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(British United Press)
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been very poor. That is the general complaint of the bar. We have had a great deal of trouble and it is rather an important matter.
PREMIER LEA: Did my hon. friend complain to the Attorney General?
HON. MR. STEWART: I did, on two or three occasions.
PREMIER LEA: I will bring that to his attention.
HON. MR. STEWART: It may be a question whether or not the officials there can do any better than they are doing; whether they are the proper men; because it requires a man of some qualifications, of some intelligence, to properly fill the office. It is a simple matter to serve a writ, but when it comes to executing a

Georgetown

The death occurred at New Perth on May 4th of Mrs. Terrance Power, one of the most highly respected citizens, after a short illness which she bore with patience and resignation to God's holy will. She was of a bright and cheerful disposition and her many deeds of kindness will long remain in the hearts of her dear ones whom she left to mourn the loss of a kind and loving mother. She was a devoted member of the Roman Catholic Church and received the last rites from her pastor, Rev. O. Kliggins. Her beautiful death was a consolation to the dear ones left behind. Her continual and unselfish acts will live always in the memory of her many friends in Georgetown and New Perth. The many beautiful floral tributes, mass cards, spiritual bouquets and messages of sympathy, show the high esteem in which she was held. She leaves to mourn two sons and two daughters to whom sincere sympathy is extended. Her funeral was one of the largest held for some time. May her soul rest in peace.

Mrs. Cyrene Macdonald, New York is visiting in Georgetown.—A.

Mrs. Hughes and Miss Nellie McEachern, Souris, recently visited Georgetown.

Mr. Norman Richards, Souris, recently visited Georgetown.

Mr. Angus Walker, Launching, recently visited Georgetown.

Messrs. Wilfred Hunter and Jack Donovan and Mr. Ralph Dingwell, Charlottetown, recently visited Georgetown.

Mr. M. J. Power, Somerville, recently visited Georgetown.

Mr. Orlin Thompson who has been in Georgetown left recently for Montague accompanied by Mr. George Easton.

Mr. Frank McPherson, Launching, recently visited Georgetown.

Mr. F. J. Solomon and daughter, Freida motored to Montague Thursday.

Mr. Charles R. J. Hibbett, Antigonish, is visiting in Georgetown the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hibbett.

Miss Florence Owen returned to Charlottetown from Georgetown.

Mr. and Mrs. Mabon, Montague, recently visited Georgetown.

The many friends of Mr. G. W. Hibbett are pleased to hear he is convalescing from his recent illness.

WESTMORELAND SCHOOL

Following is the report of Westmoreland School for the month of April:

- Grade X.—1, James Moore.
 - Grade VIII.—1, Grace Moore; 2, Mabel Wilson; 3, Elsie MacVittie.
 - Grade VII.—1, Rita Matters; 2, Ellsworth Wilson.
 - Grade V.—1, Grace MacVittie; 2, Neavie MacVittie; 3, Margaret Wilson.
 - Grade IV.—1, Eldon Leard; 2, Wrixon Moore.
 - Grade III.—1, Evelyn MacVittie; 2, Raymond Wilson; 3, Wendell Mayhew.
 - Grade I, Sr.—1, Lois MacVittie; 2, Edward Jackman; 3, Lawson Oakes.
 - Grade I, Jr.—1, Helen Fall; 2, Willie Wilson; 3, Frank Munroe; 4, Morey MacVittie.
- Perfect attendance: James Moore, Grace Moore, Ellsworth Wilson, Margaret Wilson, Grace MacVittie, Eldon Leard, Wendell Mayhew, Raymond Wilson, Evelyn MacVittie, Helen Fall.
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judgment it requires good sense and diplomacy, and if a man does not possess these qualities he is an absolute failure and is very liable to get other people in trouble. That has been the complaint, and I think my colleagues of the legal profession will endorse what I am saying. I would suggest that the Government see that these offices are filled properly.

PROVINCIAL POLICE

MR. ARSENAULT: Are you making provision for the Provincial Police in this department, or does it come under another department?
PREMIER LEA: Not in this department.
HON. MR. STEWART: It should come under this department, of course.
PREMIER LEA: They are Provincial officers, you know.
HON. MR. STEWART: That is just what we want to get at. How are they paid?

PREMIER LEA: They are paid as they formerly were, by the Prohibition Commission.

HON. MR. STEWART: My hon. friend knows that that is not correct. They were not formerly paid because they were not in existence. There is quite a difference between a Prohibition officer and a Provincial Policeman. It is a bad practice to mix them up. The administration of the Criminal Law and of the Prohibition Act are entirely different things, and they should not be mixed. It is a very serious thing to administer the Federal law. The enforcement of it comes under the jurisdiction of the Province. The Prohibition Act is not a criminal law; it is simply a provincial regulation. What I want to know is whether these officials are paid entirely out of the earnings under the Prohibition Act, or whether there is any provision out of the revenues of the Province to pay them.

PREMIER LEA: No, they are paid under the Prohibition Act.
HON. MR. STEWART: So that Criminal law or the Prohibition law they are paid out of the Prohibition earnings?

PREMIER LEA: Yes.
HON. MR. STEWART: Then suppose the thing happens that we all hope for; suppose there won't be enough earnings because the sale of liquor should cease and only enough were sold for medicinal purposes. In that event we all know that there would not be enough to pay all these officers; and you have made no provision in the Estimates. How are they going to subsist?

PLENTY OF "SICKNESS"

PREMIER LEA: Well, when that time comes, of course—
HON. MR. STEWART: My hon. friend does not expect that time will come within the next few years?
PREMIER LEA: I don't think all sickness will disappear.

HON. MR. STEWART: Does my hon. friend say that today all the liquor sold by the vendor is sold for medicine?
PREMIER LEA: Would I insinuate that a doctor would prescribe it otherwise?
HON. MR. STEWART: I am not asking for insinuations. I am asking my hon. friend for his opinion. Is he afraid to give it?
PREMIER LEA: I am certainly going to give the opinion that the doctors wouldn't issue certificates except for medicine.

HON. MR. STEWART: Then I would suggest that the Government appoint a commission to investigate the public health of this Province, because there is something wrong with the general health of the Province if we need the amount of liquor that was purchased last year. (Applause.)

"EPIDEMICS"

PREMIER LEA: I might say to my hon. friend that there are doctors repeatedly going to the Commission, telling them there is an epidemic of some kind or another and that fifty prescriptions are not enough.
HON. MR. STEWART: That might be in one particular case, but—
PREMIER LEA: You have got to leave that to the judgment of the medical profession.

HON. MR. STEWART: Somebody is spoofing my hon. friend if he has been led to imagine that the doctors all over the Province are complaining.
PREMIER LEA: I didn't say all the doctors; some of them.
HON. MR. STEWART: That fifty prescriptions are not enough to satisfy the sick people?
PREMIER LEA: There are some particular districts on the island where a country doctor says he has to serve two or three territories. Some doctors tell us their practice has so grown.

HON. MR. STEWART: Are there not some doctors in this city who will not use certificates at all?
PREMIER LEA: Some.
HON. MR. STEWART: Do your mortality records show that there are any more deaths in those areas than in any others?
PREMIER LEA: It is a matter

I haven't looked very carefully into.
HON. MR. STEWART: No; I don't believe my hon. friend knows a thing about it!
PREMIER LEA: Ha, Ha!
MR. DENNIS: I don't think there are more scripts in the country than there formerly were. About four or five years ago the doctors had to receive 250 a month, and they could get all they asked for. There was no limit. I would submit that there is not as much sickness in the country at the present time as there was on that occasion.
HON. MR. STEWART: But we were not so "righteous" in those days; we were not making such claims as to the purpose for which the liquor was used. Perhaps my hon. friend has made that statement himself on the platform before now.

MR. ARSENAULT: I do not think it is right to have these Police Officers hired and paid by the Prohibition Commission because I believe they have to look after the automobile traffic as well. Last fall they seemed to be more interested in looking after prohibition offenders than in performing their duties as traffic officers. As a result, the auto traffic was very much neglected. I have known cases in the western part of the Island where the speed regulations were broken every day, by reckless drivers who shouldn't be allowed to drive at all. These officers should be attending to this duty. If they are responsible only to the Prohibition Commission, of course they will likely continue to neglect the traffic laws.

MR. DENNIS ANSWERED
DR. MCMILLAN: I would like to refer to the statement of the member from O'Leary (Mr. Dennis) as to the time when doctors were allowed 250 prescriptions and when there was no limit to the number they could issue. Will he inform the committee when that was?
(Mr. Dennis did not reply.)
DR. MCMILLAN: I am waiting for the member's answer.

MR. DENNIS: I might say the junior member from the Second District of Prince (Mr. Sharp) was chairman of the Prohibition Commission at that time. Ask him.

DR. MCMILLAN: I am not asking the junior member from the Second District. I am asking the senior member, who made the statement.

MR. DENNIS: You can verify the statement if you care to do it.
DR. MCMILLAN: I know that the statement cannot be verified. It is not correct.
MR. SHARP: I might say the senior member from the Second District is wrong in more ways than one, because I never was chairman of the Prohibition Commission. (Laughter.)

MR. DENNIS: I apologize to the House. I made a mistake.
DR. MCMILLAN: Of course you did. You made two mistakes. My hon. friend might as well correct the second one too, because he has made a statement that cannot be borne out in fact, that there ever was such a time as he referred to. I know what the insinuation was—that it was under the Stewart Government.
MR. DENNIS: What was the correct number?
DR. MCMILLAN: They were allowed three books at one time; that is 150 prescriptions.

MR. DENNIS: Well, there is still a substantial improvement in health.
DR. MCMILLAN: And there is still ample room for you to improve on a statement which is not correct. (Applause.) Epidemics were referred to by the Premier. I suppose he was thinking about the epidemic in Summerside when he made that statement; when a certain doctor who is now a member of the Government issued ninety prescriptions and he said that was the cause of it. (Laughter.) Anyway, the doctors have ample excuse for issuing prescriptions. My hon. friend the dictator of the Commission, the hon. member from Rusties (Hon. Mr. Page) has given us permission. He says it is all right to give it to those fellows who want a thimble-full, even if they are not sick. (Increased laughter.)

A VICIOUS SYSTEM

HON. MR. STEWART: Might I ask the promoter who appoints the Provincial Police? With whom does the appointment lie?
PREMIER LEA: The Police are selected by Commissioner Trainor. They are appointed by Commissioner Trainor with the approval of the chairman of the Prohibition Commission.

HON. MR. STEWART: Has the

Department of Justice in this Province anything to say in it at all?
PREMIER LEA: Insofar as Commissioner Trainor is concerned, yes; because he is under the Attorney-General.
HON. MR. STEWART: He is appointed by the Attorney-General's department?
PREMIER LEA: Yes.
HON. MR. STEWART: By Order-in-Council?
PREMIER LEA: Yes.
HON. MR. STEWART: Who pays him?
PREMIER LEA: Pays him?
HON. MR. STEWART: Yes. Who pays his salary?
PREMIER LEA: He is paid in the same manner.
HON. MR. STEWART: How is he paid? Is he paid by cheque, and who issues the cheque?
PREMIER LEA: The Prohibition Commission.
HON. MR. STEWART: Does my hon. friend think that that is a proper system. Here is an officer appointed by Order-in-Council of the Government, paid by somebody else. What control has the Government over that official if he is not paid by the Government at all?
PREMIER LEA: The control we have is in regard to criminal matters under the direction of the Attorney General. In regard to the enforcement of Prohibition the chairman of the Prohibition Commission has control.

HON. MR. STEWART: But why is he not paid by the Government? The system is a vicious one.
PREMIER LEA: Why?
HON. MR. STEWART: Because the Government is handling the administration of Justice in this Province. The officers enforcing that administration should be under the Attorney General's control, and they are not under his control unless they are paid by the controlling officer.

PREMIER LEA: They can be controlled without being paid.
HON. MR. STEWART: I entirely disagree. I will venture to say that there is not any precedent in this or any other Government for such proceedings. It is a vicious practice.

THE PREMIER'S ARGUMENT

PREMIER LEA: Does my hon. friend believe that in a small Province such as we are, where it is necessary just to have enforcement of the law in regard to the Prohibition Act and other Acts, it is not a more economical method, because while these officers are enforcing the Prohibition Act their time is not all taken up and they might just as well be controlling other misdemeanors. It is cheaper for the Province and I think they are giving a better service to the people, because these men can carry out this work jointly.

HON. MR. STEWART: I do not admit the force of what my hon. friend says and I think the time will come, before long, when we shall have serious difficulty on account of the dual work in this department. We have criminal matters which are directly under the control of this Government, and the officers responsible for the enforcement of these matters should be paid by the Government. If they must be paid out of the Prohibition Commission funds, let these funds be paid, as they should be paid, into the Government treasury, and let the Government pay these officials, and not have any other body paying officials of the Government.

MR. ARSENAULT: How many Provincial Police officers are there?
PREMIER LEA: Fourteen.
MR. ARSENAULT: Are they divided, so many in each county?
PREMIER LEA: They are divided, with headquarters in Summerside for Prince County, Montague for Kings County, and Charlottetown for Queens.

MR. ARSENAULT: At what salary?
PREMIER LEA: The regular force gets \$1200 a year. Sergeants get \$1400, Inspectors \$1500 and the Commissioner \$2500.

MR. ARSENAULT: How many Sergeants have you?
PREMIER LEA: Three.
MR. ARSENAULT: How many Captains?
PREMIER LEA: I don't think there are any. (Laughter.)

MR. ARSENAULT: I think you will have to devise a new system for the coming summer. It is rumored that in a good many cases these Provincial Police look after offenders under the Prohibition Act and neglect the other cases.
PREMIER LEA: It does not look like it by the Court records.

DRUNKEN DRIVERS

MR. ARSENAULT: How many lost their car licenses last year?
PREMIER LEA: Sixty five.
MR. ARSENAULT: Cancelled for the year?
PREMIER LEA: Well, not for the year; varying periods according to the offence.

MR. ARSENAULT: It is rumored that a car was found in the ditch and the driver was there, half asleep; and one of these Provincial Police officers saw him and asked what the

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trouble was. The excuse he gave was that he met a car, and the approaching car did not dim its lights, and he got into the ditch. This was at three o'clock in the afternoon. I don't think that man was punished. He is still at large.

HON. MR. STEWART: Does that include the number of those who were convicted for driving cars under the influence of liquor?
PREMIER LEA: Yes.
HON. MR. STEWART: How many were convicted under that regulation?
PREMIER LEA: We haven't got that separate. We could get that information.

HON. MR. STEWART: For how long were the licenses suspended of persons convicted of driving a car under the influence of liquor?
PREMIER LEA: For various periods.
PREMIER LEA: If they were convicted for driving a car under the influence of liquor they would be prosecuted under the Criminal

Code.

HON. MR. STEWART: Nevertheless the license is issued by your department. You certainly will have that record. Surely it is not suggested that any man convicted of driving a car under the influence of liquor would get back his license the same year?
PREMIER LEA: I don't know. I can give my hon. friend the information. They were convicted for the balance of the year. The rest does not matter, because it would be the winter.

HON. MR. STEWART: Would they be permitted to drive a car that year?
PREMIER LEA: No, in fact in some cases their licenses would be canceled for two years.
HON. MR. STEWART: That is more like it.

CARRYING GUNS

DR. MCDONALD: Might I ask if the Prohibition Commission furnishes the Provincial Police officers with

guns?
PREMIER LEA: Ha, ha!
DR. MCDONALD: It is not a laughing matter; it is a very serious thing. There has been shooting, and guns have been drawn. That is rather an unusual thing in this country, but we have read in the papers where that very thing occurred, not so long ago.
PREMIER LEA: I might say to my hon. friend that the Commissioner has frequently been before me, suggesting equipment that should be furnished and he has never mentioned a gun.
DR. MCDONALD: But they have been drawn.
PREMIER LEA: I can't tell you about any that have been drawn.
DR. MCDONALD: Is it allowable?
PREMIER LEA: They are not furnished with guns. I don't think it is necessary for any man to carry a gun in this country.
DR. MCDONALD: Well, they have been carrying them, and drawing them. (The item then carried.)

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