

Former Island Lady Observes 102nd Birthday

The following interesting item is from a Seattle, Washington exchange of recent dates. You wouldn't guess, to look at her, that she was 102.

CENTRAL GUARDIAN

This column is reserved for news of local interest, but advertising of a new nature may be inserted at five cents a word, strictly payable in advance.

THURSDAY NIGHT, Dec. 16, at K. of C. Home, Christmas Party.

LINE OF Best Form Bars, regular price \$1.50, starting at \$1.00—S. A. McDonald's.

CHRISTMAS PARTY K. of C. Home tonight, 8.30. All members, wives or lady friends invited to attend.

FUNERAL AT BREADALBANE—The funeral of the late Mrs. Harry Keating of Springfield was held yesterday afternoon from the home of her uncle, John J. MacLeod, Breadalbane.

DON'T FORGET K. of C. Christmas party in their home tonight, Dec. 16.

NAVY DINNER—A Mess Dinner, celebrating the 25th anniversary of the establishment of a naval barracks in Charlottetown, was held at H. M. C. S. "Queen Charlotte" last night with Captain J. J. Connelly, V. D., presiding.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING—At a special meeting of the City School Board yesterday, plans were made to open afternoon classes for grade one pupils in Prince Street School.

PERSONALS—The many friends of Mr. Sinclair Cutcliffe of Charlottetown are pleased to see him out of hospital where he was taken following a car accident 10 days ago.

POULTRY PRICES Continue High—Poultry meat prices have been high throughout Canada and there has been a keen demand for the product.

SCIENTIFIC BREEDERS—There are now, Mr. Clay said, about 100 "key" swine breeders in the Province from whom the commercial hog raisers can secure their breeding stock.

SEARCH FOR OIL—The Shell Co. intends to spend \$750,000 (\$8,000,000) in the next two years searching for oil in Queensland.

MITT-FREE CHEESE—Brisbane research workers believe they have found a substance to take the crawl out of cheese.

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Candle Light Service At Zion

Last night Zion Church choir under the direction of Mr. Frank Johnson, A.T.C.L., presented its Candle Light Service which is now becoming an annual feature of the Christmas celebrations at Zion.

This year's service was up to the usual high standard and the church was filled to capacity by an appreciative audience.

The programme included the following: Selection of Carols by the Choir; (a) "See Amid the Winter Snows"; (b) "Come With Torches, Jeannette, Isabella"; (c) "O Holy Night"; Hymn for Choir and Congregation, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"; Anthems: (a) "Christians Awake"; soloists, Harry Craxwell and Mrs. June Larter; (b) "And There Were in That Same Country"; soloist, Mrs. Bruce MacPherson; Junior Choir: (a) "Polish Carol"; (b) "O Evergreen"; soloists, Basil Phillips and Freddy Hickox.

Hymn Anthem: "In the Bleak Mid-Winter" (unaccompanied); Solo: "The Holy Child"; Male Octette: "Lord I Want To Be a Christian" (members, Harry Craxwell, John Mustard, John MacLeod, Malcolm MacKinnon, Arthur Farquharson, Geo. MacDonald, Wendell Phillips, Norman MacPherson); Anthem: "Hall Smiling Morn"; Hymn for Choir and congregation: "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"; Male Octette: (a) "O Holy Night"; (b) "Sleep Little Child Divine"; Hymn Anthem: "Silent Night, Holy Night" (unaccompanied); Anthem: Solo and Chorus: "O Thou that Tearest"—Handel. Soloist, Mrs. Bruce MacPherson; Anthem: "And the Glory of the Lord"—Handel; Reading: "Christmas Bells"—Longfellow, Rev. G. C. Webster; Chorus: "Hallelujah"—Handel. Benediction.

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It was profitable for hog breeders in Western Canada and in the United States Corn Belt to transport carloads of our qualified sows for breeding purposes.

The second reason was that the low price of potatoes afforded Island swine men an opportunity of securing part of their hog feed at a much-reduced price.

Scientific Breeders—There are now, Mr. Clay said, about 100 "key" swine breeders in the Province from whom the commercial hog raisers can secure their breeding stock.

Despite the fact that local demand is now greater than the local supply of pure bred hogs and sows, a few individual shipments have been made within the last few days to widely scattered sections of the United States and Canada.

Mr. Frank McAulay, Souris, yesterday shipped a pure bred boar to Melville, Sask., and is shipping another to Eaton, Ohio.

Mr. Earl Sabitz, who has a large herd of swine on his farm near Toronto, Mr. Boswell has also shipped the grand champion boar sow "Cornwall Empress 1 A" to Mr. J. R. Poplan, Chesterville, Ont.

Melville, Sask., is also getting another pure bred young sow, this one from Col. F. E. Andrews of Royalty; the well known firm of S. C. Stewart and Sons, Dunstonsburg, has shipped one sow to Mr. Sevrigny of Princeville, P. Q., and a boar and a sow to Mr. Cole of the same place.

Those two sows respectively won first and third place in their class at the recent Winter Fair in Amherst, N. S., and were bred by Mr. Monty McLeod of Cherry Valley.

St. Hyacinthe Order—Mr. Clay, said the district live stock fieldman for the Province of Quebec, Mr. Joseph Fleury, is organizing a Junior Boys' Swine Club at St. Hyacinthe, P. Q., and has placed an order for 25 to 30 young gilts for delivery next May or June.

Mr. Kenneth Clark, representing a large packing company of Baltimore, Md., is in Charlottetown on a special mission to meet with the representatives of the Dominion swine raisers.

12-Day-old Rio Defence Treaty Meets First Test

By George Ronald

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15—(CP)—The Rio Defence Treaty, enacted only 12 days ago and already being put to its first test, is a far-reaching agreement designed to hold western-hemisphere "family squabbles" to a minimum and present a powerful, two-continent reply to any outside aggression.

The pact went into force Dec. 3, eight days later Costa Rica complained it had been invaded by a small force from neighboring Nicaragua.

The Council of the Organization of American States went to work and announced here Tuesday night a plan to deal with the situation.

It declared itself a provisional conciliation body and appointed a commission to make an on-the-spot investigation.

Nicaragua, which denies responsibility for the "invasion," was as pleased as Costa Rica about that action.

Secretary of State, said today at a press conference the Council showed "very commendable speed."

Concrete results of the Rio Treaty are being watched with special interest because the precedent is suggested as a basis for the proposed North Atlantic security alliance.

That would link the United States, Canada, Britain, France, Belgium, and The Netherlands and Luxembourg as a military team to offset Russian aggression.

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Zion Men's Organization Annual Meeting

Zion Church Men's Organization held its annual meeting on Tuesday evening, Dec. 1. This was a supper meeting. The supper was provided by the Women's Auxiliary of Zion Church.

The meeting opened with the singing of a hymn. Then Rev. G. C. Webster asked the blessing, after which all sat down to a delicious supper.

Most important business was transacted. Many of the members spoke of the great work that has been accomplished by this organization and of what could be done in the future.

Reports were given by the chairmen of the various committees and by the secretary and the treasurer.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Mr. Ernest Reid; vice-president, Mr. Joseph Rood; secretary, Mr. Miller MacFadyen; treasurer, Mr. Maxwell King.

The following is the list of committees and the chairman of each: Program, Mr. George MacLeod; membership, Mr. George Douglas; visiting, Mr. A. A. MacDonald; song leaders, Mr. Harry Craxwell; pianist, Mrs. Frank Johnson.

Messrs. A. A. MacDonald and Herbert Jewell were appointed representatives of Zion Men's Organization to the Affiliated Laymen's Council of this City.

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Says U. S. Will Turn Down Power Project

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15—(CP)—Senator Alexander Wiley (Rep. Wis.) predicted today that the Ontario-New York plan for a St. Lawrence River hydro development will be rejected by the United States Government.

"I have assurance," he told a reporter, "that the Federal Power Commission and the State Department will definitely shelve the New York State's application."

Wiley did not reveal the source of his information.

The \$460,000,000 proposal to harness the mighty St. Lawrence at the International Rapids near Cornwall, Ont., would mean 2,300,000 horsepower of electric energy for Ontario and New York.

The State's application for a licence was heard in October by the Power Commission, which reserved judgment.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, Mid-dlesex, England—(CP)—A fishmonger found a swordfish in one of his crates of swordfish.

More, Maryland, wants this Province to supply him with a carload of pure bred boars each year and has asked Mr. Clay to go to aid hog raisers in that vicinity.

The story of how Prince Edward Island Yorkshire swine have reached their present high state of development.

Many of those orders for next Spring's delivery will be filled, Mr. Clay said. By Island breeders utilizing all their own pure bred stock during the winter months they will have a Spring surplus.

But it is highly important, Mr. Clay said, that at this time of year, all good pure bred stock should be kept at home.

In the meantime, Mr. Clay said, an offer of \$500 has come from Janaway Prince Albert, Sask., for Canada's champion boar, Woodstock Duke, 14 A.

The offer has been made by the Prince Albert Live Stock Breeders' Association, Mr. Clay said, and may be accepted.

Charlottetown Ministerial Association Meets

The monthly meeting of the Charlottetown Ministerial Association was held on Tuesday afternoon in the KiPk Hall of St. James' Church, with the president, Rev. E. R. MacVicar of Pownal in the chair, and the Secretary, Rev. J. D. Davison at the desk.

After the reading of the minutes, the following arrangements were made for the local observance of the Universal Week of Prayer, January 3-7, 1949, as follows:

Monday, Central Church, Major Hutchison.

Tuesday, Baptist Church, Rev. M. D. Dunbar.

Wednesday, St. Paul's Church, Rev. T. H. B. Somers.

Thursday, Zion Church, Rev. Dr. W. E. Dudley.

Friday, Trinity Church, Rev. J. T. Ibbott.

A special feature of the meeting was the reading of a most informing, stimulating, and, at times, amusing paper by Dr. W. E. Dudley on the "Mayflower Pilgrims and Puritans of New England" basing his remarks in part on Whit-tacker's historical novel "Saints and Strangers" and in part on the Diary of Governor Bradford of Massachusetts which, though written in the 1620's, was made public until the 1850's, when it was found in the Palace of the Bishop of London.

Dr. Dudley outlined in vivid detail the lot of the pilgrims, their very human characteristics, and their unique contribution to the establishment of democratic principles in the social and political institutions that have since survived and become the bulwark of our best civilization.

Dr. Dudley was warmly thanked for this rare treat. The next meeting of the Association is to be held in the Mansie of Central Christian Church, Tuesday, January 11th, at 2 p.m.

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that. The announcement meant that 12 months of ban against virtually any personal purchase in the States will be over within two weeks.

Mr. Abbott hazarded no guess as to the volume of imports the various changes would cause.

OYSTERS OFF BANNED LIST—Other goods which now go off the banned list are oysters and other shell fish, syrups, paper towels, napkins and dollies, candles, lubricating oils and greases, wet cell batteries, non-electric signs, door frames and sashes, synthetic casings for meat, andirons, brass or bronze cases, boxes and trays.

Cleaned rice also is removed from the list but imports of both cleaned and rough rice will continue in conformity with international allocations.

Unmanufactured leather of all kinds and cheese, both under quota, will be unrestricted.

Materials which are transferred from a complete ban to a quota list include slide fasteners, umbrellas, buttons, wall paper, kitchen or household hollow-ware, cameras, binoculars and cocoa powder.

Domestic sewing machines may, after Jan. 1, be imported if a permit is obtained from the Trade Department.

The Minister pointed out that some of the changes open the way for imports not only from the U. S., but Britain and other countries.

He mentioned that increased supplies from overseas might be anticipated in such lines as household hollow-ware, cameras, brass and bronze bowls and trays, furs, furniture, wall paper and paper napkins and dollies.

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mail order offices. The tax will mean greater contributions to the City treasury from professional men such as doctors, lawyers, accountants, and others who have their business premises rented.

Authority to impose a business

Legion Christmas Gift Tree At Moore & McLeod's

The second annual Christmas Gift Tree for hospitalized and shut-in war veterans, sponsored by the Charlottetown Branch of the Canadian Legion B. E. S. L., was set up yesterday at Moore and McLeod Limited.

Co-operating with the Legion in the venture which proved so successful last year are the Contact Club and the Overseas Nursing Sisters Association.

Although the tree was placed in position on the second floor of Moore and McLeod only yesterday, already gifts have been received.

The Legion Christmas Tree Committee under the chairmanship of Col. A. W. Rogers has requested that not more than one gift be included in each parcel, and a card may be obtained at Moore and McLeod's on which the contents of the parcel, size if any and the name and address of the donor may be listed.

It was emphasized that purchases may be made at any store, but the gifts must be placed under the Legion Christmas Tree to assure distribution to the War Veterans on Christmas.

Among gift suggestions for hospitalized veterans are, cigarettes, toilet articles, socks, sweaters, pens, pencils, cribbage boards, handkerchiefs, playing cards, candy, fruit, photo frames, writing paper, adult games, pipes and tobacco and pocket novels.

Christmas Gifts To U. K. By Air

MONTREAL, Dec. 15—Christmas gifts from nearly one thousand Canadian families are winging their way across the grey Atlantic today in a Trans Canada Air Lines "North Star" to gladden the hearts of relatives and friends in many parts in Europe, including the British Isles and France.

This 8,800 pound shipment is the heaviest all gift air lift yet made by T. C. A. in the pre-Christmas rush, and is a charter flight for the Birmah Newton Co. It consisted of hams, turkeys and bacon.

So far this month, more than twenty tons of food parcels have travelled to the United Kingdom and France on Santas' new four-engined sleighs.

or occupying tax based on floor space or on the rented or assessed value of the property was granted by the Provincial Legislature last Spring in an Act consolidating and amending the several Acts of incorporation of the City of Charlottetown.

It was pointed out by Recorder K. M. Martin that many business firms owning their own properties will not be affected by the tax. On the other hand, theatre and restaurant proprietors who do not own their own properties will, in most cases, pay an increased tax.

\$560 Million Surplus In First Eight Months

(By The Canadian Press) OTTAWA, Dec. 15—Finance Minister Abbott said today the Government took in \$560,000,000 more than it spent in the first eight months of this fiscal year.

But he cautioned that further increases up to March 31 would be wholly or largely offset by expenditures "which are ordinarily not recorded in the Government's accounts until right at the end of the year."

His statement indicated that the surplus he is able to announce at the end of the fiscal year will be in the neighborhood of or less than that for 1947-48—\$676,000,000.

In November, there was a surplus of \$25,400,000 arising from expenditures of \$179,200,000 and revenues of \$204,600,000.

Total spendings in the first eight months of 1948 amounted to \$1,175,653,000 and revenues came to \$1,735,963,000. Comparable figures for 1947 were \$1,251,134,000 and \$1,826,82,000.

Mr. Abbott drew attention to the "importance" of the part being played by this year's surplus in the financing of certain large demands upon the Government's cash resources beyond the regular budgetary expenditures.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM NEW DELHI—(CP)—The Indian constituent assembly, Dec. 9 passed an article of the Draft Constitution which says that "all persons are equally entitled to freedom of conscience and freedom to profess, practice and propagate their own religion."

PRIME MINISTER



Rt. Hon. LOUIS S. ST. LAURENT Speaks To-Night "The Liberal Party and Social Security" C B A 8.45 P. M.

SPECIAL Christmas Offer Girls' & Boys' BICYCLES 10% off THE ROGERS HARDWARE COMPANY LIMITED

NEW TRAIN SERVICE CHARLOTTETOWN - SUMMERSIDE "For the convenience of travellers between Charlottetown and Summerside, the Canadian National Railways announce the operation of a new daily, except Sunday, train service between Charlottetown and Summerside, effective immediately, leaving Charlottetown 8.40 a. m. and Summerside 4.40 p. m."

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