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—**ARRIVES IN ENGLAND** —Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Higgins of Kensington have received a cablegram from their son Pilot Officer Wm. J. Higgins announcing his safe arrival in England.—K.

—**ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED** —Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Walsh announce the engagement of their daughter, Evelyn Sinclair to Sgt. Frederick J. Bayer, R. C. A. F., son of Captain and Mrs. H. P. Bayer of Saint John, N. B. Marriage to take place at an early date. L-314.

—**WAR VETERAN VISITS BROTHER**— Lance Corporal James McLean, a veteran of the last war and now with the Home Guard spent a few days last week with his brother Mr. Kenneth McLean who is also a veteran of the last war. Mr. and Mrs. McLean also had as their guest as nephew, Mr. Gordon Mallett who is in the navy. —K.

—**THREE SONS SERVING** — Freddie Gillis of Indian River who recently donned the airforce uniform is the third son of Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Gillis serving in His Majesty's Forces. Lance Cpl. Stephen and Private Bernard Gillis are with the P. E. I. H. in Newfoundland. Freddie, who is stationed in Toronto expected to be home for Christmas but owing to shortage of trains he was delayed and did not arrive till Thursday night and had to return Saturday morning.—K.

—**DEATH OF MRS. AENEAS MURRAY** — There passed away on Dec. 23rd at her home in Albany Mrs. Margaret Murray, widow of the late Aeneas Murray. Mrs. Murray was 77 years of age and had only been ill a few weeks. She was before her marriage Margaret Campbell of Albany. She was a devoted mother and her passing is a great loss to her family. She leaves to mourn two sons Adrian on the homestead and John of Summerside, and four daughters, Mrs. Garland who nursed her mother during her last illness; Mrs. Kier Bassett of Albany; Mrs. Frank Murphy of Augustine Cove; Mrs. Levi Trainor of Charlottetown. The funeral was held on Friday morning from the residence of her son Adrian to the Roman Catholic Church at Kinkora. Rev. Dr. Smith was the celebrant at the Requiem Mass, which was attended by a large number of friends and relatives. The pallbearers were two grandsons, Aneas Bassett and Ellsworth Bassett; and four nephews, Lenus and John F. Mulligan, James Murray and John Campbell. Interment was in the cemetery adjoining the church.—S

Cardinal Villeneuve Asks day of prayer

QUEBEC, Dec. 30—(CP)—Cardinal Villeneuve, Archbishop of Quebec, today asked Roman Catholics in his archdiocese to observe Jan. 1 as a national day of prayer.

In a message from the Archbishop's palace, the Cardinal urged the public to comply with the request of Dominion Government authorities that New Year's day be marked by special prayers for a victorious peace.

The Cardinal urged that prayers of reparation and thanksgiving be recited New Year's eve and that the hymn "Veni Creator" be sung after the masses on New Year's day.

—**BUY** manure and hay forks, handles, ferrules etc., at Brace's. L-203-10-30-2i.

—**BEGINNING** January 2nd our stores will close at 6 o'clock p.m. every evening except Saturday until further notice. A. K. Lord, Cape Traverse; Fred Bell, Carleton. L-194-12-29-2i.

—Miss Beulah MacRae, Spring Brook, spent the weekend at Park Corner, the guest of Miss Alma MacRae.

—**SPECIAL** box of chocolates 3 lbs. for 98c at Taylor Drug Co., Kensington.

—**RETURNED FROM VISIT** — Mrs. Wm. J. Sullivan has returned to her home in Summerside after an enjoyable visit with her daughter in Stanford, Conn. Mrs. Sullivan also visited relatives in Boston.—S

Personals

—Miss Helen Higgins was a visitor to Charlottetown on Friday.—K.

—Miss Laura Cullen of Sherwood was a weekend visitor to Kensington.—K.

—Pte. Gordon Sullivan of the Army Dental Corp spent the Christmas leave with his mother, Mrs. Sullivan, Summerside.—S

—Mr. James Noonan of Albany was a recent visitor to Summerside the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles MacIvor.—S

—Mr. Charles Trainor of Southport spent Christmas in Indian River, the guest of his brother Rev. Father Trainor.—K.

—Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Ramsay of Indian River were visitors to Summerside Christmas Day. —K.

—Miss Inez Gorman, R. N., of Charlottetown spent Christmas at her home in Kensington. —K.

—Miss Lucille McQuaid, teacher of Richmond is spending Christmas holidays at her home in Kensington.—K.

—Roland Clough of the Royal Canadian Navy, is a patient in the Prince County Hospital. Mr. Clough was taken ill while on his Christmas leave visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Clough. His many friends trust he will soon recover.—S

In Memoriam

MR. JOHN T. CONDON

Friends will learn with regret the passing of John T. Condon on Oct. 30th at the home of his brother James. Mr. Condon was a life long resident of New Annan and was in his 78th year and passed away after only a few days illness.

The best of medical skill could not prolong his life. During his illness he was visited by his pastor Rev. Father Trainor who administered to him the last rites of the Roman Catholic Church of which he was a devout member. He leaves to cherish his memory one son Leo who will carry on his father's work. He also leaves to mourn their loss a brother James in New Annan; one sister Mrs. Owen Larkin, Kensington. Also 3 grand children.

His funeral took place on Saturday morning to St. Mary's Church, Indian River. Rev. Father Trainor celebrated the Requiem Mass and also officiated at the grave. The pall bearers were N. J. McNeill, Harry Mill, Bruce Paynter, John Walker, Owen Larkin and James Graham. Deceased was a member of the Holy Name Society. Rest in Peace.

Island Airmen Are graduates

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Ont., Dec. 30—(CP)—A large group of graduates in the Royal Canadian Air Force today received their wings at No. 6 Bombing and Gunnery School here from Group Capt. F. G. Walt, commanding officer.

Graduates included:

Prince Edward Island: J. W. Cairns, Greenfield; M. R. Constable, Charlottetown.

FARMERS

Most of you have more chicken and hens to market. You are also preparing next season's baby chick orders. I respectfully solicit a share of this business.

IN RETURN

I promise to dress, box and distribute your poultry as efficiently as possible.

In 1941 I asked you to forget your usual poultry marketing periods and to prepare a steady volume of product for each week of the year.

It is my opinion that it is more important than ever to continue this practice for 1942.

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BELIEVES FERRY

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said he had personally tested the compass and sounding apparatus before the ferry sailed from Borden, P. E. I.

The Charlottetown, largest ferry of its kind in the world, sank while en route to Saint John, N. B., from Borden.

Tribute to Captain Read was paid in the testimony given by W. U. Appleton, vice president and general manager of Canadian National Railways, Atlantic Region. "He is an excellent official," said Mr. Appleton. "He is diligent, sober and his first consideration is for the company that employs him. He is one of our best officers."

Mr. Appleton, whose company owned the car ferry and acted as its agents for the Crown, testified that as soon as he had been notified by C. S. Pushie, Superintendent of the C. N. R., Halifax, he urged that assistance be sent to the drifting ship with the greatest possible speed.

To an official of the Foundation Salvaging Company he explained by telephone the urgency of the situation and that tugs should be sent at once to her aid. Mr. Appleton said he got in touch with Mate Jay of the Charlottetown and instructed him to commandeer as many small craft as possible and go to the ferry's assistance.

Mate Jay corroborated much of the testimony given by Capt. Read, telling of the ship's voyage from the time she left Borden to the time she was crippled. The Mate said he had gone ashore and notified Mr. Pushie at Halifax of the ferry's plight. He had received instructions from Mr. Appleton and carried them out.

W. C. MacDonald, K. C., is acting for Capt. Read. The probe will continue tomorrow.

ALLIED TASK

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of the most frightful battles the world has ever seen," Mr. Churchill warned.

He spoke of his week of conferences with President Roosevelt—"that great man whom destiny has marked for this climax of human fortune"—and was interrupted by the cheers of his audience.

Condemned Vichy Leaders

Mr. Churchill was outspoken in his condemnation of the Vichy leaders. His audience contained the French Minister, Rene Ristelhueber.

The French had broken their pledge not to make a separate peace and had "fawned" upon their conquerors, only to receive fines, killings and hardship.

He contrasted that action with "the behaviour of the valiant stout-hearted Dutch" who were still fighting by the side of Britain and her allies.

"But the men of Bordeaux, the men of Vichy—they would do nothing like this," he said. "They lie prostrate at the feet of the conqueror. They fawned upon him. And what have they got out of it?"

Mr. Churchill got a warm response from his audience when he spoke briefly in the French language of the France that was and the France that he hoped to see restored.

Today's address by the Prime Minister was the climax of his visit to Ottawa which began with his arrival from Washington yesterday morning.

Prime Minister Mackenzie King introduced the British Prime Minister as "the personification of Britain's greatness." He pledged to Mr. Churchill the unremitting and total aid of Canada in the struggle he is directing against aggression.

Off The Record Talk

Following the address in the House Mr. Churchill met newspaper editors and publishers who had been in his audience for an "off the record" talk.

Tonight the Prime Minister, after a session with the cabinet war committee, attended a private dinner with that body at the home of Prime Minister Mackenzie King. He will hold a press conference tomorrow morning.

Mr. Churchill said Canada's air training plan would provide in 1942 and 1943 and abundance of pilots, observers and air gunners for the machines which would flow from the factories of the Empire and the United States. Merchant ships were being built in Canada on a scale almost equal to the United Kingdom program.

He said the "dangerous corner has been turned and with every month and every year that passes we shall confront the evildoers with weapons as plentiful, as sharp and as destructive as those with which they have sought to establish their hateful domination."

Mr. Churchill brought down a tremendous round of applause when he mentioned his recent conferences in Washington with President Roosevelt. The conferences had been "concerting the united pacts and resolves of more than 30 states and nations to fight on in unity together and in fidelity one with another, without any thought except the total and final extirpation of the Hitler tyranny, the Japanese frenzy and the Mussolini flop."

Turning to the history of the campaigns so far, Mr. Churchill referred to the fall of France and declared that if the French Government had adhered to its pledge against a separate peace and gone to North Africa, France now would retain its place among the allies and a place at the conference table of the victors.

"But their Generals misled them" he said. "When I warned them that Britain would fight on alone, whatever they did, their General told their Prime Minister and his divided cabinet, 'In three weeks England will have her neck wrung like a chicken.'"

"Some chicken!" he exclaimed amid thunderous applause. "Some neck!"

Mr. Churchill praised the Free French followers of General Charles De Gaulle.

"They have been condemned to death by the men of Vichy, but their names will be held, and are being held, in increasing respect by nine Frenchmen out of every 10 throughout the once happy, smiling land of France."

Prolonged cheering greeted Mr. Churchill's tribute to Joseph Stalin and the Russian people in their successful stand against the enemy, and to the leaders of Britain's campaign in the east.

Island Division Of Railway Shows Traffic Increase

Canadian National Railways carload traffic ferried between Borden and Tormentine (both directions) in 1941 showed an increase of 1886, it was revealed in a review of the year by Mr. E W. MacKinnon, Division Superintendent. A total of 21,139 cars were ferried across the Northumberland Strait this year as compared with 19253 in the year 1940.

Potato shipments from the province this year showed a decrease of 13 over 1940 which had showed an increase of 1503 over 1939.

Movements of turnips, however, increased during the present year by 246 cars over the previous 12-month period, which in turn had an increase of 75 over 1939.

Shipments of livestock was increased this year by 166 cars over 1940.

Incoming flour and feeds to the province increased during the year by 77 carloads over 1940 which had a decrease of 205 carloads over 1939. Oil and gas coming here also increased 47 cars in 1941 as compared with the previous 12-month period.

Automobile traffic between Borden and Cape Tormentine decreased 509 over 1940. A total of 25,055 cars were ferried across this year as compared with 25,546 in 1940. (However, the Wood Islands-Cariboo ferry service was inaugurated last spring and it ferried a total of about 7,000 cars to and from the province.)

Below is a statement of cars ferried and carloads of produce shipments, both ways, with 1940 figures given for purposes of comparison.

Carloads Ferried between Borden & Tormentine, Year 1941

Month	Tormentine to Borden: LCL	Coal	Feed Flour & Meals	Gas Oil &	Misc.	Total	Borden to Tormentine: LCL	LCL Live stock	Potatoes	Turnips	Misc.	Total
Jan	169	256	45	14	29	204	717	90	52	492	124	69 827
Feb.	178	242	55	16	28	273	792	87	61	637	128	55 968
March	191	247	50	15	32	259	794	83	66	896	170	65 1280
April	196	120	52	18	38	293	717	102	69	742	94	113 1120
May	225	139	55	16	71	830	1336	124	118	552	15	130 939
June	193	119	53	29	74	657	1130	118	96	265	1	90 570
July	212	238	66	17	84	494	1111	70	80	50	—	112 312
August	217	281	106	18	120	422	1164	107	85	9	46	183 430
Sept.	210	201	108	20	104	392	1035	114	94	26	110	128 472
Oct.	205	363	91	25	75	376	1135	112	146	158	203	110 729
Nov.	203	310	86	26	76	327	1028	101	92	434	204	122 953
Dec.	178	298	66	20	43	203	808	90	72	386	149	75 772
	2382	2814	833	234	774	4730	11767	1198	1031	4647	1244	1252 9372
1940	2287	2028	756	176	627	4608	10482	1213	865	4660	998	1035 8771
Increase for 1941			1285			Increase for 1941						601

Total Increase for 1941 1886 Cars

Automobiles Ferried Between Borden and Cape Tormentine, Years 1940-1941

Month	Borden to Tormentine 1940	1941	Tormentine to Borden 1940	1941
Jan.	38	28	46	25
Feb.	36	—	36	—
March	6	—	7	—
April	127	116	184	182
May	837	1123	905	1159
June	1285	1207	1463	1407
July	2233	2264	2560	2561
Aug.	3718	3562	3485	3408
Sept.	2092	1995	1891	1695
Oct.	1425	1293	1276	1189
Nov.	850	820	749	738
Dec. 25	147	140	168	133
	12794	12558	12770	12497

Total for 1940 25564
Total for 1941 25055
Decrease for 1941 509

News Briefs

OTTAWA, Dec. 30—(CP)—Pensions Minister Mackenzie disclosed in a radio address tonight that Col. R. J. Manion, former leader of the Conservative Party, has been named Director of Civil Air Raid Precautions in a move aimed at enlarging the Federal Air Raid Precautions Organization.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Dec. 30—(CP Cable)—Ceilings will be placed on rentals and milk prices in Newfoundland, it wac announced tonight by Sir John Puddester, Commissioner for Public Health and Welfare.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30—(CP)—War expenditures at a rate of $50,000,000,000 annually by the middle of 1943 were advanced by President Roosevelt today as the goal of the industrial and military effort of the United States.

LONDON, Dec. 30—(CP)—A German broadcast heard by Reuters tonight said that the German Ambassador to Argentina had been summoned home from Buenos Aires to report.

MANILA, Dec. 30—(AP)—Against a background of war on all sides President Manuel Quezon of the Philippine Commonwealth was inaugurated for the second time in a ceremony attended by Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Commander in Chief of the United States Far East Army, and High Commissioner Francis B. Sayre.

BATAVIA, N.E.I., Dec. 30—(AP)—Allied reinforcements were reported by Netherlands newspapers tonight to be en route to the Pacific war theatre even as Lt.-Gen. Hein Ter Poorten, the Indies Commander in Chief, urgently called for more bombers, fighter planes and anti-aircraft guns to ward off expected Japanese invasion thrusts.

926 men In R.C.A.F. On Island

With a splendid record of achievement behind it, the Royal Canadian Air Force Recruiting Centre in Charlottetown officially closes its doors today. The reason advanced by Royal Canadian Air Force Headquarters for closing it is that "Prince Edward Island's response to Canada's call for men has been so enthusiastic and complete that the need for a permanent recruiting centre has disappeared."

However, the many young men in the province who wish to enlist with the Air Force will be given a chance to do so by means of a modern mobile recruiting unit which will tour the Island at regular intervals.

A glance at the recruiting activities of the centre since it was established on July 27, 1940 discloses a picture of which this province may well be proud. In the 17 months of its existence a total of 926 men have enlisted for the R. C. A. F. and 13 women for the C. W. A. A. F. This is out of a population of about 90,000 for the Island. Over 6,000 others have joined the navy and army.

The efficient manner in which enlistments were handled by Flight Lieutenant A. M. Dunstan, Commanding Officer up until the present, and Flight Lieutenant H. A. S. Molyneaux, his predecessor, reflects much credit on the personnel of the Recruiting Centre during its operation here. Flt. Lt. Dunstan took command of the office on July 17 last and since that time, despite the fact that it was understood there were few recruits left to obtain a total of 571 men have been added to the strength of the Canadian Air Force. Prior to that 355 had enlisted.

The amount of work necessary to handle each application is considerable, taking into account physical examination, correspondence, etc. This was handled by a staff of from four to eight persons. In order to effect enlistments, it was necessary to interview, possibly, in the neighborhood of 3,000 people. Of these the centre had a record of 1000 who were rejected owing to physical or other reasons.

Although there were no statistics available regarding the number of those who applied for commissions in the R. C. A. F., it is estimated that there were between 25 and 50. Flt. Lt. Dunstan said last night.

The personnel of the centre were busy this week in preparation for their departure for Moncton, N. B., from where they will watch the interests of airmen in this province. The familiar faces of Flt. Lt. Dunstan, Sgts. Kurtin and Tucker, Lac. Smith and Traynor and AC2 Locke will be missed about the city where they had made many friends during their stay here.

SHOOT DOWN AMBULANNCE PLANE

MELBOURNE, Dec. 29—(Monday)—(AP)—Three members of the Royal Australian Air Force were injured when an R. A. A. F. ambulance plane was shot down by a strong force of Messerschmitts in Libya, the commonwealth air ministry has been informed. The plane was clearly marked with a Red Cross, the announcement said.

Seasonal and Weather notes For year 1941

The following article on the 1941 cropping and Experimental Station Notes was supplied by Dr. J. A. Clark, superintendent of the Experimental Farm:

The previous winter was unusual in several ways. Storms were frequent and severe with a record snowfall of 154 inches. There was no January thaw and the 56 inches of snow that fell blocked roads and highways. Precipitation was below average during February and March. The mean temperature for March was 2 degrees below a 33 year average. No sudden thaw occurred but the snow melted rapidly during April and had disappeared and soaked into the unfrozen ground by the 19th of the month. The land dried quickly and for a few days worked well. Mixed grain was sown on April 24th at the Experimental Station. This was equal to a previous early seeding in 1917. May and June were wet and cold, greatly delaying seeding. There were many farms where seeding did not start until after May 24th and many fields were not seeded or planted until July. July and August were wet compared to other years. In fact, during the four growing months, 8.46 inches more rain fell and there were 115 hours less sunshine than the average for 41 and 31 years respectively.

Clover and mixed hay wintered well but the dull cool spring delayed growth and in many fields, yields were reduced by weeds. The season was very favorable for pastures throughout, and good yields of hay were general. The grain filled well. Harvesting was difficult and late but the damage from wet weather was not nearly as great as was expected. Potatoes and roots were below average in yield, though good yields of both were recorded by many farmers. Two and one half acres of mangles next to the early sown grain at the Experimental Station, gave an average yield of 805 bushels and 30 lb. per acre. A one quarter acre on rotation "C" yielded at the rate of 1,048 bushels per acre.

The season, with 177 frost free days, was the longest so far recorded at this Station. Frosts did, however, occur in certain locations in every month of the summer, injuring cranberries. Conditions were favorable for ploughing and notwithstanding the scarcity of farm labour, a larger percentage of fall ploughing was done in preparation for next season's crop.

The farmers of Prince Edward Island had many difficulties to overcome during last season and it is much to their credit that the Census and Statistics Branch can report: "In Prince Edward Island the gross value of production was increased by 7 per cent", or $9,494,000. as compared with $8,874,000. for 1940.

Field Days

The attendance at the Illustration Station Field Days was good, with an average of 78 persons. The interest in these demonstrations is increasing. Many farmers throughout the Province follow with keen interest the work on these Illustration Stations.

The Clydesdale horses and the Ayrshire cattle at the Station have been improved by breeding and selection and are at present of better substance and quality than at any previous period. The Barred Plymouth Rock poultry has been steadily improved through progeny breeding and selection, so that 206 pullets that have just completed their year have an average production of 212.9 eggs per bird, an average egg weight of 26.1 oz. per dozen and an average body weight of 7.52 pounds.

Two special publications were issued during the year: Farmers' Bulletin No. 97, "Varieties of Tree Fruits for Prince Edward Island and "The production of Tree Fruits in Prince Edward Island." The fruit crop of 1941 was excellent in quality and colour. The apples were slightly smaller in size on an average.

The first year of the War very little was said in Canada of the need of either men or agricultural products. The second year a greater demand for men came and the response of our Island was second to none in Canada. We are proud of the five from our Station who have volunteered for service in the Armed Forces. A demand for certain specific agricultural products came as definite commitments by Canada of so many pounds of bacon and dozens of eggs. These were supplied. Now, in the third year, comes the demand for many more men and a greatly increased need for our agricultural products.

There is every indication now that as the War goes on there will be an increase in the importance of the production of farm crops and products. Our work, while not spectacular, is vitally important in the nation's War effort. It will become more essential as we proceed, and in the words of our Director: "Will be of incalculable value after the War period in building a sound Agriculture."

Case of love At first sight

BROOKLINE, Mass., Dec. 30 —(CP)—"It was a case of love at first sight," declared 80-year-old George E. D. McPhail of this town, formerly of Prince Edward Island, as he and 66-year-old Annie L. Gillespie, also of this town, filed marriage intentions at Brookline town hall.

The couple met two years ago in a rooming house on Marion St., this town.

McPhail, a retired carpenter, and Miss Gillespie had planned to be married on Christmas Day but a delay in receiving their license postponed the ceremony until today. Following a Florida honeymoon the couple will live on Cape Cod.

Meighen recovering From Influenza

TORONTO, Dec. 30—(CP)—Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, Canadian Conservative leader, was unable because of an influenza attack to go to Ottawa today to hear Prime Minister Winston Churchill's speech to the Canadian Parliament. He was said by physicians not to be seriously ill, but in the convalescent stage.

IGLOO IN LONDON

An air raid precaution control room in the shape of an igloo has been built at Central Wandsworth in the London district with bricks salvaged from bombed buildings.

Provincial Department Of Public Works

The following review of the 1940 activities of the Provincial Department of Public Works was supplied by Mr. L. B. McMillan, deputy minister of Public Works:

In compliance with the Department's policy of undertaking no major construction work during the period of war activity, only the very necessary projects were continued and these were completed with a view to improving the roads leading to the airports and training centres.

Included among the most necessary works were, the paving of the Lower Malpeque Road leading from the City Limits to Douse's Bridge, this being the main highway leading to the training centre at Beach Grove Inn. The St. Peter's Road from the City Limits to the Brackley Point Road was reconstructed and paved. This work was made necessary owing to the heavy continuous traffic between the airport and Charlottetown. The new pavement is 20 feet in width and has an extra thickness to help withstand the increased traffic

Resurfacing

This season the Department undertook a new modern method of preserving and strengthening its system of paved highways. This work consisted of treating or resurfacing the present pavement with a coat of asphalt and gravel chips properly spread and rolled in place. This tends to fill all cracks and hold the pavement together and besides increasing its thickness gives it a strong non skid wearing surface. About 65 miles of this work was done extending from Springfield to Charlottetown, from Bloomfield to Mt. Pleasant and on various sections from Charlottetown to St. Peters. The gravel chips were obtained from the pit at Goff's Bridge and owing to their hardness and durability were considered ideal for this type of work.

Although no new projects were undertaken, the Department was obliged to complete several subgrading jobs which had been under construction during the preceding years. This work consisted of properly subgrading and draining the road and applying a sufficient coat of gravel in preparation for paving at any future date when circumstances warrant. Work of this nature was undertaken at the following places: from Millview to Vernon Bridge; Cardigan to Newport; Stewart's Corner to Georgetown; Murray River to Wood Islands; Searletown to North Tryon; Tignish to St. Louis Road; Western Road to Coleman Station; Kensington to Malpeque and Spring Valley Road. In addition several gravelling projects were undertaken to complete jobs previously prepared or subgraded, among others being the road from Douse's Bridge to the training centre at Beach Grove Inn; from Churchill to Bonshaw; The Bradalbane Road; The Bloomfield Road; O'Leary Road; Lot 7 Shore Road; Wellington Airport Road; Lower Bedeque Road, etc.

Bridge Building

The Department's bridge building program was greatly curtailed owing to the policy of undertaking only very necessary works and due to the difficulty of obtaining building materials such as steel and creosoted timber. However, necessary extensions were added to the bridges at Morris', Granville and Murray Harbour. New creosote bridges were also ordered for the Quagmire at Wellington and Black Mill, Southampton. These will be erected when weather conditions are suitable.

Due to the difficulty of obtaining steel the Department's quota of steel culverts were limited to the number of about 200. As a result of the scarcity of steel and creosote material a great many native wood bridges were built by the Department of all sizes, among others being; Gillan's, Kildare; Blooming Point; Cook's, Lower Newton; Duffy Road, Newton; Shields', Lauretta; Reeves', Norboro; Finnon's, Mill River; Freeland Corner; Gard's Mill River; New Road, Milo; Williams', Bideford, etc.

Extensive repairs were also made to a number of the larger bridges to carry them over until such time as it is convenient to rebuild them. Among other bridges repaired are: Clifton; North Lake Harbour; Hughes', Tignish; Goff's, Roxbury; Aboiteau, Tryon; St. Felix School Bridge; Montrose; Pridham's Mill; etc.

Road Maintenance

In the course of ordinary maintenance of roads there were many miles regraded with the machines and the low places built up. The Department purchased a Caterpillar No. 12 motor grader to replace a worn out machine.

At Falconwood Hospital a new laundry building was erected and equipped with the most modern machinery. Repairs were made to the King's County Court House and Jail at Georgetown.

Among other works undertaken by the Department are: The repairing and patching of the paved highway; the railing of dangerous bridges; the erecting of road signs; the snow plowing of roads and the erection of many miles of snow fence; the repairs to wharves and the maintenance of ferry services.

The continuous wet seasons were not very adaptable to road construction and maintenance and the Department was obliged to use a considerable amount of gravel in local districts to keep the roads passable and safe. The clay roads are unable to withstand heavy truck traffic and the Department is considering ways and means of making the best use possible of funds available to produce a cheap form of gravel or paved road to overcome this difficulty.

Fish Catches And Value Show Increase

The following review of the fisheries activities during the year was supplied by Mr. J. J. Larabee, Supervisor of Fisheries:

Fishery statistics for the Province of Prince Edward Island for the year 1941 show a slight decrease in the quantity of the various kinds of fish landed and a substantial increase in both landed and marketed values as compared with 1940 statistics.

The lobster fishery, which is considered the most important of our fishing industries, shows an increase of 800 cases, and as the price paid per case averaged some 20 per cent higher than last year, both fishermen and packers are quite satisfied with their season's activity.

During the spring season fishing operations were carried on under very favorable weather conditions, some 33 canneries operating with very satisfactory results throughout the season. The loss of considerable fishing equipment due to adverse weather conditions prevailing during the greater part of the late fishing season greatly retarded fishing operations and the catch was not as great as anticipated when fishing operations were begun in the fall. Some 11 canneries carried on packing operations during the fall season.

Cod were not plentiful around the Island shores during the year but the prices offered the fishermen encouraged them to maximum activity in this fishery and the results from a remunerative viewpoint were more gratifying than last year.

Heavy Run

On the north side of the Island there was a heavy run of mackerel during the year and shipments have greatly exceeded those of last year. Prices were much better than in 1940, and on the whole the result of this fishery were very satisfactory to all concerned.

During the past few years some of the other Provinces have received a much higher price for smelts than that paid to the fishermen of P. E. Island due to the fact that compulsory grading has been operative for several years past. This year, however, the Department of Fisheries had made smelt grading and inspection general in the three Maritime Provinces, and as a result the shipment of smelts in carload lots from the Island has greatly increased and much more satisfactory returns have been received by the fishermen and shippers. By far the greater part of the Canadian smelt catch is exported to the United States where, ordinarily, smelts are in brisk demand as fish which are small but very tasty. This is a case where Canadians might well take a leaf from the book of their neighbors across the line and eat smelts more often.

Oyster farming has been carried on in this Province in a most scientific manner during the past number of years, and due to the fact that several years ago disease wiped out practically all our public fishing areas, the bulk of the catch has been taken from leased cultivated areas, with the result that a better product has been obtained and much more satisfactory prices received for same.

Due to the enlistment of many of our young men in the various Forces, the number of fishermen engaged in fishing operations during the year 1941 has been considerably reduced, but on the whole the results of the year's activities show a very satisfactory standard and those who devoted their time and labor in the pursuit of the various fishing operations have been well repaid for their efforts.

Presbyterians to Observe day of prayer

VANCOUVER, Dec. 30—(CP)—Rev. J. B. Skene, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, today issued a message to all Presbyterian congregations throughout Canada to observe New Year's day as a special day of prayer and intercession, as requested in a government proclamation in Ottawa yesterday. He asked all Presbyterian churches to arrange special services

OTTAWA, Dec. 29 —(CP) —Authoritative quarters tonight indicated tonight that the number of men to be called up for compulsory military training in January would considerably exceed the 5,000 already ordered to report Jan. 8.

One suggestion was that an additional 2,000 who have already had 30 days training under the old scheme would receive calls.