

Former Islander Head Of Manitoba's Big Utility Board

Newly appointed chairman of Manitoba's Municipal and Public Utility Board is Mr. David L. Mellish...

The variety of questions and the number of applications that have to be dealt with make the job of chairman of the Manitoba Municipal and Public Utility Board one of the toughest in the province's government service...

The newly appointed chairman, David L. Mellish, is not a lawyer although he has assistance of one who is a member of the three-man board. Long experience in municipal affairs qualified him in the first instance as a member of the board when the first appointments to it were made in 1928...

Went Harvesting

A harvest excursion brought Mellish to Manitoba from his native Prince Edward Island in 1932. Born at Montague, noted then and now for its potatoes, he went West to teach school for a year, with a salary of \$240.

Mellish and five companions who came on the same train were billeted at Winnipeg for harvest work at Virden. Arriving on a Saturday afternoon their employer didn't show up. On Sunday a young farmer from Pipestone came to Virden desperate for help to take off a big crop. He hired the whole gang and Pipestone has claimed Mellish as one of its citizens ever since.

"A spell in the harvest fields at 40 a month induced him to give up teaching. He got a job with the local implement dealer. Three years later he bought the business and signed a contract with the firm which he still represents. Today his agency is selling farm implements to grandsons of his first customers.

"His interest in municipal affairs started in 1920 with his election as councillor in Pipestone municipality. He was on the council four years before his election as reeve, an office he held for eight years. He was president of the Manitoba Union of Municipalities in 1929 when the Government made its first appointments to the Municipal and Public Utility Board. Pipestone municipality has the distinction of having given three representatives to the union, one of whom was Hon. Robert Forgue, who represented Brandon constituency in the House of Commons and at one time was a minister in the King Government.

Sailing Vessel Nina Is Reported Safe

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, July 22—(CP)—The sailing vessel Nina, built on a model of Columbus's ship for an English cinema firm, reported itself safe today from St. Vincent, about 2 1/2 miles due west of here in the Windwards.

The Nina had been the object of a sea and air search since it left on a cruise to try its sails Wednesday night. She carried a crew of 16 and three passengers. No details were reported from St. Vincent, but it was assumed all hands were safe. The passengers included Robert Clarke, builder of the vessel.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS 50c Per Insertion

BIRTHS WEBSTER—At the Prince County Hospital July 22, to Mr. and Mrs. Vernal Webster, Augustine Cove, a daughter, weight 8 lbs. WARREN—At the P. E. I. Hospital, July 17 to Mr. and Mrs. Rhoads M. Warren, a daughter, 11 lbs. 9 oz.

MARRIAGES MOORE - MUNN - At Trinity United Church, Charlottetown, P. E. I., on Saturday, July 17th, 1948, by the Rev. T. E. McLennan, Sarah Doris Munn, St. Andrews, to George Richard Moore, Winaloe.

DEATHS RYAN—At the Provincial Sanatorium, Thursday, July 29, 1948, Russell Ryan, Avondale, aged 30 years. Funeral notice later.

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Life Guards Employing Up To Date Methods At P. E. I. National Park

Regional Employment Committee In Session

During proceedings of the monthly meeting of the Regional Employment Committee which opened in this City yesterday morning, Mr. George Ryan, chairman of the local Employment Committee presented a comprehensive report on potential sources of employment in this area.

Mr. Ryan expressed the opinion that some of the sand deposits on the Island could be profitably developed for commercial use. He drew particular attention to the deposits at Norris Pond, Bell River and East Lake which have been proven by test to be well-suited for sand mould in foundry work.

Government contracts for sand specifications are based on deposits found in the Ottawa River, and Mr. Ryan remarked that sand deposits have tested considerably higher than the Ottawa samples for good moulding and for cohesion properties.

REFERENDUM

Continued from page 1 most 90 per cent of these eligible turned out. The confederation majority however would be small. This immediately raised the question of how big a majority would be needed before Canada would accept Newfoundland as a 10th Province.

It seemed certain however that negotiations with the Canadian Government and the British Dominion Office would have to go ahead. It might mean that a provisional government would be set up to negotiate terms.

FEDERAL PLATFORM

Continued from page 1 to the federal nature of the Canadian constitution, there are many fields in which provincial and municipal ownership is the most appropriate form.

Key industries such as banking, iron and steel and transportation, particularly the Canadian Pacific Railway Company; industries vital to agriculture, such as farm implement manufacturing, meat packing and production of fertilizers and other agricultural chemicals; and power-producing industries such as coal, electricity, gas and oil.

It says that this program still would leave a "large section" of business in private hands and that a C.C.F. Government would encourage private business to "fulfill its legitimate functions."

Too Late To Classify

FOR SALE—1941 DODGE THREE quarter-ton truck. New motor, 8625. 1941 International light delivery. See them at Cobb & Crawford's Garage.

FOR SALE—TWENTY-FIVE acres standing hay. Alec MacPherson, Union Road, King's County.

Commends Progress Of Water Safety Program In P. E. I.



DR. HARVEY DONEY

The life-guards at the Prince Edward Island National Park are doing an outstanding job. Mr. J. H. Atkinson, superintendent of the Park with headquarters at Dalvey, informed The Guardian yesterday.

Mr. Atkinson said there are four life-guards at the Park who are engaged upon their duties on June 10 last and who will remain until Sept. 15. The men—Ralph Jenkins, Charlottetown; Gerald McQuig, Kensington; Cyril Callaghan, Charlottetown; and W. McDonald, Bedford—received their training under Mrs. Harry Cudmore, director and supervisor of Red Cross training in life-saving for the Province.

At present, because of the extensive territory to be covered—the beach is 21 miles long—100 yards of the shore at Cavendish, Brackley, Stanhope, and Dalvey have been roped off and all life-saving precautions taken to make those places as safe for bathers as modern life-saving methods can make them.

A tower has been erected at each of these places with a life guard in regular attendance. In addition, there is a rocket gun at each station and other equipment such as life buoys, respirators, etc.

Past Records Broken

Mr. Atkinson said the records for the number of tourists at these beaches this year show that this year's attendance will exceed that of last season which was the greatest up to that time in the history of the Park.

The National Historic Sites and Monuments branch of the Department of Mines and Resources, Mr. Atkinson said, is now preparing to erect a monument at Green Gables in honour of Lucy Maud Montgomery, world famous author of "Anne of Green Gables" and other "Anne" stories. The work is to begin immediately and should be completed soon.

The road from North Rustico to Cavendish is virtually completed, Mr. Atkinson said, and the whole road, in his opinion, would be finished within the next two weeks. Mr. Atkinson said the park never looked more beautiful than it does at the present time. The golf links and other tourist attractions were in a high state of efficiency so that all together, he concluded, the present season would be a record-breaking one for the Island's National Park.

OPTIMISTIC

Continued from page 1 States arm the five Western Union nations of Europe. But that was "a long way off."

Provision of arms was a development which would come in time from current defence talks among military experts of those countries in London, which Canada is attending as a non-member observer.

The situation was likened to one precludes of E.R.P. aid, when the European countries decided what they could do to rehabilitate themselves and what they would need in external aid.

They are now discussing questions of equipment, supply and standardization—the latter a subject that has been under hush-hush discussion among the U.S., Britain and Canada for three years without any major disclosures about compromise.

Among varied fronts, Canada announced a shuffling of posts among her foreign diplomats, including two in Moscow; the Russian Embassy here denied that members of its staff are under threat from the R.C.A.F. announced call; and the R.C.A.F. announced its first peacetime regular transport service to Britain, a development which recalled recent reports that Britain had sounded out Canada on the availability of aircraft to help buck the Berlin blockade.

J. B. C. Watkins, 46, head of one European division of the External Affairs Department was named to replace John Holmes as Charge d'Affaires in the Moscow Embassy. Mr. A. Crowe, 27, was named third secretary of the post.

The R.C.A.F. said four-engine North Stars of No. 426 Transport Squadron, based at Dorval, Que., started training flights to England about a month ago and would make two or three a month from now on.

There was speculation that this was linked with the Anglo-American air caravals that have been flying supplies into Berlin. However, there was nothing to indicate connection.

Huge Payments By Insurance Companies

TORONTO, July 22—Nearly \$31,000,000 was paid to the beneficiaries of policyholders in death and accidental death claims by the life insurance companies operating in Canada during the first five months of the current year.

World Council Of Churches

Nearly 150 church bodies in countries on both sides of the "iron curtain" and from 100 and defeated nations alike in the last war will send delegates to the first assembly of the World Council of Churches, to be held from August 22 to September 5 in Amsterdam, Holland.

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The World Council is intended to give the churches an official and permanent instrument for co-operative witness and action on a world-wide basis.

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Prices Commission Prepares Groundwork

OTTAWA, July 22—(CP)—The Royal Commission on prices—three new faces in a familiar field—started its "home work" today.

The commissioners—two men and a housewife—appointed H. A. Dyde, K.C., of Edmonton as counsel. Mr. Dyde was one of the two lawyers employed by the commission's predecessor body, the 6-man Commons committee which explored the prices field for four months during the last session of Parliament.

The commission also announced the appointment of A. G. S. Griffin as secretary and Miss M. A. Mole as an assistant secretary. Mr. Griffin, now of the External Affairs Department, is a former secretary of the Prices Board. Miss Mole is on the State Secretary's staff and was seconded to the original prices committee during the winter and spring.

Today's meeting was the first formal gathering of Prof. C. A. Curtis of Queen's University, Kingston, Ont., chairman of the commission and his two commissioners, Mrs. T. W.utherland and H. C. Bois.

Halifax Curler Is Elected To R. C. C. C.

(By The Canadian Press) TORONTO, July 22—A. Gordon Watson of Halifax has been elected a vice-president of the Royal Canadian Curling Club in Scotland as representative of the Dominion Curling Association.

This was announced here today by H. F. Atkinson, honorary secretary of the Dominion body, who said he had just received a cable making known the appointment. Mr. Watson, long active in Halifax curling circles, succeeds Colin Campbell of Toronto as Canada's representative.

PAINTERS ELECTROCUTED PHILADELPHIA, July 22—(AP)—Two painters were turned into "balls of fire" today and hurled 45 feet from a pole carrying the main power line of the Pennsylvania Railroad. They were injured critically. More than 11,000 volts passed through the men, Lawrence Bokalegjo, 37, and Joseph Palaso, 57. Their bodies were covered with deep burns.

death and accidental death claims were more than five-and-a-half million dollars, 1,874 ordinary policies accounted for payment of \$4,803,093; 2,422 industrial policies for \$600,728 and 486 group certificates for \$751,967.

CENTRAL GUARDIAN

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

PERSONALS

Mrs. T. A. White, Needham, Mass., has arrived in the Province to visit her mother, Mrs. W.H. Townshend, Rollo Bay. Mrs. Townshend's many friends are sorry to learn that she has not been enjoying her usual good health and all hope for her speedy recovery.

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Bargain Days -- IN -- MEN'S WEAR THURSDAY-FRIDAY and SATURDAY 25 MEN'S WORSTED SUITS. 34.50 These were formerly priced at \$45. A Bargain at... 25 MEN'S (yarn dyed) WORSTED SUITS. 55.00 Smartly styled, handsome patterns, \$62 and \$65—Now... 12 TWEED SUITS, \$36.50. 16.95 Odd sizes. If you can get a fit, here's a bargain... 15 BOYS' LONG TROUSER SUITS. 16.50 Ages 12 to 14, worth \$25.00—On sale... 10 DOZEN MEN'S FINE SHIRTS. 2.95 With fused collars, mostly stripes, specially priced at... 5 DOZEN MEN'S UNDERVESTS (sleeveless). 49c Slightly soiled—On sale... 2 DOZEN WOOL V-NECK SLEEVELESS SWEATERS. 2.00 1-2 Price. Fawn or yellow shades, 3.95—On sale... 10 DOZEN WHITE KNITTED COTTON SWEATERS. 1.19 Short sleeves—Specially priced... 5 DOZEN MEN'S TWEED CAPS. 95c Up to \$2.00—On sale... 100 MEN'S TIES. 39c Worth \$1.00 each—Week end price... MEN'S SQUALL JACKETS, pullover style, fancy designs... 1-2 price CASH ONLY Sale Opens Thursday 9 A.M. HENDERSON & CUDMORE WHERE QUALITY IS SURE

Tough Talk Poor Policy With Russia

By J. M. ROBERTS, Jr. Associated Press News Analyst

The Western Allies seem to be moving toward a position which might permit Russia to lift the Berlin blockade without too great loss of face.

And that, I was told the other day by a former official of the German Foreign Office who was a wartime member of the anti-Hitler underground, is the big hope for a solution.

He said the Germans got along best with the Russians when not accusing them of anything and not being demanding. This was the policy of von Schulenburg, German Ambassador to Moscow who put through the famous 1939 friendship pact.

When ticklish issues arose Von Schulenburg attempted to anticipate the Russians, telling them "I know Russia would never think of doing so and so. If anyone did so and so, the German position would be thus and so." It worked frequently.

I asked my informant, now a public official and democratic leader in Germany, what the principal Allied fault was in Berlin and what could be done.

"Too many threats," he said. "Too much talk about the use of force to break the blockade, making it impossible for the Russians to back down as it is for the Allies. It would be better, the way things are now, to tell the Russians quietly that the blockade must be lifted within a time of flexible length, and that they could devise their own means of doing it without loss of face."

This may sound naive to those who have to deal with a proud and aggressive post-war Russia. At any rate, what the Allies want now is the lifting of the blockade. They are reconsidering their previous refusal to enter into new four-power discussions of general German problems. They didn't want any more delay in their plans for incorporating Western Germany into the Economic Recovery Program. But it seems to be boiling down now to the prospect that, if Russia will lift the blockade, she can have the conference she has been demanding.

Russia, unless she is actually pressing for a showdown now, can then proclaim to the German people that she has won a fight to make the Allies reconsider the dismemberment of Germany. That's something, apparently, that the Allies will just have to take, relying upon European intelligence properly to evaluate the situation.

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RUBBER PRODUCTION SINGAPORE, July 22—(AP)—Rubber production in the Malayan Federation increased nearly 11,000 tons in June, despite a Communist revolt. It was officially announced that production totalled 60,594 tons.

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