING

TRAFFIC AUTHORITIES FROM ALL OVER WORLD SEE SUBWAY OPENED

Dignitaries from two world capitals, London and Paris, and other major subway cities such as New York and Boston were in the official cheering section when Premier Frost and Mayor Lamport today pushed the lever which flashed the green light for Canada's first subway line.

The officials were honored guests at the opening ceremony at Davisville station, in appreciation of technical help to the Toronto tube. Among the rapid transit systems not represented was Moscow's marble-decorated tube, probably the world's most lavish underground.

W.H. Speed Service
The cosmopolitan flavor of the ceremony was further enhanced by observers from Cleveland, which trails Toronto by months in opening its first rapid transit line, and Montreal, which casts envious eyes at Toronto while still planning its first underground.

Guests who saw the Toronto tube for the first time "ahed" and "ahed" as they inspected the attractive pastels and bright lighting of the stations, which will make the rapid transit line the world's brightest and most modern.

Start of the subway marks Toronto's emergence, at least, from the era of horse-drawn speeds for Yonge St. Before the horse cars were replaced in 1921, they were restricted by law to a maximum speed of six miles per hour. For years past, from which to see the events on electric cars on Yonge St. have the specially erected ceremonial same speed in rush hours, be-

reared to a stop and a bus disgorged the VIPs. At the last of them took their position on the ceremonial platform, a special bank of signal lights flashed from red to amber. William C. McBrien, TTC chairman and chairman of the ceremonies, made introductory remarks, followed by Mayor Lamport and "Metro Mayor" Gardner. Rev. C. Howard Benall of Walmer Road Baptist church invoked the blessing on the subway.

Significant Milestone

F. G. Gardner, mayor of Metropolitan Toronto, said: "The Metropolitan council recognises that this subway was especially a Toronto Transportation commission and city of Toronto project and has great pleasure in offering our congratulations to both. It is appropriate that I should observe that the year 1954 is not only a significant milestone in the history of the city of Toronto, but it is also the year in which the Toronto Transit commission and the Metropolitan corporation became responsible for public transportation in the Metropolitan area."

Premier Offers

As Premier Frost flashed the greenlight, dozens of subway trains assembled in the Davisville yard saluted with a shrill blast, in unison, from their air whistles. The first official train glided up to the loading platform and the official party boarded it for the first run north to Eglinton and south to the Union station. The Davisville station was chosen for the ceremonies, a TTC official explained, as it provided the best "grandstand" room for the public to watch.

Pipers greeted the "VIPs" as they moved from the train upstairs to the mezzanine floor of the Union subway station.



JEAN PAIRMAN, JOAN TREBLE, MARY LOGAN AND SIGN ADORNING LAST YONGE ST. CAR