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In Memoriam

MR. ANDROSE ESLE WOOD

The many friends of the late Ambrose Esle Wood were shocked to learn of his death on Thursday, January 16 at the Prince Edward Island Hospital. Although he had been in failing health for some time, it was not felt that the end was so near. He was taken suddenly, rushed to the hospital and passed away a few hours later.

The late Mr. Wood was sixty-five years of age and was the son of the wide circle of friends when Wood of Alexandria, P. E. I. He is survived by his widow, the former Jeanie Judson. Four sons and two daughters survive. The sons are: Edson and Percy of Charlottetown, Leslie of Toronto, and Harold of the R. C. A. F. who is at present stationed at Dartmouth, N. S. The daughters are: Mrs. Allen King and John Slonka, both at present residing in Charlottetown. There are three grandchildren. Also surviving are three brothers—Louis and Arthur in Saskatchewan and James of Hazelbrook, P. E. I., and two sisters, Mrs. Charles Burnes of Saskatchewan and Mrs. Fred Gwim of Dorchester, Mass. Another brother, Benjamin of Saskatchewan, predeceased him by several months.

The funeral service was conducted from his late residence at 36 Kennington Road, Charlottetown on Saturday afternoon, January 18. The service was conducted by Rev. L. Judson Levy of the Baptist church assisted by Rev. Sterling Stackhouse of the Cross Roads Christian Church. Burial was at the People's cemetery. The many floral tributes born evidence of the wide circle of friends who mourn the passing of a dear relative and valued friend. The local branch of the Canadian Legion attended the service, and thus paid their tribute to a fallen comrade.

GRAHAM'S ROAD W.I.

The regular meeting of Success W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. John MacGregor on Tuesday evening, Jan. 14th, meeting opened by singing the Ode and repeating Creed in unison. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Fourteen members answered roll call with a New Year's thought. One visitor was welcomed. The sick list reported three sick calls, and

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Policy Reserves and Surplus Funds At New High

Reviewing the 1946 progress at the 46th annual meeting of the Crown Life Insurance Company, held in Toronto, Friday, Mr. H. D. Burns, President, announced that for the first time in the history of the company the new policies issued exceeded \$100 millions and that the insurance in force had increased during the year by over \$68 millions and now stands at more than \$465 millions.

The report of the Board of Directors showed that the assets had increased by over \$11 millions and now exceed \$90 millions. Government and municipal bonds make up the major portion. Holdings of government bonds increased during 1946 by over \$7 millions representing 65% of the total increase in invested funds. The \$68 million increase in force of policies and annuities amounted to \$6,472,276.05. This included death and disability claims of \$2,199,909.24; annuity and other payments \$1,732,945.45; dividends \$471,862.12.

Policy reserves reached a record figure of \$74,033,286.00 which is substantially higher than the minimum required by law. The free surplus now stands at \$3,552,967.38 a new all-time high.

Mr. H. R. Stephenson, Managing Director, pointed out that the Company had doubled in size in the past six years, both as to insurance in force, assets, and surplus. Of the \$465 millions of insurance in force, two-thirds of it is located in Canada and one-third in the United States and other countries.

One of the brightest features of the year has been the favourable mortality experience. War claims were much lighter than expected. Although of substantial amount, they were largely counteracted by improvement of civilian mortality. Present favourable mortality experience is important as a partial counterbalance to the current low yield on investments.

Commenting on the Company's marked gains, Mr. Burns remarked "activity in the life insurance business goes hand in hand with activity in industry, in agriculture, in building, in mining, and in trades, and with a high level of employment and national income. These features are conspicuous today as they have been during the past year. Reconversion of industry to peacetime basis, although still incomplete, has made substantial progress. Industrial production is 75% greater than pre-war. Farms have yielded abundantly with good prices for their products. National income is well over twice the pre-war figure. Unemployment is extremely low. Imports and exports are much higher than pre-war and balance of trade has been maintained."

"The total volume of business in Canada is high despite the losses occasioned by a series of strikes of record proportions. The most important immediate problem confronting business today is to discover a method of resolving labor-management disputes with fairness to all parties and without interruption of production. Efficiency of production should be the constant aim of labor and management alike, for only by means of increased production can national income be enlarged, export and import markets developed and standards of living improved."

Directors re-elected were: Mr. H. D. Burns, Mr. H. R. Stephenson, Mr. G. S. Braddis, Mr. F. W. Burns, Mr. F. Erickson-Brown, Mr. A. N. McLean, Mr. G. A. Morson, Mr. C. St. Pierre, Mr. G. E. Spragge, Mr. Clarence Wallace, Mr. Walter F. Watkins, and Mr. Norman F. Wilson.

TRADE TO SWEDEN UP

STOCKHOLM — (CP) — Canada's export to Sweden now is worth about twice as much as before the war and in 1946 probably reached a sum of 30,000,000 kronen. Per Wilman, Swedish Minister to Canada, said recently, Sweden's export to Canada was valued at some 18,000,000 kronen.

WANT MORE SCIENTISTS

LONDON — (CP) — The parliamentary and scientific committees recently recommended the expansion of existing university facilities in Britain, involving expenditure of \$400,000,000. Main object, hoped to be achieved in 10 years, is an increase in the number of United Kingdom scientists from the present 55,000 to at least 90,000.

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B. Y. P. U. MEETING

Hazelbrook B. Y. P. U. met for their regular meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Payne on Jan. 24th. The devotion under the leadership of Mildred and Kenneth Payne was as follows: Hymn, "Love Divine All Loves Excelling"; scripture reading Luke 14:25-36 followed by prayer; reading, "Light On The Trinity"; hymn, "Sweet Hour of Prayer"; and the Lord's Prayer in unison closed this part.

Business period opened with the president, Queenie MacKinnon presiding. Roll call was responded to by 14 members with a verse of Scripture, and two visitors were welcomed. One new member was welcomed. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. It was decided that the net proceeds from the sale of the Bible readers' Eighteen B.Y.P.U. pens were purchased by the members at 50c each. It was moved and seconded that the devotional leaders for next meeting be Mrs. Isabel Johnson and for recreation, Isabel and Russell Parquharson.

Offering amounted to \$1.01. Isabel Parquharson invited the next meeting, which would be in the form of a social. Hymn "What A Friend We Have in Jesus" benediction closed the meeting. The remainder of the evening was spent in completing the details of the song service to be held in the church. A delectable lunch was served by the hostess.

BONSHAW W. M. S. ANNUAL MEETING

The women's missionary society of Bonshaw United Church met for their first meeting of the new year at the home of Mrs. Stephen McLeod. The president presided with a goodly number of members and several visitors present. The meeting opened by singing "Come let us sing of a wonderful love." The worship service for January was followed—three members reading different scripture passages and the president offering prayer, followed by the Lord's Prayer in unison after singing "O master let me walk with thee the devotional period was concluded by receiving the offering and the dedication of same.

Business opened by past Recording Secretary, Mrs. L. T. Beston calling the roll followed by the reading of minutes of the December and last annual meetings and approval of same. Christmas treats and cards were sent to sick and shut-ins and "Thank You" notes were read from Inez McRae and Mrs. McKenzie, also a letter from Secretary of the Baptist W. M. S., thanking the members of the Ladies Aid in connection with this society for donation received from them. The literature Secretary was asked to send for the new study packet on India. It was moved by Mrs. Hector McNevin and seconded by Mrs. Stephen McLeod that Miss Mae MacDonald be Mission Band leader for this year.

The yearly reports followed each showing a gratifying increase in the work, the Treasurer's being most favourably received. Mrs. A. B. McLeod is the delegate chosen from this society to attend presbytery in Charlottetown.

The dedication ceremony of the officers for this year was carried out by Mrs. Dr. Curtis, who invited the members to her home for their next meeting on February 10th, after the singing of hymn 252. The president closed the meeting by pronouncing the benediction, when a delightful lunch was served by hostess assisted by Mrs. Dan McPhee.

The list of officers for this year are:

- President, Mrs. Nell Ferguson, re-elected.
- Vice President, Mrs. Stephen McLeod.
- Recording Secretary, Mrs. A. B. McLeod.
- Treasurer, Mrs. Hector McNevin.
- Corresponding and Supply Secretary, Mrs. Nell K. Salmond.
- Mission Band Leader, Miss Mae MacDonald.
- Community Friendship Secretary, Mrs. Clark Crosby.
- Missionary Monthly Secretary, Mrs. Stephen McLeod.
- Associate Helpers Secretary, Mrs. Dan McPhee.
- Pianist, Mrs. Hector McNevin.
- Temperance Secretary, Mrs. L. T. Beston.
- Literature Secretary, Mrs. Stephen McLeod.

WEST INDIAN UNIVERSITY

KINGSTON, Jamaica — (CP) — A new West Indian University College is to be set up in Jamaica to prepare students for degrees of London University. A delegation of the inter-university council for higher education in the colonies is at present in the West Indies.

AFRICAN-OWNED INDUSTRY

ACCRA, Gold Coast — (CP) — The cocoa industry on the Gold Coast consists of more than 250,000 small farms, each about four acres. No European-owned plantations are allowed as it is considered preferable for Africans to retain control of their own economy.

MARSHFIELD AND DUNSTAF-NAGE Y.P.U.

The Y. P. U. of Central United Church held a social evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Stewart on Friday night.

The devotional part of the meeting opened with hymn 465, followed with scripture read by Gloria Jenkins, prayer by Phyllis Dover and reading by Verna Beaswell. Hymn 460 brought the devotional period to a close. The convener, Mrs. Charles Reid, presided over the devotional period.

With the president, Miss Ann MacEachern, presiding, the business period opened with the minutes of the previous meeting which were read and adopted.

Those appointed to assist Mrs. Louis Dover on the Christian Fellowship Committee are LeBlain Thompson, Opal Clow and LeRoy Vessey.

The devotional convener appointed for next meeting was Mrs. Isabel Jenkins. Her assistants are Wilfred Stewart, Scott MacArthur, and Mrs. Wilfred Thompson.

The president on behalf of the society fittingly thanked Mr. and Mrs. Stewart for the use of their home on that occasion.

The remainder of the evening was spent in games, contests, etc., under the direction of the president, convener and the appointed committees.

A sale of lunches was held and tea was served by the ladies.

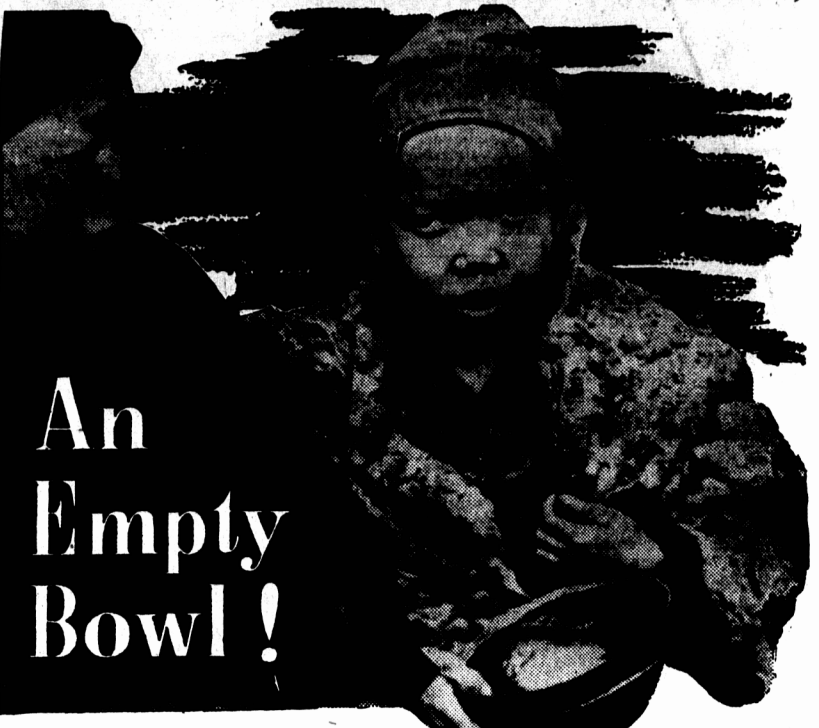
The organist for the evening was Mrs. Irving Thompson. "All are welcome."

NEW NATIONAL PARK

MACOLDSFIELD, England — (CP) — Alderley Edge, with its woods and sandstone escarpment, has been obtained by county council compulsory purchase order and will be turned over to the National Trust for permanent preservation as a park.

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