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CARR—MILLAR WEDDING — A very pretty wedding ceremony was performed in St. Barnabus Anglican Church, Calgary, Alberta, on Jan 29 1944 at seven o'clock in the evening when the Rev. L. R. Lancaster, Flight Lieut, joined in marriage Alma Viola, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon D. Carr of Oyster Bed Bridge Prince Edward Island to LAC William James, only son of Mr. William R. Millar and the late Mrs. Millar, Kingston, Ont. The bride was attended by Miss Jean MacDougall while LAC Charles Chapman Hyde of Windsor Ont., acted as bestman. The bride looked winsome in a brown street length dress with matching accessories wearing a plaid coat with fox collar. At the close of the ceremony the wedding party left for dinner at the Plazma Hotel. The young couple have taken up residence at 3809-6th Street west, Calgary, Alberta, where LAC William continues his studies in wireless Miss MacDougall the bridesmaid and parents were formerly of Summerside, P. E. I.

RED CROSS MEETING — Stanchel "Britain's Helpers" Junior Red Cross Society held their regular weekly meeting on Friday afternoon February 25. The president Lorna Keating presided and the meeting opened by shinging O'-Canada. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. Seventeen members answered roll call with their favorite game. Collection amounted to 32c. Treasurer reported $2.57 on hand. Three new names were handed in to the Friendship Circle album It was decided to start a bazaar each member contributing some article. The following committees were appointed. Health and cleanliness, Vernon MacLean and Violet Aiken, Water Lorna Keating and Joyce MacLean. Programme, Sheila and Beryl MacLean. Roll call for next meeting is to be answered by "your weight." The following programme was carried out. —Song, King's Navy by Violet Aiken. Recitation, Vivian Keating. Song, Playmates, by Juniors. Reading, Lorna Keating. Song, Old MacDonald Had A Farm, Sheila MacLean, Beryl MacLean and Lorna Keating. Recitation. Roma MacLean. Meeting closed by singing God Save the King.

HUNTER RIVER Y. P. U. — Young Peoples' meeting was held on Feb. 25, when they visited the home of Mr and Mrs. Fulton Robertson, culture was the theme of worship, as the following service was carried out. The meeting was called to order with Meditation and opening hymn, I Would Be True." Scripture passage was taken from Romen's 12, and was read by Mrs Orville Sellar. Hymn Rise Up O Men of God was sung, followed with a reading by Mrs. Reggie Whitlock and prayer led by Rev. Mr Murray. Closing hymn, He Liveth Long Who Liveth Well. The Bible Study on Acts was continued to 16th chapter. A prayer for those in the services was offered by Rev. Mr. Murray, thereby closing the Worship period. A report of the last meeting was given and approved. Roll call revealed 17 members present, with three new members joining. It was moved and seconded to have the play Aunt Tillie Goes to Sea It has also been decided to hold a debate and short concert in the Masonic Hall Collection amounted to 80 cents. Topic for next week meeting is Fellowship. The Mizpah Benediction was repeated, after which the group participated in writing letters to those in the services overseas.

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PASSES EXAMINATIONS — Among the graduates from No 1 Wireless School, Montreal, last Thursday was J Barry MacLaren of Charlottetown as Radio Electrical Mechanic. He has since been posted to Halifax.

POLICE COURT — Two cases were on the docket in the Police Court yesterday. A drunk and incapable had his bail bond of $5.00 estreated, and a drunk and disorderly received 30 days.

CASUALTY LIST—Among those reported missing in the latest Canadian Army Casualty List is Lieut. Russell Geddie Douglas, who was serving with a Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island Regiment. Lieut. Douglas' next of kin is his wife Mrs. Mary Adeline Douglas, 37 Orlebar St., Charlottetown, P.E.I. Among those reported wounded is Tpr. Edwin Unsworth Jenkins, who was serving with the Canadian Armoured Corps. Tpr. Jenkins' next of kin is his mother, Mrs. Mary A. Jenkins, Little Pond, Lot 56, P.E.I. Among those reported killed on active service in the latest Casualty list of the Royal Canadian Air Force is WO. Robert James Dickie, whose next of kin is his father, Mr. J.W. Dickie, 273 Euston St., Charlottetown, P.E.I.

Personals

Mr. Edison Drake, Vernon, spent the week end in Charlottetown on business.

Mr. R. L. Dickieson, New Glasgow, left Monday morning for Montreal on a business trip.

Patrick Clarkin Peakes, left this week to visit his son in Allston Mass.

His many friends will be glad to know that Mr. Arthur H MacDougall has returned to his home after several weeks medical treatment in the P. E. I. Hospital.

Mr. Edwin C. Johnstone, Provincial Manager of the Dominion Life Assurance Company, left by plane this morning on a business trip to Halifax.

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Speech On Budget By Hon. Mr. Prowse

Speaking in the Budget debate in the Legislature last week, Hon. T. W. L. Prowse said the Opposition leader had objected to the statement that the Liberals had supplied the Infirmary. The Conservatives were renting it at six per cent or $1500. The Liberals bought the institution, borrowing the money at five per cent and are paying $1250. The Conservative had also borrowed $1,000,000 at 6.12 per cent, and another sum at 5.14

The Opposition leader had said the members on the Government side have their hands out for judgeships, Senatorship and that sort of thing. Mr. Prowse liked to think that these jobs are given for services in the interests of the province. They were not handouts, "so far as government jobs are concerned you hand is in your pocket," he said. "I want to think the members come here and give their time for the betterment of the community as a whole."

Mr. Prowse reviewed Liberal expenditures on public welfare, and education. On agriculture, he admitted, only $60,000 was spent. "There is something wrong there," he said, "I will admit that."

Opposition voices: "Here, here."

Mr. Prowse said he had advocated four years ago that a farmers' finance bureau should be established in connection with the Department of Agriculture, so that a farmer could obtain money when he needed it for his work.

Grants from Ottawa should be obtained to help stock the vacant farms of this Province, Mr. Prowse continued. Farmers could be given five years to pay the money off. Those farms should all be made productive.

With regard to selective service, he said he had made three applications to the board, and found that twice he had gone there with erroneous information. In the other case, before he got there, the boy had been granted exemption. The only fault he found with the system was that farm labor should have been frozen.

He commended the price ceiling as a boon in preventing inflation.

Merchants, like other people, were experiencing great shortage of [illegible] and merchandise, and were working harder than ever before. This was a wartime condition which must be accepted. The big wages offered girls in war plants made it difficult for manufacturers to obtain help. This condition would add to the difficulty of getting back to normal production after the war.

Discussing post war plans, Mr. Prowse deprecated the idea that public works alone will bring prosperity to the nation.

The Government had made a start to assist the fox industry with a stud farm. If it proved satisfactory, ranches will be opened in other centres.

Reference was also made to assistance given the fisheries, and to the importance of this industry generally.

Mr. Prowse believed the Liberal government deserved credit for financing a million dollars of paved highway with a two cents gas tax.

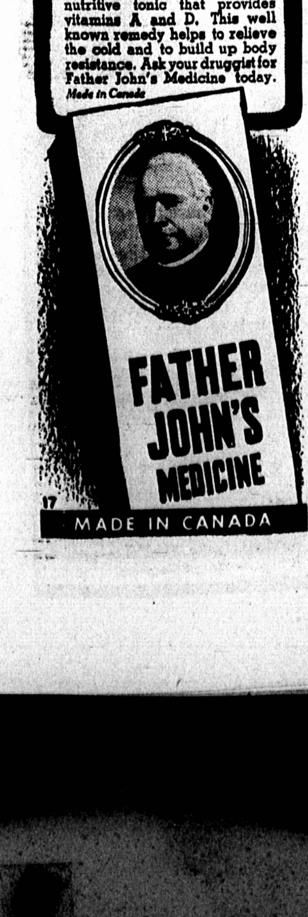
Mr. E. H. Strong: "Would it be out of order if my hon. friend expressed his attitude on the stand I took with regard to the grant the Dominion Government made in lieu of taxation?"

Mr. Prowse recalled that when he was Mayor of Charlottetown, about 1930, he and Councillors Foster and Holman had gone to Ottawa with a brief prepared by Mr. K. M. Martin as city solicitor, requesting a portion of this money. They waited on Hon. Dr. Manion, Minister of Railways at that time, and he told them they would have to deal with their Provincial Government." $250,000 had been given to the Province and $40,000 was in lieu of railway property. They had not been able to make a deal with the Stewart Government, which was in power at that time. He had not taken the matter up with the present Government but he hoped to do so.

Mr. Prowse stongly indorsed the proposed West River Bridge project, also a proper water front for Charlottetown, a new Hillsboro bridge, and a marine slip to look after the car ferry.

He recalled the large number on relief before the war, and said this was a condition which must not be allowed to return.

He commended Col. Strong for his reference to the sacrifices made by men in the service forces. He also referred to the Island's high enlistment record, and concluded, "We must have this place ready for those who return, so that when they come home they won't have to walk the streets, or be without employment."



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Speech On Budget By Mr. Heath Strong, K. C. Fourth District of Kings

Speaking on the Budget in the Provincial Legislature last week, Mr. Heath Strong, K.C., Fourth District of Prince, first reviewed the financial record of Liberal governments in the past, charging that they have invariably been "tax raisers and debt producers." The Stewart Government's borrowing of over a million dollars at high interest rates, he pointed out, was necessitated by the Liberal overdraf of $1,148,000 which they found on coming into office The Lea Government had been paying 6 per cent interest, compounded quarterly, on this indebtedness. The Conservatives had to finance the overdraft in one of the greatest depressions in world history. "My hon. friends have been harping on that ever since. But you left the debt, and it had to be found by somebody."

Hon. Mr. Wright: "Do you mean to say the Bank wouldn't give you credit any longer?"

Mr. Strong: "My hon. friend knows that Prince of Wales College and Falconwood Hospital had to be rebuilt. You couldnt go on paying 6 per cent overdraft."

Mr. Wright: "Was it good business to borrow at 6 2 percent?"

Mr. Strong: "It couldn't be obtained any cheaper on account of the depression, and my hon. friend knows it."

Hon. Mr. Barbour: "You could have put in a callable clause so that those bonds could be recalled".

Mr. Strong: "You wouldn't have had as good sales of the bonds. It is easy enough to look back now and say what should have been done, but there was the problem we were faced with.

Hon. Mr. Prowse: "Did not Mr. Lea tell the Premier that it was the wrong time to go on the market?"

Mr. Strong: "My recollection is that he was afraid he would alarm the people if he funded the debt."

Debt Measures

The total liabilities, he said, when the Conservatives left office in 1935 were $5,221,000, and they had increased in 1943 to $9,208,000 or nearly four million dollars in eight years. This Liberal increase amounted to a tax on every man, woman and child in the Province of one hundred dollars a head.

He cited Conservative subsidy increases, amounting to several hundred thousand dollars annually. The $40,000 in lieu of railway taxation, referred to by Mr. Prowse in his speech, had been obtained by the Stewart Government.

Mr. Strong found no fault with Liberal governments for building hard surfaced roads, "but why did they not obtain assistance from Ottawa?" The Conservatives had obtained $5,000 a mile on the Borden road and $10,000 a mile on the Rustico highway.

Ordinary revenue under the Conservatives in 1935 was $1,536,000, while under the Liberals in 1943 it totalled $2,399,000 or an increase of $863,000. "Lots of roadwork could be done with this money."

He contrasted the meagre information given by the Provincial Treasurer in the Budget speech with the Budget delivery of the Provincial Treasurer of the Province of Quebec. The latter went over every item, explaining every detail. Mr. Strong "hoped to see our Provincial Treasurer do this next year."

He asked why such items as youth training, special wartime expenditure, limestone, hay bonus, etc., had been placed in "capital" expenditure. "Instead of a deficit of $40,000 on ordinary revenue and expenditure, my hon. friend, if he takes those items I have mentioned and puts them into the right place, will show a deficit of about $110,000."

He noted that the revenue derived last year from liquor, tobacco, automobiles and gasoline totalled $808,000 or one-third of the whole revenues of the Province.

The Premier, he believed, should get a salary "sufficient to enable him to devote all his time to the job." The same applied to the Minister of Agriculture, who should also be a full-time man.

A revenue of $102,000 has derived last year from the public health tax on liquor and tobacco. This tax was imposed specifically for the purpose of defraying additional expenditure incurred in public health services and particularly to provide facilities to combat tuberculosis. "The Provincial Treasurer knows that he cannot throw that money into ordinary revenue and use it for fixing roads. It must be confined to public health and the auditor should not allow them to take that out of the trust fund and apply it to general revenue, as has been the case."

Huge Liquor Sales

Mr. Strong noted that the liquor health tax in 1943 was $55,433.24. This would mean total sales of about $642,000. At an average price of $4.00 a bottle (liquor) or case (beer), there must have been sold some 160,500 bottles or cases.

Each doctor receives fifty prescriptions a month, or 600 a year. There were not over sixty doctors in the Province in 1943, so that total prescriptions issued should not be over 36,000. Apparently 160,500 bottles or cases were purchased with only 36,000 scripts. Mr. Strong said he would like an explanation of this riddle from the Attorney General.

"These are the gentlemen who talked about blood money," he said. "I suppose they have washed and purified this money."

Hon. Mr. Hughes: "Sterilized it".

Mr. Strong: "The figures I have given are borne out by the fact that the Government purchased in 1943, 90,144 bottles of spirits, and 57,961 cases of beer, a total of 148,105, plus a quantity of wine amounting to 3,192 bottles. That is the situation we have in his Prohibition Province, where liquor is scribed for medicine alone. I always thought this was a healthy Province, but it must have taken an awful lot of medicine to keep the people on their feet last year."

He noted that the junior member for Charlottetown (Mr. Prowse) had expressed himself in support of agriculture. Yet in 1943 all the Government spent on agriculture was $60,000 when the total expenditure amounted to about two and a half millions.

Proposes Grain Elevators

"About storage warehouses the Premier seems to be rather hazy in his answers to questions from this side of the House. Now there were between 1500 and 2000 cars of millfeeds and coarse grains brought into the province during the year 1943. I suggest that the Premier induce the Government of Canada to build grain storage elevators, one at Charlottetown and, if possible, one at Summerside."

Mr. Saville: "And one at Georgetown."

Mr. Strong: "I have no objection to seeing one built at Georgetown, but I think the distribution could be taken care of with two. Your grain can be brought down by steamer from the head of the Lakes. A government owned company could distribute it, and it wouldn't cost the people a cent."

Premier Jones: "Does my hon friend suggest that the Lake boats can come down here without shifting cargo?"

Mr. Strong: "I think so. I believe they have taken some of the Lake boats to England since the war. I have seen Lake boats in Summerside. If they wish to they can send a man to buy the grain and purchase only stock that is not infested with weeds. The "bottleneck" at Borden would be done away with, as the Premier will have his grain in the storage elevators at Summerside and Charlottetown. The grain could be purchased at harvest time when it will be cheaper than at any other season, and it could be held in the elevators and distributed throughout the winter to the farmers of the Province. This would make Prince Edward Island a great finishing centre for beef, pork, poultry and dairy products. I suggest that this is something for the Premier to take up at Ottawa at the earliest opportunity.

"With regard to the Newfoundland market, I would like to see the Premier send a salesman or agent down there. It would not cost very much, and the return would amply pay the investment."

Mr. Strong went on to show that there was an undue spread between the price received by the Island farmer and that received by the dealer in Newfoundland.

Reference had been made, he said, to the loss of our pork market in Nova Scotia. This market was a good thing for the merchants, but not so good for the producers, there being a difference of between 4 and 4 1-2 cents a pound between the New Glasgow and Montreal market prices. Today the farmer is getting a great deal more for his pork than he did in those days, when he shipped to Nova Scotia points.

Cold Storage Facilities

Mr. Strong noted that when Hon. John Bracken visited here last summer, the fishermen of West Prince met him with the complaint that they had never been encouraged or aided in making the best use of their by-products. They had no cold storage facilities. They could not get money for these plants at Ottawa. Something should be done along this line, he suggested.

He was informed that there was quite a lot of canned mackerel, herring, and other fish now in the hands of the dealers. They tried to get permits to ship this fish but were refused. Now they have it on their hands with another season coming on.

Mr. Cox: "I am informed by the wholesale dealers that they have none on hand."

Mr. Strong: "One of the biggest firms in Charlottetown gave me my information. I suggest that the hon member go down and interview DeBlois Bros."

The government, Mr. Strong continued, should have done more work on the secondary roads. In his district they were neglected until just before the election. "Take those road machines off in July," he urged. "Don't leave them till the fall of the year when people want to haul. I don't blame the Minister because the rains were heavy last year, but I do blame him for starting the work too late in the season."

Hon. Mr. Barbour: "It was so wet that we couldn't get on the roads early."

Mr. Strong: "I think my hon friend was more concerned with the rain that occurred on September 15 than he was with the spring rains." (Laughter)

Mr. Barbour: "You didn't say anything to me about the roads then."

Mr. Strong: "It would be no use. You were not then Minister of the Crown, you were in a Wartime Prices and Trade Board job. (Laughter). And when my hon friend talks about getting $35,000 for road work as compared with the amount the Conservatives got for the Borden and Rustico highways, he has very little to crow about. That is only chicken-feed when it comes to building roads."

Mr. Strong commended the Minister of Highways on his courtesy and fairness. He hoped to see the Tryon and Kinkora roads gravelled this year.

Mr. Barbour: "Early in the spring, I hope."

Mr. Strong: "Has the detour been completed at Mount Pleasant?"

Mr. Barbour: "It is pretty well done."

Mr. Strong cited other roads requiring attention.

Gas Rebate Cheques

Farmers, he continued, are complaining that they cannot get their gasoline rebate cheques. The man who had charge of that department had too much to do. This money—thirty or forty dollars—is taken from the farmer at the very time he needs money most. "I think the ten cent tax should be wiped off the books altogether now that you have the colored gasoline. Let them buy the colored gas and let the R.C.M.P. look after the enforcement."

Mr. Strong also stressed the need of obtaining up-to-date snow-plow equipment. The roads should be plowed out until New Year's. The bus service in Summerside ... a small plow in front of their busses for light drifts which does ... work. Smith's plows are used in Ontario in front of large transport busses. He suggested that the Government buy a few of these plows to be attached to trucks and operated when the snow is light.

With regard to limestone, he had written him from Elmsdale stating that at an equal distance between Elmsdale and Bloomfield there was a large body of limestone which he had had assayed and found to run about 96 percent pure. The writer understood that they had built the Catholic cathedral and parochial house at Tignish from this material. It was situated on a piece of land stretching out from the shore. Mr. Strong suggested that the site be investigated.

Quoting from an answer to a question on the order paper re Travel Bureau travelling expenses he noted an item of "certain expenses incurred in war work, mostly of a confidential nature." What could this be? he asked. Was the Travel Bureau engaged in espionage work?

He spoke in favor of small local exhibitions, and the value of interesting boys and girls in livestock improvement. He also recommended efforts to encourage cooperative use of binders, manure spreaders and other farm machinery.

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The first known zoological garden was founded in China in 1100 B.C. and was called the Intelligence