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- PRUNES, 5 lbs. large ..... 25c
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Hundreds of Other Things as Cheap as the Cheapest. P. J. MacDONALD WHERE THE DOLLAR HAS MORE CENTS.

Annual Meeting Board Of Trade

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Important Year

The year 1931 will go down in history as the year which saw brought to completion the efforts of many former executives and presidents of this Board. I can think of no greater honour, than to have been President of the Charlottetown Board of Trade during the year 1931, and to have co-operated and worked with such a willing, unselfish, far-sighted and keen-minded group of business men.

During the year, twenty-four Council Meetings of the Board were held, besides the regular quarterly meetings and committee meetings.

The Chairmen of the various Committees have dealt specifically with the work of each committee, so I shall not here repeat, except to call your attention to some of the high spots of the year's activities.

One of the first matters which occupied the attention of the Board was with regard to the improvement of the service of the Murray Harbour Branch of the Canadian National Railway. The committee of the Board spent a great deal of time on this matter and I regret that the results obtained are not more gratifying. However, certain minor improvements have been made. This is a matter that should be followed up by the in-coming executive.

The question of increased subsidy to this Province also occupied the attention of the Board and it gave its hearty co-operation to the Government in this matter.

Early in the season it was called to the attention of our Board that Mr. J. Hearn, Instructor R. C. N. V. R., had received notice of transfer. The Board, along with other organizations sent a vigorous protest to Ottawa with the result that Mr. Hearn is still in our midst and his transfer has been cancelled.

Outstanding Events

On March 28th the Council of the Board had the pleasure of hearing an address by Mr. Mooney, General Manager of the World's Fair Congress which was to have been held in Regina this present year. The address was both interesting and instructive. This Grand Congress will be held on July twenty-fourth to August fifth, 1933.

On May twenty-sixth the Board had arranged to entertain the Newfoundland Delegates to the Rotary Convention by means of a drive to Summerside and luncheon there. The day proved unfavorable, however, so the delegates were tendered an informal luncheon at the Canadian National Hotel. Needless to say this act on the part of the Board was appreciated and, thus, another important link was forged in the chain connecting us with Newfoundland.

On May twentieth your President, at the invitation of the Canadian Steamship Lines Limited, and through the courtesy of the Canadian National Railways, attended the launching of the new car ferry "S. S. Charlottetown" at Lauzon, Quebec. This was a never-to-be-forgotten experience and certainly was a red-letter day in the life of your President, as well as the Province.

Another pleasant function, was the holding of a special general meeting, in lieu of the regular quarterly meeting, at Stanhope Beach Inn on July seventh to do honour to one of our most active and highly respected members, Mr. Nelson Rattenbury; also to have the pleasure of hearing an address delivered by Mr. McL Clark, Secretary of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce. This function passed off very successfully.

One of the major matters dealt with by the Board was the presentation of a Brief re Train Service with the mainland by Mr. R. E. Mutch and your President before the Board of Railway Commissioners at Truro on December second last. This was the culmination of a great deal of correspondence, telegrams, committee and council meetings. As the matter is still under consideration by the Board of Railway Commissioners further comment will not be made.

The above, together with considerable correspondence and routine business are some of the matters which have occupied your Board's attention for the past year. I through its efforts the commercial life of our Province has been assisted or benefited then your Board is content.

We are ever reminded of the flight of time and as we meet at these annual meetings it is always our sad duty to record the passing of some great figures from our midst. It is fitting, therefore, that we make reference to the passing of three of our members, the late A. A. Pomeroy, A. A. Alley and E. E. Parkman. Not only their friends but the whole city and Province will deeply regret their passing for they were all men who "kept their friendships in repair."

In concluding this report I wish to express the thanks of the Board to the Press. At each meeting representatives of the Press were present to report the proceedings and to assist in shaping public opinion. To the representatives of the Press I say "Thank you."

I also wish to very sincerely and earnestly thank the members of the executive and the secretary treasurer for their very kind consideration and support. It has been my lot to work with many councils and committees but never did I see such a group of energetic business men all striving toward the common end of trying to improve the commercial life of our people.

There is just one other remark I wish to make and with that I will close. May I ask those who have not the time to serve on committee to please not accept office as if neither fair to themselves nor to others. By accepting office and doing so and in this way if they do not perform the duties assigned them they throw an unjust load on the other officers.

AIR MAIL AND AIR PORT Report submitted by Mr. Robert L. Cotton, Chairman of the Air Mail and Air Port Committee: At the first Council meeting held in January last (1931) the question of Air Mail was considered and application was at once made to the Postmaster General for service similar to that provided in the winter of 1930. The train connection with the Ocean Limited inward ceased on Saturday, January 10th and on Monday, January 12th mail was brought over by air continuing with the greatest regularity until Saturday, April 25th, the full double or summer train service beginning on Monday, April 27th.

Towards the end of the year after the curtailment of mail and passenger service with the mainland to one trip per day, the advisability of applying for Air Mail was brought before the Council on two occasions but the Council decided that it would be unwise to apply for Air Mail until the application of the Board for restoration of the double daily train service had been heard by the Railway Commissioners for Canada.

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The value of our Provincial Fisheries in 1931, was approximately as follows: Lobsters ..... \$79,222.00 All other branches ..... \$32,368.00 Total ..... \$111,590.00

The lobster fishery is by far the most important of our Provincial fisheries. This fishery and the oyster fishery in 1931 showed an increase over the previous year. All her branches declined.

For several years past the lobster fishery throughout the Maritime provinces has showed a gratifying increase and with a strict enforcement of the present regulations, coupled with a reasonable restriction of the units of production, the permanency of the industry may be considered reasonably certain.

Packers and fishermen should bear in mind that a large increase in the units of production depletes the fishery, diminishes the individual returns, and increases the cost of production, making the business unprofitable to the fishermen engaged in it.

Experiments conducted by officials of the Fisheries Department, having in view the restoration of the Oyster Areas to their former productivity has met with marked success. At Bedford in 1929, when these experiments were commenced the quantity of oysters on the beds was negligible. At the present time a conservative estimate of the oysters now on these beds is placed at between 2,500 and 3,000 barrels. This demonstration shows that our oyster areas may be profitably cultivated.

The Department of Fisheries should receive the support of the country for its efforts in educational work, having in view the conservation of our fisheries, and the improvement of our fishery products.

On the conservation of our fishery resources and the quality of the product, the success of the industry depends.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT The following report was submitted by Messrs. J. E. Harris, G. G. Hughes and J. M. Hunter, representing the Civic Improvement Committee: The Provincial Government have made a very considerable improvement in paving and drives to the Queen Square and the approaches to the City, which add to the appearance and comfort of the Public generally.

The re-opening and repairing of Government House has been welcomed by all.

We would commend the City Council for many improvements carried out through the year, especially paving the Market Square, work on the Park Roadway and the cleaning of the streets, especially of snow during winter for the convenience of traffic.

Queen Square as usual last summer was a pleasure to walk in and has been favourably commented upon by many visitors.

The cleaning up of the backwater at the junction of the Park Roadway and Cundall Home property has removed one of the unsightly and disgusting blots upon the beauty of the Park and its environs.

The citizens generally of Charlottetown are to be commended for the many improvements and the beautifying of their homes and properties, and as this work is extended the appearance of our city continues to improve as it has done in the past few years.

Suggestions. We would suggest to the Merchants that all signs decorating the upper walls of the buildings be removed as we consider these dangerous and of no account in an advertising sense. Most of them are an eyesore and spoil the appearance of the buildings themselves.

We would also like to suggest to the Merchants that if they could make the upper windows of their establishments more decorative and in keeping with the trouble and care they expend upon their store windows that the appearance of the whole square might be improved. We are glad to see that a number of the Merchants already realize this.

We would also like to suggest that if possible some attempt be made to mitigate the unfortunate effects of the smoke from the market house chimney, at certain winds this is most objectionable and must be a source of discomfort to the merchants who have gone to considerable trouble in decorating their windows with fragile goods.

Our city lighting is still far from being satisfactory, but we have hope that this may be corrected in time. Our suggestions to all citizens are that they get rid of their street fences as much as possible and open their grounds to public view, provide at least one light in their houses which will shine towards the street after dark, so that the passer by may know there is a house at hand.

FISHERIES Report submitted by Mr. W. F. Tidmarsh, Chairman of the Fisheries Committee: In the month of May, 1931, your Fisheries Committee had an interview with Mr. George Earle, an expert employed by the Department of Fisheries, to educate the fishermen in the improved methods of catching, curing and preparing fish for market. A report of this interview has been presented to the Council.

Mr. Earle's educational efforts has met with a very gratifying response by our fishermen, and a marked improvement in the quality of our fish products has resulted.

Our public buildings also might well have some lighting in the evening. We would like here to commend

the merchants for the public spirit they display in maintaining the cost of street light, which they have placed in front of their stores, for the beautiful display of lights and decorations at Christmas time, also the Gyro Club for their decorations and the illuminated tree placed on the Square during Christmas time.

We would call to the attention of the merchants and citizens the custom of flying flags on Public Holidays. There has been a slight improvement during the year but this can be enlarged upon to the betterment of our public spirit and the education of our children.

In the absence of our chairman, Mr. R. H. Jenkins, and the regrettable death of Mr. Arthur Alley the remaining members of the committee submit the above report.

EMPIRE BUYING In the absence of Mr. J. P. Crockett, chairman of the Empire Buying Committee, who was detained at home with a cold, a report on this phase of the Board's activities was prepared and submitted by Mr. T. Edgar MacNutt. The only matter, to Mr. MacNutt's knowledge, which was referred to the committee during the year was that of making an effort to have the British embargo against Canadian potatoes removed. After consultation, the following wire was drafted and sent through the president to Hon. H. H. Stevens, Minister of Trade and Commerce:

"Charlottetown Board of Trade urgently request your immediate co-operation in having British embargo removed on Canadian potatoes. You are familiar with necessity of potato market for eastern growers. Shippers here ready to take advantage of British market conforming to necessary size package and rigid Government inspection. Will you take matter up immediately with Canadian High Commissioner, London."

The committee also asked the Provincial Command of the Canadian Legion for their help in the matter and the Command sent the following cable to the Secretary of the British Empire Service League, London:

"Owing shortage potato crop England and plentiful supply here Board of Trade endeavoring to have embargo against Canadian potatoes lifted. Can you co-operate with Canadian High Commissioner and Empire Marketing Board to help Empire trade by having British embargo lifted."

Mr. MacNutt quoted in his report some inspiring statements, indorsing Empire Trade from Sir Henry Page Croft, Chairman of the Empire Industries Association and others.

"We should," Mr. MacNutt suggested in conclusion, "see that our products in this Province are of the highest quality and shipped in such a way as will suit that portion of the Empire for which they are intended. We should also encourage local industries and so provide products for sale and work for our young men and women."

"This cannot, however, be accomplished, judging from past experiences unless a better spirit, more loyalty to local industries and a closer co-operation is to be arrived at. There must be a honest team work right along the channel from the manufacturer to the consumer. If we had an organization or special committee founded on proper principles and with half of the enthusiasm of the Tourist Association, I believe much could be accomplished along this line, which would bring untold benefit to the City and the Province."

IMMIGRATION Report submitted by Dr. J. A. Clark, chairman of the Immigration Committee: Your committee on immigration has not been active during 1931. The policy of the several governments has been to discourage and restrict immigration during the year and provide employment for Canadian citizens who were out of work.

A number of farm labourers who came to Canada some time ago, through the Canadian National Railway's Immigration Office, and who were unable to get work in Ontario and Quebec, came to this Province and were placed on farms. Four of these were from Great Britain, eleven were Danes and eleven were Australians, a total of twenty-six. Two Danes who had returned to Europe in 1930 received permission to come back to work in Prince Edward Island.

The Provincial Department of Agriculture placed seventy-five Prince Edward Island men with farmers who applied for farm help. Some of these were placed several times as seasonal work was completed.

From reliable sources we learn that 260 of the unemployed men in Queen's County during the last summer were former citizens who had returned home from the United States. It would seem reasonable to estimate that over 550 former residents have been repatriated

from the United States to the Island last year.

The most desirable class of settlers that can come to our shores are our own people returning and we trust that during this present year many more may return to the homeland, where their sturdy courage and initiative will enable them to build homes and assist in building up our provincial industries.

TIME TABLE Report submitted by Mr. S. A. MacDonald, Chairman, Time Table Committee: That the principal change effected in the operation of the train service in this Province during 1931 was the cancellation of the double daily train schedule to and from this Province on the first of October last. This service was maintained in past years to January 1st. of each year. As a consequence of this change, the Jitney Bus to the west which was operated with such excellent success in past years, was cancelled also, and with it the afternoon train to Borden and the late inward train to the Province.

A change was made in the time of the inward trains from Murray Harbour whereby the trains this season leave their destination one half hour earlier, with a view of affording passengers a longer time in which to transact business in the city.

TRANSPORTATION Report submitted by Mr. Samuel Kennedy, Chairman of the Transportation Committee: A number of matters were referred to your Committee during the year, the most important of which were—

A proposed level crossing at Cap-Tormentine; necessity of improved train service on the Murray Harbour Branch Canadian National Railways, and reduction in through train service between this province and the mainland.

The question of the proposed level crossing was carefully considered by your committee and was taken up with the Board of Railway Commissioners. The committee together with your President and Secretary met with the Assistant Chief Engineer, Board of Railway Commissioners at the Canadian National Hotel here and discussed the matter fully, and on his return to Ottawa we were advised that while the level crossing had been put through, every precaution would be taken to avoid danger to life and property.

The need of improved train service on the Murray Harbour branch was sternly urged and while some slight improvements have been made the service is still much below standard.

In September, the question of the cancellation of the double train service with the mainland was taken up and a number of special council meetings, committee meetings, and meetings with Premier Stewart and others were held. After other efforts failed, it was decided on the recommendation of the Premier to take the matter before the Board of Railway Commissioners. A brief was therefore prepared by Messrs. R. L. Cotton, R. E. Mutch and President Geo. J. Tweedy, and was presented to the Commission by Messrs. Tweedy and Mutch at a sitting in Truro on December 2nd last but up to the present the decision of the Commission has not been handed down.

ENTERTAINMENT Report submitted by Mr. S. A. MacLeod, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee: During the Rotary Convention held here in May, the delegates from St. John's, Newfoundland, consisting of twenty-five, were entertained on May 7th, at the Canadian National Hotel.

After their return home, our President received a letter of appreciation from the Secretary of the St. John's Club.

On July 7th, a special meeting and banquet was held at Stanhope Beach Inn Hotel in lieu of the regular quarterly meeting. Mr. Nelson Rattenbury, our esteemed, and one of the oldest members of the Board was presented with an address of appreciation of services rendered to this Board and to the Province.

PUBLICITY Report submitted by Mr. P. W. Clarkin, Chairman of the Publicity Committee: In the month of April this Board paid \$25.00 for advertising in the special edition of the Charlottetown Guardian featuring the opening of the Canadian National Hotel in this city. This was the only money I am aware of that was paid out for publicity.

Your committee also co-operated in every way with the Tourist Association in the matter of publicity for the Province.

The Board's activities during the year were fully reported by the local press, and the committee extends its thanks to these publications.

Trinity United Church CENTRAL GUARDIAN

THURSDAY 1.30-Doras Society regular meeting - Home of Mrs. Sellar, 263 Grafton Street. 1.00-Senior Turks Square regular meeting - Social Hall. 15-1-14-11.

WINSLOE UNITED CHURCH

services Sunday, Jan. 17th: Highfield, 11; Princetown Road, 3; Winsloe North, 7. Rev. L. J. Leard, Minister.

OFFICERS ELECTED - At a largely attended meeting of the Young People's Society, of Zion Church held in the Church Hall, Tuesday evening the officers for the year were elected, names being submitted by a nominating committee which had been appointed at a previous meeting. Honorary Presidents, Rev. G. C. Webster and Mr. Murdoch Ross; President, Mr. Reginald MacNutt; Vice-president, Mrs. W. A. Burns; Secretary, Mr. Burton Livingston; Treasurer, Mrs. J. B. Murrely; Con. Programme Committee, Miss Ruby Campbell; Con. Visiting Committee, Mrs. A. MacEachern; Con. Membership Committee, Mr. B. Livingston; Con. Social Committee, Mrs. H. H. Jewell; Con. Ways and Means Committee, Mrs. Norman MacPherson; Pianist, Miss Edith Craswell. Mrs. E. A. Cudmore and Mrs. H. H. Jewell were appointed by the choir as team captains. A social hour followed and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed.

A FAMILY REUNION-The five sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Anderson, Morell, Prince Edward Island, for the first time in fifteen years to meet together at their old home, arrived home for Christmas Day. Bartlett, of the Nova Scotia Power Commission, whose headquarters are at Liverpool, N. S., also Wilfred, assistant Superintendent of the Boston and Lockport Block Co., of East Boston, accompanied by his wife, arrived on December 23rd. Fulton H., Professor of Philosophy at Toronto University, arrived on 24th, E. H., traveller for the Wm. Brown Co., Ltd., Seedmen, Toronto, on Christmas Day, also E. W., proprietor of Morell Garage, made up the total family, being a pleasant surprise for their parents. They were unable to stop over only a short time, having to return to their respective positions, and hoping that they would not be too long in meeting again.

BIRTHS GILLIS-At the Charlottetown Hospital, January 13th, to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gillis, a daughter.

MACINNIS-At Montague, on Jan. 3, 1932, to Mr. and Mrs. Rupert MacInnis, of Peake's, a daughter, Marion Theresa.

IN MEMORIAM MRS. JOHN C. FRENCH There passed peacefully away at her home in Hampton on Saturday Dec. 26, 1931, after a brief illness, Mrs. John C. French, aged 46 years. Before her marriage she was Miss Ida Wall of Wheatley River. The deceased was a constant member of the United Church and will be greatly missed in the Sunday School where she was a faithful worker. She was a devoted wife and mother, a kind and sympathetic neighbor and friend, and her passing leaves a void among her many friends and relatives.

She is survived by her husband and three daughters, Stella, Violet and Iva all at home and one step-daughter, Mrs. John N. McPayden of Riverview, and two step-sons in the west. The funeral services took place at the home on Dec. 29th and were conducted by her pastor Rev. Geo. Ayers. Interment took place in Crapaud cemetery. The pall-bearers were: Allen Ferguson, Hon. J. H. Mayers, Thomas Cameron, Ambrose Barrett, Ne'l McNevin and E. C. Holm.

Thou know'st 'tis common, all that live must die. Passing through nature to eternity. -Shakespeare.

Basketball, stiffness-Minard's, relief. SPECIAL! Fresh Stock of Stall Fed Baby Beef - Just arrived. 20c Per Lb. Blood and White Puddings and Liver always in stock. Queen Meat Market J. R. SEVICK, Mgr. Phone 1301

Classified Advertisements

One Insertion ..... 10c per line of 5 words Three Insertions ..... 80 per line of 5 words Four Insertions ..... 80 per line of 5 words Eight Insertions ..... 70 per line of 5 words

For Sale CARDBOARD SUITABLE FOR lining out-houses, etc., 1c. per sheet. Guardian office.

FOR SALE - OLD PAPERS, 5 cents bundle Guardian Office. 3-4-11.

FOR SALE-TWO YOUNG COWS due to freshen Jan. 20th. Lloyd Shaw, Stanhope. 56-1-13-31

FOR SALE TO LET, BOARD AND room signs on hand at Guardian Office.

FOR SALE CHEAP A NICE DRIVING sleigh. Apply Peter Craig, St. Avards, Charlottetown. 82-1-14-11.

FOR SALE IN HUNTER RIVER, House and Lot formerly owned by the late Sarah Large. For further particulars apply to A. B. Clifton, Hunter River or Clifton Matheson, Freetown, Executors. 78-1-14-31.

TUDEBAKER PRESIDENT EIGHT sedan, seven passenger car in perfect condition. Will sell at sacrifice price. Car can be inspected at Moore Bros. Garage. 71-1-13-21

LEIGHS FOR SALE-"FRANCIS" Auto Back Cutters, have stood the supreme tests of time. This Cutter is trimmed in best Embossed Plush and for style and comfort, it is as well as suitable run for pleasure. Easy terms. J. S. Francis & Sons, Fortune Bridge, P. E. I. 15-1-13-31.

When a rumor once gets a good start it beats a comet for speed. Mrs. Juggins: "I told Mr. Beach I was thirty-five, and he said I was not equal. Reasonably priced. Husband: "Well, you don't. You haven't looked it for fifteen years."

WANTED - COMPETENT MAID for general housework. References! Apply "A", care of Guardian. 39-1-12-31

N. D. MacLean UNDERTAKER EMBALMER Charlottetown and North Wiltshire Phone 149