Naval Barracks On Pownal Wharf Site Suggested

Prospects for the construction of a new naval barracks in Charlottetown are most encouraging. Hon. F. A. Large, Attorney General of the Province, told the Charlottetown Board of Trade at its 60th annual meeting last night.

The Pownal Wharf site can be purchased, Mr. Large said, by the Department of National Defense and he urged that the Board of Trade busy itself in preparing a resolution to be forwarded the Department immediately. The main requirements, in order, to have the Department of National Defense erect a naval barracks in the City, are, Mr. Large said, a suitable site and a naval enlistment of 200 officers and men.

Mr. Large said he understood the estimates for the erection of a barracks in Quebec City are going in this year and that prompt work on the part of the local Board of Trade could result in the estimates for a naval barracks in Charlottetown going in at the same time.

Supreme Court Sessions Continue

William Robert Rose was arraigned before Chief Justice Thane A. Campbell yesterday afternoon on a charge of abduction and pleaded "not guilty". His trial was set down for next Monday.

In the case of the King versus Frank Terry Hawse, the arraignment of the accused was adjourned until this afternoon. Mr. L. P. O'Donnell was assigned as counsel for the defence.

Arguments will be submitted at 2:30 this afternoon by W. E Bentley, K.C., to have the indictment against Howard Court quashed. He is charged with indecent assault.

The Prohibition appeal of Annie Vail was adjourned until Feb. 21st. G. R. Holmes for the respondent; J. A. McDonald, K.C. for the appellant.

The appeal by Leo R. McDonald from an Excise conviction was allowed. A. W. Matheson for the respondent and J. A. MacDonald, K.C., for the appellant. McDonald's appeal from a Prohibition conviction was dismissed and $30 costs granted the respondent; G. R. Holmes, K.C., appeared for the respondent and J. A. McDonald, K.C., for the appellant.

The Excise appeal of Hubert Quinn was dismissed and costs of $30 allowed the respondent. G. R. Holmes, K.C., for the respondent and L. P. O'Donnell for the appellant.

"DROWN" GAS BOMBS

PLYMOUTH, England —(CP)— Loaded with gas bombs and high explosives which can only be destroyed by "drowning" the steamer Empire Lark will be towed to sea and sunk.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

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BIRTHS

CAMPBELL—At the P. E. I. Hospital on January 12th, 1947, to Mr. and Mrs. H. Elwood Campbell, City, a son (David Elwood.)

CURRAN — At the Charlottetown Hospital, Jan. 14, 1947, to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Curran, Peakes, a son.

MacWILLIAMS—At the Prince County Hospital, January 11, 1947, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank MacWilliams, Cape Traverse, a son.

TODD—At the Prince County Hospital on January 13, 1947, to Mr. and Mrs. Ewen Todd (nee Reta Frizzell), Rose Valley, P. E. I., a daughter.

MURPHY—At the Charlottetown Hospital, January 15, 1947 to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Murphy, (nee Agnes Higgins), Avondale, a daughter.

MACNEILL — At the P. E. I. Hospital on Jan. 3, 1947 to Mr. and Mrs. Neil C. MacNeill, Milton, a son. (Patriot please copy.)

DEATHS

SUDSBURY— At Kensington, Jan. 15, 1947, Charles Sudsbury, age 72 years. Funeral from the home of his son, Reagh, Friday, at 2 p. m.

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25% DISCOUNT of Ceiling Fixtures at Brown Electric Shop, 117 Kent Street.

FIREMEN CALLED—The firemen were called out at 5.25 yesterday evening to a small fire at the corner of Water and Queen Streets. There was no damage.

HOME FROM BOSTON — Mrs. Florence Walsh of this City, returned home Tuesday evening from Boston, Mass. where she spent the past month visiting relatives and friends.

52ND. WEDDING ANNIVERSARY—Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Acorn, City, today are extending heartiest congratulations to this well and favorably known couple on the occasion of their 52nd wedding anniversary.

ILL IN HOSPITAL —The many friends of Mr. John Gay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Percy G. Gay, Mount Edward Road, will regret to learn he has been stricken with pneumonia and has been removed to the Charlottetown Hospital for treatment.

D. C. HOWARD AND G. A. RAMSAY are holding special gospel services in the new Gospel Hall, Upper Prince Street every night, ex. Sat. at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 7.30 p. m. The old-fashioned gospel is preached plainly with the scriptures as the only text guide and you are invited to attend without obligation.

CHARLOTTETOWN Y GRADS—Last night the Grads held their weekly supper meeting at the Y with president George MacDougall in the chair. A lively sing-song followed the dinner after which a former staunch member and past president, Gordon Morris was welcomed back to the club. Final arrangements for Burns Concert and play were made and a report from the advertising committee was given. Other committees of the year were heard and submitted to the chair. The meeting adjourned with the King.

FUNERAL YESTERDAY — The funeral of Mrs. Charles Kelly took place yesterday morning from her late residence, Lake Verde, to St. Joachim's Church, Vernon River, where Solemn Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Msgr. Maurice MacDonald assisted by Rev. William Simpson as Deacon and Rev. O. P. Woods as Sub-Deacon. Master of Ceremonies was Rev. Leonard Ayres. Present in the sanctuary was Rev. John Sullivan. The service at the grave was conducted by Rev. O. P. Woods. The pallbearers were Messrs. John Shea, Harry Kelly, William Redmond, John Callaghan and Raymond Woods.

Personals

Mrs. M. Martin of Emerald Junction was a weekend visitor in Charlottetown at the home of Mr. Jack Arsenault, Belmont St. and other friends.

Life Underwriters Annual Meeting

Mr. Victor S. Ling of the Empire Life was elected president of the Life Underwriters Association of Prince Edward Island, succeeding Mr. R.J. Rupert, C.L.U. of the Confederation Life Association.

The meeting was held in the offices of Hyndman & Co., with the president presiding. The president's report indicated a year of activity and progress.

The report of the secretary-treasurer, V.S. Ling, showed the finances in good condition with a substantial surplus.

The nominating committees slate of officers was unanimously accepted. The new officers are as follows:

President—V.S. Ling.

Vice-president (Queens) — J.W.D. Smallwood.

Vice-president (Prince) — W.E. Brooks.

Vice-president (Kings) — Cyrus E. Shaw.

Directors: F. Walter Hyndman, A.R. MacInnis, C.H. Black, W.G. Hogg.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the retiring president for his leadership in the year 1946.

Mr. J.F. Connolly Heads Public Servants' Ass'n

Mr. J. F. Connolly, Deputy-Minister of Reconstruction, was elected president of the Prince Edward Island Public Servants' Association at its second annual meeting held in the Province Building.

The retiring president is Mr. L. W. Shaw, director of education.

Other officers elected were:

Vice President, W. E. Agnew.

Secretary Treasurer, Hilda M. Harper.

Executive Committee, L. W. Shaw, W. E. Massey, Dr. A. J. Murchison, Wm. McDougall, J. Walter Currie, Miss Mary McDonald.

Advisory Committee, P. A. Murnaghan, H. R. Carruthers.

Hon. Wm. Hughes representing the Provincial Government was present and spoke in appreciation of the large attendance of public servants and the pleasant relationships existing between the Government and its employees. The business meeting was followed by a film shown by courtesy of the Film Board, magician acts by Duke Neilsen, dancing and cards. The serving of refreshments brought the evening to a close.

TWO NEW MEN

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Department, succeeds Dr. D. B. Finn, who resigned recently to go to the United Nations Organization.

In the Defence Department, Wilfrid Mills, Deputy Minister of the Department for Naval Affairs, has been appointed Deputy Minister of National Defence, with Alexander Ross, Deputy Minister of Defence (Army), and Col. Paul Mathieu, Assistant Deputy Minister of Defence (Army), both becoming associate deputy ministers with Mr. Mills.

This shift was regarded here as a consolidation arising from the recent re-amalgamation of the Department under Hon. Brooke Claxton, the new Defence Minister. At the outbreak of war the Department was split into three sections — Army, Navy and Air Force —and now has returned to its peacetime footing.

Dr. Keenleyside, a former lecturer in history, at the University of British Columbia, entered the External Affairs Department in 1928 and rose rapidly, becoming assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs by 1941 and Ambassador to Mexico two years ago. He had been prominent in the work of a number of international councils and commissions.

Mr. Bates was a professor of commerce at Dalhousie University, Halifax, before he came to Ottawa in 1942 as special assistant to the Deputy Minister of Fisheries. He did considerable work in the solving of fisheries problems before going to the Reconstruction Department in 1945.

BOARD OF TRADE

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Tidmarsh who, Mr. Hyndman said, were the oldest members of the Board, both in age and in years of membership. They had been members since the Board's inception, 60 years ago.

At the suggestion of Mr. Hyndman, the amount of fee to be charged incorporated and unincorporated firms wishing to become members of the Board will be set by the incoming Council who will also make the necessary changes in the constitution enabling firms to be admitted to membership.

Mr. R. E. Mutch approved the idea and said that, in his opinion, a permanent secretary, paid a salary commensurate with his ability and the importance of his office, could do a great deal in making the work of the Board more effective. The question will be taken up at the next meeting.

Before the meeting adjourned, the following resolution, moved by J. O. Hydnman, and seconded by R. E. Mutch, was unanimously adopted:

"The Charlottetown Board of Trade, in annual session, desire to express the most sincere regret of its members, at the passing of their esteemed friend, Mr. F. Maclure Sclanders, of Saint John, New Brunswick. The late Mr. Sclanders made an outstanding contribution to the economic advancement of the Maritime Provinces, and particularly so, in his ever ready co-operation with Boards of Trade, the Maritime Transportation Commission, and the Royal Duncan Commission, on Maritime claims. He was always on the alert in an endeavour to secure fair play and justice for these Atlantic Provinces, which he so dearly loved.

"This Board desires to place on record their tribute of high appreciation of the services so efficiently rendered, and to convey to the family of the late Mr. Sclanders most sincere sympathy in their sad bereavement."

WHEN TO EAT

Meals at any old hour just won't do, declare health authorities at Ottawa. It's not only what but when you eat that counts. The doctors say that meals should be at convenient and reasonable hours. The digestive tract functions better, like other parts of the body, if placed on a regular schedule.

LONDON — (CP) — Britain's second television station, planned for Birmingham, will not be opened for at least two years, said W. A. Burke, assistant postmaster general.

St Paul's Church Sunday School Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of St. Paul's Church Sunday School was held last evening in the Parish Hall, with the Superintendent, J.E.H. Worth presiding. The meeting was opened with prayer by the rector, Rev. J.T. Ibbott.

The various reports were read and adopted. The school has had a very successful year both as regards to attendance and in work accomplished. The Missionary Treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of $248.06, which was all voted to be used for missionary effort by sending $35.00 to each of the following — Mission to Seamen, Church and Bible Prayer Book Society, Boys School at Palampour, Girls School at Kangra, Mission to Lepers and Columbia Coast Mission. Sunday School by Radio was voted $30.00. It is to be noted that $100.00 was contributed to the Anglican Advance Appeal as the yearly payment.

The election of officers for the year 1947 was as follows:

Honourary Superintendent —Dr. W.H. Pethick.

Superintendent — J.E.H. Worth.

Missionary Treasurer — F.A. VanIderstine; assistants, Cpl. L.F.M. Strong, Dr. Pethick.

Secretary — Miss L. Haszard.

Supply Treasurer — G.E. Proctor.

Seeks Reformatory For Medium-Term Maritime Prisoners

HALIFAX, Jan. 15 —(CP) — Efforts to have a reformatory for medium-term prisoners established in the Maritimes still are being pursued by the Nova Scotia Government, Attorney-General J. H. MacQuarrie announced today. He added that his department was seeking an organizer and superintendent for the proposed institution.

The Attorney-General said discussions had been going on for some time between Nova Scotia and Ottawa Justice Department officials. New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island had supported Nova Scotia's proposal for a Maritime institution as part of the federal prison and reformatory system. The proposal for a federally administered Maritime reformatory was a recommendation of the Archambault report.

Provincial authorities in Nova Scotia now are making a survey of the number of prisoners doing medium terms who would serve their sentences in such an institution rather than in local or county jails.

Opening of such an institution would remove prisoners serving terms of between 60 days and two years from county jails, many of which are overcrowded. The latter would then be able to give better attention to short-term prisoners. Young offenders would not be quartered with old criminals and prisoners would be able to receive training while serving their term.

Egg Supplies Increase; May Pack For Export

Egg receipts continue to increase with demand only fair, according to the Dominion Department of Agriculture egg and poultry market report, issued yesterday by Mr. F. M. Nash, senior poultry products inspector at Charlottetown. Retail and consumer demand continues good but not sufficient to take up present supplies. Some dealers contemplate packing for export immediately. Paying prices have declined to export levels. However, this price is at least three cents above prices for same period last year.

P. E. I. stations, quoting for ungraded eggs delivered:

A Large 36; A Medium 34; A Pullet & B 28; C 20.

Graded shipments delivered Charlottetown: A Large 41; A Medium 39; A Pullet & B 33; C 25.

Paying prices for A-1 producers eggs cartoned: A Large 51; A Medium 49; A Pullet 44. Retailing at A Large 57; A Medium 55; A Pullet 46.

Paying prices for specialized producers eggs cartoned: A Large 46; A Medium 44; A Pullet 39. Retailing at: A Large 54; A Medium 52; A Pullet 46.

Retail prices on loose eggs 2c per dozen less.

Poultry receipts continue light and it is believed that practically all poultry has been marketed for the season. Chicken canners are operating at full capacity. Whilst quality of product is good, demand is only fair.

Poultry prices are unchanged.

Atlantic Storm Is Diminishing

NEW YORK, Jan. 15 — (AP)— The week-long storm over the North Atlantic shipping lanes diminished in ferocity today, the United States Coast Guard reported, but two ships battered by the heavy seas still were in need of help.

The British tanker Fossularca, which ordinarily carries a crew of 30, reported by radio that she was unable to steer because of rudder damage. She gave her position as 290 miles east of St. John's, Nfld.

The Coast Guard cutter Ingham, which picked up the tanker's message reported that the S. S. Empire Macallum, 155 miles from the distressed vessel, was going to her aid.

The Canadian steamship Tecumseh Park, which messaged Tuesday that she was "breaking up" in storm-tossed seas, said today that she was still able to make five knots towards Argentina, Nfld.

Submersible Canoe Was Useful Craft

((By Michael O'Mara)

LONDON, Jan. 15—(CP)—A 13-foot submersible canoe— cross between an Eskimo kayak and a Buck Rogers crash boat—was used "successfully" against enemy vessels from 1943 until the war's end, but the Admiralty will not reveal details of the canoe's triumphs.

Pictures of the smallest underwater craft in the world, and the only one-man vessel of its type capable of resurfacing once it is submerged, has been permitted to appear in publications but security still covers many aspects of the craft and its work.

H. Q. A. Reeves, former British Army infantry officer, who perfected the craft and acted as chief test pilot, was permitted to reveal these facts:

The motorized submersible canoe is fully decked, fitted with two electric motors operating a single screw. It is 12 feet, eight inches long with a beam of 27 inches. Fitted with ballast tanks, the vessel can be partially submerged to travel with only the operator's head above water or it can be totally submerged.

The vessel's cruising range is 40 nautical miles at a speed of 3 1-2 knots.

The pilot wears a heavy rubber suit fitted with an oxygen mask permitting submersion of 90 minutes. Underwater, the vessel travels at a normal depth of 30 feet but can dive lower and at 50 feet can loop the loop.

Reeves said the canoes were standard equipment on many British submarines—more than 300 were used during the war—and without amplification added that they also had been used by the Americans.

No Admiralty communique has ever attributed damage to enemy vessels to the canoes and Admiralty intelligence are silent on the subject—but they do not deny Reeves' account.

Challenge Russian Spitsbergen Claims

(By Jack Smith)

LONDON, Jan. 15—(AP)—A Foreign Office spokesman challenged today any reassertion of Russian claims in the strategic Spitsbergen Archipelago, and said that Britain has no knowledge of a Soviet-Norwegian "understanding" on joint defence of the Arctic islands which Canadian forces invaded in September, 1941.

Commenting on a Soviet announcement of such an understanding, the spokesman said that Russia was bound by a 1920 international treaty which gave Spitsbergen to Norway and prohibited the use of the islands for "warlike purposes."

The official Russian statement said the island "actually was a Russian island" and that the treaty of 1920 which specifically included the island in the Spitsbergen group awarded to Norway, "cannot remain valid."

This appeared to be a reassertion of Russian claims. Before 1920 Spitsbergen was a sort of no-man's-land claimed by Russia, Norway and some other nations. Before the First World War Russia took about 400,000 tons of coal annually from the islands.

The Soviet announcement created a stir in Norway and Washington.

The Moscow announcement of an understanding about joint Russian-Norwegian defence of the islands was the first official indication that Russia might be seeking bases. Last Friday the Norwegians had announced only that Russia had sought special privileges while the last war was in progress.

The State Department in Washington said it would demand to be consulted on any Russian-Norwegian agreement affecting the 1920 treaty.

The 1920 pact was signed by Britain, the United States, France, The Netherlands, Denmark Norway and Sweden, among others. Russia did not sign, but subsequently adhered to the treaty, which became effective in 1925.

The British spokesman said that Russia had accepted the treaty and "must therefore be bound by it."

Canadian forces commanded by Brig. A. E. Potts of Saskatoon landed in Spitsbergen in 1941 to prevent the working of coal mines there for the Germans. The Canadians forces later were withdrawn.

Local Fire Dept. Holds Annual Meeting

Mr. Leslie Gillespie was appointed secretary of the Charlottetown Fire Department at its annual meeting held last night in the Fire Hall. He succeeds Mr. Arthur Henry who has been secretary of the Department for the past 16 years.

Other business accomplished included the appointment of the following committees: Finance Committee, Percy Cameron and Patrick Ready; Auditors Committee, L.A. Stewart and Capt. William Connolly.

The new executive comprises, Fire Chief H.H. Jewell, Deputy Fire Chief J.S. Walker, Capt. Gordon Stewart, Capt. William Connolly, and Walter Perry.

During the past 12 months the following persons and firms contributed to the Firemen's Fund: H.L. Sear, the Misses O'Holloran, Mrs. William Owen, Attorney General F.A. Large, Mrs. J.D. Taylor, Eastern Trust Company, Frank Lund, Canada Packers, Gaytown Fire Committee, Bruce Stewart Company, and Davis and Fraser.

The contributions, donated in appreciation of the services of the Fire Department, were gratefully received and several of the firemen commented on the thoughtfulness of the contributors in assisting the work of their association.

WILL BE WITHIN

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—a decision taken during the two-day talks here between Leon Blum, French Premier, and British Prime Minister Attlee and Foreign Secretary Bevin — was given the warmest welcome in official quarters tonight.

Political observers considered it to be one of the most momentous in the history of the two countries.

If negotiations go smoothly, as is expected in view of the consideration which the question has received in the last two years, conclusion of the alliance will complete the triangle of post-war treaties linking east and west Europe, begun by the Anglo-Soviet alliance of May, 1942 and followed by the similar Franco-Soviet alliance of December, 1944.

CIVIC FINANCES

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should be expanded and improved; these matters are pretty well recognized and discussed in the press and in public.

"We have no criticisms to make of the way the present Council members and civic employees are carrying out their duties. We have discovered nothing to indicate that they are not working in what they feel to be the best interests of the City. The same is probably true of former City Councils. The fact that much of the City's current revenue is required to pay for past obligations, and the interest thereon, without any apparent benefit to present taxpayers, is probably due to economic and business conditions over which the Councils had no control.

"Our study included a comparison of the financial performance of Charlottetown with that of other Maritime cities and towns that are similar in one or more ways. A schedule attached hereto shows a comparison of certain financial features of this city with Fredericton, Kentville, Summerside and Yarmouth. Fredericton was chosen because it is of much the same size and layout, a capital city, a university city, and not dependent on heavy industry. Kentville was selected as it is a town largely dependent on trade from the agricultural regions surrounding it. It is a sizeable railway centre, and its industries are largely connected with processing agricultural products. Summerside was chosen because it is the other main urban centre in this province, and is bound to have many similar problems. The town of Yarmouth was selected as one with a fair-sized, but not large, seaport business, and with only a minor industrial life.

"The population of these five towns of course all vary, and actually, Charlottetown has the largest. However, we have reduced all figures used in the comparison to the basis of population. For example, the total assessment in Charlottetown is $9,315,108 or $639. per person. In Fredericton it is $971. per person, Kentville $376., Summerside $657., and Yarmouth $531. Incidentally all figures are taken from the published statements of the year 1944, which were the latest available when this phase of the study was prepared.

Assessments Compared

"A comparison of assessments is not of much significance, since different towns have different methods of valuation, and a high as-

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Expect Letter Rate To Remain Four Cents

OTTAWA, Jan. 15 — (CP) —Informed sources said today they thought it likely the Government would make some reductions in postal rates this year but still would retain the war-imposed one-cent tax which has boosted letter rates to four cents.

It was thought possible this reduction may be by way of a cut in airmail rates, which now stand at seven cents for the first ounce and five cents for each additional ounce. The United States recently reduced its airmail rate to five cents and it was expected Canada would follow suit.

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URGES GREATER

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impossible for the average business man who may be President, or Secretary, to effectively direct and organize the efforts of the members, and I believe the time has come, in fact is well past, when we require a permanent Secretary-Manager. You will be asked to debate a motion to be presented this evening to change our Constitution so as to provide for the membership of firms, with a scale of fees which should largely help in providing the necessary budget. In the past, our Constitution provided only for the membership of individuals, at a relatively small fee. I hope the new Council will be able to push this matter forward and secure the services of a suitable man, and a permanent headquarters if at all possible.

Retail Merchants Section

"Further, the recruiting of all retailers in the city as members, within a retail merchants section of the Board, would have the advantage of giving them a common meeting ground for solution of local problems such as hours of opening and closing, holidays, the study of better advertising and merchandising methods, and the conducting of short courses in selling for their clerks. They would have the services of the Board's permanent Secretary, to whose salary they would be contributing through their membership fees. Their chairman's membership on the Board's Council would bring their views before those of other groups within the membership, such as the wholesalers, professional and industrial membership.

"As I think you all know, there has been a great revival of interest in Board work throughout Canada in the past year. This has been largely due to the leadership provided by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce; and the feeling among many senior executives that with everything else organized, it is time the various branches of business got together. Through the co-operation of the Canadian Chamber, a very interesting demonstration was held here of the "clinical" method of conducting a Board meeting. The goodly number who attended, that meeting saw how attention could be focussed on the problem in hand, without undue discussion from the floor, which so often leads to irrelevant topics. We have been warned by the Canadian Chamber that if private enterprise is to survive, we as citizens and business men must take more interest in the affairs of government. The "let George do it" attitude must go.

"In view of the existing situation, effort during the past year has been largely spent in endeavoring to communicate to members and the public the purpose, and the need, of a community association such as your Board of Trade. To be effective, it must of necessity embrace many men of good will, of influence, and of those who have specialized knowledge of local business and conditions. Most business and professional men have their own associations, but these deal with, and speak for, their own "crafts". They do not always conform to, or represent, the needs of the business community as a whole. The Service Clubs are largely for fraternization purposes, and sometimes act as sounding-boards for various projects, as well as aiding one or more philantrophic causes. I want to make this point very strongly, and to ask those citizens not now members, and who should be members, to come into this organization and help build a better Charlottetown.

"You will note I do not suggest a bigger Charlottetown, as I feel there is a distinct danger in encouraging indiscriminate growth here in numbers of urban residents. Nature will probably give us all the increase we can hope to provide with a decent income, in view of our lack of industrial opportunities.

Industrial Sites

"But do not misunderstand me, I am sure we offer distinct advantages to certain types of light industry, especially those connected with the products of sea and farm. This fact is brought out very clearly in a recent announcement of an Ontario firm which will contract here for cucumbers and small fruits. We need the additional employment such ventures offer for our present school population, which greatly exceeds that of earlier generations.

"In connection with the attraction of such industries, I feel we need first to strongly urge upon our City Council and Provincial authorities, the need for plant sites, with railway sidings, and adequate water and power facilities. There is not one such site now available.

"This need is vital, and now might be a good time to discuss with the Provincial Government, and through them with the Federal Government, the possibility of moving the Experimental Farm a bit further outside the town limits. Their property is now well built around on three sides, and includes areas suitable both for industrial and residential sites. One would expect that the exchange could now be made without loss as regards land values. I suggest the matter for the consideration of our incoming Council.

"When we are assured that sites are available, it would be desirable that a committee of this Board cooperate with the Travel Bureau in a suitable advertising campaign to interest outside firms in locating here. I say this because our transportation difficulties are now approaching a solution, in that, when we compare local firms with those on the mainland, we are only so many rail, road or air miles from any given place. For many articles we are under no great freight rate handicap, always provided, of course, that the proposed freight rate increase does not reproduce differentials which will militate against us.

Freight Rates

"I should inform you that the manager of the Maritime Transportation Commission, who will represent the Maritime Provinces at the hearing of the Board of Transport Commissioners dealing with this matter, has received no aid from this area in the preparation of our case, and we will no doubt lose by default as a result. Should this prove to be the case, everything we bring in, and everything we send out of the Province, will cost us more. The Maritime Board of Trade's opinion on the matter was that while it appeared that an increase in freight rates is necessary, that 30 per cent was too much, and if additional railway costs were not properly distributed across Canada, a disruption in trade might follow, which would be felt particularly by those far from the great market centres of Ontario and Quebec. It would appear we should secure the services of a strong Transportation Committee in this new year, and that they should get right to work on preparing information re the island case for the Commission.

"I am not referring in this address to many of the specific problems we had in hand, as these should properly be left to the committees concerned. But I would like to make an observation on a point which was forced upon my attention during the year. It seemed to me that the older business men are tired, and the younger men impatient. Unless something very important can be accomplished at a one-hour meeting, interest in any given project drops almost immediately. A business man cannot succeed in normal times unless he uses good judgment in his planning, and judgment cannot be accurate unless sufficient information is available. It seems to me that we need more patience, and to be ready, when working on committees, to spend the necessary time in discussion and in securing facts, so that when a proposal is finally brought before a general meeting, questions which would normally arise have been answered.

Closing Remarks

"In closing I would like to quote from a leading article in the December Reader's Digest by Stuart Chase, who says: 'When a new event confronts me, which on the face of it looks like a large headache or worse, I say to myself, make it an adventure! Here is a chance to broaden your experience; go out and meet the untried'. He further points out that the more experience one collects, the broader his firsthand contacts with the world; the fuller and more meaningful life becomes for him; the more competent he becomes in handling his world.

"Gentlemen, I submit we need to cultivate that outlook, rather than the old "it can't be done here" attitude; but it involves work, as found in study and action. Surely in this 60th year of the Board's existence we can accomplish something which will be of enduring value to the community.

"I bespeak for my successor an increased degree of co-operation, not because of who he may be, but of the obvious need of our city and business community for a strong and active Board of Trade.

"To those who worked on the Council, and on Committees, and those who sustained their membership, I extend sincere thanks, and hope that all will maintain their interest in this endeavor to be of some service to the community in which we live, and from which we derive our livelihood.

TO BE RETIRED

OTTAWA, Jan. 15 — Herbert F. Gordon, deputy minister for air since 1944, has been placed on leave pending his retirement next June when he reaches the age of 65, Defence Minister Claxton announced today. The announcement made no mention of a successor.

BRISTOL, England — (CP) — A two-seater car ran away in the centre of Bristol, dashed downhill and stopped outside the main car park.

DUBLIN — (CP) — John A. Belton, Irish charge d'affaires at Stockholm has been appointed minister for Eire in Madrid. He is a 43-year-old barrister.

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