Trinity Men's Ass'n Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of Trinity Men's Association was held last evening in the Social Hall of the Church, with the president, Col. L. T. Lowther presiding.

The special speaker for the evening was Rev. Dr. A. D. MacKenzie who gave a very interesting and inspiring address on his work as a missionary in foreign fields. He also spoke of his ministry in Western Canada, especially in the Province of Saskatchewan during the drought years. Dr. MacKenzie spoke on behalf of the missionary and maintenance branch of the church and at the conclusion of his address Mr. A. R. Gill, chairman of the local M. and M. committee moved a very hearty vote of thanks to Dr. MacKenzie which was seconded by Mr. Sidney T. Green.

Mr. Edward Chandler gave a report on the recent census of the City which was undertaken by the Affiliated Laymen's Council in which some thirty members of the Trinity Men's Association took part.

This being the final meeting of the Association for this year, the president called upon Mr. Merritt Forsythe, chairman of the nominating committee to announce the slate of officers for the ensuing year, which were duly elected as follows:

Mr. Roy Cudmore, president.
Mr. Merritt Forsythe, vice president.
Mr. Milton Barkhouse, sec'ty. treasurer.
Executive: Mr. Claude Smith, Mr. Stewart Wright, Mr. Harvey Campbell, Dr. J. P. Lantz.
Representatives to Affiliated Laymen's Council: Mr. Edwin Johnston, Col. L. T. Lowther.

Col. Lowther in his address thanked the members of the retiring executive for their splendid support during the past year, which had been a very active one, and he congratulated the nominating committee on bringing in such a fine new executive to carry on, when the Association resumes its work.

Mr. Roy Cudmore then expressed his thanks for the confidence placed in him and requested the full cooperation and assistance of all members in the many activities planned for the coming year. Projects of the summer months were then discussed including transportation for Maple Hills residents and the annual Sunday School picnic.

Rev. Mr. MacLennan then addressed the meeting, discussing plans for the remodelling of the basement of Heartz Hall as well as reviewing the activities of the past year and requesting the assistance of all in furthering expansion of the splendid work of Trinity United Church during the coming year.

Guests present included Messrs. Geddie MacLeod, Robert Younker and William Warren.

EARLY TICK-TOCKS

Water clocks were used by the ancient Egyptians, Greeks and Romans.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

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BIRTHS

LARKIN — At the Charlottetown Hospital on May 17th, 1947, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Larkin, St. Peter's Bay, a son, Donald Patrick.

HAYDEN — At the P. E. I. Hospital on May 18th, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hayden, Cherry Valley, a son.

ROSS—At the Prince Edward Island Hospital on May 17, to Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Ross (nee Elaine Myers) Charlottetown, a son, Wayne James. (Halifax papers please copy).

FERGUSON—At the Prince Edward Island Hospital on May 16, to Mr. and Mrs. Rowan Ferguson (nee Mildred Cudmore), Hampton, a son, Byron Rowan, weight 7 lbs., 10 oz.

DEATHS

GREENAN—At the City Hospital Monday, May 19, James R. Greenan of Emerald, P. E. I., aged 77 years. Funeral 9.30 a.m. Wednesday to St. Malachi's Church, Kinkora, P. E. I.

TREMERE—As the result of an accident at Hampshire on Friday, May 16th, Borden Tremere, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Tremere in his 24th year. Funeral from the residence of his parents Wednesday afternoon, service starting at 2 o'clock. Interment Hampshire Cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. Aeneas MacDonald and family wish to thank all those who sent mass cards and messages of sympathy and helped in any way in their recent sad bereavement.

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CENTRAL GUARDIAN

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

GRASS FIRE—A grass fire on Birchwood Street had the firemen out at 1.35 yesterday afternoon. There was no damage.

ANSCO COLOR FILM IS HERE —Yes, we have it in the following sizes: 35m.m., 620 and 120. Visit our up-to-date Camera Dept. today. G. H. Taylor, jewellers for four generations.

ENGAGEMENT—Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Moore announce the engagement of their daughter, Helen Elizabeth, to Stanley Morris McInnis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence A. McInnis, Charlottetown. Wedding to take place in June.

OVERHAUL HARBOR CRAFT—Bruce Stewart and Co. have commenced repairs and overhauls on the diesel powered harbour craft of the Naval Division here. It is expected these vessels will be ready for training of Naval Reserve personnel in a very short time.

GUN BATTERY READY — The new gun battery at H.M.C.S. Queen Charlotte is now ready for training operations, it was announced. The following equipment has been installed: Twin Oerlikons, Bofors, 4-inch, depth charge throwers and depth charges.

SAD NEWS RECEIVED — Word has been received by Mrs. Audrey White of the death of her brother, J. Fred Semple of Chilliwack, B.C. on Sunday, May 18. Mr. Semple had many friends in Charlottetown, Kensington and New Glasgow who will regret to learn of his passing.

FUNERAL OF MRS. SMALL — The funeral of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Small was held yesterday afternoon from the MacLean Funeral Home. Services were conducted by Rev. T. E. McLennan. Interment was in the People's Cemetery. The pallbearers were: William Davies, Arthur Farquharson, Malcolm MacKinnon, Roy Smallman, Harry Craswell and George Johnston.

FUNERAL YESTERDAY — The funeral of the late Mrs. John D. Hume was held yesterday afternoon from the Cutcliffe Funeral Home. The service at the home was conducted by the Rev. G. Carlyle Webster. The pall-bearers were, William MacEachern, Charles Robinson, Isaac Clark, Miller McFadyen, George Grant, and F.R. Haines. The service at the grave at Murray River was conducted by the Rev. Roy Vessey. The pallbearers were, John B. Saunders, John MacKenzie, William Moore, W. McLeod, and Basil McLeod. Interment was in Murray River Cemetery.

Gives Figures On N. S. Apple Crop

KENTVILLE, N. S., May 19—(CP)—Nova Scotia's 1946 apple crop—largest in the last decade—brought Annapolis Valley fruit growers a net of $6,088,758, the Nova Scotia apple marketing board reported today. Gross value of the 2,006,569-barrel crop was $8,706,681.

"In gross returns," board manager R. J. Leslie said, "the outcome can be considered satisfactory and it is probable that growers have recovered at least part of the ground lost in 1945, when an apple crop of only $62,000 barrels and an industrial income of less than $1,250,000—an unprecedented financial disaster—was visited on the Annapolis Valley."

Biggest buyer of exported apples was the United Kingdom which took 639,988 barrels while 1,019,624 barrels were processed. Growers averaged approximately $3.03 a barrel for the crop.

Jap Empress In First Interview

By DUANE HENNESSY

TOKYO, May 20 —(Tuesday) — (AP) — Empress Nagako gave the Japanese press her first formal interview today, and promptly found herself defending her use of modern cosmetics

A reporter asked whether she thought members of the royal court used too much makeup.

"I don't know why such a belief should exist among the people," she declared. "Is my toilet so strange? I only use the articles sold in the people's market."

Her hobbies?

Western music, paintings, and "other things which interest ordinary women." It's "interesting" to sew clothing for her children, and she cooks "once in a while."

Asked about Emperor Hirohito's hobbies, she replied "As you well know, he is interested in biology."

(His laboratories in the palace grounds in Tokyo and at his seaside villa at Hayama are among the most complete in the Orient).

Auction Sale

Loose hay in stacks on Reuel LePage's property, North River Road, this evening, 6.30.

CECIL MALONE, Owner.
LESTER KEIZER, Auctioneer.

Salvation Army Advisory Board Meeting Held

A meeting of the Salvation Army Advisory Board was held at Sunset Lodge on Monday afternoon. In the absence of the chairman, Edwin C. Johnstone the vice-chairman, Major N. W. Lowther presided.

The advisory Board consists of the following members, Edwin C. Johnstone, N. W. Lowther, J. M. McFadyen, Hon. T. W. L. Prowse, Lt.-Col. A. L. MacKay, T. Roy Cudmore, A. Belcher, E. D. Nicholson, J. C. Montgomery, N. D. MacLean, J. E. Harris, Col. K. S. Rogers, and Major G. V. MacLean.

Major Margaret Wheeler presented the following report of the work being done at Sunset Lodge.

Mr. Chairman and fellow members of Advisory Board:—

We are pleased to greet you this afternoon at the Lodge and to give you the following report of our work since its opening on September the 7th, 1946.

We have admitted 25 guests, 16 in residence at the present. Our oldest guest being in her 93rd year and youngest in her 62nd year. Seven of these are old age pensioners.

Every month the ladies of our Salvation Army Home League have a social evening with us which is very much enjoyed by all.

Christmas at the Lodge was a very happy occasion. We had our party on December the 24th to give our guests the opportunity to go to their relatives or friends on Christmas Day. We had our festive dinner at noon, turkey, Christmas pudding, and all the trimmings, fruit, candy, nuts to make the meal appetizing and like the one they used to have at home. After dinner we had a visit from Santa Claus, who distributed many lovely gifts to each guest from a well laden Christmas tree. Several donations of fruit and candy were sent in by friends of the Army which was appreciated by all. To climax this enjoyable festive occasion the S. A. Band serenaded us by playing Christmas Carols.

Major MacLean through the courtesy of Mr. Bramwell Chandler of Prince of Wales College has arranged some very interesting evenings of lantern slides and movie sound films which were not only educational but were quite thrilling to our guests, especially those of beautiful P.E.I.

We have many interested friends who have remembered us which we would like to mention at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Jenkins, who presented the Lodge with a lovely piano, also arranged to keep it in repair and tune.

Queen Mary Needle Craft Guild have given a small donation of money and a gift for each guest at Christmas.

Ladies Auxiliary of Canoe Cove —a small donation and two hand made quilts.

Mr. Acorn, fruit, candy, and nuts for Christmas.

Mr. Thomas DeBlois and Field Secretary Burnham and fellow members of the Gideons presented us with Bibles and Testaments.

Several friends have sent in pictures for the Lodge.

Now Spring is here our guests are enjoying the beautiful sunshine in the sun parlor. We hope to be able to get lawn chairs, so when the weather gets warmer they will be able to go out and sit on verandahs, or out on the grounds.

There are quite a number of things we are still waiting for in furnishings.

We have several applications for admittance, when there is a vacancy, we hope it will soon be necessary to build the wing, which will accommodate more private room guests as well as others.

Our motto for Sunset Lodge is to be a home away from home.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Wheeler,
Major.

Major G. V. MacLean on behalf of the Salvation Army expressed appreciation to the members for their interest and support. A delightful lunch was served by Major Wheeler and Major Van Roon, which was enjoyed by all.

Five Killed In Crash Of Army Plane

(By The Canadian Press)

WINDSOR, Ont., May 19—Five men were killed tonight when a United States Army plane crashed into a field just south of Windsor during a terrific rainstorm.

Provincial Police said investigation showed the plane was a utility transport, known as a C-45-F built to carry five men and the pilot, and that it had left Selfridge Field, Michigan, just across the Detroit River, some time earlier.

Accurate identification of the victims was impossible as their remains were mingled in wreckage scattered over a radius of 50 feet in a field two miles south of the Windsor City limits.

No eye-witnesses were located. Mrs. Arthur Gilboe, living on a farm nearby, said she heard a noise in the air as of a plane in trouble and later heard an explosion. That was at 10.05 P.M., E.D.T., she estimated.

The crash occurred in open land just two miles south of the Windsor city limits.

LONDON —(CP)—The Post Office is increasing its fleet of mobile automatic exchange units from 12 to 29.

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assist in refunding the debt. With regard to £12,000,000 interest free loans made to Britain during the war, the home government recognized this was repayable on demand.

The delegation had asked the possibility of raising further loans for development purposes and was told the existing dollar difficulty which had to be considered and it would be "unusual" for Britain to undertake development loans to a country under responsible government. But the possibility of such a transaction was not ruled out.

On the matter of United States bases—under Britain's early war bases-for-destroyers deal—the delegation was told that the exact rights of the Americans were defined in the formal agreement and there was "no reason to think the United States would agree to any substantial variation' but under responsible government Newfoundland would be able to raise this question or that of "quid pro quo with America."

In connection with the big Gander Airport—air cross-roads of the world—the, British Government said it was prepared to meet such costs as could not be attributed to Newfoundland.

The British dollar difficulty came up again in the conversations in connection with the possibility of British purchases of fish and ore. The British spokesmen told the delegation that there was every desire to encourage mutual trade.

(Meanwhile at Ottawa External Affairs Minister St. Laurent told the Commons that the Government had informed the Newfoundland convention what dates might be convenient for discussions on the question of the possibility of the island's entry into confederation.)

PARIMUTUELS IN

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Bets on Ontario tracks accounted for nearly three-fifths of the grand total of $2,510,211 wagered during the 1946-1947 season, and British Columbia took second place with a contribution of $984,689 to the federal treasury, and Manitoba came third with $225,479. Despite its large population and the many racetracks in the Montreal area, Quebec paid in only $68,510, less than half the contribution of Alberta which handed in $161,277.

Last year's collections from pari-mutuel bets, Dr. McCann pointed out was an all-time record for Canada as a whole, and that betting had increased in every province except Quebec. Reason for Quebec' decline in betting, it is understood, is due to the closing down in late 1945 and 1946 of the many explosive-manufacturing, cartridge shell and small-arms plants.

UNION LEADERS

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sidered vital to the industry.

The new settlement plan represents a compromise by both sides.

The agreement also contained a clause setting forth that "the parties hereto agree to the principle of a contributory pension scheme" —dealing with the second of the three points in the list of "minimum non-negotiable demands" which became the strike issues.

The third point, a miners welfare fund, was not dealt with in the agreement.

In addition, officers told today's meeting that the company had agreed verbally to broaden its present non-contributory pension scheme until a contributory plan can be established. Thus miners qualified by age could receive the company's present pension without having to wait for a place on the pension rolls.

The present plan would also be extended to cover Acadia Coal Company, a company associated with Dominion Coal Company but not covered by the non-contributory plan.

Ballots were being printed for next Friday's referendum even while today's meeting was under way. Following the session members of the Union Board prepared to visit the Unions seven sub-districts to explain the plan to the membership before the vote.

Ilsley Defends Spy Inquiry

(By The Canadian Press)

OTTAWA, May 19—In launching the Soviet spy inquiry more than a year ago, the Government had reason to believe that the secrets of the atomic bomb were being disclosed to a foreign power, Justice Minister Ilsley tonight told the Commons.

Mr. Ilsley defended the Government's actions in the famed investigation and said the disclosure of official secrets might have had "far-reaching and devastating consequences."

He said that every step taken by the Government was "legal," as was "clearly established" by the report of the Royal Commission on Espionage. No order-in-council was passed that did not carry with it the authority of legislation passed by Parliament.

Defending the Government's action in selecting Supreme Court justices as royal commissioners, Mr. Ilsley said it was a case where the public had to be satisfied and the Government felt "entirely justified" in going to the highest court in the land.

If the inquiry had proved to be a "fiasco", those now criticizing the Government would have said that the investigation was a "witch-hunt" and that the "bogey of Communism was again being raised."

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even through politics.

Education, the Premier continued, is not merely the memorizing of facts. Rather it is to a large extent the training which enables people to express their thoughts through that medium which is the most suitable to them. "You can express yourselves through good deeds," he said, "through cooking and other phases of housewifery. You may even do so by rearing a family and thus continue to live after you are dead by having left children behind you."

Reiterating his statement that music, either vocal or instrumental, was the highest form of human expression, Premier Jones said the world is under a great debt to the Church since it has preserved, down the centuries, the most inspiring music of the ages. He concluded by congratulating the Association on having brought the "town and country together."

Hon. Dr. MacMillan

The Hon. Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan said it was his belief that the idea of a musical festival in Prince Edward Island had originated with the Women's Institute of the Province. They had been connected with every worthwhile movement in the Province, Dr. MacMillan said, and in assisting in bringing the festival into being they had helped to fill a long felt want.

The love of music was increasing throughout the country. As evidence of that fact, Dr. MacMillan cited the increase in sales of music and musical instruments by firms dealing in those articles. The Carnegie Corporation had spent hundreds of thousands of dollars in America in fostering music, Dr. MacMillan said, and he suggested that the Carnegie Corporation might not be averse to responding to an appeal for assistance if it were made by the Musical Festival Association. No gathering, the Doctor added, is complete without music.

Dr. MacMillan concluded by agreeing with Premier Jones respecting the attitude of the Church toward music, "We owe music to the Church," he said, "which has cultivated it throughout the years."

Mayor MacDonald

Mayor E. Earle MacDonald congratulated the sponsors of the festival for their achievement in developing a love of music among the people, especially the children, of the Province.

"I know," the Mayor said, "if you keep going on with your festivals that by the time we get our big community centre hall built in our city, you will fill it to capacity also."

He concluded by welcoming the members of the Association to the City and extending his best wishes for the festival's success.

Other Speakers

Mr. L.W. Shaw, director of education, said the privilege which the people of the Province had of enjoying the music festival had meant a lot of work to those on whose shoulders the burden of the arrangements had fallen. Good music contributes, Mr. Shaw said, to sound ideals of citizenships and nothing affords better training in the appreciation of those arts to which music is so closely allied.

Mr. Shaw referred to the Scandinavian countries where folk music has been traditional for centuries, and where the development of culture of music has been developed through small groups.

In concluding, Mr. Shaw congratulated the members of the Musical Festival Association, the Women's Institutes, and Mr. Roy Mugford, A.R.C.O., who, Mr. Shaw said, will soon begin to see some of the fruits of his labours with various musical groups.

Miss Dorothy Allen, Mus. Bac. Mt. Allison Conservatory of Music, and adjudicator of the festival, said she remembered with a great deal of pleasure being present at the last festival.

Music enriches and brings together a great fellowship and encourages confidence, Miss Allen said.

She distinguished between competition which is envious and that which obviates such disagreeable elements. "Each participant", Miss Allen said, "is competing against a standard which is perfect rather than against an opponent."

She asked the audience to mete out its applause evenly as an evidence of "its good wishes and recognition of pluck."

Message from President

Mrs. Rodd read a letter from the president of the Association, Mrs. Preston Beck, who was unable to attend the opening of the festival, in which Mrs. Beck said the Association had three policies or projects in mind which, if successfully carred out, "would add much to culture and eduaction in music in Prince Edward Island."

The policies recommended are, (1) refresher course for music teachers; (2) percentage allotment plans; (3) scholarship fund.

Mrs. Rodd also read a letter from Mr. Harold Hamer of the Mt. Allison Conservatory of Music in which Mr. Hamer congratulated the promoters of the first province-wide musical festival to be held in Prince Edward Island.

Last Night's Winners

Following is the list of last night's winners:

The public school chorus was won by Central Royalty School with West and East Royalty tieing for second place. Third place was won by Harrington School.

In the contralto solo, Mrs. Gynneth Patterson, Charlottetown, was the only contestant.

In the boys' solo for boys 12 years and over, Maynard F. Schurman, Summerside, and Edward Bertram, Parkdale, tied for first place; Billy McCannell, and Elwood Ford, Charlottetown, tied for second place; and Verne Ainsworth, Charlottetown, and Borden Myers, Parkdale, tied for third.

Ralph Rayner, Mt. Herbert, was the only contestant in the violin solo for those over 16 years.

The pianoforte duet for those 15 years and under was won by Anna MacRae, East Royalty, and Katherine Auld, Freetown; second place went to Adele and Donald Clark, Charlottetown; with third place going to Mary Beairsto and Jeannie Whitehead, both of Charlottetown.

The highest mark in the evening's scoring went to the Central Royalty Glee Club, Central Royalty, with 93 points.

Miss Allen, in commenting on the Club's rendition of "All Through the Night", said the Club had one of the best, blended choirs she had heard in a long time.

The festival will continue each day until Friday when there will be a concert of winners.

BRITISH PEOPLE

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press the hope that he would be able to come to Prince Edward Island for a longer stay in the near future.

Tribute To Canada

He paid warm tribute to "the wonderful contribution which you in Canada made to the war." He referred first to the heroic exploits of Canada's armed forces, then to our wartime industrial production; to "that great conception of mutual aid" which did so much to shorten the war; to the air training scheme, and lastly to Canada's tremendous agricultural production.

"When we add all these things together, I think the contribution made by a country of only twelve million people was really quite staggering," he said.

"We at home will never forget what you in Canada did during the war, and the name of Canada is looked upon today, not only with admiration but with deep and genuine affection by everyone in Britain."

He noted also that Canada's war effort had raised this country to the ranks of the leading nations of the world today. Canada's influence and productivity are now felt all round the globe. This has strengthened the Commonwealth to which we belong, and strengthened all the forces in the world today that make for peace and sanity and progress.

Fighting A Second Battle

"We at home are fighting a second battle of Britain today," Sir Alexander said. "It is a battle of production, and the outcome will be as important to the world as was the battle during the war. It is a battle against an invisible rather than a visible enemy. Although it is tough going, and we have had a setback recently on account of the extraordinarily severe weather, nevertheless we intend to get there! (Applause).

"We must not disguise from ourselves that the second part of the struggle is going to be even harder than the first. However, we are not dismayed at all. Some commentators apparently have mixed up our fuel crisis with our basic economic situation, which is a different thing altogether. Some people have even begun to write our obituary. I would advise them not to be in too much of a hurry. I think the world will still be astonished at the vitality, the cohesion and resourcefulness of the British people. (Applause).

"When we looked around after the war", Sir Alexander continued, "we found a country dislocated and disrupted in a way never before known. In the civilian population there were over twenty million changes of address alone. Our overseas assets were largely liquidated. Our export trade had been deliberately cut down and we had to import vast quantities of food and raw materials. One million homes had been destroyed, and great shipping and other losses had been incurred. Food was even shorter than in wartime because we had to look after Europe as well as ourselves. On top of that we had a vast chain of overseas commitments stretching around the globe. Those circumstances added together set us the biggest problem we have had to face in our history."

No Question of "Survival"

Sir Alexander went on to emphasize the fact that the question of Britain's "survival" was not involved. "We never look at it that way," he said. "It is an uphill struggle, but we have no doubt as to the final outcome."

"In 1946 we can look back on a year of very considerable success," he added. "In the first place, we got our demobilization through very quickly indeed, from 6,000,000 to 1,500,000 people; all absorbed into civilian life, and the whole plan worked very smoothly. The wheels of industry began to turn again. Until we got reestablished we had to obtain credits from our principal suppliers, the United States and Canada. I should like you to know how much we appreciated the sympathetic response we received from this country.

"Then we were able to lay the foundations of a very broad housing programme, to get our working population reestablished in the right places. There was a great extension of social services. The highlight of the year, however, was that we were able to work up our export trade. That required great denial and self sacrifice on the part of our people. We started the year with an export trade about 30 to 40 percent of pre-war trade, and we worked it up last year to a peak of 120 percent of pre-war. We finished the year running at 115 percent." (Applause).

"First of all there was the manpower shortage. We will have that for many years to come. We are determined to work out our reconstruction on a basis of the freedom of the individual. That we regard as the Ark of the Covenant. There are difficulties in the way, of course, and we have had bottlenecks developing in certain industries, particularly in coal and agriculture, which must be remedied. But we are on the way to correct that situation.

"The manpower situation was aggravated by the fact that we had to make a great decision namely to introduce conscription in peacetime. That means that all the young men who have gone into industry will have now to spend a year in the fighting services.

"There was also a particular difficulty due to the fact that Europe has not recovered as quickly as we had hoped. We became overdependent on foreign countries, and at the same time we had so many claims on our export capacity all over the world —including the Germany whom we will have to prop up—that we are not able to export to other countries more than 14 percent of our exports. That means a very big gap in our balance of trade.

"Finally there was what I may call the human factor, the incentive to work. There must be a limitation to the extent to which you can call upon people who have gone through six years of warfare, and suffered many hardships and privations apart from nervous stress and strain. The spirit is willing, but the flesh sometimes weakens. It is a very great problem for the Government to decide, just how far to go in this direction. That means in effect that if we are to get the output which we need and must have, our people must get a little more than they have had in the past, and we must have something to show that we are on the road to recovery.

Storms and Floods

"That was our main problem when suddenly the fuel crisis burst upon us, owing to the severity of the snow which paralyzed our industries for three weeks. That resulted in a chain reaction, making the next half of this coming battle more difficult. On top of that came the floods. We lost four million sheep and over a million head of cattle,—one quarter of our meat production."

Sir Alexander went on to refer to an economic survey published by the British Government, setting forth the situation and the measures to combat it. In addition plans are under way to initiate an intensive campaign of production and productivity. Everyone will be called upon to produce a little more. "It is indeed a race against time. We are all involved in the race, and Canada in an indirect way is as interested as we are. It is absolutely essential to reestablish our export trade in the next eighteen months or two years at most. That is the crucial period. The position today is that we are only importing 70 percent of our pre-war volume, which means a serious sacrifice for our people by reducing the standard of living. 70 percent cannot be paid for even by 115 percent of pre-war exports. We must raise that 70 to 80 or 85 percent as soon as we can. We must raise our exports to 150 percent of pre-war. A lot of them have reached that figure and some are up to 200 percent pre-war.

"We have a very healthy labour situation at home," Sir Alexander said. He added that there had been no official strikes, and the few unofficial strikes had been settled satisfactorily. "What we have got to face is the fact that we are in 'a bit of a jam'. Nonetheless we have got the terrific fact of the unbroken spirit of our people, and their record speaks for itself. They are a people who, when they realize the facts never fail. I have every confidence that they are facing this new ordeal with the same tenacity and the same unflinching endurance they displayed during the war."

Rotarian Ian Burnett presided at yesterday's luncheon, the guest speaker being introduced by Rotarian L. W. Shaw, Deputy Minister of Education. The thanks of the Club was tendered Sir Alexander by Rotarian V. A. Ainsworth.

There was a large attendance at yesterday's luncheon, with a number of guests including Premier J. Walter Jones and His Worship Mayor MacDonald.

The highest altitude at which it believed a bird can fly is four miles.

Forest Fire Danger In Maritimes Still Serious

Rain Helps But N. B. Forest Rangers Expect New Outbreaks Momentarily.

SAINT JOHN, N.B., May 19 — (CP) — With hazard remaining high, Maritime foresters joined today in appeals for greater precautions against fires.

Following rain and prompt fire-fighting action, seven recent outbreaks in eastern New Brunswick were extinguished or under control while another, eight miles southeast of Doaktown, Northumberland County, was described as "pretty well under control."

G.L. Miller, chief forester for New Brunswick, emphasized that hazard remained high and "we are expecting further outbreaks momentarily."

Nova Scotia's chief forester G.W.I. Creighton, said four fires in Halifax County were "almost all out" after week-end showers but might blaze up again following a period of fine weather.

John Morton, forest ranger for district No. 3, reported at Moncton that none of the seven fires in Westmorland, Kent and Northumberland Counties had reached serious proportions but they had presented a constant menace.

With the woods still dry, one spark could start a raging fire, ranger Morton said in stressing the necessity of utmost care by all entering forest land.

Enlargement Of Cold Storage Plant

The cold storage plant, located at the north end of Esher Street and owned by the Provincial Government, has 250,000 pounds of fox feed in storage at the present time, according to officials of the Department of Reconstruction.

Comprising tripe, ground horse meat, and some carcasses, the fox feed is stored by farmers and fox breeders at a cost of one-quarter of a cent per pound per month.

A new refrigeration unit weighing ten tons and manufactured by the Linde Canadian Refrigeration Co., Montreal, has been ordered and installation of the unit should be completed by August 1, officials said. At present two five-ton Freon cooling units are in operation at the plant.

Provision is being made for the storage of cheese which will be coming into the plant about June 15. The storage is to provide for the 90-day maturing period now compulsory throughout Canada for all cheese sold to the wholesale trade.

The plant is four stories in height, 55 feet long by 30 feet wide and was purchased by the Provincial Government last January from Mr. Gordon MacMillan, president of the Island Seed Association.

A new addition is to be built to the plant. A loading platform, a machine room, a receiving room, and an elevator shaft, to run from top to bottom of the plant, will constitute part of the new construction.

Rule Five C.C.F. Acts Ultra Vires

REGINA, May 19 — (CP) — Mr. Justice H. V. Bigelow of Regina ruled in King's Bench Court today that five labor acts of Saskatchewan's C.C.F. Government are ultra vires where they affect employees of railways and their subsidiaries.

The judgment followed argument of provincial counsel E. C. Leslie of Regina who said the acts should be binding until the Dominion entered the fields of legislation which they covered.

The acts declared ultra vires where they affect railway employees are the trade union, the minimum wage, the annual holidays, hours of work and workmen's wages.

Attorney-General J. W. Corman said tonight the judgment would be appealed in view of its great importance to labor in the province.

Mr. Justice Bigelow, who has been hearing the case which opened last Tuesday, said the province was not competent to pass legislation affecting the railways because section 92 (10) of the British North America Act gave that power to the Dominion.

He said he could not see how a railway could operate a train which was forced to have a new crew every eight hours. Nor would hotels come under the provincial legislation.

The case arose from charges made last August by the Saskatchewan Government against the Canadian National and Canadian Pacific Railways. The charges specified that the railways had failed to post notices concerning the annual holidays act.

Communal Violence In Lahore Continues

NEW DELHI, May 19 —(Reuters) — Women and children today streamed out of Lahore, capital of the Punjab and India's fifth city, as communal violence continued for the sixth consecutive day with 12 deaths and 90 arrests.

Meanwhile the viceroy, Viscount Mountbatten, arrived in London from New Delhi to confer with the government on British plans for leaving India.

Britain and Indian troops patrolled Lahore's almost deserted central streets and army fire brigades poured water on the smouldering embers of overnight blazes. Colleges and schools were closed, industries were idle and staffs were absent from government and railroad offices.

The rioting followed a restless night in which the quiet of the curfew was frequently broken by taunts and slogans shouted from roof-tops as a prelude to daylight clashes between Moslems and Hindus.