Children's Opera Is Presented At The Little Theatre

A new venture in entertainment for young and old alike was the presentation in the Little Theatre yesterday of a miniature setting of Humperdinck's famous opera, "Hansel and Gretel." This work, which is one of the recognized masterpieces in the operatic repertoire, was, of course, brought within the playing abilities of the young cast which performs it. It is in three acts, the highlights of the musical score retained with added spoken dialogue. It is needless to recount the plot, which is one of the best known of all fairy tales.

Little Miss Jean Lowther, who portrayed the role of Gretel, sang sweetly and showed poise in her deportment on the stage. Miss Pauline McDonald made a vivacious and jaunty Hansel. The Dawn Fairy, sung by Miss Annabelle Lawson, rendered her one song with fine tone and diction.

The other parts, which were solely dramatic, were played by Miss Marjory Hill, charming as Gertrude, the mother; Miss Merle Luck, a realistically sinister Witch, and Mr. Willard Irlam, who played Peter, the broom-maker father, with gusto and sympathy.

Also assisting in the performance were fourteen young girls as angels and a chorus of Gingerbread children, the very young ladies of which looked alarmingly attractive in their beautifully designed and colorful peasant costumes. The latter chorus also showed themselves quite expert in the dance in one of the four specialties preceding the opera, The Ribbon Dance. Also among these was a short pantomime ably done by the young tots of the Kindergarten. Six of the latter, excellently costumed in the time of long ago, danced to the strains of Beethoven's Minuet in G. Little Miss Gertrude Cadieux, charmingly gowned in white, sang Sur le Pont D'Avignon, an old French folk song, with the stage presence of a grown-up professional.

This delightful afternoon's entertainment was under the direction of Miss Rena Wood and Miss Berna Huestis, to whom most of the credit of the performance is due. Special mention should also be made of the Candy House, which was built by boys of the Y. M. C. A.

The miniature opera, which is under the sponsorship of the Y. M. C. A., will be performed again tomorrow evening and a packed house will undoubtedly be on hand to hear it.

The following are the other players taking part:

Kindergarten Group: The Princess, Jean Shatford; Prince Charming, Tommy Denton; The Wicked Fairy, Jane Giddings; The Trees, David Nicholson, Jerry McKinnon and Robert Jones; The Soloist, Harry Alan Acorn; John Wheatley, Myrna Garnham, Harry Alan Acorn, Erlene Lavers, Anita Lynds, Leith Thompson.

Gingerbread Chorus: Elizabeth Lantz, Mary Campbell, Verna Vail, Phyllis Coffin, Louise Brown, Jane Johnston, Doris Vail, George Brown, Walter Conrad, Blair Dougan, George McDonald, David McEachern, Tommy Hall, Billie Howatt.

Angels: Louise Avard, Adele Calbeck, Katherine Acorn, Fleur Hillion, Roma Down, Betty Holman, Lillian McPhee, Joyce Coffin, Betty Lou Bentley, Pauline Simmonds, Marjory McLean, Helen Dewar, Ann Duffy, Marjory McLeod, Florine Evans, Lois Holman.

Violinists: Miss Nan Reay, Miss Mary McKay, Miss Jean McKay.

Son Of Speaker Held In Shooting

WINDSOR, Ont., April 12 — (CP)—Police tonight held James William Clark, 28, adopted son of Major James Clark, speaker of the Ontario Legislature, as they investigated the shooting of Clark's brother-in-law, 26-year-old John McMillan, in hospital here with a flesh wound in the right leg.

Police said Mrs. Agnes Clark, granted a divorce in January, told them Clark came to the home of her mother, Mrs. J. McMillan, early tonight and threatened Mrs. Clark, Mrs. McMillan and others in the house. She said Clark was armed and that John McMillan went toward him in an attempt to persuade him to leave. Clark shot once at the floor, police were told. A second bullet hit McMillan. Mrs. Clark said Clark then ripped the telephone from the wall and left the house.

BIRTHS

BAKER—In the City on April 12, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Baker, a daughter.

PROUD—At the Prince Edward Island Hospital on April 9, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Proud, York, a son.

STEWART—At the Prince Edward Island Hospital on April 8, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. George Stewart, Malpeque Road, a daughter.

MACLEAN—At the Prince Edward Island Hospital on April 10, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. Chester MacLean, Winsloe, a daughter.

SAUNDERS—At the Prince Edward Island Hospital on April 9, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. Everett Saunders, city, a son.

DEATHS

CAMPBELL—At Alliston April 12, 1939, Mrs. L. E. Campbell, aged 88.

TAYLOR—Suddenly at North Bedeque, April 12, 1939, James A. Taylor, aged 83 years. Funeral from his late residence on Friday at 2 p.m.

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The Central Guardian

This column is reserved for news of local interest but advertising of a newsy nature may be inserted at 5 cents a word strictly payable in advance.

TO PLANT TREES—A suggestion was made by Councillor Smallman, chairman of the Parks Committee, at the regular Town Council meeting that some trees be planted in the square to commemorate the visit of Their Majesties, King George and Queen Elizabeth.—S.

PROFESSOR BLANCHARD ADDRESSES HI-Y GRADS — Prof. Blanchard, vice-Principal of P. W. C. broke a rule to which he has held since last September, when he was taken ill as a result of overwork, by addressing the Hi-Y Grads at a supper meeting in Old Spain Blue Room last night. This was the first group outside of his college classes to be addressed by the Professor since his illness. Mr. Blanchard's subject was economic changes in P. E. I. and took the form of a comparison of 1938 agricultural and industrial statistics with those of some 40-50 years ago. His entire address was enjoyed and appreciated. The Grads were also privileged to hear Mr. Geo. Beers in two splendid recitations; one of which was by the famous Robt. W. Service. Both selections were heartily applauded. After a short business session the meeting closed with the King. Keith Johnston presided.

Personals

Mr. Herb Douglas, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Douglas left Tuesday for Halifax, N. S., where he has joined the R.C.R.A.

Mr. Peter Holland, Station Agent at Souris, accompanied by Mrs. Holland left yesterday morning for Montreal where Mr. Holland will attend an O.R.T. Convention, of which he is chairman of the local branch.

Royal Visit Plans Remain Unchanged

(By The Canadian Press)

LONDON, April 12—The highest authority today declared the question of cancellation or postponement of the visit of the King and Queen to Canada and the United States has not been discussed and that the original arrangement to sail in the battleship Repulse on May 6 remains unchanged.

The statement was made to brand as "unfounded speculation" all rumors that the journey might be cancelled in view of the grave international situation.

The rumors had gone so far as to suggest that the Repulse might be needed for naval duty and that the liner Empress of Britain would carry the royal party to Quebec.

In this connection it was pointed out that the Empress is at Cape Town and is not due back in England until May 25, more than a week after the King and Queen are to have debarked at Quebec.

A premium rate of 25 to 30 guineas per cent was quoted by one firm as a premium insurance rate for concerns such as hotels which would stand to lose money should the tour be cancelled. This rate compared with 20 to 25 guineas per cent 10 days ago.

Bonusing Of Cheese To Give Producers $950,000 Yearly

(By The Canadian Press)

OTTAWA, April 12—Bonusing of cheese, planned under legislation now before the House of Commons, will benefit producers by approximately $950,000 yearly, it was estimated tonight.

Agriculture Minister Gardiner's bill, introduced last week, provides a bonus of two cents a pound on top-grade cheese to encourage markets to improve the standard.

The bonus, it is understood, will apply to all cheese-producing provinces and eight of the nine provinces producing it. Nova Scotia is the exception.

All Cheddar cheese scoring more than 92 points will be given the bonus. On that basis approximately 40 per cent of Canadian cheese will qualify as last year 38.7 per cent scored 93 and less than two per cent 94. In classing cheese points are given for flavor, texture and mechanical perfection.

Production of cheese in Canada last year totalled 120,726,005 pounds valued at approximately $12,000,000 compared with 128,444,337 at $17,845,300 in 1937.

Ontario is Canada's largest cheese producing province, followed by Quebec. Production of these two provinces accounted for practically the total output for all Canada last year.

Production by provinces in 1938 with figures for 1937 in brackets: Prince Edward Island 446,317 pounds (455,966); New Brunswick 540,392 (507,162); Quebec, 27,306,202 (29,785,199); Ontario 85,643,767 (92,255,834); Manitoba 3,301,754 (2,923,873); Saskatchewan 423,292 (343,449); Alberta 2,452,904 (1,838,589); and British Columbia 609,377 (244,245).

Island Student Awarded Diploma

MONTREAL, Apr. 12—Dr. James Naismith returned last night to Montreal Presbyterian College to receive on the same platform from which he was graduated 49 years ago the highest honor the college can bestow. Internationally known for his work in physical education and for inventing the game of basketball, Dr. Naismith received, with Rev. O. W. Howard of Montreal Diocesan College, and Rev. William C. MacMillan of Collingwood, Ont., the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

Mr. MacMillan, a native of Prince Edward Island is an alumnus of the Presbyterian College.

Nine students received their diplomas and were licensed to preach. They included James A. McGowan, Kilmuir, P.E.I.

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GERMANY SAYS NEXT MOVE IS UP TO POLAND

Urge Publication Of Hitler's Demands — Claimed "Not Exorbitant."

BERLIN, April 12 —(AP)—Germany waited today for Poland to make the next move toward settlement of Polish-German issues, but officials suggested that Warsaw make public the German demands which led to the Anglo-Polish Mutual Assistance Accord.

Publication of the demands, they said, would show the world they were "not exorbitant" and in no way endangered "the independence or territorial integrity of Poland."

Meanwhile Great Britain, the Netherlands, all small nations likely to be enticed by the British "encirclement of Germany" policy and President Roosevelt were taken to task in today's propaganda wave.

Responsible officials insisted there had been no fresh exchanges between Warsaw and Berlin despite Polish Ambassador Joseph Lipski's visit to the Foreign Office before his return to Warsaw today.

Demands Exaggerated?

Denials also had been given when the original "suggestions for the settlement" of the Danzig and Polish Corridor questions were made in Warsaw by the German Ambassador, Dr. Hans Adolf Von Moltke.

A Foreign Office official asserted the demands had been exaggerated in London and added: "Let Poland publish them and straighten the matter out."

"We have no intention of moving until we see whether Poland intends to sign a mutual assistance agreement with Britain," the official said, referring to the Anglo-Polish pledge to defend each other if the independence of either were threatened pending a formal treaty. The accord was reached during Beck's recent visit to London, but has not been put in final form.

"We still don't believe Poland will sign it," this official added. "We can wait for a solution of the Danzig question. Memel fell when the time was ripe and so will Danzig."

Asked whether Germany could wait as long as six months he replied: "We can wait still longer."

Prime Minister

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Island of Malta. Forty French naval vessels were said to be on active duty in the Mediterranean.

Chamberlain's View

Mr. Chamberlain's decision to give Italy another chance to prove her peaceful intentions was said to have been determined upon despite opposition of some members of the cabinet who wanted the Prime Minister to make a clean break with Premier Mussolini. One distinguished intimate of the Prime Minister said Mr. Chamberlain had three reasons for refusing to do this:—

1. He believed that, if war starts, Mussolini can be won over and persuaded to remain neutral:
2. He believes the alternatives to appeasement are "war or economic chaos."
3. Mussolini has given fresh assurances that Italian troops will be withdrawn soon from Spain and his invasion of Albania will not be extended.

Oppose Further Conciliation

The faction in the cabinet opposed to further efforts to conciliate Mussolini was said to be led by Leslie Hore-Belisha, War Secretary; W. S. Morrison, who answers in the House of Commons for the Defence Coordination Ministry, and Oliver Stanley, President of the Board of Trade.

This faction believes Mussolini realizes his country could be devastated, his people starved by Anglo-French naval blockade, and his armies eventually beaten by superior military strength and economic powers of any anti-axis coalition.

This faction argues that, because of these considerations, the only way to force Mussolini to behave is to denounce the Anglo-Italian agreement concluded last year and to threaten to meet any further expansion coup with armed force.

All parties, however, are united on the new and secret precautions Britain now is taking. Anti-aircraft guns constantly are being put up around London while planes are slipping up the North Sea coast each night to protect the country against possible attack. The entire rearmament program is producing planes and guns at a rapid rate.

Lloyd George, anticipating Mr. Chamberlain's return to appeasement, told a Welsh audience today that neither Germany nor Italy would take another aggressive step if Britain concluded an agreement with Russia; but he added that "Russia will not join a skedaddling alliance."

LEGISLATURE YESTERDAY

Legislative Assembly, April 12

Hon. Mr. McGuigan presented a petition of Mr. L. O. Kelly, Southport and others for an Act to incorporate the General Truck Drivers Association of Prince Edward Island. A bill in accordance therewith was subsequently presented and read a first time.

Mr. H. H. Acorn presented a petition of the Custodian Trust Company Limited for an Act to incorporate the Custodian Trust Company, Limited. A bill in accordance therein was subsequently presented and read a first time.

Mr. Horace Wright introduced an Act to amend an Act for the Protection of Milk and Cream Producers, Consumers and Distributors in Prince Edward Island, which was read a first time.

Premier Campbell introduced an Act to Enable Advantage to be Taken of the Act of the Parliament of Canada Entitled "The Municipal Improvement Assistance Act, 1938", which was given first reading.

Hon. W. H. Dennis, Minister of Agriculture tabled the report of the Department of Agriculture for 1938.

The following bills were read a third time and passed:

An Act to Amend the Souris Incorporation Act, 1910; the Real Property Act; the Probate Act; the Prince of Wales College Act; the Act relating to Factories; the Deaf and Dumb Relief Act; an Act Respecting Land Surveyors.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Prowse the House went into committee on an Act to Amend the Act to Incorporate the Charlottetown Curling Club.

Hon. Mr. Prowse explained the amendment authorized increasing capital stock of the Club from $7,000 to $15,000. New property had been purchased by the Club, the old property sold, a new rink built and a house on the property remodelled, the speaker explained. The increased capital stock asked for was to cover such expenditures.

The bill was reported agreed to without amendment.

On motion of Hon. Mr. McGuigan the House went into committee with Mr. Horace Wright in the chair on an Act to repeal certain Acts herein mentioned.

The Acts referred to, Hon. Mr. McGuigan said, included Acts respecting grist mills, sale of poisons, two very old acts which the committee found no longer applicable here, and the Lobster Dealers Act, passed last session but which never came into force.

The bill was reported agreed to without amendment.

On motion of Mr. William Hughes the House went into committee on an Act to Amend the Legal Profession Act, with Mr. Horace Wright in the chair.

Mr. Hughes explained the amendment permitted appeal from the Council of the Prince Edward Island Bar Society to a Judge of the Supreme Court where persons were seeking admission to the Bar in this Province when they already had been admitted to the Bar in another Province.

Hon. Mr. McGuigan asked what was the purpose of the amendment.

Hon. Mr. Hessian replied the hon. gentleman "knew very well what it was all about and only wanted to bring the matter before the House." It was to rectify a wrong which had been "going on for years."

This represents a compromise between automatic right to practice on the Island after being admitted to practice elsewhere and lack of an appeal from law council refusal to allow a lawyer to practice.

Premier Campbell explained the law society prescribed a certain course of studies and certain standard of examinations and a five-year articleship for would-be lawyers. In the case of a university degree, the article period might be reduced to four years.

In certain cases there were reciprocal arrangements with law societies of other provinces. If a person was admitted to the bar there, he might be admitted here if he satisfied the law society he should be.

The Premier said the council argued, without waiting to cast reflections on other provinces, if a student was automatically admitted to the bar here on gaining admission in another province, it might mean that instead of spending five years articled clerkship he might obtain the right in a shorter time there.

Courses in law schools in other provinces were usually given only in winter months and the student might be able to return here to carry on another occupation. Actually, he might only study 18 months in a three-year course.

This bill, he said, did not make the right of transfer to Prince Edward Island absolute but provided "somewhat of an appeal to a Judge of the Supreme Court." He was not prepared to say whether that offered adequate protection.

The bill was reported agreed to without amendment.

On motion of Premier Campbell the House went into committee, with Mr. C. C. Baker in the chair, on an Act to amend The Peddlers' Act.

The Premier explained the Act at present in force was extremely difficult to administer as licence fees were high, $200 for non-residents, $50 for residents when agent for non-resident company, and $20 for a resident peddler not acting for an outside firm. The chief difficulty was the amount of business done varied so greatly, some peddlars making barely enough to pay the licence.

In reply to a question by Mr. Acorn, the Premier replied licences provided under this Act would in no way interfere with licences required by incorporated towns and cities.

The new licence fees provide for every resident trading person "going from town to town, or to other persons' houses and travelling either on foot or with a beast of burden, or otherwise, within this Island carrying to sell, or exposing for sale, barter or exchange any goods, wares or merchandise, shall, obtain from the Provincial Secretary of the Province, a licence for that purpose, for which licence there shall be paid the following amounts: for every such person travelling on foot the sum of two dollars; for every such person travelling with a horse and carriage the sum of ten dollars; for every such person travelling with an automobile or in any other manner the sum of twenty-five dollars, and for every such person who is a non-resident of this Province whether travelling on foot or with a vehicle of any kind, and not representing or selling for a firm or corporation, or who is representing or selling for a firm or corporation, having its head office outside this Province, whether as agent for or a purchaser from such firm or corporation, the sum of two hundred dollars."

Mr. Saville asked concerning sale of foods under the Act. They were "still exempt" the Premier replied.

Considerable discussion arose over the license fees for photographers who should solicit business at any private residence unless invited to do so by the owner or occupant.

It was finally settled by making the license fee $50 with a $100 penalty for violation. A $100 bond would be required before such a photographer would be permitted to do business.

Messrs. Saville, Mustard, Hon. L. R. Allen, took part in the discussion, in addition to the Premier who explained the bill.

The bill was reported agreed to with amendments.

On motion of Premier Campbell the House went into committee on an Act Respecting the Various Departments of Public Service. Mr. J. Walter Jones was in the chair.

Premier Campbell explained the bill consolidated 25 statutes dealing with various departments of Public Service passed between 1833 and 1932.

In the bill the Department of Public Health was changed to the Department of Public Welfare.

The bill was reported agreed to with amendments.

Hon. J. P. McIntyre, Minister of Public Works and Highways tabled the report of the Trustees of Falconwood Hospital and Provincial Infirmary.

The House adjourned shortly after 6 p.m. to meet at 8.

At the night session Hon. T.W.L. Prowse, Hon. B.W. LePage, Messrs. Montague Annear, Angus MacPhee and W. F. A. Stewart spoke on the budget debate. On motion of Hon. M. R. McGuigan the debate adjourned shortly after 10 p.m.

The House will resume at 3 p.m. today.

Seek To Arouse Interest In Church Work

TORONTO, April 12 —(CP)— Plans to enlist a great body of christian laymen to attempt to arouse a fresh and vital interest in church work were approved at the annual meeting of the Missionary and Maintenance Committee of the United Church of Canada here today.

Rev. Robert Laird, church treasurer, told the meeting the missionary laymen's movements of more than 20 years ago had no counterpart in the church today. Dr. Laird said he felt there was a need of laymen to assist ministers in the creation of interest in missionary work.

Greater cooperation between boards of the church will be urged by the committee. Efforts will be made to personalize missionary work and missionaires in Canada on furlough will be used to promote missionary interest.

TORONTO, April 12 —(CP)— Plans are under discussion for the production of religious films in Canada, Rev. C. H. Dickinson, book steward of the United Church of Canada, told the board of Evangelism and social service at its annual meeting today.

The church intends to go into the religious film business, he said, and the church hoped to cooperate with religious film producers in England and the United States. Film exchange system may be inaugurated shortly.

United States Will Parade Naval Power

WASHINGTON, April 12—The United States will parade much of its sea power on April 27, when the first formal fleet review to be held in the Atlantic in five years will be staged off the Virginia Capes.

Navy officials emphasized the review had nothing to do with Europe's crisis; that it was decided upon months ago and that it would be devoid of the significance behind the movements of European warships in the Mediterranean.

However, it was apparent the administration was not loath to display the navy's strength as a factor to be reckoned with in an unsettled world. Foreign naval attaches, it was announced, will be invited to witness the spectacular procession of 70 warcraft, which will be heading for the World's Fair at New York after a two-day stay in the Yorktown-Hampton Roads area of Virginia.

Eight battleships will head a 16-mile column of ships comprising the backbone of the armada which recently perfected hemisphere defences in war games in the Caribbean and south Atlantic.

Navy Secretary Swanson, other cabinet members, and Congressmen will be among those reviewing the ships.

Island Minister Receives Degree

HALIFAX, April 12 —(CP)— Honorary degrees of doctor of divinity were conferred on three United Church ministers at the convocation of Pine Hill Divinity College tonight. Eight ministers received bachelor of divinity degrees.

Rev. H. T. S. Gornall, Saint John, N. B., Rev. W. W. McNairn, Ottawa, and Rev. Ira F. Furtis, Corner Brook, Nfld., received their doctorate degrees in Absentia.

Bachelor degrees were presented to Rev. William E. Aitken, Edmundston, N. B., and Rev. Lewis M. Murray, Charlottetown.

Budget Debate

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grand total, including all dependants of 2574 people.

MR. MONTAGUE ANNEAR

Mr. Montague Annear, Fourth King's, who followed Hon. Mr. Prowse declared he was "pleased to see the deficit on ordinary account below what it was last year." There was $151,000 less deficit in the past three years under Liberal administration than in a similar time under the Conservatives, he continued.

Referring to agriculture Mr. Annear believed the great need was for encouragement in the production of an added volume of livestock and poultry. In cooperation he saw the best way of marketing. There were a number of such organizations in the Province which deserved the support of the Government. The speaker commended assistance given by the Government, through the Department of Agriculture to farmers for the purchase of seed oats and to bonus freight on 8,000 tons of ground limestone.

MR. ANGUS MacPHEE

Members were "falling down in failing to congratulate the Premier," Mr. Angus MacPhee, Second District of Queen's declared when he began his speech on the budget debate. When the present Premier took over he was afraid "he wouldn't be able for the job," Mr. MacPhee declared. But in all honesty, he continued, he had never seen the Premier fail. Instead he always showed "better judgment than the others of the '30' in the House". Conservatives delighted in "making dirty insinuations against the Premier, calling him a dictator," the speaker complained. "Even the Doctor joined in."

To other members of the House Mr. MacPhee advised, "get a copy of the Premier's budget speech this year, study and keep it, as long as you can read and you will get something out of it."

This Government did more for fishermen than all other Governments, Liberal and Conservative combined, and it would take him "all night to tell what had been done for unemployment."

Several times the speaker had occasion to mention the Liberal press "had straightened out Conservatives" for remarks they made concerning probable benefits under the Canada-U.S. trade agreement, the price of farm machinery and the cause thereof, and other things. There would be a "lot of straightening out to do before the next election," Mr. MacPhee declared. The Conservatives were "clutching at straws."

The only way in which this Government had failed in its promises to the people was "to balance the budget on ordinary account. And we needn't be ashamed of that for we made a grand effort," Mr. MacPhee said. "We all feel perhaps more money is being spent than should be and we are running into debt. But what are we going to do with all these demands?" he asked. Some said they were spending too much money and others they were not spending enough, he pointed out, so what were they to do.

MR. W. F. A. STEWART

Mr. W. F. A. Stewart, First Queen's, extended his "sincere sympathy to the families" of three former members of the House who had passed beyond recently, Hon. David MacDonald, Hon. Harvey MacEwen and Hon. Jeremiah Blanchard, all "men of integrity."

Mr. Stewart referred to the forthcoming visit of the King and Queen and to the proposed celebration here this summer of the 75th anniversary of the first meeting of the Fathers of Confederation.

The health of the people should be the first consideration, of the Government, the speaker said, and he, "viewed with growing concern" that medical graduates were setting up practice in cities and towns with a consequent scarcity of practitioners in country districts in this Province.

Concerning rehabilitation of farmers the only permanent way was "to raise the price of what we have to sell and lower the price of what we have to buy." Where, when he started farming 25 years ago he bought a cream separator with 200 pounds of butter now it would take 500 to 600 pounds for a similar machine. The same was true of other farm equipment.

Technical training under the system of youth training was referred to by Mr. Stewart, who described it as "a re-introduction" declaring a technical training school instituted under a Liberal Government had been discontinued by a succeeding Conservative administration.

Commenting on the financial situation he said the blue books were a "little bluer this year." At the same time he was sorry to say very little was spent on the south side of Queen's County. A machine had been out of his district for two months doing work in other places and only one quarter mile of sub-grading had been done on the old Borden Road west of Strathgartney.

The shortening of the route from Borden to Charlottetown if a Brighton Bridge was built was referred to, a saving of 34 miles on the round trip, the speaker declared. He would refrain from saying anything further, Mr. Stewart said, as the question of the Bridge was still before the Government and it hadn't been decided what would be done.

Concluding his speech Mr. Stewart declared "let us do everything possible to carry out our promises to the electors, both Liberal and Conservative."

HON. MR. LEPAGE

He would deal principally with the affairs of his own department, Hon. B. W. LePage, president of the Executive Council and chairman of the Fishermen's Loan Board, declared as he opened his address.

In this Province 16,000 persons, or one sixth of the population were dependent wholly or in part on the fishing industry, Hon. Mr. LePage said. Last year 30 million pounds of fish of all kinds were caught in the Province with a market value of $930,840, with represented an average of $270 for each of the 3,700 fishermen engaged in the industry here. It gave some idea of the hardship they faced, he said, when it was considered out of that amount they had to purchase equipment and maintain their families.

In 1938 there had been a large increase in the value of the catch but only a small increase in the value of the produce. Low value was due principally to unsettled conditions in Europe, the speaker said, but he looked for better prices under the Canada-United States Trade Agreement.

Realizing the serious plight of the fishermen the Provincial Government, for the first time in the history of this Province, started direct assistance to fishermen in August 1936. Since then 2900 fishermen and organizations had obtained $161,000 to provide equipment, at a low interest rate and easy terms of repayment. Since then $87,000 had been repaid, a marvellous record considering the conditions under which fishermen labored, he declared.

In addition the Government had supplied 21 large buildings for processing fish at various centres, had erected a number of stages and purchased plots of land for fishermen's shanties. $54,000 had been spent in that work.

Following a severe storm on the 26th of November last and another on the 1st of December the Provincial Government had spent $29,000 to recompense fishermen for lost equipment. Damage had been particularly severe along the north shore of the Province.

Last November the Government realized, Hon. Mr. LePage said, that it would have to help a number of fishermen and their families in dire need. Consequently he went to Ottawa on "one of those picnics the Guardian refers to" and obtained $90,000 for that purpose, which was supplemented by $8,000 from the Provincial treasury. 1572 families of fishermen had been supplied with flour and staple groceries during this winter.

In all during the past two years and eight months $262,000, had been spent on aid to fishermen, $174,000 contributed by the Federal and $106,000 by the Provincial Governments, the speaker said.

The Dominion Government had informed the Province the same amount and on the same terms would be available this year, beginning the first of April, Mr. LePage told the House.

Reference was made, too, to the course conducted at St. Dunstan's University for fishermen. It was now proposed to add a course in boat building.

Going on to refer briefly to the tourist industry Hon. Mr. LePage said on a per capita basis this Province should receive three million dollars annually from that source. He warmly supported the National Park project for this Province and urged people to take advantage of the opportunities offered to make a financial success from tourist catering. There were not sufficient facilities at present to care for the probable influx, he declared.

Hon. Mr. McGuigan moved adjournment of the debate shortly after 10 o'clock.

French Plays Win Praise At Drama Festival

(By WILLIAM H. HOGG
Canadian Press Staff Writer)

LONDON, April 12—(CP)—Two French plays that constituted "an afternoon of charm" were on the Dominion Drama Festival's matinee bill-of-fare and tonight the Theatre Arts Guild of Halifax presented the melodrama "Love From A Stranger."

Adjudicator Samuel R. Littlewood, speaking first in French "to show that I know what was going on all afternoon," described the plays, "Martine" and "Les Trois Masques" as "delicious plays." Both, he said, were so different and yet so charming.

"Martine" was the work of Le Caveau Group from Ottawa; a tragic love story depicted in five tableaux and written with beauty and inward meaning by Jean Jacques Bernard.

Le Cercle Moliere of Edmonton, which boasts a French-Canadian population of some 4,000, presented Charles Mere's story of the Three Masks; three villainous rogues who bring a nobleman's son home to die before the nobleman's eyes.

Entranced By Performance

"I was entranced by the performance of 'Martine,'" Mr. Littlewood declared. He had seen the play previously in both French and English. It was a perfect example of the art of the Theatre as Bernard conceived it; the art of the unexpressed.

He expressed great admiration for the tableau in which Martine, played by Florence Castonguay who also directed the production, and Madam Mervan (Margot Sabourin) appeared together. Then it is that Madam Mervan prevails upon the desolate Martine to forget her vain and shallow lover and marry Alfred (Albert Boucher), the steady, earthy farmer.

"Whole poems are expressed in the sobs of Martine in that little scene," Mr. Littlewood commented. He praised the play itself for "its extreme beauty as a dramatic work." And it was "wonderfully well directed."

Praises Costumes, Decorations

As a contrast, "Les Trois Masques," was "a good example of the old romance; the art of the over-expressed." Its strength lay in its costumes and such theatrical business of the man bleeding to death on the stage.

Mr. Littlewood praised the Edmonton players for their splendid costumes and decorations. He did not, however, feel the gripping tragedy portrayed in the melodrama.

Fanning Bolleau turned in a "magnificent performance" as Prati Della Corba, the nobleman, and Gabrielle Hervieux's Viola was "beautifully represented," while Paul Hervieux as the son Paola, "had to spend the most of his time being dead and he did it very well."

Mr. Littlewood could not quite feel the character of Mancecca (Madame A. Hervieux) was real and the play itself failed to awaken his interest and imagination.

Halifax Presentation

Frank Vosper's exciting murder-mystery, "Love From a Stranger" gave the Halifax players wide scope for their talents under the direction of H. Leslie Pigot. The story concerns a scheming Don Juan who has already slain five wives and who contrives to marry a sixth—for her sweepstakes money.

G. L. Creed has this sinister part pen-

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lows:

"For some time the feeling has been growing among the leading farmers of this Province, that the farmers in Prince Edward Island are suffering a heavy economic loss because of the lack of a reliable data on the requirements of the soil in relation to Plant Food.

"It is well known that our soil is not naturally rich and that it will respond readily to a proper application of Plant Food and treatment.

"This Province spends each year about $600,000.00 on Chemical Fertilizers and Lime Stone to assist in crop production, and it is spent and used by rule of thumb and without accurate soil analysis.

"It has also been proven that in certain parts of the Province Fertilizer requirements differ much from other parts and also that there is a deficiency in certain areas of Boron, Magnesium and other minor elements without which the soil will not develop the maximum crop of cereals and roots.

"In other parts of Canada great stress is being laid on soil analysis and an accurate soil map, so that the farmer may produce a maximum crop with the minimum expense, while in Prince Edward Island no attempt is being made to give our farmers this much needed service.

"At the present time we are dependent upon the Central Experimental Farm in Ottawa, and their laboratory is in some cases two years behind in their answers to soil problems submitted from here.

"Therefore be it resolved that the Charlottetown Board of Trade draw attention to the Provincial Government and our Federal representatives, the absolute need of a properly equipped soil laboratory and a trained soil chemist, and ask that such be added to the Plant Pathological Laboratory now at the Experimental Station, Charlottetown, in order that our farmers may receive a much needed service, and that a soil survey be carried out."

The resolution was moved by Mr. Full and seconded by Mr. J. O. Hyndman. In supporting the motion Dr. J. A. Clark of the Charlottetown Experimental Station was of the opinion that the wording should be changed to soil survey. There had never been one on the Island the speaker said and although he understood that the Province would have to bear part of the expense, nevertheless, he felt that the Provincial and Federal Governments should be approached on the matter. Partial surveys had been made but equipment was needed to make the survey complete.

The resolution was passed unanimously and Col. Full and Dr. J. A. Clark were appointed to present the resolution to the Premier of the Province.

Mr. J. L. Douglas stated he would be glad to take the matter up with the Federal Government once it was put into proper form, on his return to Ottawa.

In regards to a resolution at a previous meeting re rates for trucks on the Car Ferry, Mr. Wallace Higgins the secretary read letters from Hon. Charles Dunning, Mr. J. L. Douglas, M. P., and Hon. A. E. McLean all promising consideration of the matter. The president, Mr. C. N. Bissett, stated that a delegation had also waited on the Premier of the Province and had been well received and that the Premier had promised to take the matter up with the proper authorities.

Referring to the "feeder-lines" to connect with Trans-Canada Airways at Moncton once the air service reached the Maritimes, letters on the subject were read from Mr. Sclanders, secretary of the Saint John Board of Trade, A. E. Saunders, secretary of the Halifax Board and Mr. Rand Matheson at Moncton, manager of the Maritime Transportation Commission. Nothing definite was stated except that it was believed that the service to the Maritimes would be opened up much sooner than was expected.

Much discussion took place over this matter and the meeting went on record as having a letter forwarded to the Federal members and to Hon. C. D. Howe stressing the fact that Trans-Canada Air Lines would be soon operating into Moncton and once the feeder lines were inaugurated that Prince Edward Island should get the same rates as were now in force throughout the rest of the Dominion. The rate at present in force is six cents per mile.

A resolution from the Lunenburg Board of Trade was also read re the salt fishing industry and was referred to the Fisheries Committee.

A letter was also read from Mr. Rand Matheson, Manager of the Maritime Transportation Commission which advised that no curtailment in railway services was contemplated in the Maritimes other than were usual throughout the summer.

A copy of the constitution of the Junior Board of Trade was presented to the meeting by Col. G. E. Full for approval by the senior board and was passed unanimously.

Southampton Dock Made In Miniature

NEW YORK, April 12—A miniature mechanized reproduction of Southampton docks, complete with navigable models of the world's largest liners, will be one of the principal British exhibits at the New York World's Fair. Operated by electro-magnets, the models, 36 feet by 20 feet, will show the activity of the famous docks on a busy day. Vessels will move in and out, obedient to the electrically controlled helms.

of Bruce Lovell, which Frank Vosper wrote for himself. He based the play on a story by Agatha Christie and its mystery content is in keeping with Vosper's own end. The playwright himself disappeared mysteriously a few years ago from a trans-Atlantic Liner.

Others in the cast are Joan Silver as the aunt; Jean Schaefer, the friend; Jean Mills who is the feminine lead, Cecily Harrington; John J. Hogas as the discarded fiance; Peggy Dunbar and T. H. Stoker. The setting is London, but the earlier murders are committed "in America where anything can hap-