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**RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY**—Resolutions of sympathy were ordered forwarded to Mr. J. W. Boulter, secretary of the P.E. Island Potato Growers' Association, and to Mr. Earl Ings, Mount Herbert, by the Federation of Agriculture before it concluded its annual meeting yesterday. Mr. Boulter is undergoing hospital treatment in Boston, Mass., and Mr. Ings is a patient at the P.E. Island Hospital as the result of having recently received serious burns in an accident at his barn.

**CITY POLICE COURT**—At the 60th day of the Court yesterday, Patrick Earl McCourt, charged with attempted arson in connection with a recent attempt to set fire to the Charlottetown Forum, was remanded until Tuesday on \$500 bail. Others appearing yesterday were four drunk and incapable, two of whom were each fined \$10 and costs or 20 days, while the other two were remanded until Monday. Two drunk and disorderly also appeared, and were each fined \$20 and costs or 30 days. A case under the Prohibition Act was adjourned until today while an adjourned case under the Income War Tax Act was further adjourned until March fifth by agreement.

**FUNERAL SERVICES**—The funeral of Mr. John T. MacKinnon was held yesterday morning from his late residence, 86 Dorchester St., St. Dunstan's Basilica where Requiem High Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Dr. O'Mahoney. Rev. Dr. P. E. O'Mahoney of the staff of St. Dunstan's University was present in the sanctuary. The pall bearers were: Messrs. William Hughes, R. L. Burge, M.L.A., Frank McKearney, Patrick Murnaghan, Sr., Anthony Haughey and D. Jerome Gillis. Interment took place in the Catholic cemetery where services were conducted by Dr. McMahon.

**LEGION AUXILIARY MEETS**—The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion B.E.S.L. was held in the Legion Home last evening. In the absence of the President, Mrs. S. G. Peppin, Mrs. Ira Brown, list Vice-president, presided. A number of reports were read, one of which was for the Bridge and Auction Fair held on Monday, Feb. 23rd which was sponsored by the Charlottetown Branch and Ladies' Auxiliary for the Canadian Appeal for Children. The sum of \$134.70 was realized. Mrs. Brown thanked all the members for their splendid support in connection with this party.

**Personals**  
Friends of Mrs. J. T. Tibbot are sorry to learn she is now a patient in the Prince Edward Island Hospital.

Miss Nancy E. Allen of King's College, Halifax, will be the guest this week end of Miss Elizabeth MacLaine, Grafton Street.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sinclair and child of Amherst are visiting in Charlottetown, guests of Dr. and Mrs. Rachmel, North River Road.

Mr. Walter Bernard spent several days this week visiting with his parents, Lieut-Governor and Mrs. Bernard at Government House.

Miss Ella Cronin arrived home yesterday after a delightful holiday spent in Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto and New York.

The friends of Mr. Wilfred Macdonald, City, will be sorry to learn he has entered the Queen Mary Veterans Hospital, Montreal, for treatment.

Mr. R. E. Kemp, 96 Upper Hillside Street, City, underwent an operation for appendicitis yesterday at the Prince Edward Island Hospital. His many friends will be pleased to learn his condition is satisfactory.

The many friends of Mrs. Betty Carr, Captain of the 14th Charlottetown Girl Guide Company, are glad to know that she has made a good recovery following a major operation performed in the P. E. Island Hospital some weeks ago.

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**PROPERTY DOES NOT SELL**—The Tidemarch property at the corner of Rochford and Fitzroy Streets, offered for sale at auction yesterday, did not sell. Top bid received was \$8,700. The furniture from the dwelling will be sold next Friday at the Sporting Club.

**TRINITY Y. P. U.**—The weekly meeting of Trinity Y. P. U. met in the Social Hall last evening. The meeting opened with the business period with the president presiding. Recreation followed, led by Miss Betty Barwise and M. Claude Campbell. The meeting then adjourned to Hertz Hall when a film, "Camp for Underprivileged Children" held at Holland Cove was shown by John McLennan. The meeting was brought to a close by the devotional period led by Miss Jennie Barwise and Miss Beverly Smith. Plans for the evening were Miss Hazel Wright and Miss Phyllis MacFadyen.

**FEDERATION MEMBERS**

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said, there was a definite trend on the part of the Government to do things for people which they should do for themselves. Should such increases be made, "we might find ourselves sometime in a position where we should have to borrow money from those \$50-a-month pensioners," Mr. Dewar said. The Government is now helping to maintain children up to 18 years of age by means of family allowances and then, when they reach the age of 16, the Government looks after them again. Mr. Dewar said the situation has got to the point where one-half the population is keeping the other half. He thought \$50 a month was too much. The questions of family allowances and old age pensions were "political devices" and no Government would dare abolish them or even lower them. Consequently, to ask for an increase in them when there was always the possibility of a depression would mean that, should a depression come, the allowances and the pensions would continue to remain at their pre-depression level.

**"Something For Nothing"**  
Mr. Dewar said he was not in favour of passing the resolution even as a gesture. There was no one present at the meeting, so far as he knew, who was looking forward to receiving the old age pension. Every attempt to get something for nothing from the Government was a vain attempt. Such handouts demoralized the people and encouraged laziness. People should learn to stand on their own feet.

Capt. J. J. MacDonald, Glenfinnan, said he agreed with Mr. Dewar. He wondered "where we are going to drift" and why the Government had not thought of some scheme whereby they could fill the age gap between 16, when the children cease drawing the family allowance, and 65, when the old age pension is received. Personally, he had never received anything for nothing and had always had to make his own way.

Rev. W. O. Simpson of St. Dunstan's College, said he would "like to clap Mr. Dewar on the back." Mr. Dewar had the right idea. However, Father Simpson said, if "we had the right system, there would be no need of old age pensions. But we have not the right system and the chances are we never shall have it." Father Simpson said he would like the Federation members to consider seriously the advantages accruing from an investment in Government annuities. They were a splendid investment for those younger persons who wished to assure themselves of a comfortable old age.

Mr. George McKay, Albert, said he thought \$50 a month was much for an Old Age pension. It was his opinion anyone should be able "to get along on \$25 a month."

Mrs. MacLeod, introducer of the resolution, said it had not been her intention to encourage laziness by asking that the pension be increased for persons 70 years of age or over. Many farmers were living on poor or small farms. They had families and in many cases found themselves with no earning power when they reached advanced age. She thought that in such circumstances a \$50-a-month pension was only reasonable.

**Property Vote**  
The discussion on the resolution recommending that the Election Act be changed to the "one-man-one-vote" principle was participated in by several of the Federation members. Col. Allen MacLeod, Hartsville, said the resolution should be struck out. The property voter was the only person really interested in voting and he thought such a person should have more to say in an election than the non-property voter.

Mr. Louis O'Connor, Clifton, said there were too many abuses allowed under the present Election Act. One man should have only one vote.  
Mr. J. L. Dewar said there was a certain amount of merit in the resolution. A property holder should not be allowed to vote in more than one electoral district but the property voter was the greatest stabilizing influence in politics. He was not so easily corrupted as the non-property voter.

Mr. J. J. Trainor, Bedford, said the present voting practices in the Province were not consistent with Canada's democratic system. He

**stood for the one-man one-vote policy.**

A standing vote on the resolution was overwhelmingly in favour of the Election Act being changed to conform with those of other Provinces respecting the one-man-one-vote system.  
Resolutions were also passed advocating that (1) the sale, manufacture, and importation of oleomargarine into Canada be prohibited; (2) that rural electrification be made available by the Provincial Government to all citizens throughout the Province; (3) that the Dominion and Provincial Governments set up such Boards as will enable them to settle disputes on a fair and impartial basis and packing house strikes which may arise in the future.

A committee was appointed to look into the business of the Live-stock Marketing Board and to report back to the directors of the Federation. The discussion on the question of the business status of the Marketing Board centred about charges made by Col. Allen MacLeod that the Board had been originally set up under the provisions of the Co-operative Act but that the directors had not had a meeting within the last four years. The committee appointed to look into the matter comprises Lieut-Col. Allen MacLeod, Hartsville; Mr. Norman MacLeod, Bridgetown; and Mr. Samuel Hume, Kinross.

**Marketing Legislation**

The resolution advocating that a Nature Products Marketing Act be set up by the Dominion Government which will, with Provincial legislation, institute an orderly and uniform marketing system within the Province, was not passed but will be considered further by the Board of Directors.

Mr. Frank Clark, Charlottetown, told the meeting such legislation was urgent. He also condemned a situation which, he said, allowed an American ship to carry a large charter to several large freight steamers and thereby force Charlottetown potato shippers to use the services of those cargo boats at exorbitant freight charges. The American company, Mr. Clark said, charged the same for the water rate as the shipper would have had to pay for rail transportation.

Mr. John MacIntyre told yesterday morning's meeting that fertilizer of double strength was available to procure at present. Fertilizer of 10-20-20 strength would, of course, be more economical in that a buyer would save on freight rates since he would only need half the quantity of that ordinary fertilizer but the purer the fertilizer the less trace elements would be present. He had nothing to say against its use but its efficient spreading would require more labor.

**SCORES ILLEGALITY**

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simple: they are the same in every human relationship—fair, square, open, honest dealings. That is exactly what I think the Government should provide. It can be done and it has been done in other Provinces.

"We may have certain qualifications here because of our small industrial population. But the basic principles remain the same. Give us 'fair, square, open, honest dealings' and we will have no trouble." Coming to the seizure of the local packing plant, Mr. Mathieson said he found it difficult to believe "that the members of the Government really believe that it does not make any difference whether it was legal or not—because they have set a precedent. From responsible Ministers of the Crown that is a surprising statement, and we have been waiting for some explanation, not only in so far as the legal aspect, but also as concerns the operation of the plant after the seizure.

**Searched Royal Gazette**  
"We start off with the question: Was there an order-in-council passed at all? No order-in-council that I can find has been published in the Royal Gazette. However, the Government has a good enough to have an order-in-council published in the Guardian and Patriot newspapers. I made considerable inquiry during the month of November to obtain an official copy, and I was directed from one department to the next and found there was none that I could get. This is a most extraordinary way to publish a law or regulation over a plant worth probably half a million dollars."

Mr. Mathieson proceeded to read the order-in-council as published in the press, in which it is stated that owing to "an extreme emergency" existing regarding the primary producers of hogs and pork products, the plant and other facilities of Canada Packers Ltd. "are declared to be taken over temporarily for operation by His Majesty in the right of the Province of Prince Edward Island," and that the Hon. Horace Wright be appointed "the Minister responsible for the care, control and management of the said plant while so-operated."

Three questions were cited by Mr. Mathieson as arising out of this transaction:  
(1) As to the legality and constitutional regularity of the seizure by the Government.  
(2) As to the quality of the continuance of the seizure after the emergency had passed; and  
(3) As to the losses suffered by the plant and probably by the farmers and community due to the continuing disruption of the plant after the strike had been settled.

**Premier Interrupts**  
He recalled that the men of the local union went on strike on Sept. 11 last. Sixteen days later the Government by order-in-council took the plant over. On Oct. 21 the local union voted to

**accept an arbitrator and the company agreed that all employees could be returned to work without discrimination on Oct. 24.**

Premier Jones: "What company?"  
Mr. Mathieson: "The Canada Packers Ltd."  
Premier Jones: "It didn't exist. We had taken them over."  
Mr. Mathieson: "Canada Packers did not go out of business."  
Hon. Mr. Large: "In Toronto, you mean."  
Mr. Mathieson: "Canada Packers Ltd. are, I presume, a Dominion-wide concern. They have power to carry on business in every Province in Canada."  
Mr. Gerald MacKinnon: "Are they your clients? Are you pleading for them?"  
Mr. Mathieson: "I am not acting for anybody, but I am pleading for law and order in this country. On the 24th there was an agreement between the men of the Charlottetown Union and Canada Packers Ltd. that the men could go back to work in the Charlottetown plant without discrimination as to the strike."  
Premier Jones: "Was that agreement made here?"  
Mr. Mathieson: "The men here were offered this agreement. They had a meeting and they accepted it."  
Premier Jones: "They got the word from Toronto."  
Mr. Mathieson: "But they agreed here."  
Premier Jones: "Not at all."  
Mr. Mathieson: "I submit that they did. Let me put it this way: there was an agreement made between the representatives of the Charlottetown Union in Toronto, and the representatives of the Company who were also in Toronto, because that is where the arbitration proposal was made. The representatives of the Union were asked to get in touch with the men here. They were sent to the Charlottetown branch and they held a meeting and agreed to go back to work. That agreement was binding on the local plant as well as on the men."  
"On Oct. 26 the local Union advised the Company that they could not get control of the plant. Then the question was what to do. The local Union voted to apply to the Government for control. Immediately twenty-five regular employees were taken on. On Nov. 10 there were 19 men, regular employees, whom the company had agreed to take back; and my information is that at least five of the regular employees are still unable to get back. I don't know whether the controller appointed by the order-in-council is still in control."  
Premier Jones: "It is fairly evident the Union is not in control, or they would be back."  
Mr. Mathieson: "Obviously the Government of this Province is in control of the employment of those men. In other words the men on the 26th of October had to knuckle down to the Government. They had to go to work or they would starve."  
Hon. Mr. Wright: "The Government took on all we needed and at the same time we had applications from outside for over fifty men. We gave the local men the preference."  
Mr. Mathieson: "The point is that they had the legal right to employment in that plant."  
Hon. Mr. Wright: "Why did they refuse to let the Government in the first place? They had no excuse in the world for not going back."  
Mr. Mathieson: "They couldn't go back to work under those circumstances. They wouldn't be able to strike any more. I would ask the hon. member this question: Was the controller in charge of that plant actually the controller under the law?"

hoodlums."  
Mr. Mathieson: "It is provided for in the Dominion statutes. The only way to make your action legal was to have passed an Act, and it could have been done at very little more expense than calling a convention of the Liberal Party. Then you could have amended your labour law and there would be no question as to its legality."  
Premier Jones referred to the visit here of one of the labour bosses, Adam Borak.  
Mr. Mathieson: "There is an example of an irresponsible labor man. I agree with everything you said about him. I am not trying to argue in favor of this particular strike; I am arguing on a constitutional point and I wish to make it definitely clear that I am not acting for either the employees or the employers."  
Continuing, he dealt with the difficulty of attempting to make safe precedents in a country with a long democratic tradition.  
Premier Jones: "Did the proclamation of the Cullen amendment make a precedent?"  
Mr. Mathieson: "I am not discussing that."  
Premier Jones: "We have heard that that was not legal either."  
Mr. Mathieson: "Let us take that up under the Prohibition Act. I find it difficult enough to speak for the first time in this House, without red herrings being drawn by the Premier." (Laughter)  
In reply to Premier Jones' argument that the Cullen amendment was a precedent, Mr. A. King's representative to an order-in-council was equivalent to legislative enactment, Mr. Mathieson cited Keith on "Constitutional Law," to the effect that the Crown cannot make or unmake any law except with the sanction of parliament.

Hon. Mr. Hughes raised the question of the action taken at the accession of King George VI, following the abdication of the present Duke of Windsor.  
It being 6 o'clock Mr. Mathieson moved the adjournment of the debate, after stating that he would look this matter up.

**Suburban Areas**  
Earlier in his address he emphasized the Government's responsibility with respect to suburban areas in the Charlottetown-Royal. He called particular attention to the lack of lights on the road from Upper Prince Street to Gaytown, and to travelling conditions on the Mt. Edward Road and the road going past Gates mill.  
The question of providing water for the suburban areas was a pressing one, Mr. Mathieson said. Medical authorities have warned of the danger of a typhoid epidemic. "It is not for me to say what should be done, but I would suggest that the Government might call meetings of those who can give expert advice, both financially and technically, of representatives of the areas concerned, representatives of the City Council, and of the Commissioners of Sewers and Water Supply along with civil engineers and government engineers, all meeting together with the proper ministers of the Crown to decide what is best to do."  
"The main thing at once, of course, is to get pure drinking water there. In many cases it is necessary in many of these places to haul water considerable distances in buckets from one house to another. In some cases it has been known to pump water up and find sewerage coming up with it. The point is that a remedy for this situation is absolutely essential. I think everybody realizes that. They are just waiting to know what action the Government proposes to take in the matter."

Mr. Mathieson suggested that special training be given men who are appointed to take over tourist bureaus at Aulac or elsewhere. They should be capable of giving specific information about all trains, roads and boats. Tourists going to Wood Islands had complained that they had had to travel to the terminal before finding that the ferry was not coming that day. It is necessary to clear up these "irritations in the tourist trade," if the business is to prosper.

The property vote Mr. Mathieson termed "an anachronism which should be done away with." He believed the simplest thing to do was to abolish it outright. If not, the voters' "extra-territorial" privileges should be limited so that he should only vote in his own district.  
Mr. Mathieson endorsed the proposals for cold storage plants for fishermen, and commended the Government on its assistance in establishing a cucumber pickling plant here last year.

**Appeal For Unity**  
"Representing both Charlottetown and Royal, which contains some of the finest farms in the Province," he said, "I am in a particular position to deprecate any suggestion of differences between town and country. This is our capital city, and we should all have a little interest in it. We should not consider ourselves as being in some sort of a sealed compartment. I think that is the great trouble with our civilization. The only way for any community to be successful is by complete co-operation. That was illustrated during the late war. At first there was considerable friction between the various branches of the armed forces. It was not until we had a unified command and complete community and fellowship between every branch of the service that we were able to go forward. I would like, as a community city and country Assemblyman, to ask all the members of the House to co-operate and to remember that we have a common object and that there are no real differences between us."

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**Sea Cadets To Train Afloat**

Charlottetown Sea Cadets will go to sea aboard a ship of the Royal Canadian Navy as part of their training during their camp this summer. Lieut-Cmdr. D. S. Raeburn, R.C.N., told members of the Navy League yesterday.  
Addressing a meeting attended by His Honour Lieut-Governor J. A. Bernard, L. W. Shaw, M. A. and Captain W. S. Gordon, Parsons, John O. Hyndman, Honorary President, L. B. MacMillan, O.B.E., Honorary Vice-President and members of the Navy League of Canada, F.E.I. Division, Lieut-Cmdr. Raeburn, Area Officer for Sea Cadets, pointed out that at present the only activity of the Navy League locally is sponsoring the Sea Cadet Corps "Kent" there being no seamen's hostels or navigation school as formerly. He congratulated the League on the high quality of its Sea Cadet officers all of them being former naval officers and fully qualified. Cadets are highly important to the Navy as potential recruits but the Sea Cadets are primarily a youth movement and the training of young citizens is more important than technical training for the service.  
Not a "Closed Corporation"  
The cadet corps should be open to all classes of boys from 14 to 17-2 and should not be allowed to become a "closed corporation." He approved of the project of forming a division at P.W.C. provided that it did not mean that other boys would be denied the benefit of Sea Cadet training. The cadets now had the use of facilities of H.M.C.S. "Queen Charlotte" for training but it would be better if they had their own quarters.  
The corps is allowed one dollar per "efficient cadet" on strength March 31st. An "efficient cadet" must have attended three out of four drills per year.  
Summer Camp  
The Navy will pay the expenses of 40 cadets from R.C.S.C. Kent at a summer camp to be held at Fernman's Island between Lunenburg and Mahone Bay. The camp is for the three Maritime Provinces and will accommodate 200 cadets at a time. A pre-camp conference of commanding officers will arrange dates for the contingent from each corps. The expense of sending the commanding officer to this conference is to be born by the sponsoring branch of the Navy League.  
Six cadets from Charlottetown will be chosen to attend a ten-day course as officer candidates. The

**course will be run by the Navy at Stadacona and consist of gunnery, P. & R.T., seamanship and signals.**

Sea Cadet bands are not provided with instruments but when established a band upkeep allowance of one dollar per instrument per parade is paid.  
Lieut-Governor Bernard spoke of the necessity of maintaining the efficiency of the Navy and the importance of the Sea Cadet movement in preparing youngsters to take their place in it.  
The president, Mr. Justice George J. Tweedy, thanked the speaker and the patrons and after some business the meeting was adjourned. Other members present were Vice-Presidents J.J. Morris and Captain J.J. Connolly, R. C.N.R., Leo F. MacDonald, J. E. Burnett, secretary, Lieut-Cmdr. Jack Kenny, Commanding Officer, and Lieutenants Bob Morris and Jack Smallwood of the Sea Cadet Corps.

**SEE RUSSIA**

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"What breaks my heart is that everyone appears so punch drunk they can't realize what is happening. The State Department goes right ahead with its belief in the containment policy. How much containment can we do? It's impossible, it's economically unsound, and it only weakens us for the final showdown."  
The idea that the United States could ever deliberately drop the first bomb is so incredible as to require time for digestion. Certainly we cannot afford to wait for a new Pearl Harbor. Neither can we afford to permit Russia to continue mobilizing half a world. But as Abraham Lincoln once put it, war never solves anything. You fight it, and then when it is over the problems which caused it still remain to be solved.  
It also seems obvious that passive containment will not solve the Russian problem, either, for her fifth columns work in ways difficult to meet.  
But just as we had to prepare for the fighting war after we were in it, so we have had to prepare for the cold war since it began. The forces are being mobilized for elimination of the human poverty and despair upon which the fifth columns feed. That is the ultimate answer, but it will come too slowly for the present crisis.  
To meet the threats of the day, Western Europe and China must be welded into an economically sound and militarily superior union against Communism. If Russia needs a great military machine and military treaties with countries which she already controls, how much more do we need them with countries which are bound together only in spirit.

**ATTENTION**

Henry Harm, General Organizer of the C. C. of L. will address a meeting of all P. E. Island truck owners and drivers at the L. P. U. Hall Monday, March 1, at 7.30 sharp.

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