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—HOME ON VISIT—Miss Jean Llewellyn of Saint John, N. B., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Llewellyn, Summerside.—S.

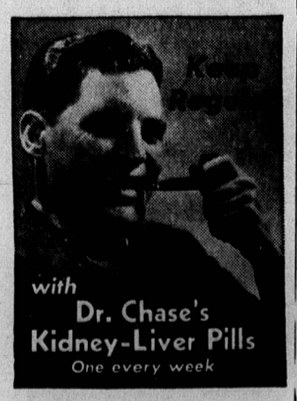
—NORTH SHORE HOCKEY LEAGUE FINALS, Kensington Rink Wednesday, April 3rd, 1940 at 8 P.M. New Annan vs. Freetown, 4 game of the best 3 of 5 total game series for the Baker Trophy. Should a winner be declared the Trophy will be presented. Admission 10c and 20c. L-42-4-3-11.

—TAKES UP RESIDENCE—Mr. and Mrs. Leck have taken up their residence on Fitzroy Street in the house formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Schurman. Mr. Leck is the new manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, taking the place of Mr. Jardine who was appointed as manager of the Charlottetown branch.—S.

—LEFT FOR CH'TOWN— Mr. and Mrs. R. S. P. Jardine and their family left on Tuesday morning for Charlottetown where they will in future reside. Mr. Jardine has just been appointed manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Charlottetown. During their stay in Summerside they have made many friends who will wish them continued success and happiness in their new home.—S.

—POST NUPTIAL SHOWER— The Capitol Grill was the scene of a happy gathering on Monday evening when about 250 friends of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Ranaghan (nee Georgie Huestis) tendered them a post nuptial shower. The Grill was tastefully decorated for the occasion The hostesses were Miss Verna Ross and Mrs. Leonard Peters. Assisting with the opening of the gifts was Miss Margaret MacEwen, Miss Rita Gamble and Mrs. Clarence Steele. The bride and groom were the recipients of some very beautiful gifts testifying to the popularity of the young couple. After the gifts had been duly admired lunch was served. The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing. The music was furnished by Mr. Harold Gaudet, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Huestis, Mr. Ron Hutcheson and Miss Beatrice Gallant.—S.

—KENSINGTON BOMBERS — The juvenile hockey team (under 18 years.) known as the "Bombers" rose like a meteor shooting across the hockey sky, but it is to be hoped their glory will not fade as quickly as those luminous bodies from infinite space. Previous to their victory over Charlottetown juveniles comparatively few people knew they existed. Borden gave them a tough contest, but they were able to cinch the island championship. Their next trip was to Amherst to play the winners of the New Brunswick and Nova Scotia series They got a 5-5 tie with Amherst and two nights later were beaten by the Amherst Juveniles in Kensington —coming out on the short end of the total goals. "Alibis" are frowned upon by the whole sport fraternity, but nevertheless the four hard games in a space of six days was asking too much of boys of that age and naturally they were "stale" and slowed up quite noticeably—Amherst has a fast, smooth-working team and may have beaten the Bombers at their best, but the short time element surely worked against the home team. Much credit is due Ken McLean, Orville Darrach Keith Howatt and John Thompson (Rink Manager) who fostered and patronized the team, and accompanied them to Amherst. The Islanders were lionized by the sport fraternity and citizens of Amherst. Darrach and "Scoop" MacDougall who were always at variance in their official interpretations of the rules of the M. A. H. A., buried the hatchet and smoked the pipe of peace. The Amherst team came to Kensington on the second night following the game in Amherst, beating our Bombers decisively and were loud in praise of the treatment accorded them by the team and citizens. The whole affair from start to finish was a triumph of good fellowship and brotherly love. The Kensington Bombers will function next year and the eyes of the Island and the Maritimes will be on them. —K



—EPHEDRINE nose and throat drops, 25c and 50c at Taylor Drug Co. Kensington.

—SPECIAL feed prices are at rock bottom. Take delivery now at Brace's. L-12-4-2-2i.

—FOR SALE—Fordson Tractor, (extra wheels for row crop) good condition $200. Walker S. Weeks, Bayview. L-49.

—VISITING IN S'SIDE —Mrs. Gorrill of O'Leary is visiting in Summerside the guest of her son Councillor Lloyd Gorrill and Mrs. Gorrill.—S.

—FOR SALE—Choice matched team Percherons, mare and gelding 3 and 5 years (at Mr. John E. Sinclair's, Summerfield). Trappy general purpose mare, 4 years, 1200 lbs. (at Mr. Allison Profitt's, Freetown). Walter S. Weeks. L-49.

—FOR SALE—Registered Clydesdale stallion, 9 years (many prize and championship ribbons to show) has produced best stock in district. Shee his foals (good worker). Reason for selling, long enough in district. Priced to sell $125. Glen Owen, North River. L-49.

—RED CROSS AT S'SIDE—The Red Cross Society at Summerside continue to be active and every week supplies are being sent out to the branches in the County and to the Women's Institutes. There are about 60 organizations throughout the county doing work for the Red Cross. Effort is now being concentrated on socks and hospital supplies, as these are the most urgently needed.—S.

PERSONALS

—Mr. Ira Ellis of O'Leary is visiting in Halifax.—S.

—Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Callaghan, Elmsdale, visited Summerside during the week-end. K.

—Miss Annie Gillis of Indian River, is visiting friends in Hope River. K.

—Mrs. Lena Mcnkley and daughter, Shirley spent the weekend in Summerside. K.

—Mr. and Mrs. Orville Clark, Kensington, were recent visitors to Summerside. K.

—Mrs. Joseph Davison of Kensington left Friday morning to spend a few days in Montreal. K.

—Miss Annie Delaney of Kensington, has returned to Bathurst to resume her duties in a hospital there.

—Mr. Frederick Waite of Travellers Rest is a patient in the Prince County Hospital.—S.

—Corp. Borden Tuplin of the P. E. I. H is visiting his home at Indian River. —K

—The Misses Waite of Sherbrooke returned on Monday from a short visit to Moncton.—S.

—Friends will regret to learn of the illness of Mrs. Stanlake at the home of Mrs. Pickering, Summerside.—S.

—Friends will regret to learn that Mr. Ewen Clark is seriously ill at his home at Clark's Mills.—S.

—Miss Dorothy McKenzie of the bank of Nova Scotia staff, Kensington, left Friday morning on a visit to Toronto. K.

—Mrs. William Hickey of Indian River, visited Miscouche, during the week end, being the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lambert Gillis. K.

—Miss Nora Taylor of Kensington Captain of the 1st Kensington Company of Girl Guides, attended the Guiders meetings in Summerside Friday and Saturday.

—Private George Murphy who is with His Majesty's Canadian forces at Geraldtown, Ont., is on furlough at his home in Clermont. K.

—Mr. Charles R. Ramsay returned on Monday evening from Charlottetown where he has been during the winter months as instructor in the carpentry short course.—S.

SEA VIEW SCHOOL

Honor Roll for March:
Grade X—1. Arnold Hiltz.
Grade IX—1. Ruby Adams.
Grade VIII—1 Velda Duggan and Orville Adams (equal).
Grade VII—1. Leigh Donald; 2. Lea Stewart; 3. Sterling Murphy.
Grade VI—1. Elaine Graham; 2. Robert Murphy; 3. Allison MacLennan.
Grade V—1. Dorothy Murphy; 2 Wallace Murphy and Audrey Adams (equal); 3. Vera Stewart.
Grade IV—1. Leroy Adams.
Grade III—1. Clarence Adams.
Grade II—1. Thane Adams; 2 Marie Adams; 3. Max Murphy.
Grade I (Sr.) —1. Pauline Adams; 2. Keith Adams.
Grade I (Jr.) —1. Leigh Hiltz; 2. Gordon Sutherland; 3. Marion Duggan.
Perfect attendance: Arnold Hiltz, Velda Duggan, Louis Adams, John Murphy, Sterling Murphy, Allison MacLennan, Robert Murphy, Audrey Adams, Vera Stewart, Walter Adams, Marie Adams, Thane Adams, Max Murphy, Keith Adams, Pauline Adams, Leigh Hiltz.

TENNYSON'S NIECE

JERSEY, C. I.—(CP) — Niece of Alfred, Lord Tennyson, the poet, Mrs. Elizabeth de Carteret died here at 91.

S'side Trade Bd. Quarterly Meeting Held

The quarterly meeting of the Summerside Board of Trade was held last evening in the Town Hall, Mr. A. R. Brennan, President was in the chair. Several matters came up for discussion, the most important was that of manual training for the pupils of the Summerside High School. It was the concensus of opinion that manual training was an important branch of any school program and should receive the support of the Board of Trade. The matter had been brought to the attention of the Board at the request of the Summerside Y's Men who were endeavoring to promote the scheme in Summerside Mr. Read suggested that a committee be appointed from the board to confer with the Y's Men on the matter. Messrs. Read, Merriam and Smallman were appointed to the committee. The question of the cost was brought up and Mayor Campbell was approached as to what hte town would be prepared to do in the matter. Mayor Campbell stated that the matter would have to be very carefully considered.

A letter was read from the overseas branch of the British Board of Trade on the importance of trading within the Empire. There is a tendency on the part of merchants to think that British goods cannot be obtained on account of the war, but that is not the case, thanks to the Navy and the merchant marine the shipping lanes have been kept open and it is important that trade with Britain should be continued and increased It was the opinion of the meeting that this matter should receive wide publicity.

Other matters discussed were the St. Lawrence waterway project, freight rates on grain feeds. In this regard Mr. Brennan stated that he had been invited to attend a meeting at Ottawa at which Col. Ralston was present when the freight rates to the Maritimes had been up for discussion and he was pleased to report that the matter was favourable to the Maritimes. Mr. Donald Baker stressed the importance of farmers on P. E. I. growing their own feeds. There was some discussion on railway matters which were left in the hands of the railway committee.

Mr. R. H. Leck, the new manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, was introduced by Mr S. G. Merriam and cordially welcomed by the board. Mr. Harold Schurman was appointed to the council to replace Mr. R. S. P Jardine on the council. Meeting adjourned.

St. Mary's Convent Pupils Present Fine Recital

The music class at St. Mary's Convent presented their annual recital in St. Mary's Convent last evening and many complimentary remarks were made on the very excellent performance of the young pupils. Their work showed painstaking instruction and careful training by their teacher. In their different pieces the pupils showed that they were well grounded in the theory of music as well as expression, and rhythm, even in the most difficult pieces the pupils brought out the inner beauty and expression which had been expressed by the composer. Their knowledge of harmony and expression would do credit to any school of music.

Sucessful pupils in the Progressive Series of the Art Publication Society at St. Louis, Missouri, and winning certificates were Melvina Clow, Dianne Downing, Ruth Kelly and Sheila Callaghan. The certificates were presented by Rt. Rev. Mgr. MacLellan, who congratulated the pupils on their success.

PROGRAM

Duet, R. Kelly, W. McEwen, F. Williams, R. Deighan.
The Train, Marcellus McIvor.
A Merry Game, P. Schurman.
A Little Waltz, A. Hewitt.
Song, Mind What Your Mamma Says
The Little Rogue, Donna Shaw.
Trio, T. Praught, E. Peters, D. McNeill, J. McPhee, M. Delaney, J. McPhee.
Up to M'schief Mary Gaudet.
Village Dance, Virginia Campbell.
Recitation, Mr. Jazz, Eleanor Peters.
An Evening Melody, Dorothy McPhee.
The Acrobat, Sally Schurman.
Bluette, B. McMurdo J. Chaisson.
The Shepherds' Song, Roy Grant.
I love the merry sunshine, Donna Shaw.
Baby dances, F. Williams, R. Deighan.
Fireflies, Alex McInnis.
Evening Greeting, Irene Allen.
Caprice, A Sullivan, U. Reeves.
The Great Masters.
During the Mazurka, Shelton Harris.
Concerto (Lock), S. Callaghan, M Clow.
Song of the Bathers H. Coyle
Impromptu (Schubert) D. Downing.
A Song of April, Joyce Chaisson
Tarantelle, H. McEwen.
A Story of Long Ago, R. Kelly. M. Waite
Elegy, Melvina Clow.
Finale Waltz, S. Callbeck, K. Allen.
Chorus, Spring Song.
Theme and Variations, S. Callaghan.
Souvenirs of Russia, D. Downing
Rondo Capricioso, J. Nicholson.
Chorus, Voices of the Night.
God Save The King.

The Right Rev. Msgr. G. J. McLellan and Judge D. Edgar Shaw spoke briefly at the close of the recital. They spoke very highly of the performance. It reflected great credit on both the pupils and their painstaking teachers, they said.

ONE LONG WALK

COVERDALE, England — (CP) — During 40 years as mail carrier of this North Yorkshire village, Thomas Rinks, who died here as 83, covered about 321,500 miles.

RESEARCH

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the front of important facts, not hitherto generally recognized, have resulted in a most encouraging unanimity of thought and purpose.

For example, the idea seemed to prevail that the provincial governments elected from time to time in the past have been largely responsible for the adverse economic conditions; whereas it is now agreed that our provincial governments cannot in reason be expected to initiate many new movements which rather should emanate from the people themselves; and further, that, in any event, the cabinet composed of so few active members as is the case in this province is necessarily engrossed in the day to day affairs of government. With these principles accepted the members now feel that they have a really worth while duty to perform.

Before attempting to visualize the future or to lay specific plans for reform or improvement, it was realized that a study of past and present economic conditions was of first importance and, as a result of many discussions, the following facts have been accepted as of basic import and significance.

First. Because of its valuable fisheries, its healthful and invigorating climate, permitting of a full quota of daily manual labor, the natural fertility of the soil and the remarkably rapid growth during the summer months of many forms of vegetation added to which there is a notable absence of floods, droughts and fogs, this Island should in the very nature of things be a veritable "Mecca," acting as a magnate to people from all parts of the world.

Second. Instead of the above, there has been ever since 1890 a strong tendency for Islanders to emigrate to the mainland, no fewer,—according to the Dominion Statistician—than 71,000 mainly young people, having left their homes in the forty years ending in 1930. During the last decade, because of depressed conditions in the other provinces, employment elsewhere has not been readily procurable and as a consequence our young people have remained on the Island. Each year, however, there has been an increase in unemployment.

Third. During the forty years referred to above, viz. from 1890 to 1930, the older people on the farms were left without successors and, as they grew in years, were unable to carry on, with the result that there are today hundreds of abandoned farms for which there is no demand. Not only do these idle farms add nothing to the wealth of the Island but each year, growing up in trees and shrubs, the soil is becoming more and more impoverished while the buildings are falling into decay.

Fourth. In the fisheries, while the oyster beds are being rejuvenated under Dominion Government control, there are many who feel that the years of the lobster are numbered, while the other kinds of fish are apparently not nearly so plentiful as in the past. On top of these facts the prices paid to our fishermen are too low to permit of their earning a decent livelihood.

Fifth. In addition to these discouraging facts, there are strong reasons to fear an early repetition of the emigration of former years. Not only has the Island already sent away some hundreds of young men in the army, with as many more to follow, but there is actually in progress today a considerable outflow by rail to Quebec and Ontario, where exceptional industrial activity prevails in the production of war supplies. In this connection it is but reasonalbe to suppose that, so soon as the unemployed in the Central Provinces have been absorbed, wages as high as those that prevailed during the last war will be paid and then many of our young men and women will again leave their homes on the farms. To avoid this untoward condition there appears to be no choice but by every means possible to make farming and fishing more profitable and to provide steady employment at fair wages in our urban centers.

With a view to discovering what could be done in the circumstances, the members of the Research Council were asked to present practical suggestions for discussion at the meetings and it has been a matter of surprise and decided encouragement that a large number of new activities of a really important nature have been proposed.

Until each of these several matters has been investigated we shall not be in a position to recommend them to your government or to the investing public, to be acted upon In order, therefore, that you may be made aware of the kind of work that we are undertaking, we hnd you herewith a brief outline of some of the more important proposals.

In considering these matters our members regard as a matter of great importance the fact that in another year we shall have in the Charlottetown harbour a dock and warehouse capable of accomodating ocean steamships, which ships will open up the market of the world to the producers of the Island. In the past, having only railway transportation service, the rates upon which, to the shipping ports of Halifax, St. John and Montreal, have been too high to permit of a profitable export business, the farmers and fishermen of the province have been seriously handicapped. Nor has there been any encouragement to establish factories for the processing of the Island's many and varied products. A matter of special import in this connection is that it has not been merely due to the low prices obtained on the mainland for the few lines such as potatoes and turnips for which the railway has given access to a market, as to the fact that in the other provinces and in the United States where the railway is able to transport our goods there is no demand at all for a wide range of fruits and vegetables, for the cultivation of which Prince Edward Island is peculiarly adapted. On the other hand, when we can ship by sea to Britain and other countries, there appears to be no reason why a large export trade should not be developed. For similar reasons new markets could be opened up for the Island's fish which can be processed in many ways; also for livestock, particularly for breeding purposes.

And now, to return to a consideration of the objects of our organization, we hand you herewith a copy of our Constitution and By-Laws, from which you will note that, as Premier of the Province, you, Mr. Campbell, are eligible for the position of Honorary President and we now respectfully request that you will accept same as a token of goodwill and of your appreciation of our desire to do all in our power to promote the welfare of the Province.

You will note that, in addition to the usual slate of officers, we have a number of standing committees. We propose also to appoint special committees for study and research work of the different subjects to be investigated. To assist in this research work we are inviting interested persons to enroll themselves as associate members, whose sole duty it will be to study the different questions and to obtain reliable basic information bearing upon same.

Of the many subjects for research and investigation suggested by the members, the following have been regarded as worthy of immediate consideration:—

THE ISLAND RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL; MATTERS TO BE INVESTIGATED

Ocean Tonnage

1. The necessary steps to be taken to make the most profitable use of the ocean shipping facilities that will be provided in the Charlottetown Harbor in the Spring of 1941 and to provide sufficient tonnage to induce ship owners to have their vessels make Charlottetown Harbour a regular port of call.

Feed For Livestock

2. With the view to assisting farmers of the Island to increase the livestock population, it is generally admitted that a large amount of grain and other feeds will have to be imported and the best sources of same are being investigated.

Grain Elevator

3. It appears to be generally agreed that large amounts of grain can be obtained at the lowest cost if imported directly from Port Arthur and Fort William in large grain vessels. In order, however, to unload these vessels, a grain elevator will be required alongside of the new Charlottetown wharf.

Co-Operative Abattoir

4. Many of our farmers are complaining of the unsatisfactory conditions now prevailing for the slaughter and disposing of their animals, and we are investigating the feasibility of establishing a Co-operative Abattoir.

Improved Potato Cultivation

5. Feeling that, while many of our farmers are making an unquestioned success of the cultivation of potatoes, both for seed and table stock, the fact remains that the average production per acre for the whole Island is only one hundred and eighty (180) bushels. It is evident, therefore, that there is room for improvement in this matter and same is receiving careful study.

Advertising Of Island Potatoes

6. In several states of the Union, the State Governments are levying a small tax, usually one cent per bushel, upon all potatoes exported to other states, and are using the proceeds of the tax in advertising the potatoes in the larger centres of population This plan is meeting with excellent results, not only in creating a demand but in increasing the selling price to an extent many times the amount of the tax. We believe that this is a matter worthy of your immedate consideration with a view to the introduction of a similar plan in this province. We shall shortly hand you a report on same.

High Grade Breeding Stock

7. The fact that many prizes each year are brought to the Island from outside fairs by our high grade animals, coupled with the further fact that in another year we shall have world wide export shipping facilities, encourages us to believe that specializing in the highest types of breeding stock for export would bring a large amount of money to the Island and at the same time prove a desirable tonnage for ocean ships. Furthermore, as this is an Island and therefore free from interference from neighboring provinces, there is reason to believe that it would be profitable to have all animal matings controlled in order to raise the standard of all kinds of livestock on the Island.

Goats

8. There is a growing and large demand for kid skins for glove making and for goat skins for fine leather goods, nearly all of which have to be imported into Canada from other countries. As goat's milk is of special value for infants and invalids, also for foxes and for the making of high priced cream cheeses, there is an unlimited demand for this product. We are preparing data on this whole question and we believe that same will convince your government that it would be advisable to import from British Columbia a carload of the best foundation stock, as is now being done by the Province of Quebec, to be distributed among some of our most progressive farmers, on the understanding that your government will be given control for further distribution of a percentage of the young kids as they are born. The cost of freighting from British Columbia is much less in carload lots and permits of the animals being accompanied by a caretaker. This movement will cost the Government nothing as the price paid for the animals and the freight would be repaid by the farmers receiving the stock.

Tanneries

9. The question of goat and kid skins brings up the further question of the establishment of a tanning industry run upon modern lines. Prior to the change some years ago to chemical processing of hides, there appeared to have been two fair sized tanneries. At that time more beef cattle were raised on the Island and the heavier hides were tanned. From such investigations as we have as yet made, the tanning of the finer skins would appear to be better suited to this Province including calf, kip, lamb, sheep, kid and goats, also the making of winter sleigh robes from horse hides. The matter is at least worthy of investigation.

Tobacco Cultivation

10. We have been asked to investigate the possibility of cultivating tobacco successfully on this Island and while it is stated by some that past experiments have not proved a success, there are others who contend that certain types of plant can be grown, particularly in certain sections of our sandy loam. The matter appears to be worthy of careful consideration as the value of the product per acre is very high and gives employment to more people per given area than any other product in Canada.

Strawberry Cultivation

11. In peace times there is a demand in Britain for more than 10,000 tons of strawberries, the output of 4,000 acres, put up in sulphur dioxide, which process, if done in a large way, is both simple and inexpensive. There is also a world wide demand for a good quality of strawberry jam and a fair demand for frozen strawberries. Island strawberries are admitted to be of a superior flavour and texture and now that we shall have direct ocean shipping, our Council feel that this matter is worthy of special encouragement.

Cranberry Bogs

12. There are some hundreds of valuable cranberry bogs in different parts of the Province, none of which is being cultivated on correct lines. In most districts there is reason to believe that this Island is in a more favourable position regarding Spring and Autumn frosts than is the case in Cape Cod and New Jersey. We believe that an important source of wealth is lying dormant in these bogs and that it would be a comparatively simple matter to start cultivation under expert supervision and under a financial arrangement with the farmers that would not call for a large amount of money and for which ample security would be provided.

Orchards

13. In the same manner the planting of orchards lends itself to Government assistance and oversight in certain districts of the Island for apples, pears, plums, cherries and damsons. The lack of ocean transportation in the past has rendered these lines unprofitable but in certain protected areas where the soil is suitable, there is reason to believe that excellent, large fruit can be grown. Apart from export trade we understand that imports of these lines to the Island amount annually to $50,000 in value.

Peat

14. We have in this Province vast deposits of peat lying idle, which at a comparatively small capital investment could be prepared both for home use and for export, giving employment to a fairly large number of workers. Peat moss apparently can be used in a variety of ways, as e. g., for top soil dressing for gardens, lawns, golf links and fairways, as material for surgical antiseptic dressing, as a powder for deodorizing purposes, as a moisture absorbent providing dry antiseptic floor covering for winter and spring use in poultry houses, as insulating material for building purposes and very largely as stable litter, replacing straw. We intend to investigate costs, selling prices, and available markets for this valuable product. This article currently sells at $20.00 per ton wholesale in the United States.

Clay Deposits

15. Another Island natural product of which there appear to be extensive areas is that of red clay which we understand can be used for the manufacture of pottery, of building bricks and of tile drains. There are also some special sands that it is contended are suitable for glass making, for abrasive purposes and for polishing. All these things call for intensive research.

Soil Analysis

16. Our members are unanimous in the belief that the farmers of the Island would be greatly benefited were a laboratory established for the analysis of their soils From such information as we have at hand, it would appear that if the work is done in a large way, a very small charge would cover the cost and not only save money in the purchase of unnecessary fertilizer but permit of better crops of roots and grains and pastures. In the same laboratory an expert chemist would be of unquestioned value in deciding many problems now allowed to remain unsolved, because no analysts are readily available.

Weed Eradication

17. According to the Dominion Agricultural Department the loss annually sustained by Canadian farmers from the growth of weeds is no less a figure than $70,000,000, admittedly a very serious matter. There are some who contend that Prince Edward Island is fully up to the average of the other Provinces in this token of indifference. A committee of the Council is being appointed to study and report.

Canning Of Fruits And Vegetables

18. There are many reasons to believe that on this Island a variety of fruits and vegetables required as materials for the canning industry can be produced higher in quality and of a larger quantity per acre than elsewhere in Canada or in most parts of the United States. Our labor is both intelligent and reasonable in price, and with shipping facilities to the world markets, it appears to us that one of our most promising opportunities lies in the canning industry, provided same is established on thoroughly up-to-date lines, making use of every possible phase of mass production. We are gathering data with a view of proving the above facts.

Fish Canning

19. The Island Fisheries offer a special opportunity for the canning industry, in which all kinds of fish can be processed for food, as fish meal and as fertilizer, also in extracting cod liver oil and other by-products.

Farm Rehabilitation

20. There are many reasons to believe that a very considerable number of the Island farmers are working at a heavy handicap because of a lack of knowledge of modern agricultural methods, having obsolete farming equipment, a poor grade of livestock, buildings out of repair and impoverished soil. Many of these farms are heavily mortgaged and every issue of our daily papers tells of foreclosures that cannot but be causing great distress and frequently result in abandoned farms. We hope that before long your Government will be enabled to assist these farmers under the Island Farm Rehabilitation Act passed at the last session of the Legislature.

Instructional Supervision

21. In the meantime because of the increased production, until satisfactory financial arrangements can be made as required under the farm rehabilitation act, it appears to us that the employment of expert general farmers acting as advisers and overseers, constantly going from farm to farm throughout the Province, would be of very great benefit and would result in a large increase in agricultural production besides preventing much loss from waste and inefficient methods.

Common School Education

22. Although the last on the list of the subjects that we have set down for consideration, our members regard the need for reform and improvement in our schools as being basically the most important of all. Unless a materially higher standard of education is given to the rising generation than is now being offered to them in the schools, it is not reasonable to expect that the farmers and fishermen of the future will respond satisfactorily to the many opportunities for more enlightened producing methods upon which the progress of the Island mainly depends. This is a matter of such great import, and one upon which there is apparently so wide a diversity of opinion, that we do not attempt, as yet, to say more than that we are appointing a special committee for its consideration and that the most careful study will be given to the matter.

From the above, you will no doubt realize that the volume of work that the Council is undertaking is very large indeed, and that the data on all subjects must be both accurate and dependable. In these facts lie apparently our only serious difficulty.

Our members, a list of whom we hand you with their respective occupations, cover a wide range of experience and we are inviting others to join with us in cases in which further knowledge is required. Our members, however, both professional and commercial are all busy men earning their living and in many cases members of other organizations; and, while they are glad to attend all meetings and to enter keenly into discussions, they are not able to devote the necessary time required for correspondence, personal interviews, close study, etc. For this purpose we require a paid secretary, a man of experience who will devote his whole time and thoughts to the work of the Council. He will be expected to attend all meetings of the Council and of the committees, to take copious notes of the discussions, to correspond widely in search of information, to interview specialists and experts, both on the Island and those coming from outside sources, to read and study a wide range of literature, including government bulletins, etc., and to report back to the Council and to the several committees. We are fortunate in having in sight a man that we believe will give us good service but the income of the Council is insufficient to pay his salary and office expenses.

Each of our members pays annually a small fee. We had planned to invite the more prominent business men of the community to become supporting members, each paying annually a sum of $25.00. Owing, however, to the many campaigns for war and other purposes that are now being brought forward, we have decided to defer action in this regard for the present. Under the circumstances, and in consideration of the facts that the work our Council proposes to do will be for the benefit of the people of the Island as a whole, that our members are asking no remuneration of any kind, that their objects are entirely patriotic, and that they have no personal ambitions other than the hope that they will, with all others share in any benefits that may accrue from their efforts, we feel that we are justified in looking to the Government for the required financial assistance.

In addition to the many important matters that it is our purpose to investigate and report upon, the Council will be ready and willing to give special and immediate consideration and study to any particular subjects upon which members of your Cabinet may desire specific information. As already stated we realize that the members of your government are all exceedingly busy men, because of which fact there are no doubt many questions in which they are interested but regarding which they are unable to come to a quick decision for lack of reliable information bearing upon same. By thus placing our organization at your disposal we believe that the small amount of money we shall require will in this one respect be earned many times over, apart altogether from the valuable information that we shall obtain on subjects of our own choice.

There is also to be remembered the interest on the part of the public that our Council hopes to awaken by pointing to opportunities that will benefit the Island and afford employment to its people.

After very careful consideration, and by keeping our expenses down to the lowest possible figure, we feel that we can make ends meet if you will allow us $100 per month, which sum we confidently trust that you will regard as having been well earned and expended in the best interest of the Island.

The above respectfully submitted,
THE ISLAND RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
K. S. ROGERS,
President.

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Grade VI—1. Alice McCloskey; 2. Teresa McDonald.

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