

Prince Edward Island Some Phases Of Its History

(By H. Ronald Stewart)

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Absentee Landlordism

The appointment of land in this manner gave rise to a condition of Absentee Landlordism which was a bone of contention in the colony for upwards of a hundred years.

The Coat-of-Arms granted to the small colony in 1769 shows a large tree which tradition says is the Oak of England under which are three small Laurels representing the counties of Kings, Queens and Prince.

Scotch Pioneers

The Scotch have played an important part in the development of the Province, even today, while settlements are predominantly Scotch, and a church service entirely in the Gaelic language is not uncommon.

Responsible Government was given to the Colony in 1851, and in the year 1854, a Reciprocity Agreement between the Island and the United States was arranged.

Charlottetown Conference

The decision to sit at Charlottetown was probably based on the view that the meeting was separable and apart from the cross currents of the mainland.

In 1914, upon the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the Charlottetown Conference, the Dominion Government placed a mural bronze in the room wherein the first meeting was held.

surviving sons and daughters of the Fathers of Confederation would be assembled at Charlottetown for the unveiling ceremony on September 1st, 1914, but unfortunately the war intervened and the arrangements were cancelled.

The bronze tablet, executed by Hamilton McCarthy, is a fine example of the work of that well-known sculptor, and man of genius, contains a Confederation story which is of ever increasing value as the years pass.

At the top centre, on a keystone, are the imperial arms resting upon the folds of the Union Jack. Wise indeed was the sculptor in selecting the keystone for England, now as then, is the keystone of the Empire.

On the lower side of the tablet is the former Canadian shield containing the Arms of the nine Provinces, and in the centre of the shield is the Prince Edward Island. Dotted pillars carry the right and left sides of the frame, thereby tying the Memorial to similar pillars of the old Council Chamber.

The names of the delegates are on ribbons in the margins, and the wording of the inscription is, I am sure, familiar to you all.

Farsighted Vision

While the wording is good, may we be forgiven if we express the belief that the words, and the high hope which actuated those early Canadian statesmen indicate that the Union was not a haphazard result of their deliberations at Charlottetown.

"I am confident that a Union of the North American Provinces will elevate their position, consolidate their influence, and advance their interests; and at the same time continue their fealty to the Mother Country and their Queen, which fealty is the glory of us all."

"When the people of all British North America shall, with one voice, proclaim the Colonies united, and when their united talent and influence shall be exercised for the maintenance and advancement of their common interests, prosperity and happiness, every barrier to their advancement will be removed."

"I am sure that ere long these Provinces will be one country or nation from the Pacific to the Atlantic. The future will record this as the most important meeting held in the history of British America, and it may yet be that here, in this little Prince Edward Island, was that Union formed which has produced one of the greatest Nations on the face of God's earth."

A further examination of the tablet shows a herald on the right announcing the birth of a new Dominion, on the left are five figures in classical attire. The portrait heads, as easily recognized as representing the five original provinces, are left to right—Sir John Macdonald, Ontario or Upper Canada, Sir George Cartier or Quebec or Lower Canada, Sir Leonard Tilley from New Brunswick, Colonel John Hamilton Grey from Prince Edward Island, and Sir Charles Tupper from Nova Scotia.

Baden-Powell's Comment

You will, I am sure, be interested to know that Lord Baden-Powell when he saw the Tablet a binding the Pacific together as the tie of loyalty and devotion to the Crown.

Sir Leonard Tilley is holding a Scroll upon which appears the word "Dominion". According to a charming and very useful tradition it is said that while at a meeting in the Westminster Hotel in London, he quoted Psalm 72, vs. 8— "From the one sea to the other, and from the flood unto the world's end."

were healed, so did Sir John uphold before the people of the scattered Provinces, the historic of Union, thereby curing many of the ills of the day. At Sir John's feet are a locomotive, a sheaf of wheat, and scythe, which remind us that when the rails were laid, Manitoba entered the Union, and when promised the Track of Destiny, British Columbia became a Province.

Discovery of Prince Edward Island

Commemorating the Four Hundredth Anniversary of the Landing of Jacques Cartier on this Island, 30th June and 1st July, 1534.

"All the said land is low and plain, and the fairest that may possibly be seen, full of goodly meadows and trees." (Haliu's translation).

Erected 1934

First Submarine Telegraph in America

Commemorating the laying of the first submarine telegraph cable in America. It extended from Carleton Head, Prince Edward Island, to Cape Tormentine, New Brunswick. Laid by Frederick Newton Gisborne, Monday, 22nd November, 1852.

Erected 1933

First Organized Land Survey

Following the Treaty of Paris, 1763, the British Government ordered a systematic survey of its possessions in North America.

Erected 1935

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The late Sir Arthur Doughty, for many years our Dominion Archivist, and his splendid staff, performed a great work for Canada in gathering under one roof a unified and invaluable collection of Canadiana.

The Patterson Regime

His Excellency Walter Patterson was appointed Governor of the Island of St. John in the Gulf of St. Lawrence in the year 1769. His daughter Margaret, born in 1771, was married in 1791 to Dr. Alexander Gordon, a surgeon with the Forces stationed in Halifax.

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Modest Geisha Shrinks From Nude Rites

(A. P. by Guardian's Special Wire) OSAKA, Japan, March 5.—Striking Geisha girls, bereaved by the suicide of a beautiful 22-year-old sister, vowed today they would immortalize her as their "Joan of Arc."

When the wintry dawn broke over Mount Shigi today, the 300 striking entertainers left their sanctuary in the Buddhist temple on Mount Shigi and went to a secluded woods for nude rites of purification.

Shy Fukuko Miyamoto, however, was appalled by the naked ceremony. She disappeared from the group after a long search police found her body, a fatal vial by her side, in a tea-house on the gay white way of Osaka from which the strikers have taken refuge.

Although the ritualistic abstinences, called Mizugori, are practised universally by pious Japanese, even in zero weather, it was unprecedented for the humble Geisha girls to indulge in such a sacred ceremony.

The loy bath prepared the girls to pray to Buddha for the success of their cause—a union organization.

But the Miyamoto girl, who had been sold into servitude as a child by her impoverished family, could not bring herself to join her sisters.

In the gathering light, she crept aside at the scattering down the steep, misty mountain path, and hid herself in the city where she had earned a precarious living by singing and dancing for men.

Her mother, meantime, had a premonition that all was not well with her daughter. She climbed up Mount Shigi to the Buddhist shrine and was told by priests the girl had fled.

Hours later, the mother learned her daughter had refused out of modesty to partake of the naked ablution. She took poison.

Legal Wrangle Over Auto Accident

MIDDLETON, N. S., March 5.—A legal wrangle is foreseen after the opening of an inquest into the death of five persons following an automobile accident on the summit of nearby Wilmot Hill last Saturday.

Daniel Owen, K. C., told the coroner's jury last night he would secure a writ from the Nova Scotia Supreme Court to prevent Wilfred Keddy, one of the six injured in the accident from giving evidence.

The Annapolis Royal lawyer, appearing at the inquest as Keddy's counsel, intimated he believed his client was being held in hospital here as a virtual prisoner, but refused to state the grounds on which he would seek the writ of prohibition.

"That's my business," he replied when asked why he objected to Keddy giving evidence. Keddy is a non-combatant.

Keddy's younger brother, died following the terrific head-on collision last Saturday of two automobiles at the brow of Wilmot Hill.

A coroner's inquest ordered immediately after the accident was postponed until yesterday when it was thought some of the survivors would have recovered sufficiently to give evidence.

Only three witnesses were heard however, and they were not involved in the accident.

Miss E. Harvey, superintending nurse of the Middleton Hospital said she had received instructions from Coroner Dr. F. S. Messinger and Dr. H. Kelly nobody was to see Wilfred Keddy and that she was to permit no patient to leave the hospital without an order from the attending physician.

It has not yet been determined if Wilfred Keddy or his brother Arthur, one of those killed in the accident was driving one of the cars involved.

Fred Taylor, who said he was walking on the highway near the place the accident occurred, testified one car was on the left side of the road but he would identify neither the car or the driver in the wrong.

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"It is a challenge to the Christian people of New Brunswick for co-operation and support in limiting to those who are fit the right to bear children," he continued. "Prevention is always better than cure."

He mentioned that the mental hygiene council, women's institute and I. O. D. E. branches throughout the province are advocating that the government provide in some rural area an institution for the training and care of feeble-minded boys and girls.

"I am in sympathy with this movement if the finances of the province will stand it, but it is highly important that we balance the budget, and the taxpayers are under a heavy burden now," he said.

Need for economy in government was also stressed by Dr. F. A. McGrand (Lib. Queens), the second speaker in the budget debate today, who, like his running mate Dr. Jenkins, was speaking in the House for the first time.

DIXIE ATTRACTS ATTENTION

Dixie, the original Dixie mule, the greatest comedy role in the world," although looking somewhat out of place attached to a box-sleigh, stood proudly on the Charlottetown market square yesterday where he was fondled by young and old.

Mr. Macdonald, the owner, believed "Dixie" was between 12 and 14 years old. The mule, whose manager paid \$1 to any person who could stay on his back more than a minute, was formerly a member of Tice's indoor circus.

Business was not lucrative and the members of the animal fraternity were sold to defray expenses. Several dogs owned by the show who had passed their usefulness were destroyed by local police some time ago and "Dixie" believed to be the only member left.

Mr. Walter Goss, Charlottetown, employee with S. T. Green and Co., has been ill at his home for the past several days.

Critic Reviews Little Theatre Productions

(By Kevin Talbot) ST. JOHN, N. B., March 5.—After viewing the various offerings of Canadian Little Theatre groups from Halifax to Toronto, one is led to the conclusion that, in general, the quality is surprisingly good.

Naturally, one makes allowances for towns that have not the theatre facilities of, for instance, Ottawa, where the Theatre Guild has a play house with all the requisites in miniature of metropolitan opera houses.

The newest in stage equipment and design is very evident here, and the amateurs have every opportunity to see excellently done plays from the American centres and England; this gives them a lead which, if intelligently followed, should make for almost professional offerings.

The most amazing feature though, is the way smaller centres in Canada, which have none of this opportunity, come forward with productions that lack the professional flair, but have the spirit—often more important to adjudicators.

The French offerings must be dealt with separately. In Quebec Province amateurs speaking the French tongue are influenced by the theatre of Moliere and Racine; this is as it should be, and makes for diversity of style and play.

We are mainly interested in the English-speaking end, and particularly in plays written by Canadians, for it was really to this purpose that Lord Bessborough encouraged these festivals. Our drama—great spaces, ranges of mighty mountains, and folk tradition are all here.

The native drama, as far west as Toronto, was not as well represented as it should have been, and we might as well say right here, that of the three Canadian plays we saw this year, none had the theatrical possibilities of another season's "Waiting for Lefty."

One of them was a better written, more thoughtful, and poetic work. That one came out of the Maritime Provinces. "Nocturne," by Harry Foster of Charlottetown. One of M. de Warfaz's criticisms of this drama was to the effect that it's author did not know sufficient tricks of the trade.

Well, in our humble opinion the two other native writers knew too many of these, and their craft consequently missed the authentic time which Mr. Foster's play evinced. "Tricks of the trade" are noticeably absent in the work of writers from the Moscow Art Theatre, and The Abbey Players, and it is on this basis that the greatness of these two most famous folk theatres is founded.

The less our writers know and learn of these tricks, the more hopeful we will appear. M. de Warfaz is steeped in a highly stylized theatrical tradition, albeit an excellent one, but we must not emulate European decadence; our destiny runs with the rugged soil of the country. We're new, and the things we do should contain that fresh note.

We would like to see the Maritime play win out at Ottawa, and believe it stands a splendid chance, unless the western offerings are more important than what we have seen. London and Calgary always do interesting things; by intense brushing off of certain roughness, and a better attention to mise-en-scene, "Nocturne" should have an even break.

Too Late To Classify

LOST—HUB CAP FOR FORD V-8 between Charlottetown and Grandview. Finder please leave at Ford Service Station, City. L-280.

LOST BETWEEN 143 EUSTON ST. and George Hooper's Barber Shop. Drill Shod pair horn rimmed eye glasses. Reward, J. P. Hooper. L-276.

FOR SALE ONE GENERAL PURPOSE mare 1100 lbs., six years old in foal. One draft mare foal, seven-months, one milk cow. Walter S. Week, Kensington. L-273.

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Other sisters who passed on before were Mrs. George W. Hodgson, Mrs. Robert F. DeBlais and Mrs. W. A. O. Morron.

The funeral service will be held at St. Peter's Cathedral on Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

Dr. Cameron New Deputy Minister Of Mines

(C.P. By Guardian's Special Wire) HALIFAX, March 5.—Dr. Allan E. Cameron, professor of mining at the University of Alberta had been appointed Deputy Minister of Mines for Nova Scotia.

A graduate of McGill University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Dr. Cameron has had considerable experience in field work in Western Canada and the geological survey of Canada.

He succeeds Norman McKenzie, who was burned to death at Seb Lake, Maine, last year after 14 years as the deputy-ministership for eleven years.

REPORTS TO SUIT FACE

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Death Yesterday Of Miss Rosa F. M. DesBrisay. Scout News and Notices. What have you been doing in the last week? Did you answer the questions asked and have you been doing any real Scouting? In order to get right down to business, I shall answer the two questions I asked last week.

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MR. WILLIAM R. CAMPBELL. The sudden death occurred on Wednesday morning of Mr. William R. Campbell, a highly respected citizen of Cape Traverse.

REPEATED CLAIM TO VOTE. MONTREAL.—(CP)—Appearing before the commission appointed to investigate the plight of small property owners in regard to mortgages and tax arrears, Miss Irene Jolly again advocated the claim of Quebec women to vote in provincial elections.