

The Central Guardian

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A MEETING of the Women's National Conservation Association will be held Friday the 21st at 8 P. M. in Legion Rooms. L-516-4-20-21.

RESERVE BID—The residence of G. E. Boer, 21 Weymouth Street, was offered by public auction yesterday by J. A. MacDonald, auctioneer and withdrawn at \$4,000; the reserve bid not being reached.

FUNERAL YESTERDAY—The funeral of the late Mrs. George Worth was held from the MacDonnell Funeral Home yesterday afternoon where services were conducted by Rev. Hugh Miller and Rev. Louis Murray who also officiated at the cemetery. The interment was in the Protestant People's Cemetery. The pall bearers were Messrs. Ernest Coffin, William Feardon, Theodore Seiner, A. C. Duchemin, Angus MacInnis, Donald Fraser.

PREPARE FOR FISHING—With the opening of the lobster fishing season only 11 days away Prince Edward Island fishermen yesterday were rushing last minute work on boats, engines, traps and gear generally while casting anxious glances at the heavy drift ice which in many places still prevented small craft from leaving the shore. Last year the lobster industry brought a gross value of approximately \$458,825 to Island fishermen proving, as it has for a great many years by far the most valuable branch of the fishing industry here. The season for the district extending along the south shore from Victoria to Murray Harbor, all along the east and north shores, opens May 1st. For the remainder of the Province the season is not until the fall.

FERRY BREAKS THROUGH ICE—The Rock Point ferry "Fairview" was believed to have broken a path through harbor ice from the City to her dock at Rocky Point yesterday. During the day the boat was loaded with passengers and at dusk last night was close in to the wharf. When the boat did not return to the dock at the foot of Prince Street it was assumed the vessel had struck at Rocky Point. Meanwhile elsewhere on the harbor little if any definite sign of break-up in the ice was observed. Waterfront men remarked the ice "looks pretty dark," taken as a sign it was peering the point where it would break up but "it still seems pretty solid," they continued. No information was available concerning the prospects of having an ice-breaker come here to open the harbor to navigation. A request for an icebreaker had been made to the Federal Government by the City Council and the Charlottetown Board of Trade. Hon. C. A. Dunning, Minister of Finance in reply said he "was unable to do anything" in having the icebreaker opened by April 20th. On that date a freighter is due here with a cargo of molasses from Barbados. Three other steamers are expected shortly after.

In Memoriam

PETER L. COSTELLO

In paying tribute to Peter L. Costello, who lost his life in the Queen Hotel fire in Halifax and who was employed by the C.N.T., D. A. MacNeill, Superintendent of the telegraph company in the Dominion, stated that his was a promising career and the company had suffered a distinct loss in his tragic death. The late Peter Costello was born in Charlottetown, and was the son of Thomas (Tom) A. Costello, well-known Plant Inspector for the C.N.T. on the Atlantic Region. He entered the service Dec. 5, 1927, and had worked at various places on the Atlantic Region, his last employment being at the telegraph plant in Halifax. Always willing to accept any calls placed upon him any hour of the day or night, he left the C.N.T. office in Halifax and crossed the street to the Queen Hotel at 5 o'clock on the morning of the day when the tragic event occurred, to go to his room to get some rest.

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"OVER THE TOP" OBJECTIVE OF "Y" CAMPAIGNERS

Subscriptions amounting to 76.2 per cent of the \$5,000 objective were reported last night at the third financial campaign dinner of the local Y.M.C.A. Canvassers in the two days there were at work under the slogan "Over the Top" to carry on the work of the "Y" Regional Director Clifford Schell of Toronto, here for the campaign commencing on the results of yesterday's week declared there was nothing to weep about.

For the second day division A, headed by T. Roy Oudmore, led the way with 83.4 per cent of its objective subscribed. Division C, under the command of Clifford MacDonald followed with 81 per cent while Division B, George Craig in command, trailed with 78.8 per cent.

Division A retained the flag, presented to the division with the largest per cent of its objective realized, while the flag for best attendance of workers at the dinner shifted from B to C Divisions. Special names committee under the chairmanship of A. Pickard reported 65.5 per cent of its objective reached.

The dinner under the auspices of the Hi-Y Grads Club, was presided over by Mr. George Goff. It was the regular meeting night of the Y.M.C.A. The general campaign chairman, took over while reports of Divisional Commanders and team captains were being received. Brief reports were made by Divisional Leaders and by Mr. Norville E. Luck, general secretary of the local association and Dr. J. A. Dark, chairman of the Board of Directors.

The campaign is scheduled to end tomorrow night when it is expected "over the top" will have been realized with the objective of \$5,000 fully subscribed.

Cancer Control Society Branch Holds Meeting

A further move towards completing organization of the Provincial branch of the Society for the Control of Cancer was made last night when members of an executive were named at a meeting held in the City Hall here. Hon. Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan, one of the representatives from this Province on the Grand Council of the Dominion Organization, presided.

Other officers present included Secretary H. C. Edinger, treasurer, F. Feilgitzler, and D. A. MacKinnon, other representatives from Prince Edward Island on the Grand Council.

Mrs. Frank Murray was made vice-president for Queen's County while the selection of vice-presidents for Prince and King's Counties was left to be made later at meetings to be held in those areas.

Members of the executive named last night include: Lieut. Col. C. C. Thompson, Dr. B. C. Keeping, Marcus Calder, C. St. C. Trainor, N. D. MacLean, Mrs. H. F. McFiee and Mrs. J. A. MacMillan.

His Honour Lieutenant Governor George D. DeBlas is vice-president from this Province on the Grand Council. The Dominion Organization, in virtue of that position is president of the Society for this Province.

COLLIER AGROUND

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FAKE SPEAKERS ON BUDGET AT LEGISLATURE

"We never had such speeches delivered in this House as we had this session from the Prime Minister, the Minister of Public Works, the Minister of Education, and the Minister of Agriculture," declared Mr. George E. Barbour, Second Prince, in speaking Friday evening in the Budget debate. Mr. Barbour congratulated Hon. Mr. Dennis, Minister of Agriculture, and also the electors and the Liberal Party on Mr. Dennis' services during that long period.

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Under Sec. 3 of the bill, no person is permitted to maintain or operate any hotel, tourist cabin, tourist home, or other such establishment unless the same shall at all times comply with all regulations passed by the Legislature for the purpose of fire prevention or escape from fire hazard.

This section, said the Premier, was inserted not so much to compel any person to which the Government does not appear to be bringing the importance of fire prevention regulations and fire escape facilities before the public and the proprietors of hotels and other tourist establishments. We have recently read of grave disasters in neighboring provinces by fires caused by accident or negligence. It is a great deal of loss of property but also of lives. Although I believe the Act as it now stands gives the Government power to bring about regulations for fire prevention and escape, I think this section should be incorporated in the Act.

Mr. Acorn said it was very important that steps should be taken to bring about regulations for fire prevention and escape. It was the duty of the Legislature to protect the public in some adequate way.

The bill was reported agreed to.

On motion of Premier Campbell the House went into committee on the bill to amend the existing Act by adding the provision that from and after the passing of this section, it shall be lawful for the Lieutenant Governor to issue orders to issue debentures for such form and manner as may be deemed proper for the purpose of raising the sum of one million dollars or more in addition to the amount authorized by Section 1 and for any of the purposes mentioned in the Preamble of the Act. Such debentures shall have the same effect and shall be issued subject to the same conditions and terms as if they were issued under the original authority of Section 1.

Mr. Stewart asked whether all prisoners were to be put to work on a certain amount of labor, or must labor be specified when giving the sentence?

Premier Campbell: "We have no authority over the sentence of a prisoner. It is a matter for the courts. Our legislation is necessarily confined to those prisoners who are imprisoned on a provincial or municipal charge. But the section which we are amending provides that in the case of a provincial charge, whether labor is specified or not in the sentence of the Magistrate, the prisoner shall perform a certain amount of labor if he is requested."