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THE EASTERN GUARDIAN

AGENTS: MONTAGUE: Harold F. Landry, Albert Aitken, Mrs. Byron Stewart, Miss Harriet Clark.
AGENT GEORGETOWN: Waldon Lavers.
AGENTS SOURIS: Miss Enid Richards and Gordon Farrell

Georgetown And Vicinity

Mr. Walter Solomon paid a visit to Charlottetown on Thursday.
Mr. James Dalton travelled to the city Thursday on business.
Mr. Alec Arsenault of Charlottetown, was a recent visitor to Georgetown.

Miss Joyce "Billie" Jenkins has returned home from a visit at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. William White of Bonaventure and Mrs. Allan Jenkins of Summerside.

James Malr, student at Mount Allison University, Sackville, N.B. is spending his Easter holidays at his home in Georgetown.

Friends of Mr. Walter Boudreau, are sorry to hear that he has entered the Veterans Wing of the P. E. Island Hospital for treatment and all hope his condition will soon improve and allow his return home.

Mr. Edwin MacDonald and daughter Isabel and sons William and Paul visited Georgetown on Wednesday where Mrs. MacDonald met her daughter Therese, nurse-in-training in the Charlottetown Hospital and her son Edwin J., student at St. Dunstan's University, who are spending their Easter holidays at their home in Paumotu Island.

On the evening of March 12th the residents of Heatherdale gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Pearson to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Heatherdale Women's Institute. It was organized on March 13th 1928 by Mrs. T. G. Ives, Montague, Secretary of the Provincial Women's Institutes. At the time of organization there was an enrollment of eleven members. The celebration started with a dinner provided by the members of the Institute. The table was tastefully decorated with candles and an Anniversary Cake with twenty candles also a decorated fruit cake on which tickets were sold later in the evening. After dinner was served to thirty-two guests the remainder of the evening was spent in playing cards and crokinole. Music supplied by Mrs. D. A. Matheson and Miss Mary Bruce, was enjoyed by all.

At the close of the evening Institute pins were presented to the eight charter members still living.
A vote of thanks was extended to Mr. and Mrs. Pearson for the use of their home, and after singing "For They are Jolly Good 'Hollers" all departed for their homes, having spent a very enjoyable evening.

Mount Stewart

Miss Evelyn McIntyre and Mrs. Cyrene McIntyre were recent visitors to the city.

The many friends of Mr. Victor Macdonald are sorry to hear that he has entered the Provincial Sanatorium for treatment. Before World War 11 Victor travelled over the island, and at the beginning of hostilities enlisted in the Navy and saw action in many theatres of war. After he got his discharge he resumed his former job, until he entered the sanatorium.

Mr. Bruce Affleck had new lights installed in his store by Mr. Cecil McCassey, which provide a perfect illumination. Macdonald Bros. also have a new illuminated sign on their theatre, which gives a grand appearance on approach to the village.

Mr. Otis McCassey, C. N. R. Conductor, spent a few days recently at his home in Mt. Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl McKanna were recent visitors to St. Peter's Bay.

Mr. Gordon Coffin, Morell, was on business trip to Mt. Stewart Tuesday.

Mrs. Clark, who has been spending the winter in Charlottetown, with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Glover, has returned to her home in Mt. Stewart.

Mrs. Chester Coffin, R. N. is at present doing professional duty at the Prince Edward Island Hospital. - Mt. St.

ST. PETER'S HARBOUR SCHOOL

Report for month of February:
Grade IX - 1. Geraldine Barry.
Grade VII - 1. Basil MacKay.
Grade VI - 1. Stanley Drake.
Grade V - 1. Connie Anderson.
Grade IV - 1. Edith Howbolt.
Grade III - 1. Louis Barry.
Grade II - 1. Ethel Birt.
Grade I (a) - 1. Wayne Baker.
Grade I (b) - 1. Louis Anderson.
Teacher - Florence Matheson.

Education Grants Discussed Briefly

"Fiscal need," a term out-of-date in Dominion-Provincial financial relations according to Premier Jones in a statement made in the Legislature last year, is still the guiding principle in connection with the Provincial Government's loans for teacher training purposes. He intimated as much to the Legislature last week in reply to a question by Mr. Phillip Matheson, as to what the qualifications were for the loans, for which \$6,000 appears in the estimates for the coming year.
Mr. Lloyd Shaw, Deputy Minister of Education, who sat in with the House committee on his department's estimates, explained in reply to a question by the Opposition leader that the loans were for training teachers for local requirements only.
Premier Jones pointed out that the grant for school books had been raised from \$6,000 to \$8,000. On the item "Physical Fitness Expenses and Supplies \$7,600," Mr. Phillip Matheson asked whether a rural rink could get assistance under this estimate.
Mr. Shaw: "There are no grants actually made for building rinks or playgrounds, but a good deal of this supply is going to schools and equipment."
Premier Jones said physical fitness work had increased considerably and it was hoped to get a larger grant from Ottawa. They hoped to appoint six teachers as school inspectors.
Dr. MacMillan called attention to the salary, \$2,600, of Mr. Bradley, the secretary of education, who for many years did the work of a deputy minister. A year or two ago he was getting an extra \$150 as secretary of the teachers' superannuation fund, but this was out of. "A good many other men have been brought in here and made deputies, and are getting between \$3,000 and \$4,000 a year when they were here less than a year. I just want to point out the different standards by which our public servants are paid," he said. "I suppose Mr. Bradley is nearing the retiring age."
Premier Jones: "He will retire on full pay."
Dr. MacMillan: "He should. He is a wonderful man."
Premier Jones: "I quite agree."

Old Souris Court House Building Mystery Probed n House Unsuccessfully

Opposition efforts to obtain the name of the purchaser of the old court house building in Souris came to nothing in the Legislature last week despite several direct questions addressed to the Public Works Minister, Hon. George E. Barbour.

The subject was introduced in committee on Estimates by Mr. McLean, who had previously put the same question on the order paper. He had received the information that the building had been sold, but not to whom.
Hon. Mr. Large: "When we have court at Souris now we hire a hall and pay a fee; but King's County is not very busy in the courts, and it is only occasionally that we have to hold a court at Souris."

Mr. D. L. Mathieson recalled that in former years a large court house was maintained at Souris. The present arrangement was disgraceful. There was no accommodation for the public. One reason for a court house was that the public should have access to the courts. "A little cubbyhole" would not do.

Hon. Mr. Large: "Consideration will be given to hiring a proper hall. I was not aware that the Court there was being held in any cubbyhole."
Dr. MacMillan: "We would like to know something about the sale of that court house building."

Hon. Mr. Barbour: "It was sold to a man in Souris."
Dr. MacMillan: "To whom?"
Hon. Mr. Barbour: "The court house in Souris was built on a high foundation of brick. There were cells below at one time. It was a high building with a big roof and a large court room, with large windows on each side. We went down with the engineers and looked it over, and decided it would cost too much to repair. The foundation would take \$1,000; the walls had not been painted for years; we couldn't heat it. We would have given it away to the Women's Institute for one dollar, if they had wanted it and taken it over. These big court houses that were built years ago are like that. There was one at Bonshaw, which was given to the Women's Institute for their own use. Two or three years ago we gave them the paint to paint it, and last year when the road was widened there, we had to move it back. We decided with regard to the court house at Souris that it would be better to rent a decent place."

Not Answered
Mr. D. L. Mathieson: "Why are we not told to whom the court house was sold? It was not on the answer which was placed on the order paper, though that was one of the questions asked. Now would be a pertinent time to answer it."
Hon. Mr. Barbour: "Wasn't the question answered?"
Opposition members: "No."
Mr. McLean: "Isn't it the custom to call for tenders?"
Hon. Mr. Barbour: "No."
Mr. D. L. Mathieson: "We are still waiting for the answer. If a public building is sold by any department, we are entitled to know to whom."
Mr. Barbour did not reply.

Mr. Mathieson: "It is all very well to say it is better to hire a proper place; but why haven't you done that?"
Hon. Mr. Large: "Do you consider it advisable to have a permanent court house in the town of Souris?"
Mr. Mathieson: "Yes, I do. I do not think litigants should have to go all over the County. If you had to dispose of the old court house, a proper building should have been provided, and on the same site. I can remember when people used to attend courts in large numbers. That is the best way of educating them in the administration of justice. Now things have changed: very few people care to attend the magistrate's court at Murray Harbor, because his office will hardly hold more than six people. At Montague with great difficulty you could crowd not more than ten into the magistrate's office where he holds court. This matter is important. I grant that at Georgetown you have a fine court house, but that is not convenient to everyone. There has developed the idea now that court houses are not for the convenience of the litigants or the public, but of the police."

Hon. Mr. Large said all the litigants' fees turned in by the clerk at Souris amounted to \$2.11. The clerk at Murray Harbor turned in \$1.50, the clerk at Georgetown \$5.00, and the clerk at St. Peter's \$6.00. "I will endeavor," he added, "to secure halls for criminal cases, but I don't agree with the hon. member that court houses should be established at these points other than Georgetown."

Hon. Dr. MacMillan: "The Minister has told us that the Souris court house was sold, but not to whom. The statement in the Public Accounts reads: 'Rental of Souris court house, \$450.' What was the amount paid when it was sold?"
Hon. Mr. Barbour: "\$450. I don't know how that got in there as rent."

Dr. MacMillan: "We have to ask questions, not to find that the items in the Public Accounts are not correct. So this was the sale price?"
Mr. Barbour: "That is what it should be."

Dr. MacMillan: "Now tell us whom you sold it to."
Mr. Barbour: "There was no tender called for it, but I made inquiries."

Dr. MacMillan: "Did you just call up some friend of the Government's?"
Mr. Barbour: "There was another party in Souris who wanted to buy it."

Underpaid Officials
Mr. D. L. Mathieson pointed out that the Prothonotary, at \$2,000, is getting less than the wholesale vendor (\$2,800). The Deputy Prothonotary for Queen's is receiving only \$1,850. These men, he maintained, are being grossly underpaid, considering that they are both very competent officials. The same applied to the Sheriff and other Court officials.
Hon. Mr. Large: "The Sheriff's salary (\$500) will have to be raised. If I am here next year I have promised to consider it."
Mr. Mathieson: "The same applies to the County Court clerks, and the Court House keeper. The latter can't live on \$500."
Mr. Mathieson later made the same point in connection with the salaries of registrars and other officials.
In reply to a question, Hon. Mr. Large stated that there was no provision in the estimates for a Deputy Attorney General.
Mr. Mathieson noted that there was provision for assistant Crown prosecutors (\$1,800) in addition to the Attorney General. Last year other barristers had been retained on cases. Was it the intention to continue that policy?
Hon. Mr. Large: "No, it was found necessary last year for a short period."

Mr. Mathieson: "There is also an item, Crown prosecution expenses, \$1,800. Would expenses against one of your jailors be included in that item? (Laughter.) I am suggesting that when assistant Crown prosecutors are on salary, and allowing for expenses when they assist the Attorney General, it would not amount to anything like \$1,800. That is to provide for counsel which should be provided by the present staff."
Hon. Mr. Large: "I move the item." Carried.

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