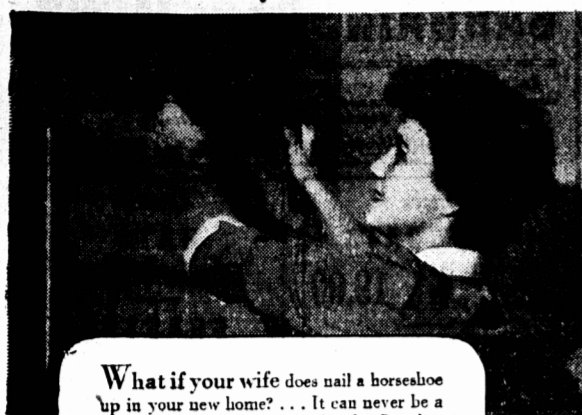


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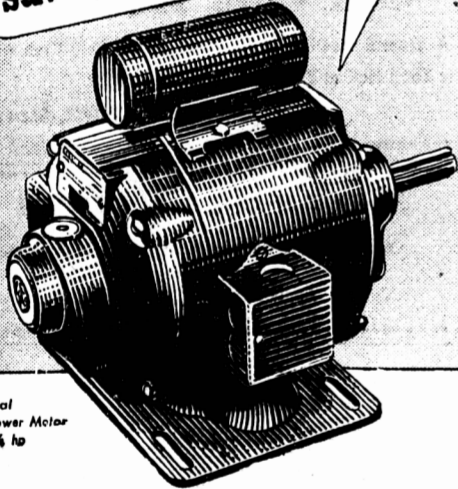
Buy Old Mansion For Canadian High Commissioner In U. K.

By Alan Harvey
LONDON, March 26 — (CP) — A 30-room mansion in the heart of the West End, where dukes and dowagers once danced in a more spacious era, will be the future residence of Canadian High Commissioners to the United Kingdom. Valued at upwards of \$40,000 (\$160,000) when its oak-paneled drawing room housed one of the world's finest jade collections, the agency style mansion in "Embassy Row" has been purchased by the Canadian Government on a 70-year lease granted by the Duke of Westminster.

A spokesman for Way and Waller, estate agents who handled the sale, said the house on Upper Brook Street within sight of the Rosevelt Memorial in Grosvenor Square sold for "between \$20,000 and \$25,000." He explained that the reduced sale was made possible because the house was severely damaged in two heavy bombing raids during the war. An architect named Monnet will come from Canada to arrange for renovation of the building, expected to take many months.

OMBERSLEY, Worcestershire, England — (CP) — Norman-built Holt Castle near here is to be turned into apartments.

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Hope For Subsidy To Permit Operation Of West Pt. Ferry Service

Preparations for the establishment of a passenger, truck, and automobile service between West Point and Buctouche, N.B., will begin if and when the Canadian Maritime Commission sees fit to grant the West Point Ferries Ltd. an annual subsidy, Mr. Sanford F. Phillips, president of the company, informed the Guardian on Saturday.

At the present time, Mr. Phillips said, the agricultural and fishing industries in the western section of Prince County are more handicapped in the disposing of their products than those in any other parts of the Province. The total value of that section's agricultural and fishery products for the year 1946 was nearly six million dollars. With the inauguration of a ferry service between West Point and Buctouche, the cities of Moncton and Saint John would be brought within trucking distance of West Point so that a ready market would be available for its products.

Mr. Phillips said perishable products, such as milk, cream, and fresh fish, cannot be trucked from West Point to Borden without consequent damage and financial loss. As a result, the West Point farmers have no market for milk and cream and are obliged to convert them to butter and cheese. Under present conditions, the conversion, due to the abnormal demand for butter and cheese, includes no hardship but in normal times the inability of those farmers to market their milk and cream is a serious drawback.

Hok Raisers Suffer

West Point hog raisers also suffer from the inaccessibility of markets, Mr. Phillips said. There is only one abattoir in the Province located in Charlottetown. It is too far removed from the Prince County area. It is, however, of too small a capacity to take care of the requirements. But with a ferry service between West Point and Buctouche, not only live hogs but cattle also could be landed at Moncton within a few hours after leaving the farms in West Point.

Mr. Phillips said the same benefits which would apply to fishermen as well. The Island fishermen are greatly handicapped because of the lack of any freezing facilities for their product. There is, however, a large cold storage plant in Richibucto. The proposed new ferry service would allow fresh fish to be carried across the Strait in less than two hours and to be safely inside the freezing plant at Richibucto.

Under present conditions, all cod—last year's West Prince catch was over a million pounds—have to be salted.

West Point, Mr. Phillips said, is noted for its large production of high quality potatoes. Owing to railway car shortages thousands of bushels have to be trucked, via Borden, to the mainland for storage. Such a movement, apart from being unsatisfactory, is costly. Moreover, even with the improved facilities at Borden the freight congestion there at times is serious. A ferry route via West Point would help to relieve that congestion as well as assist the West Point farmer in the speedy moving of his product.

The productivity of West Point as a farming area is the main factor in the enabling of the residents of that section to survive, Mr. Phillips said. Their transportation facilities are but little better than they were 75 years ago. Apart from a reasonably efficient railway service, they have no other means of effective freight transportation. The water barrier, separating them from the mainland, still remains a barrier. But the establishment of the proposed ferry service would overcome that barrier and would place them on a parity with the farmers living in the central and eastern sections of the Province.

Weak Argument

Mr. Phillips said the argument that the Government may not care to subsidize a ferry service which would be in competition with the ferry service at Borden, is too illogical to consider. The same argument, he said, was heard before the Wood Island-Caribou service went into operation in 1941. The previous year, the Borden-Tormentine ferry carried 127,588 passengers and 25,610 motor cars and trucks. It has been increasing its business every year since and last year carried 175,642 passengers and 37,767 motor cars and trucks. During the last six years, the Wood Islands-Caribou ferry service has continued to increase its business each year. That is proof, Mr. Phillips said, that increasing the number of transportation routes is good for all the routes.

The officials of the West Point Ferries Ltd. are, President, Sanford Phillips; vice-president, Dr. Mancey Tanton, and secretary-treasurer, Albert Noonan. All are residents of O'Leary. The directors are, Keith Matheson, O'Leary; Carl Weeks, Alberton; John Young, O'Leary; Hazen Phillips, St. Mary's; and Harold Stetson, O'Leary.

Mr. Saville In Budget Debate

Strong protest against the criticism voiced by labor leaders in other Provinces against the Jones Government legislation was voiced in the Legislature by Mr. George E. Saville, Liberal member for Fifth King's, in speaking in the Budget debate.

The Government was not out-lawing unions, he concluded, but was merely making it impossible for some leader who might live in the U.S.A. to come here and dictate to Island labor a policy which would be detrimental to the farmers of this Province.

It was a mistake, he contended for others to suggest that because we are a small Province we are wrong in establishing legislation which is different. Going back into history to the days of early Rome and ancient Greece he claimed that if it had been people of small lands who had done great things, Rome from a small beginning had come to be a great empire which dominated the world and he suggested that the labor legislation enacted here might form the basis for similar legislation right across the country. If the laborers came to the Premier and asked for arbitration he was sure they would get it, and not have to go to Toronto or elsewhere seeking advice and taking orders.

Education

So far as the educational system is concerned he suggested that the past performances were proof of the worth of the system. The only fault, was that some were educated so well they left the Province to find better positions.

The Opposition Leader has criticized "my colleague" and other government members as he compared their remarks about expenditure of public money ten years ago, with their performance of today. He had turned them Rip Van Winkles but Mr. Saville felt that the term might better be applied to the Opposition for they apparently had forgotten that it costs two or three times as much for labor materials and maintenance now as it did in the years the Opposition Leader had been referring to. Do they think that we should run the Falconwood Hospital today as cheaply as it was run ten years ago?" he asked.

He noted the difficulty that the relief committee has in passing on claims, and agreed that they had to exercise care so that some people would not be getting money who did not deserve it. But he would rather see them err on the side of being generous rather than see one person deprived of help when it was needed badly.

Agriculture shows an improvement and there is a great potato crop. The price paid for the acreage should be reduced least the soil blow out to sea. More fertilizer should be used on pasture and fertilizer and manure used on hay

land. He found that in his district farmers who did this never had to buy any hay.

He went back to the Roman empire again in his discussion of roads. He noted that the Romans had regarded roads as an indispensable part of their program. There had been good roads under successive Liberal governments in this Province since the days of Premier Bell. He had written the Minister many letters asking for good sized book if they were all put together.

Premier Jones: "You mark them all confidential."

Mr. Saville: "Well, I don't want the other fellows to know what I'm asking for."

Open the roads up now, suggested Mr. Saville who noted that the Minister had "proved conclusively" that roads are not the reason for the debt, increase. Other departments demand huge expenditures and they do not produce the revenues that the highway department does, he argued.

He asked that something be done to advertise fish and make it more popular as a food. If visitors here were served really good fish they would go back and ask for our fish in their own stores. The industry has brought a great deal of revenue to the Province but the present outlook is not so good.

He did not join with those who condemned the cutting of pine props. It took a long time to reap a harvest from the forest if one waited 50 to 60 years for the trees to grow into timber and there is a lot of money coming in from pit props. He had found that when hardwood is cut, fir trees grow and when the firs are cut hardwood comes up again.

Stressing his idea that there are splendid opportunities for growing small fruits he claimed that no other place in North America can compare with it for the favor of apples. The land, along the Montague and Cardigan Rivers is the best in the Province for that purpose, he maintained.

If this Province could be taken and dropped into one of the Mountain valleys in British Columbia the land would all sell for 1,000 an acre, said Mr. Saville, who predicted that apple growing could become a tremendous industry here.

BOURNE, Lincolnshire, England — (CP) — More than 1,000 swine and lambs died during two weeks' severe weather in South Lincoln.

Three For Egypt

By Violet M. Mathley

"I remembered they were the sort you liked."

"Miss Russell and I thought of riding a little way into the desert to-day." Kay disregarded his words and went on speaking hurriedly. "Isn't there an oasis called El Tembu or something like that?"

"Yes, quite a pretty ride, too, especially if you go by way of the orange grove on the river-bank. I can show you the way from the end of the garden. It won't take a minute."

Zenda, as the two passed her and descended the steps into the garden sat down on the veranda to wait for Kay's return and to watch them with a little pinched smile on her lips.

In her preoccupation she had not noticed that Mavis Grange was leaning back in a nearby chair, looking wan and sallow in the clear morning light, her magnificent eyes dark-shadowed.

But at sight of Lovelace and Kay she suddenly sat upright spoke perceptibly.

"How long are you and Mrs. Hellyar staying here?" she demanded.

"I'm not quite sure," Zenda answered taken aback by the other's manner.

"Because the sooner you get the little fool away the better, for her own sake!"

"What do you mean?" Zenda looked at her companion perplexed.

"Isn't it plain that she's attracted by Sydney Lovelace? But if you're her friend, you'll warn her that it's no use. He can't marry her — because he's married already."

"I'd Like To Kill Him!"

Mavis Grange leant forward, her haggard cheeks flushed, her thin hands clenched together on her knees, her smouldering eyes followed the two receding figures.

"You think I'm giving myself away, I suppose; you think this is just a jealous woman's outburst!" she laughed bitterly. "Well, you're right in a way. I am jealous. I've reason to be!"

She broke off, biting her lips. Zenda spoke, smiling faintly.

"Don't tell me more than you want to but if it's any comfort to you to talk, I'm always supposed to be rather a good listener. And I can keep secrets my own and other people's."

"I should think you would be like that," Miss Grange glanced at her. "You seem a sympathetic person. As a rule, I don't talk; it hurts too much. But lately, since I've felt so ill, I suppose I've lost my nerve a bit so that I find it rather a comfort to let go sometimes."

"But surely Mr. Lovelace, if he knows you so well, must see that you aren't fit for work?"

"Sydney? Sydney neither sees nor thinks of anyone but himself — and the latest women he's interested in!"

"You still care for him? Zenda said gently.

"Being a fool and a woman, yes! But I hate him too, sometimes. I'd like to kill him, so that he could never look at anyone else, as he has once looked at me, as he never looks at me now."

"Miss Grange," Zenda spoke quietly, softly, "before they get here, will you tell me — You said right at the beginning, you know, that — that Mr. Lovelace was married."

"He is. Haven't I better reason than anyone else in the world to know that?" Mavis Grange's low whisper sounded strained, exhausted. "Lean forward and I'll tell you; I'd rather speak too loudly. They're so close now."

Zenda bent until her ear was quite close to her companion's lips as she pretended to examine the actress's amber beads. And as she listened to the rapid husky words and heard the other woman reveal her pitiful secret, a look of malicious comprehension crept over her own face, a glint of triumph lit her pale-blue eyes.

She had added this morning another hidden and deadly weapon to her equipment something which in her hands or those of certain others could well cause infinite pain and mischief.

Shocks For Egypt

Lovelace was too wise to press his advantage that day and alarm Kay by any over-persistence. He did no more than carry out his suggestion to point out to her from the garden the path through the orange grove did not even persuade the girl to linger by the gate.

He left her at the foot of the veranda steps without making the suggestion which Kay had feared that he should act as their escort to the oasis. She gave a sigh of relief as she joined Zenda who now sat alone on the veranda, Mavis Grange having slipped away.

"Do let's go out and stay out for the whole day, and keep right away from all the film crowd," she said. "I'm so sick of them. Zenda: I'd like to forget all about them, as long as we're obliged to stay here."

But this did not prove to be easy. If Sydney Lovelace had shown tact and discretion, another member of the company possessed neither of the qualities. What Zenda and Kay were mounting their donkeys, Miss Dawn Dawney appeared wearing a yellow high-necked pull-over, a yellow pull-on and grey Jodhpur riding breeches.

"I heard you were off to El Tembu," she announced shrilly. "And I'm just crazy to see that pace. They say you can buy the cutest slippers at that village in the oasis. You'll let me come along, won't you? We're not working to-day so well be a cosy party, just us three girls together."

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Falconwood And Blind Pensions

In connection with the Falconwood and Infirmaries estimates (\$930,100) in the Legislature last week, Hon. Dr. MacMillan noted the increasing need of a medical treatment centre and convalescent wing. There was no provision for this expenditure, but Dr. Murchison had been urging it for years, and if an assistant superintendent is engaged it will become more necessary.

Premier Jones: "Would you advise us to put up a new building?"

Dr. MacMillan: "I think the expense would be justified, even if the Government had to go as far as that. Dr. Murchison is your best advisor on that point."

Premier Jones: "Do you think the present infirmary would make a suitable place for a treatment centre?"

Dr. MacMillan: "I don't see why the treatment centre and convalescent ward could not adjoin each other. Then provision could be made for more elaborate diagnosis."

In connection with the grant for blind pensions (\$41,280) Dr. MacMillan asked how the required amount of disability was determined.

Hon. Mr. Hughes said he did not know the fraction of disability in medical terms, but the pensioner had to be quite disabled. They are examined by Dr. Lantz, but he did not know what the Federal requirements exactly were.

Dr. MacMillan: "I understand it is quite rigid; probably too rigid in cases of people who have only one eye, with only a portion of sight in the other."

Mr. Bell cited cases of blind persons who were prevented from getting any pension because their blindness was not under 10 per cent of vision. He suggested that the matter be taken up with the Federal authorities, with a view to obtaining more latitude in some cases.

Premier Jones called attention to a new grant this year, of \$600

to the Salvation Army home for aged persons. The grant to the larger hospitals had been increased to 75 cents per patient bed per day, while the smaller ones are guaranteed a minimum grant of \$5,000. The orphanages also will get more than they obtained last year.

TORONTO, March 26 — (CP) — Air Marshall W.A. Curtis, Chief of Air Staff, R.C.A.F., said today he

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