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POLICE COURT — At the Police Court yesterday a Prohibition case was dismissed. A drunk had his bail bond of \$10 estreated and a drunk and incapable was fined \$5 and costs or ten days.

NOW IN BELGIUM — Word has been received by Mrs. M. L. Murphy that her husband, Spr. M. L. Murphy has arrived in Belgium. Spr. Murphy has been overseas for four and a half years and is serving with the Royal Canadian Engineers.

HOME BEHEAVED — A telegram was received yesterday morning by Mr. Arthur Gaudet announcing the death of his sister Josie (Mrs. R. W. Rogers). She passed away while in Hollywood, California. There were no particulars as to the cause of death. Mr. Gaudet is survived by six brothers, Harry, Arthur and Fred, in this city, Jack at Borden, Louis at Toronto, and Frank at whom the Guardian extends sincere sympathy.

FUNERAL SERVICES — The largely attended funeral of the late Mrs. Leo Fraught was held yesterday morning from her late residence, Cherry Valley, to St. Joachim's Church, St. John's. Solemn requiem mass was celebrated by the pastor the Rev. Mgr. McDonald, assisted by Rev. Mgr. McKeena and Rev. C. P. Wood. Rev. C. McCarthy was Master of ceremonies. The pallbearers were: Messrs. Alphonse McIntyre, Leigh Eynes, George Huggan, Everett Jenkins, J. MacEachern and Sandy McDonald. The services at the grave were conducted by Rev. O. P. Wood.

VISITED CITY — Flying Officer Donald Curry accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Curry, was a visitor to the city yesterday. They left on the evening train for Alberton. Curry, who shortly returns overseas, is already the early age of 19 a veteran of the air war against Germany, having made 36 operational flights over enemy territory. His father, V. Curry, was manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce for the last several years. Recently he was transferred to Souris where his family will join him soon.

BONSHAW W. M. S. — The March meeting of the Bonshaw United W. M. S. was held at the home of Mrs. J. G. Seaton. The theme "The Kingdom of God is Within You" was carried through the service of worship, as outlined in the Missionary Manual, and led by Mrs. J. W. Boyce in the absence of the president, with scripture readings and prayers by different members. The devotional part closed with hymn "Lead on O King Eternal." The business period followed, eight members and two visitors were present. A letter of thanks for sympathy cards was read from a bereaved family. The study period was in charge of Miss M. G. Prater. Prayer by the leader was followed by the Lord's Prayer in unison. At the close of the meeting, lunch was served by hostess, assisted by Mrs. Hector MacKevlin and Mrs. Fred Shaw and a social hour was enjoyed.

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Mr. R. R. Bell Speaks
On the Draft Address



Mr. R. R. Bell, M.L.A.

The importance of developing cheap electrical power was among the things emphasized in the Legislature last week by Mr. R. R. Bell, Second District of Queen's, in speaking in the Draft Address Debate.

Family allowances, provisions for returned forces and the Farm Improvement Loans Act were the three most important Federal measures mentioned in the Speech from the Throne, and each of these had received unanimous Opposition support in the House. Mr. Bell said. He expressed his own strong commendation of these measures.

The legislation dealing with service men and women was not a matter of the Government, but of the Dominion jurisdiction. Mr. Bell believed that in this connection there should be a liaison officer functioning between the two Federal departments and the Provincial Government. He stressed the importance of the Farm Improvement Loans Act in this province.

He understood a physical fitness director has been appointed and that he is now in the way of representation he might get him released; as he was instrumental in getting another gentleman out of the navy service. Premier Jones: "We got one but he got a bigger job in the consular service."

Mr. McPhee: "You don't want to deplete the Navy entirely. I understand there were nine other applicants for the job. One of them formerly a member of the Government, but they were overlooked and a new man taken from the naval service. Many are wondering why. It was answered by the Minister of the Government that he was desirous of having one who would be at his beck and call. I understand that that was the reason he gave over the air for his appointment. The present Attorney General."

Mr. Bell referred to some law cases last summer in King's County. The Crown Prosecutor was in attendance but apparently the Attorney General saw fit to go out and hire another lawyer. The Crown Prosecutor was acting for the prosecution. It was supposed that the Attorney General was too busy with government business to attend to the case. He had seen fit to establish an office as attorney-at-law, after assurance had been given by the Premier. Mr. Bell said, "I find, that the Attorney General has not even got an office in this building. Apparently they have moved out hocus-hocus, not to any government building but to some private office in the city."

Commenting on the appointment of a secretary of Reconstruction Mr. Bell quoted a somewhat sneering reference to the Premier. "I think it was just after this gentleman had spoken before the Rotary Club."

Farmers' Difficulties
The main reason for the decline in farm income in this Province, Mr. Bell said, was the disgraceful condition that existed last spring. The farmers had a market, but they were not permitted to sell their potatoes. The Provincial Government was in part to blame. The local dealer in the country was taking potatoes from the farmer and selling them at a high price, but that man could not get a permit because some "sawdust Caesar" in Toronto with more brains than the farmer had, was in the way.

He instanced the case of dealers who had to coax the starch factories to take their potatoes at the moment a bushel of potatoes at the factory in the hope that they would be able to use them.

Referring to the change in the fiscal year, Mr. Bell said this meant that "all we have now in departmental reports is a history of ancient history." It was not possible under this system to discuss what is expended during the past year.

He approved of the Government giving any assistance it could to the cattle industry. This help should have been given long ago. Last year the Government made grants for importation of livestock to the different breeds and encouragement of extra money at the Provincial Exhibition.

He commented on the success of Island breeders at the Maritime stock show at the Maritime Hotel, and hoped that, as the Premier had intimated, a show could be held here.

Premier Jones: "Davis and Fraser have reported that I think it will come off all right."

Falconwood Farm
"Even if the conditions of Prince Edward Island farms is 'healthy', as the speech from the Throne maintains, there is one farm that is not," Mr. Bell continued. "I refer to the report of the Falconwood farm, which has been tabled this year. It is a very distressing report. It has been reported that practically the whole turnip acreage was never hoed, but was allowed to grow up with weeds. The medical superintendent's report bears that out, for he states that 'planting, cultivation, harvesting and storing of the crops grown, has been un satisfactory,' and that during the past year the young orchard has not been cared for, nor has provision been made for the continued cultivation of strawberries; and our supply of vegetables has been inadequate." With regard to the poultry, the report states that the venture in raising a flock of hens started last spring has not proved very satisfactory.

Premier Jones: "That is 1943. They have improved a lot since then." Mr. Bell: "I fear there is room for improvement. But during 1944 I understand that conditions have not been good. Possibly the reason was that there were a great many changes. I understand that there was an efficient farmer, Mr. Mulligan, who for some reason or other was 'dropped'. After that Mr. McPherson was appointed, and we heard a great deal about it. The word is not that he is 'dropped'. We have been assured re-

only that a new farmer has been taken on and that in the future things will be very much better." Premier Jones: "Have you anything to say against him?" Mr. Bell: "No, Mr. Roper has ample experience. In fact possibly too much experience, because he understands he is over seventy years of age."

Mr. Bell referred to the efforts made to improve the Falconwood herd. Some time ago a delegation was sent away to purchase a Holstein bull, and had authority to pay the tremendous sum of \$4,000. Something happened and the bull did not arrive, but two Holstein heifers were brought here which cost the Province \$2,300.

Mr. Bell referred to the moment the offspring of these cattle would have been kept here to improve the herd, but the leader of the Government tells us that some of the offspring have been sold and the reason for selling was that they got a price for the heifers equal to that of their mothers. Premier Jones: "We have still got the matter."

Mr. Bell: "But I don't believe the Government should go into the business of raising heifers on Falconwood farm. The purpose of the bill is to have the heifers kept here. If they were worth that to Ontario or the United States, surely they were worth that to us here."

Disgraceful Condition
Mr. Bell scored the Government's neglect in maintaining secondary roads last year. He instanced particularly the southern part of Second Queen's which has been "a forgotten district for several years." Last year they had a condition at Rocky Point which was intolerable. Signs were placed on the wharf and on the approaches to the highway leading to the wharf, stating that anybody driving there with a truck would do so at his own risk. "Think of that. At a place where that was the only outlet for a large part of the Second District to get to a market. The condition became so bad that men hauling with trucks were obliged to turn back at Rocky Point and drive back to Charlottetown, a distance of twenty-five miles, whereas if the wharf had been fixed they could have gone on the ferry, a distance of about one mile."

"They may say it was the fault of the contractor, but surely the local government has enough influence to get it fixed. That is the situation we will have to contend with again this spring."

Referring to the manpower shortage, Mr. Bell said the drafting of men by Selective Service to go on farms was more or less a farce. Some of the men drafted were not at all fitted for farm labor. There is an appeal board which sits in Charlottetown and has a membership of three or five, all strong supporters of the present Government. "I find these men are drawing a salary of \$12.00 a day. I wonder through their efforts last year at that rate of pay how many men finally were sent out to help the farmers in their cropping operations."

Mr. Bell had no objection to the Government giving assistance to plowing matches, but believed that

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Rural Electrification
At the present time the Maritime Electric Company are servicing certain centres. Mr. Bell said, it seemed strange that the moment they heard of a power bill being introduced in this House there was quite a splash made that the company were going to extend their lines, especially from Charlottetown to Crapaud and Victoria. Mr. Bell quoted from the last issue of the Financial Post in which it was stated that the Maritime Electric Company since 1938 had increased their capital by very materially, and their profits and business were up. "It would seem to me that when this business is so good for the company, and they are expanding so rapidly, possibly the Government should look very carefully into the matter of taking over a company such as that. It is good business for the company it might very well be good business for the Province. It seems to me the time has come when Prince Edward Island should not be listed as costing to the user the highest rate anywhere on the continent of North America. "Something has been said about having no water power facilities in the Province. It might be worth while for the Government to look further into that matter, because we know that prior to this company the Montague Power Company had a splendid business there and serviced quite a large district. No doubt with some increase to their equipment they could have serviced southern and northern King's County. This company came along and took them over. I understand that it was not a very good move for the shareholders of that small Montague Power Company, as they did not get paid in cash. They were induced to take bonds at a percent as were a great many other consumers in this Province. These bonds were sold with a dividend of 8 to 8 per cent and paid dividends for a short time, and then the dividends ceased. The users of electricity raised some complaints about that, and the company said, "We are giving you electricity and you can change your dividends against that." At the present time there are possibly a hundred or more bonds of Associated Gas and Electric Company which are worth very little indeed. If that company is still associated with the Maritime Electric Company I would like to take into account the many thousands of dollars taken from the people of this Province by the Government put over by that company a few years ago."

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