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LIBERAL-CONSERVATIVE CONFERENCE.—A conference of the Liberal-Conservative members of the opposition and candidates was held in the Victoria Hotel last evening, when the programme for the coming session was discussed. At the close a unanimous vote of confidence in the Hon. A. E. Arsenault as Provincial leader was adopted.

DEATH OF MR. T. H. LAWSON.—Another well-known and highly respected citizen of Charlottetown has passed away in the person of Mr. Thomas Henry Lawson whose death took place at his home, St. Avards, about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. His death resulted from a severe attack of influenza followed by pneumonia. He was 73 years of age and is survived by his wife, one son and daughter, also a sister, Mrs. (Capt.) McLean of this city. His son, Dr. Chester L. Lawson, is expected to arrive tonight from Halifax. The time of the funeral will be announced later.

PRINCE STREET SCHOOL HONOR ROLL OF PRINCE STREET SCHOOL FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

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Miss Duchemin's Department Grade II. 1. Margaret MacKay 2. Mabel MacInnis 3. Cora Chandler

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ENJOYABLE TIME.—The C. G. I. T. on Cavendish, at their last meeting gave a surprise entertainment to the boys of the C. S. E. T. at the home of Mr. Harold Simpson. The regular devotional and business programme was followed by a contest, organized by two of the girls, which was eagerly participated in by all. At the close of the contest a dainty lunch was served, followed by group games. Then the girls, apparently determined that the "inner man" should not go away unsatisfied, brought on ice cream and cake. The remainder of the evening was spent in a sing song, in which all joined heartily in many of the old favorites. Before Auld Lang Syne Mr. Cecil Simpson moved a very hearty vote of thanks to the girls for a most pleasant evening. The motion was strongly supported by all the boys present, who spoke in glowing terms of the splendid entertainment not forgetting the "eats." The vote was responded to by Miss Dora Simpson, president of the C. G. I. T. and the evening brought to a close by crossing hands and singing Auld Lang Syne. Much credit is due to the girls for the splendid work they are doing and the two groups have the best wishes of all for every success in their mutual fourfold programme.

WINNIPEG, Mar. 1.—President Sterling of the C. A. H. A. stated this morning that as far as he was concerned there were no developments in the dispute between Brandon as to where the Allan Cup games should be played. He reiterated his stand that Winnipeg according to the rules of the association, was the centre where the games should be played.

Jack Dempsey Is Disappointed

NEW YORK, Mar. 3.—Jack Dempsey is frankly disappointed over the postponement of his bout with Willard until after the Carpenter match. "I wish I could take Jess on this week and someone else next week and keep busy," said Dempsey. "Missing those big parses eh?" I suggested. "Shuck!" said Dempsey, "I don't bother about money. Jack Kearns takes care of all that. But I only wish I could fight every week. It's some sport to get into a ring with those big fellows and try to drop 'em before they drop you. As a sporting proposition this looked interesting to me. "Not much chance of their dropping you, though, Jack." Dempsey laughed. "I'm just as human as anyone else," he said. "When any of those guys tells you he ain't human he's got a screw loose. Anybody can be hit on the chin. I expect some day some young fellow will come along and get me on the button, like anybody else. I've hung it on a few, and I suppose somebody'll hang it on me. I won't say it's an accident either."

Soldiers' Settlement Work Very Satisfactory

A comprehensive address on the results of soldiers' settlement particularly in P. E. Island, was delivered Thursday before the Rotary Club at their regular monthly supper by Mr. Norman W. Lowther, Provincial Supervisor of the Soldiers' Settlement Board, who aid in part. The work of the Board does not cease with merely placing returned soldiers on farms, and letting them shift for themselves. The basic principle underlying the settlement is the endeavor to bring into cultivation the idle lands of Canada. It is accomplishing three important things; it has converted the sword into the ploughshare, it is putting otherwise idle land under cultivation, and it is creating a class of contented citizens whose industry will be of immense benefit to the country. Twenty thousand soldiers have been settled in various parts of Canada. The amount voted last year by the Government was \$50,000,000. A great part of the land in Western Canada was bought at \$7 an acre. The government took over many reserves en bloc and resold to the soldiers at the same figure. If these lands were put up at public auction they would bring from \$20 to \$50 an acre. The Board holds a first mortgage on over 2,500,000 acres of land. As a result of the settlement work one quarter of a million acres of raw land have been brought under cultivation for the first time; one half million will be brought under cultivation next year. Since 1881 the C. N. R. have established 46,000 settlers; in two years the Soldiers' Settlement Board has established 20,000, fifty per cent of whom are settled on raw land. On a productive basis of labor one man is worth \$3 a day or \$1,000 a year; then these 20,000 settlers are worth productively \$20,000,000 a year. Taking the railway estimate that every settler is worth, on a freight basis alone, \$734 a year, the 20,000 soldier settlers are worth \$14,680,000 a year. If we had 50,000 returned men on our raw lands there would be no C. N. R. deficit. Canada will get back in three years almost all that she has spent. In this province nearly \$1,000,000 has been spent on land, stock and machinery. The area purchased is 22,000 acres. 10,000 acres of this land was cropped last year, and at a conservative estimate the produce of it would value \$300,000. The average money loaned to the soldier here for the purchase of land has been about \$2,200, the loan for stock and machinery averaging over \$500. It is not known that any farm has been bought at a figure more than its value. The Board will advance to the settler 90 per cent of the value of the land, but in this province the average amount paid by the settlers is 16 1/2 per cent. About 800 applications have been received by the Board in this province. 500 have been qualified to receive assistance, the remainder being turned down on account of poor military record, physical unfitness, or insufficient agricultural experience. In the latter case men have an opportunity to take training either at a school, or by spending a year with a good farmer. Allowance money is granted to married men taking this training, and so far some \$1200 has been expended in this way. All refusals of assistance to applicants has been made on the recommendation of three of the most reliable farmers of the applicant's district. The Board has been greatly assisted in its work by Mr. J. O. Hyndman, Chairman of the Advisory Loan Committee. The Soldier Settlement Board has preserved to this Province a large number of the best young men of the country, the cream of the returned soldiers, as there is no doubt that the majority of these would have gone to already over-filled towns and cities had this opportunity not been given them. Prince Edward Island leads by far



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In Memoriam

ELIAS COFFIN

The people of Mt. Stewart and surrounding districts were grieved to hear on the morning of Feb. 12 that the spirit of Elias Coffin had passed away from earth to the home above. The deceased, who was a son of the late Charles Coffin and Harriet Pigott, was born at Savage Harbor seventy two years ago, and lived and labored all his life until about five weeks previous to his death on the farm on which he was born. By dint of hard work, industry and perseverance, together with up to date methods, and practical knowledge of farming he achieved success in his chosen calling. A short time ago he decided, owing to his advancing years to retire from the active duties of the farm, and moved with his faithful partner in life to Mt. Stewart, where he fondly hoped to be spared for some years to enjoy ease, comfort, and freedom from care and worry that a long and strenuous life the Lord entitled him to. But Providence decreed otherwise. In a very short time after moving to his new home he was stricken by an illness which despite the best efforts of his physicians, and the tender, loving ministrations of his devoted wife and family terminated fatally and he passed away to his eternal rest on the date above mentioned. The deceased was well and favorably known, upright and honorable in all his dealings with his fellowmen and being possessed with a jolly jovial disposition, made many friends, who sincerely regret his demise. There are left to mourn—besides his sorrowing widow (formerly) Miss Maggie Scott of Mt. Stewart, one son, Victor, at Savage Harbor, two daughters—Mrs. M. J. McKay, Mt. Stewart, and Mrs. George Pigott, Annapolis N. S. Also two brothers, Fred at Savage Harbor, and Robert in western Canada, and two sisters, Mrs Wallace Clark, Dorchester Mass. and Mrs. John A. Lawson, Charlottetown. The funeral, which took place on Monday, Feb. 14th, from the residence of Mr. Peter Scott, was largely attended, notwithstanding the almost impossible condition of the roads. The pall-bearers were Allan Morrison, John J. McDonald, Milton Coffin, John A. McAulay, David Jay and Ross Pigott. After services at the house conducted by Rev. J. C. Martin. The funeral cortege wended its way to the village cemetery, where all that was mortal of the kind and loving husband and father was tenderly laid to rest beneath the shade of the stately birches, where the whispering winds will sing a requiem over his grave, and the stars their silent Vigils keep.

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