

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

UNSOOUND FINANCING AND ACCOUNTING

Sir—As usual the citizens of this Province are being misinformed as to their increased liabilities by the Public Accounts of the Province for the year ending March 1947.

The actual revenue \$4,365,387.62 The actual expenditure 4,900,502.41 Actual increased liability 535,114.79

It seems a farce for estimates of expenditures to be passed by the members of our Legislature when the majority of the estimates are exceeded totalling the large sum of \$535,114.79 without authority of the citizens' representatives in the Legislature.

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NORTH AMERICAN LIFE L. S. STEVENSON BRANCH MANAGER 140 RICHMOND ST. A MUTUAL COMPANY

Personals

The condition of Mr. J. T. Revelle, C.N.R. engineer, who was taken ill last Sunday is now much improved.

Rev. Canon Malone of St. Peter's Cathedral and Rev. James T. Ibbot of St. Paul's Anglican Church left yesterday morning for Halifax.

The many friends of Mr. Ivar MacLeod, son of Mrs. M. E. Genge regret to learn that he has entered the Sanatorium in Halifax.

Mr. Lloyd Wellner of W. W. Wellner Ltd. left yesterday morning on a business trip to Montreal and Toronto.

Mr. Rex Dawson of Albany returned on Friday from the Moncton City Hospital, accompanied by Mrs. Dawson of North Tryon.

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COOK'S for Photographs

JIMMIE'S TAXI Phone 528. PHONE SAUNDERS 1806 for group and wedding pictures on location.

CONFEDERATION LIFE INSURANCE. ARE YOU INTERESTED? If so call Red Cross 2010. Afternoon and evening classes will be organized.

TO HALIFAX in 55 minutes. Via Maritime Central Airways. Phone 5301 or 540.

SPRING SHIPMENT of lighting fixtures at Brown Electric.

EASTER SPECIALS at the Marie Elena Beauty Salon. Phone 2191, 76 Great George Street.

WEST KENT SCHOOL—in the monthly report Grade IV should have read: Ist. Ivan Duvur—not Dewar.

DON'T FORGET the Auction Sale of Tidmarsh furniture at the Sporting Club this coming Friday. Other furniture added.

MARITIME CENTRAL AIRWAYS three times daily to Moncton. Air and rail connections to Montreal and Boston. Phone 3061 or 540.

PROPERTY SALE — The property of the Christine Anderson estate was sold by public auction yesterday afternoon to William Condon for \$6,300. W. H. Beaton was auctioneer. Bidding was brisk.

WEDDING BELLS—The marriage took place yesterday morning at 10 o'clock of Miss Rose Longworth and Mr. Walker Matheson at Zion Presbyterian Church, Charlottetown. Rev. G. Carlyle, minister officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Matheson left immediately after the ceremony for Montreal and from there they will travel to Bermuda where they will spend their honeymoon.

GIBSON GIRLS ASSIST — It was learned yesterday that Miss Frances Johnson, director of the Children's Art Centre, will be assisted by the attractive members of the Gibson Girls' Club when the Art Centre presents the first public hearing of the new recording of the Bach Mass in B minor. The concert, which is being given this evening at 8:00 o'clock in the Empire Theatre, is open to everyone who enjoys fine choral music.

TEACHERS ASK PAY BOOST — The regular monthly meeting of the City School Board was held yesterday afternoon with the chairman, Dr. I. J. Yeo presiding. Considerable routine business was transacted. Among the matters discussed were increase of physical instruction in the schools, the teachers' pension system, and the request of the teachers for an annual increase of \$200 in their supplements.

DRAFT ADDRESS DEBATE—Afternoon and evening sessions of the Legislature were occupied almost exclusively yesterday with the Draft Address debate, the speakers being Messrs. D. L. Matheson, Hon. William Hughes, R. R. Bell, F. W. Phillips, Hon. F. A. Lewis, L. MacParlane, R. L. Burge, C. C. Baker and F. C. Ramsay. The latter moved the adjournment at 11 p.m., when the House adjourned until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

ZERO WEATHER — The unofficial temperature reading in Charlottetown early this morning was zero. The lowest reading Sunday night was two above. It was reported from the Experimental Station. Considerable drifting of snow continued in rural areas yesterday and travelling in places was reported difficult. Most main highways were open for motor traffic after snowplows operated in the morning, however.

CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT — The Charlottetown Branch of the Canadian Legion held another of their Monday night cribbage tournaments at the Legion Home last night, in which members and guests spent an enjoyable evening of friendly competition for top honours and prizes. About 10 tables participated in the tournament. The following are the winners of last night's prizes: 1st prize—Mr. Jack Wilson; 2nd prize—Mrs. Wilfred MacDonald; 3rd prize—Mrs. Charles Bolmer; Consolation prizes—Mr. Charles Toole and Mr. Anthony Burke; Door prize—Mr. Christianson; freezeout prizes—Mr. George Olive and Mr. Douglas Kieley.

NO WATCH, NEVER LATE FLORENCEVILLE, N. B. —(CP) —When Beecher McCallin retired as rural mail driver after 21 years service he made only one boast: although he never carried a watch he hadn't missed a single train throughout his entire term of service.

TEA CLIPPER SHIPS The Rainbow, one of the first tea clipper ships, made the return trip from the United States to China in 180 days — faster than a one-way trip by the average sailing vessel.

Too Late To Classify UNEXPERIENCED GIRL SEEKING position in store. Willing to learn. Write "A.M." Guardian.

Truck Owners, Drivers Union Is Organized

The Truck Owners and Drivers Union of Prince Edward Island was formed last night at a meeting held in the L.C.U. hall, with Mr. L. R. Stanley acting as chairman.

The meeting was attended by a large number of owners and drivers representing all three counties in the Province, of which 107 persons became paid-up members of this newly formed union, with applications being received from some 30 others who were not able to be present.

Mr. E. J. MacDugall, Vernon, was elected President of the Union, Mr. L. R. Stanley, City, Vice President, Mr. C. E. Keizer, O'Leary, Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Cecil Bell, Montague, was elected as executive member for Kings County, and Mr. Parker MacCaskill, City, was elected as executive member for Queens County. The secretary-treasurer, Mr. Keizer, will also act as a member of the executive for Prince County.

Application for a charter will be made immediately to the Canadian Congress of Labour.

The guest speaker for the evening was Mr. Henry Harm, Halifax, Field Organizer for the C.C.L. in Nova Scotia, who came here to assist in the organization of the Union.

He explained the aims and objects of union organization, and the advantages of having a strong, well organized union, and suggested that in their union they should have a full time contact man who would be able to travel through the Province keeping in touch with the union members and to looking into any grievances or suggestions that might come up.

He spoke on labour rights and labour legislation, and pointed out the many obstacles they would be confronted with in keeping their union going, and not to expect to get too many results for their efforts at the beginning, and become discouraged, but rather to strive all the harder for a strong, organized union.

It was decided that the next meeting would be held on Friday, March 12.

BRITISH IN Jewish agency and the future Jewish state, which will be established despite the present Palestine Government's counter-propaganda.

The sources said that the statement was "unfair and even insulting in its generalizations." They said that despite whatever mistakes Jewish leaders had made in the past, they tried "honestly to end political crime and bring terror to reason."

The informants said that if Jewish leaders failed, this was due in part to "numerous blunders, errors and omissions by the British administration." They added that the Jews resented particularly what they described as British "reluctance" to prevent Arab aggression after the United Nations voted on partition of Palestine.

Continuing their ministry, inaugurated here last year, of presenting Testaments to Prince Edward Island School children, the local Gideons made presentations to grades 5, 6 and 7 of the Parkdale and Spring Park Schools on Friday afternoon.

At the Parkdale School, the President of the local Gideon Group, Mr. Thos. DeBlois, opened the presentation exercises, with an inspiring talk to the boys and girls, pointing out how the Bible had been a friend and guide to men and women down through the ages, and how that more than ever was needed today by growing boys and girls, if they were to make the most of their lives. He urged them to form the habit of reading a portion of it every day.

Rev. Canon E. M. Malone offered the dedicatory prayers and Rev. M. D. Dunbar read selections from the New Testament. Ena Bertram, a pupil of the School, very expressively thanked the "Gideons" on behalf of the pupils. Mr. Fred Driscoll, school trustee, in expressing his thanks to the trustees spoke of the influence of the Bible in the world and what a great source of comfort it could be in time of trouble. He advised the boys and girls to read it regularly and endeavor to practice its teachings. He commended the "Gideons" for this fine part of their ministry.

Others attending the presentation ceremony were: L. W. Shaw, Provincial Director of Education; Mr. Millar MacPeden, Principal of the School; Mable Auld, trustee; T. Green, Secretary of the local Gideons, and four representatives of the Parkdale Women's Institute: Mrs. Victor Hudson, Mrs. Fred Hickox, Mrs. Geo. Puncher, and Mrs. Warren Burns.

On the same afternoon, a similar presentation was carried out at Spring Park School, with Mr. DeBlois, Rev. Canon E. M. Malone and Rev. M. D. Dunbar, officiating. Among those present were Mrs. Claude Wood, Principal and Mrs. Fred Hynes, teacher.

The above presentations were made as part of an international program of the Gideons, which has for its objective, the placing

Baptist Men Hear Address On Spiritualism

At the monthly supper meeting of the Baptist Men's Association last evening, Rev. M.D. Dunbar, pastor of the Central Christian Church delivered an unusually interesting and informative address on the subject, "The Science — Science or Nonsense?"

In his address Mr. Dunbar emphasized the fact that the rise of Spiritualism in Britain has been the consequence of war. That the full cost of war is not to be reckoned in dollars and cents, or cities laid waste, or in physical suffering, but it had its toll upon the mental reactions of its victims. "It has been true and always shall be," said Mr. Dunbar, "that with the fever of war and the loss of loved ones—the emotional side of human nature can be touched off with even the smallest spark of hope."

Three propositions were cited by the speaker, first, that the Science is not truly a science; second, that Witchcraft, Necromancy, or Spiritualism has been condemned of God; and third, that no fact or notion injected by human thinking shall ever supplant the truth.

"Science," said Mr. Dunbar, "has been a field that has been mutilated and abused. Despite all that has been done to ridicule it, great unexplored frontiers are still being discovered. Science has discovered means by which the sweepings of the street can be distilled into the essence of perfumes, to perfume the apparel of beautiful women in drawing rooms, and can take filthy rags and broken reeds and manufacture from them stationery as white as snow, and beautiful samples of broadcloth." Even so, concluded the speaker, the truth of God's Word which is a digest of assimilated facts of God's will for man, shall never be displaced by any form of nonsense—even Spiritualism.

The President, R.J. Rupert, presided and S.H. Burhoe thanked the speaker on behalf of the Association, Harry Whiteway and Herbert Phillips were welcomed as members of the supper.

It was estimated that oleomargarine may be manufactured to sell for 50 cents per lb., but in the United States it has been found that there has to be an expensive "protective" system to prevent fraud in the marketing of this product.

The more serious aspect is the probable effect of the importation would have on the 500,000 dairy farmers who already are hard pressed to make ends meet. The production of dairy products might not be the only food affected as there is a close tie-in with other farm products.

Agriculture does not get much support in the way of subsidies, said the speaker. Industry on the other hand is protected to a very large extent. He cited the tariff on cotton as a particularly good example of the way the Government helps Canadian industry.

In 1945, the consumption of butter in the United States was 10.5 lbs per capita, in Canada it was 23.6 lbs. In that year the total butter and edible oils consumed for all purposes was, United States 42.7 lbs., Canada 42.6 lbs. Senator Eulie who has been urging lifting of the ban, has not been able to prove that there will be any great saving.

Daylight Saving With regard to daylight saving, Capt. MacRae said that the farmer employed a good deal of seasonal labour. These men work from 8 to 6. In having time, the work cannot be started until around 10 in the morning or 11 daylight saving time. Here is a loss of one hour which the farmer cannot afford. On the whole the fast time means that the farmer must pay for labour which he won't get.

The farmers are quite agreeable to any arrangements the city people make, and suggest that business men open their stores an hour earlier. This will allow the farmer to come in early and get his business done. It will also give the city worker an hour extra in the afternoon. In the Royalties, said the speaker, those dealing in fluid milk must conform to city time, and "it is not so easy to fool ourselves as it is for you people in the city."

Guests yesterday included Premier J.R. Walter Jones, and Messrs J.R. Burnett and A.W. Hildner, both former members of the club. Retirees Austin Seales, and Bill Reid were co-chairmen.

In the hands of every Protestant child a copy of the New Testament with the Psalms and Proverbs added.

These school presentations is a comparatively new ministry of the Gideons, who about forty years ago began placing the Scriptures in hotel rooms, prisons, hospitals and other institutions. It is their hope that by placing the scriptures in the hands of the young, many more will develop into useful Christian citizens and so make the world a better place in which to live.

The Gideon Society is composed of Christian business men and is supported wholly by voluntary contributions.

Presentations to other Island schools will be made just as quickly as supplies are made available.

Members of the local group are: Thos. D. DeBlois, Sidney T. Green, Jas. A. McConnell, R. J. Rupert, S. H. Burhoe, Ian Burnett, Willard Lank, A. R. Gillis and Randolph Manning.

BIG STRING OF CARS United States railroads have bought 1,893 new passenger coaches enough to make up about 300 average size streamlined trains — since V-J Day.

Fined In Connection With Gaming House

At the Queens County Magistrate's Court yesterday, two Charlottetown men charged with keeping a gaming house, appeared before Magistrate Gilbert Gaudet, one being fined \$200 and costs or three months, and the other fined \$150 and costs or three months. Six others charged with being inmates of a gaming house also appeared, three being fined \$50 and costs or one month each, one \$26 and costs or one month, while the charges against the other two were withdrawn.

In addition to the fines, certain articles such as card tables, cards, chips and chip holders, were ordered confiscated.

The men appeared in court as the result of a raid carried out by members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police on the night of Monday, February 22, at a room located above the V Club on Richmond Street. Another local man who was involved in the raid, appeared before Magistrate Gaudet last week, and pleading guilty to a charge of being an inmate of a gaming house, was fined \$50 and costs or one month.

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