

THE SUMMERSIDE GUARDIAN

and PRINCE COUNTY CHRONICLE

Western Locals

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AFTER CHRISTMAS use Giant size Kruschen Salts. Taylor Drug Co. Kensington. 12-27-2f.

FURS BOUGHT—We are continuing to buy daily. We have one order for twenty fine quality fur to pale silver. Office of E. Graham Rogers, Summerside. 3448-1-8-1111

FUNERAL SERVICES—The funeral of the late John R. Bowness, was held on Tuesday, Jan. 1, 1935, from the home of his daughter, Mrs. Calvin Leard, with whom he resided, to the United Church in Bellevue. His pastor Rev. L. P. Archibald conducted the service, assisted by Rev. Mr. Crowe of Central Bedouet. The pall bearers were Percy Affleck, James Henderson, Sinclair Affleck, Daniel Noonan, Gordon Woodside, and Stewart Affleck. Interment was in Bedouet Cemetery.

APPOINTMENT MADE—Mr. Allan MacLeod, for seven years C. N. R. section man at Borden, has been given the position of flagman at the east end crossing, Summerside, and will take up his duties on January 15th. Mr. McLeod was formerly flagman at Borden for over seven years, and who is now stationed at Summerside. Mr. and Mrs. McLeod will be welcome residents to Summerside, as they have many friends here.—S.

OPENING SERVICE WEEK OF PRAYER—The Baptist Church, Summerside, was filled on Monday evening for the opening service of the Week of Prayer. Owing to illness Rev. J. B. Wilson was not able to be present. Rev. Mr. Waterworth was in charge assisted by Mr. Murley of Montreal, who is at present supplying at the Presbyterian Church. Rev. Mr. Waterworth preached a masterful address from the text "That thou art Father, and upon this I will build my church." Matthew, Chap. 16, verse 18.—S.

PASSING OF MRS. JOHN GALLANT—Friends will regret to learn of the passing of Mrs. John Gallant, whose death occurred on Dec. 23rd at the home of her son, Mr. John Peter Gallant. Mrs. Gallant was 85 years of age and resided during her married life at Muddy Creek, where she will be kindly remembered by her friends. After her husband's death, Mrs. Gallant went to live with her daughter in Portland, Maine, returning to the Island two years ago, making her home in Borden. There are left to mourn two sons in Borden, Joseph and John Peter. There are also three daughters and two sons residing in Portland, Maine. The remains were laid to rest in Seven Mile Bay Roman Catholic Cemetery after the service of Requiem Mass in the Seven Mile Bay Church, Rev. Wm. Monaghan officiating.—S.

PERSONALS

Hon. Thomas MacNutt was a visitor to Summerside on Tuesday.—S.

Mr. W. J. Harrington, of Spring Valley, was a recent visitor to Summerside.—S.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lockerie, of Hamilton, were visitors to Summerside on Tuesday.—S.

Friends will regret to learn that Mr. Peter Kenny, of Summerside, has entered the Prince County Hospital for treatment.—S.

Mrs. Murray and daughter, Miss Myrtle, of Summerside, were recent visitors to Charlottetown.—S.

Mr. H. A. Darby was a passenger on the train going west on Wednesday to visit his home in Abram's Village.—S.

The Misses Dorothy and Faustina Gaudet have returned to their study at Mount St. Bernard Academy, Antigonish, after spending the Christmas vacation at their home in Summerside.—S.

Halifax Port Arrivals

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Child Welfare Measures Urged

Children's Aid Society Reports Cases Of Dire Distress.

An important resolution was passed at the regular monthly meeting of the Children's Aid Society at Summerside last night at which Hon. Heath Strong, K. C., President, Dr. J. A. MacPhee, Rev. Mr. Waterworth and seconded by Rev. Mr. O'Hanley and carried and is as follows: "That in view of the dire distress now existing in the town of Summerside, some steps be taken by the Town Council to obtain the necessary legislation if they do not now possess the same to enable the council to vote relief in these urgent cases and further that the Town Council be requested to pass a by-law preventing children under ten selling newspapers on the streets of the town and that no girl under fourteen be permitted unattended on the streets after 9 p.m."

Rev. Mr. Waterworth stated that he had paid a visit in company with Chief Kinch to a needy family in Summerside where there were eight children and the father sick. The family was living in two rooms. Mr. Waterworth stated he would not have believed such conditions existed had he not seen them himself. Strong appeals have been received by the Society from destitute families in the country asking for assistance but it was stated by the chairman that the society funds did not permit general relief work.

SUMMERSIDE CURLING

On January 4th, the following matches were played at the Summerside Curling Rink:

B. G. H. Harman	J. F. Clow
W. B. Sharpe	J. Callaghan
H. T. Holman	H. Phillips
W. E. MacDonald	E. E. Parkman

Skip—7

J. C. P. Erskine A. Brooks | D. Lidstone || J. R. Kinch | L. MacFarlane | A. B. L. Horne |
| R. S. P. Jardine | Skip—4 | |

W. A. Tower L. J. Abbott | W. L. Hart || F. Molinson | C. E. Corney | R. I. Willet |
| F. Murphy | Skip—8 | |

O. Whalen H. Milligan | J. R. Brooks || M. L. Bradshaw | H. Phillips | T. A. Campbell |
| Rev. C. Waterworth | Skip—18 | |

On the fifth, these games were played off:

C. B. Rogers	L. J. Abbott
R. Dewar	W. A. Tower
E. Brooks	W. B. Sharpe
Rev. C. Waterworth	W. E. MacDonald

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W. D. McNeill A. Brooks | D. Stewart || J. M. L. Bradshaw | C. E. Corney | R. L. Willet |
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H. Milligan L. J. Abbott | C. B. Rogers || H. T. Colvin | J. Wood | R. C. Waterworth |
| E. P. Foley | Skip—17 | |

NEW GOLD CLOTH PROVES POPULAR

PARIS, Jan. 9.—After creating threads of silver and gold supply enough to be woven into the lightest materials, French manufacturers now have succeeded in making a fine gold thread which can be washed without becoming tarnished. The new cloth is being extensively used with dazzling and yet practical effect as a decoration for all types of household linen, bed-covers and the like.

White linen bed sheets and pillow cases, instead of being decorated with plain or open-work embroidery, are now embroidered with the new thread woven into intricate designs. The thread is used for creating geometric designs on table cloths.

Other novelties, equally pleasing but less costly, also have come into vogue. Striking decorations on cloth have been created, either with dull or brilliant rayon.

WEASLES DUE TO ARRIVE

1—Lady Somers from Boston. 2—Glenbank from Far East. 3—Coehrane from S. Africa. 4—Salacia from St. John. 5—Chedabucto from E. C. ports. 6—Carron from St. John. 7—Valfortia from Italy. 8—Calabria from Sydney. 9—Blue Peter from Nfld. ports. 10—Dominica from St. John's. 11—Nubian from Glasgow. 12—Colborne from E. W. Indies. 13—Cora from New York. 14—Gardania from Providence. 15—Vardulia from St. John. 16—A Steamer from St. John. 17—Cathart from Nassau. 18—Beaverhill from St. John. 19—Duchess of Bedford from Liverpool. 20—Man. Regiment from St. John. 21—Duchess of Atholl from St. John. 22—Kyno from New York. 23—Lillemer from Jamaica. 24—Geniza from Baltimore. 25—Chedabucto from E. C. ports. 26—Andania from New York. 27—Belle Isle from St. John's. 28—Drottningholm from New York. 29—Dominica from New York. 30—Portia from Nfld. ports. 31—Osa Victor from Aust.-N.Z. 32—City of Flint from U. S. ports. 33—Pulaski from Gydria. 34—Gold Harbour from Gydria. 35—Chinese Prince from Far East. 36—City of Canton from Calcutta.

RESIGNATION REGRETTED

E. H. Macklin, Veteran Newspaperman, Resigns As General Manager of "Free Press."

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)

WINNIPEG, Jan. 8.—E. H. Macklin, for 35 years general manager of the Winnipeg Free Press Co. Ltd., and its president since 1912, today announced his resignation of the general management, to take effect Jan. 10.

At the close of a directors' meeting, it was announced that, while resigning as general manager, Mr. Macklin would continue as president. He also will continue to represent the Free Press on the board of directors of the Canadian Press. It was announced that Victor Sifton would succeed Mr. Macklin as general manager.

In laying his resignation before the board, Mr. Macklin said he considered that his advancing years entitled him to some relief from the burden of conduct of much day-to-day business. He had, he said, spent 55 years in active newspaper work, 35 of which had been devoted to the service of the Free Press. He recalled that for some years he had from time to time suggested that he should retire; and he now felt that at least partial consideration should be given to his request.

J. W. Daeof, vice-president and editor, in moving the resolution embodying Mr. Macklin's wish, expressed the regrets which his fellow directors shared with him that Mr. Macklin had found it necessary to withdraw from the position which he had filled with distinction for so long a period. It was, however, a happiness to know that the long association with the Free Press, which had been a continuous one for so many years, should be continued, and that Mr. Macklin, in leaving the position, was leaving it to a younger man, who would bring to it the same energy and ability which he had brought to it for so long a period.

Mr. Macklin became business manager of the Free Press in the spring of 1900, coming to Winnipeg from the Toronto Globe shortly after the late Sir Clifford Sifton assumed control of the newspaper. Shortly afterwards he was appointed general manager. In 1912 he succeeded the late Hon. J. W. Sifton in the presidency.

Mr. Macklin's tenure of executive office in the company of the Free Press, which has been a continuous one since he found the Free Press housed in rented quarters on McDermott Avenue. The newspaper had a good circulation, but was still a paper of the 19th century. It is due to the aggressive and energetic management of Mr. Macklin that the Free Press became so quickly transformed into one of the front-rank newspapers of the 20th century. His publishing gifts are such that many of his innovations in both management and production have been widely copied not only in Canada but in the United States as well.

Today as he hands the general management of the newspaper over to his successor, Mr. Macklin has left behind him a newspaper which has been steadily strengthened in position, the general manager paid special attention to the position of the Weekly Farmer, which with a circulation of more than 200,000 is the largest of its kind in Canada.

Although Mr. Macklin's main activity has always been the interests of the Free Press, his services to the daily news at the Canadian Press, recognized by publishers everywhere. It is largely due to him that today Canadian daily newspapers have a well-developed, independent news service of their own in the Canadian Press, and in the days of its formation Mr. Macklin was a prime spirit and moving force. He is today, as he will continue to be in the future, the Free Press representative on this great Canadian news gathering association as he has been since its formation.

A proud father went to a branch of the Municipal Bank. Said he: "I want to see you about opening an account for the new arrival at our house. How shall I distinguish it from me?"

Manager: "Suppose we call it the fresh fish fund?"

effect of making a slight abrasion on the chest but did not make a hole in the sweater or shirt. The bullet and shell will be exhibited and it will be noticed that the bullet is somewhat smaller than the shell; also there is no evidence that the bullet has ever been fired.

In addition to the work in connection with these indictments Mr. Justice Arsenault stated that the Grand Jury will be called upon to appoint constables and fence viewers and inspect the different government institutions, the jail, Falconwood Hospital and the Infirmary. The Grand Jury then retired to examine witnesses.

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The communication said the two nations were in accord in recommending the "pact of non-interference in their respective internal affairs (of the signatories) and reciprocal undertaking not to excite or favor any action which might have the purpose of attempts by force on the territorial integrity, political or social regime of one of the contracting parties."

The latter part of this agreement, it was pointed out, would cover such cases of terrorism as that which brought the assassinations of the late King Alexander of Yugoslavia and nearly precipitated conflict between that nation and Hungary, alleged harbour of the terrorists.

ST. MARY'S CONVENT, SOURIS

Honor roll for the month of December:

Grade X—1, Cecilia Cheverie; 2, Agnes McKeeney; 3, Lauretta McPhee.

Grade IX—1, Isabel McDonald; 2, Beatrice Holland; 3, Ann Jennings.

Grade VIII—1, Amy Malone and Rita O'Donnell; 2, Catherine Paquet; 3, Gertrude Paquet.

Grade VII—1, Helen Cairns; 2, Margaret Paquet; 3, Mary Ella Cairns.

Grade VI—1, Mary L. Gallant; 2, Helen Cheverie; 3, Anna M. McDonald.

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Grade III—1, Gertrude McDonald; 2, Gladys Montgomery; 3, Genevieve Dugas.

Grade II—1, Rita Cheverie; 2, Merrill Meurant; 3, Pauline McPhee.

Grade I (a)—1, Ada McDonald; 2, Helen McIsaac and Helen McLean (equal); 3, Ellen Bushey.

Grade I (b)—1, June Arbing; 2, Leo McLellan; 3, Teresa Grant and Aubin Paquet.

Birthday Greetings

(By The Canadian Press)

To Regis J. "Pep" Kelly, right winger of the Toronto Maple Leafs of the National Hockey League, born at North Bay, Ont., 20 years ago, he had a successful season with St. Michael's College, Toronto, Dominion junior hockey champions of 1933-34. He turned professional and was given a contract by Maple Leafs for the season of 1934-35.

Gus: "The horn on your car must be broken."

Mr.: "No, it's just indifferent."

Gus: "Indifferent! What do you mean?"

Mr.: "It just doesn't give a hoot."

MERGER ONLY SOLUTION FOR STABILIZATION

Milling Company Manager Heard By Mass Buying Commission.

(C. P. by Guardian's Special Wire)

OTTAWA, Jan. 8.—The only "puncture-proof" method of getting around the Combines Investigation Act is to form a merger, C. I. G. Shortt, General Manager of the Lake of the Woods Milling Co., told the Royal Commission on mass buying here today. His comment was injected into a discussion in which he ventilated the difficulties of the milling executives in the matter of stabilizing the industry in the face of the rigid provisions of the Act.

For a number of years, said Shortt, the Canadian National Millers Association had sought to achieve this stabilization. But over all their discussions loomed the spectre of the C. I. A., deterring them from taking action lest that action be deemed a violation of the law.

Any stabilization would have to take into account a price-fixing arrangement; and it was to oppose such a proceeding that the Combines Act operated.

Merger Less Insecure

He argued with Alex M. Edwards, Conservative member for Waterloo South, however, that if the same men "sat around a board and decided on a merger," the result of which was the establishment of a common price, their position would be less insecure.

The necessity for price-fixing as a condition precedent to the stabilization of the milling industry was contended by J. L. Isley, Liberal member for Hants-Kings. The records of the milling companies showed many of them in the past few years had earned substantial profits. The natural consequence of a price-fixing arrangement would be to raise the price to a point where unprofitable concerns, whose equipment was perhaps obsolete, would insist on security against further losses. Such being the case he was against the principle and upheld the C. I. A. in that respect.

Today's evidence was devoted exclusively to the milling industry. The session saw W. J. Peaker, special investigator for the commission, submit a synopsis of opinion from a number of millers voicing their recommendations on what was required to put the industry back on its feet. These ranged from nationalization to production of the establishment of production quotas. Some advocated placing the industry under the Marketing Board for domestic purposes.

Verbal Clash

Considerable heat was engendered during the cross examination of Peaker by Shortt, the latter protesting against the special investigator presenting recommendations when he had had no experience in milling. Peaker, he said, displayed "abysmal ignorance" of the business. This drew from Hon. H. H. Stevens, former chairman of the commission, a sharp rebuke. He objected to seeing the commission's witness being "put on the spot."

The point at issue was whether the schedules sent to the millers seeking information relating to their business were couched in such terms as to enable the commission to make the comparisons which Peaker had made in his report. The millers had suggested alternative schedules which, however, had not been accepted. The questionnaire finally despatched had been drawn up, said Mr. Stevens by officials of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, whose authority in the field of economics was unquestioned.

Recommenced in Europe

W. McCarthy, a miller of Streetville, Ont., assured the commission he had no quarrel with the big companies. Loss of export markets was responsible in large measure for the industry's plight. This loss he attributed to resentment in Europe which some years ago had interpreted the policy of the Canadian wheat pools as one of holding back supplies for higher prices. Challenged by D. M. Kennedy (U. F. A., Peace River), McCarthy declared that, rightly or wrongly that had been the sentiment.

The effect of losing the export market upon the Canadian milling industry was emphasized by E. C. MacLachlan, general manager since 1932 of the Maple Leaf Milling Company. His concern was doing its utmost to broaden its outlets. This year there had been a slight increase in the export trade

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The communication said the two nations were in accord in recommending the "pact of non-interference in their respective internal affairs (of the signatories) and reciprocal undertaking not to excite or favor any action which might have the purpose of attempts by force on the territorial integrity, political or social regime of one of the contracting parties."

The latter part of this agreement, it was pointed out, would cover such cases of terrorism as that which brought the assassinations of the late King Alexander of Yugoslavia and nearly precipitated conflict between that nation and Hungary, alleged harbour of the terrorists.

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Honor roll for the month of December:

Grade X—1, Cecilia Cheverie; 2, Agnes McKeeney; 3, Lauretta McPhee.

Grade IX—1, Isabel McDonald; 2, Beatrice Holland; 3, Ann Jennings.

Grade VIII—1, Amy Malone and Rita O'Donnell; 2, Catherine Paquet; 3, Gertrude Paquet.

Grade VII—1, Helen Cairns; 2, Margaret Paquet; 3, Mary Ella Cairns.

Grade VI—1, Mary L. Gallant; 2, Helen Cheverie; 3, Anna M. McDonald.

Grade V—1, Mamie Meurant; 2, Nora McLean; 3, Edna Mintgomery.

Grade IV—1, Frances Paquet; 2, Patricia Cheverie; 3, Marjorie McLean.

Grade III—1, Gertrude McDonald; 2, Gladys Montgomery; 3, Genevieve Dugas.

Grade II—1, Rita Cheverie; 2, Merrill Meurant; 3, Pauline McPhee.

Grade I (a)—1, Ada McDonald; 2, Helen McIsaac and Helen McLean (equal); 3, Ellen Bushey.

Grade I (b)—1, June Arbing; 2, Leo McLellan; 3, Teresa Grant and Aubin Paquet.

Birthday Greetings

(By The Canadian Press)

To Regis J. "Pep" Kelly, right winger of the Toronto Maple Leafs of the National Hockey League, born at North Bay, Ont., 20 years ago, he had a successful season with St. Michael's College, Toronto, Dominion junior hockey champions of 1933-34. He turned professional and was given a contract by Maple Leafs for the season of 1934-35.

Gus: "The horn on your car must be broken."

Mr.: "No, it's just indifferent."

Gus: "Indifferent! What do you mean?"

Mr.: "It just doesn't give a hoot."

MERGER ONLY SOLUTION FOR STABILIZATION

Milling Company Manager Heard By Mass Buying Commission.

(C. P. by Guardian's Special Wire)

OTTAWA, Jan. 8.—The only "puncture-proof" method of getting around the Combines Investigation Act is to form a merger, C. I. G. Shortt, General Manager of the Lake of the Woods Milling Co., told the Royal Commission on mass buying here today. His comment was injected into a discussion in which he ventilated the difficulties of the milling executives in the matter of stabilizing the industry in the face of the rigid provisions of the Act.

For a number of years, said Shortt, the Canadian National Millers Association had sought to achieve this stabilization. But over all their discussions loomed the spectre of the C. I. A., deterring them from taking action lest that action be deemed a violation of the law.

Any stabilization would have to take into account a price-fixing arrangement; and it was to oppose such a proceeding that the Combines Act operated.

Merger Less Insecure

He argued with Alex M. Edwards, Conservative member for Waterloo South, however, that if the same men "sat around a board and decided on a merger," the result of which was the establishment of a common price, their position would be less insecure.

The necessity for price-fixing as a condition precedent to the stabilization of the milling industry was contended by J. L. Isley, Liberal member for Hants-Kings. The records of the milling companies showed many of them in the past few years had earned substantial profits. The natural consequence of a price-fixing arrangement would be to raise the price to a point where unprofitable concerns, whose equipment was perhaps obsolete, would insist on security against further losses. Such being the case he was against the principle and upheld the C. I. A. in that respect.

Today's evidence was devoted exclusively to the milling industry. The session saw W. J. Peaker, special investigator for the commission, submit a synopsis of opinion from a number of millers voicing their recommendations on what was required to put the industry back on its feet. These ranged from nationalization to production of the establishment of production quotas. Some advocated placing the industry under the Marketing Board for domestic purposes.

Verbal Clash

Considerable heat was engendered during the cross examination of Peaker by Shortt, the latter protesting against the special investigator presenting recommendations when he had had no experience in milling. Peaker, he said, displayed "abysmal ignorance" of the business. This drew from Hon. H. H. Stevens, former chairman of the commission, a sharp rebuke. He objected to seeing the commission's witness being "put on the spot."

The point at issue was whether the schedules sent to the millers seeking information relating to their business were couched in such terms as to enable the commission to make the comparisons which Peaker had made in his report. The millers had suggested alternative schedules which, however, had not been accepted. The questionnaire finally despatched had been drawn up, said Mr. Stevens by officials of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, whose authority in the field of economics was unquestioned.

Recommenced in Europe

W. McCarthy, a miller of Streetville, Ont., assured the commission he had no quarrel with the big companies. Loss of export markets was responsible in large measure for the industry's plight. This loss he attributed to resentment in Europe which some years ago had interpreted the policy of the Canadian wheat pools as one of holding back supplies for higher prices. Challenged by D. M. Kennedy (U. F. A., Peace River), McCarthy declared that, rightly or wrongly that had been the sentiment.

The effect of losing the export market upon the Canadian milling industry was emphasized by E. C. MacLachlan, general manager since 1932 of the Maple Leaf Milling Company. His concern was doing its utmost to broaden its outlets. This year there had been a slight increase in the export trade

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TWO WITNESSES

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The way was paved for his testimony today by several witnesses, including his friend and bodyguard, Al