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SATURDAY ONLY CYRIL MAUDE IN "GRUMPY" ALSO NEW SHORT SUBJECTS

Increased Activity In Last Few Months In Construction Work

Interviewed by a Guardian representative, the contractors of the City seemed to be of the opinion that business during 1931-32 while not as good as other years, was nevertheless steady and latterly showed signs of picking up in good volume. A survey of the principal building and construction work done by local contractors during 1931-32 follows:

- MR. H. J. PHILLIPS, Contractor.**
Finished interior of Catholic Church at Georgetown. Repairs to Pure Milk Co. Repairs to Royal Bank. New houses on Grafton St.
- MacDOUGALL & MacAULAY, Carpenters and Contractors**
New warehouse for Carvel Brothers. New residence for Dr. P. A. Creelman. Two apartments (remodelling residence) for Mr. C. H. Chandler, City. Two apartments and residence for Mr. Neil Robinson. Richmond Street. Remodelling of double house for Mrs. James Punched. Hillsboro Street. New residence for Miss Mabel Worth, City. Renovated house, Upper Hill sboro Street. Considerable jobbing. Repairs to the interior of the building on Kent St. formerly occupied by the National Candy Company and taken over by the Government to accommodate Falconwood patients, including removal of the second floor and freezer, removal of cement ground floor, cutting out of office space, putting in a rear entrance, shorting of the first floor and the reworking of joists.
- MR. BORDEN-T. MYERS**
New Residence for Mr. James A. MacGugan, City. New barn for Capt. A. A. Cosgrove, Wellington. New barn for Mr. Lewis Myers, Craipaud. New residence for Mr. Wallace Stewart, Victoria. New residence for Mr. Lewis Myers, Capaud. New residence for Mr. Robert Duncan, Grafton St. City. New bakery for Tomlins & Bell, City. New roof on Club House at Charlottetown Golf Links. New bungalow and barn at Charlottetown Golf Links. Repairs on Milton Bell's Tea Rooms, City. Remodelling state rooms on steamer Bayfield for Bruce Stewart & Co. Repairs to Roy Heusler house, School Street. Repairs on Mr. Milton Bell's house, Euston St. New roof for Mr. James Knox, Victoria. Repairs on house for Miss Ruth Vinnicombe, City. Display windows and new plate glass for Kelly & MacInnis, City. Repairs on house for Mr. James Paton, Prince St. New roof and repairs for Mr. Charles Bell, Gt. George St. Repairs to Dredge No. 9 Charlottetown Repairs to sea house for Mrs. Patrick Trainor.
- MR. CHARLES COLES, Contractor.**
Remodelling R. T. Holman's store, City. Rebuilding two houses for Mr. George Wheadley, Euston Street. New summer house for Mr. H. P. Pickard at Inkerman. New garage and showroom for Mr. E. T. Higgs, Sydney Street. Remodelling Oddfellows recreation and dance hall, City. Fitting up Candy Factory for Mr. Sidney Green, Queen Street. Interior work New Telephone Building, Queen Street. New Island Store Mr. E. Mer Dunning, Euston Street. Fitting up store corner Kent and Great George Street for Mr. Elmer Dunning. Numerous repair and paint jobs.
- MR. BOURKE, Contractor.**
Queen Square School annex. New garage for Mr. W. Hogg, City. New windows in old Queen Square School. Remodelling of radio studio for Mr. James Gesner.
- LOWE BROTHERS**
Provincial Sanatorium. Connaught Apts. Remodelling Patriot Office. New counters and cases for Moore & McLeod Ltd. Re-modelling house for Mr. Jos. Shama. Installing Cold Storage in Car Ferry Prince Edward Island. Warehouse for Carter & Co. Ltd. And other jobbing too numerous to mention.
- VAIL BROS.**
New house on York Street for Mr. Lloyd Proud. New house on Park Terrace for Brooklyn Vail. Re-modelling (two apartments) D. B. Stewart, on Esplanade. Numerous repair jobs.
- HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 30.—**Lieut. Colonel George A. Drew, Canadian author and lecturer, is seriously ill at the home of his sister, Mrs. L. C. Sperry, Petite Riviere, Lunenburg County, N. S., according to word received by friends here to-night.

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SHORT SUBJECTS VANISHING LEGION No. 6 BIMBO'S INITIATION

SATURDAY ONLY BUCK JONES IN THE TEXAS RANGER PARADING PJAMAS VANISHING LEGION

Year Of Official Changes In Governments' Personnel

The year 1931 gave Canada a new Governor-General, four lieutenant-governors, a new ambassador to the United States, two new provincial premiers and three new senators. Lord Willingdon, who had been Governor General from October 2, 1926, was summoned to England in March to become Viceroy of India and was replaced on April 4 by the Earl of Bessborough, Saskatchewan. He was given a new lieutenant-governor, Dr. Hugh E. Munroe, on April 21; Alberta, Hon. W. L. Walsh, on May 5; British Columbia, J. W. F. Johnston, on July 19; and Nova Scotia, W. H. Covert, on October 9; the latter replacing Hon. Frank Stanfield, who had died suddenly, September 25, after occupancy of Government House for less than a year. Major W. D. Herridge, K.C., of Ottawa, was on March 8 formally appointed minister plenipotentiary for the Dominion to the United States.

On May 19, Hon. C. D. Richards was sworn as Premier of New Brunswick in succession to Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, appointed a judge; and on August 29, Hon. J. D. Stewart was sworn as Premier of Prince Edward Island (for a second time) as a result of the defeat of the ministry of Hon. W. M. Lea at the general elections of August 6.

The new senators all come from the west. Hon. Patrick Burns from Calgary, Hon. Arthur Marcotte from Pontiac, Sask., and Major-General A. D. McRae from Vancouver.

And the Royal Canadian Mounted Police was given a new commissioner, Major-General J. H. Macbride succeeding Major-General Cortlandt Starnes, who had directed the force from 1923.

THE YEAR IN POLITICS

The Dominion parliament made history in 1931. Not only did it provide the sensational and tragic revelations concerning Beauharnois, but it accomplished a record of legislation, not only far-reaching in its effects, but unequalled in volume for many a session. For the first time since Confederation the opening on March 12 was presided over by a deputy governor general, Lord Willingdon having left to proceed to India as viceroy, and his successor, the Earl of Bessborough, not having arrived; so the King's speech was read by Rt. Hon. L. P. Duff, of the supreme Court of Canada, as administrator. In less than a month came Easter and a recess during which the government travelled down to Halifax to participate in the swearing in of Lord Bessborough. The first division of the session, on the address in reply to his speech, gave a ministerial majority of 34; while the division on the budget gave a majority of 30 after a Progressive amendment had been rejected by 150 majority and a Liberal amendment by 39. A conference with the provinces having been held in April, a bill to signify Canada's adherence to that constitution amending measure, the Statute of Westminster, was passed practically unanimously.

The budget was late, but that was inevitable. Premier Bennett, in his capacity as minister of finance, gave an elaborate analysis of the Dominion's financial position in a period of world-wide crisis, asked for authority to expend \$400,000,000 (regardless of the later proposals to deal with the agricultural distress in the west and the unemployment crisis elsewhere); taxation was increased by an amount estimated at \$70,000,000; the sales tax was increased from 2 to 4 per cent; postage rates were increased a cent; revenue and other minor taxes were increased, while a special 1 per cent tax was put upon imports. In addition, many important changes were made in the tariff, mostly upward, over 100 items, affecting some \$200,000,000 of imports, being increased, and the government was given power to by proclamation levy an additional 33 to 1-3 per cent duty upon imports from any designated country. Probably next in importance was the ratification of the trade treaty with Australia, which has always had beneficial effects in both countries and which has laid the basis for future negotiations with the other dominions, as well as with the mother country at the empire economic conference, which will meet at Ottawa some time in 1932 as a result of the change of government in Great Britain and the abandonment of free trade by the old land. Mr. Bennett and his followers predicted all along from the failure of the Imperial Conference of 1930 that the voters in Britain would declare for inter-empire trade; the result justified their optimism, but it remains to be seen next year how protection to Canadian industries can be consistent with concessions to British imports.

The Grain Question
Another important result of the year, although one not put into legislation, was the decision as to future handling of grain in the west. The wheat pool had collapsed, leaving the three central provincial governments with heavy financial loads as guarantees. Careful consideration of the whole problem was necessary. The conclusion was an abandonment of the pool system and a return to ordinary trading methods, additional light upon the problem of marketing having been thrown by a royal commission, over which Sir J. Stamp, the great expert, presided.

Complete revision of the tariff was left for the future, the government taking authority to appoint a tariff board, with wider powers than that of the King government—more like the railway commission in fact; but that board had not been appointed up to a late period of the year.

Old Age Pensions
The federal grant to the provinces for old age pensions was increased

from 50 to 75 per cent., the intention being to, when finances permit, have the Dominion carry the whole burden; grants to the provinces for technical education were renewed for 15 years; authority was taken for the appointment of a controller of finance; the mint at Ottawa, which has since its creation, been a branch of the Royal Mint, was taken over and will now be wholly Canadian in fact as in name; indication was given that the serious problem of the railways and transportation in general would be studied by a commission; a bonus of five cents a bushel on wheat was authorized, and subsidies were granted to Canadian collieries, with the intention to eventually evolve a national fuel policy; a reform long advocated, that of abolishing the custom of members of the House of Commons appointed to the cabinet having to go back to their constituents for endorsement, was adopted, though first advocated by a Liberal member; the criminal code was straightened in several particulars, one amendment being designed to prohibit parades in the nude by Doughboys; and the bill making Thanksgiving and Armistice day the same was repealed, the former to be on a date proclaimed by the government, while the latter was ordered to be observed as a holiday on November 11 as Remembrance Day.

"A Free Hand"
Just before prorogation on August 3, Premier Bennett asked for a free hand in the relief of the farm distress and the urban unemployment. The opposition urged that a named sum should be voted, but Premier Bennett insisted that such was impossible under the circumstances and the result was that he was given a "blank cheque" to fill in the amount required, it to be ratified by parliament at its next session. The greater part of the recess has been devoted by ministers to the elaboration of a vast program of relief, in which the Dominion, the provinces and the municipalities will all share a part. As a result no man or woman or child in Canada will be allowed to starve but he who will not work will not get relief and will be treated as a vagrant. The sum is going to be enormous, probably \$100,000,000, but it was given popular endorsement by the success of the domestic National Service loan in December.

Only two elections were held for the House of Commons during the year. In Hamilton East, the Conservatives lost the seat to Labor, the winner having 3,696 majority; but this loss was compensated for by a Conservative win in Three Rivers, where for the first time for 30 years the Liberal standard bearer was defeated, the winner having a majority of 81. The scythe of death, busy in the Senate, ensured a Conservative majority in the upper house, so that the Bennett ministry will not be faced, like preceding ministries, with the threat of having its measures defeated in the Senate.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT — The Endowment Fund of the Protestant Orphanage has been increased by \$200,000 from the Estate of Mrs. Katie Fassmore, Summerside. The amount was received through Mr. T. D. Ramsay, Executor.

CHURCH SERVICES for sabbath Jan. 3rd, will be as follows: Hazelbrook at 11. Cross Roads at 3, and Alexandra at 7. The B. Y. P. U. will have charge of the service at Hazelbrook and the evening service at Alexandra will be in the form of a Pageant by the B. Y. P. U. of Alexandra. Minister, E. J. Chisholm.

SOCIAL GATHERING — The staffs of the Prince Edward and Capitol Theatres were entertained yesterday evening by Mr. Gallagher at supper at Milton's Tea Rooms. The party gathered there after the show and spent a pleasant hour together with songs and music. Each year Mr. Gallagher has this reunion with his staff, all of which goes to show the value of the co-operation, friendliness, and good spirit existing among the staff.

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA — Services on the above charge for Sunday Jan. 3, are as follows: Rose Valley 11 a. m. Granville 3 p. m. Pleasant Valley 7.30 p. m. The Quarterly Official Board will convene in the church at Bradbald on Monday Jan. 4 at 2 p. m. Thos. Palethorpe, minister.

FAMINE IN CHINA
DUPED B. C. FARMERS
VANCOUVER, Dec. 30.—This has been a tough year for Fraser Valley potato growers, so when fast-talking buyers toured the farmlands offering to buy everything in sight at top prices, the farmers eagerly fell in line.

"We're selling these spuds in China," said the buyers. "You've heard of the famine over there and the war and all that."

Growers shipped large quantities of potatoes to the buyers' warehouses.

But when the time came for collection the farmers found the warehouses empty and the buyers had vanished. The potatoes were hawked around the city at any price they would bring.

ROCKY POINT NOTES. — The festive reason passed very quietly save the usual variations of relatives and friends, though Christmas Day was disagreeable it did not stay the wanted gathering.

—The route from Rocky Point to Charlottetown is as clear as in mid-summer. The high wind off the past few days having driven the heating ice out of the harbour.

—The children of Ringwood school put on a splendid concert in Elliott Hall on Dec. 21st, every one acquitting themselves very creditably. A well laden tree adorned the corner of the hall and Santa made his usual appearance bringing greeting to the children and distributing the presents among them. Each child exchanged gifts and the Ringwood Institute gave each on a present. The teacher and organist Mrs. Garnet Campbell, were well remembered. Much credit is due the teacher Miss Margaret Smallwood, for the efficient way she had the children trained. Owing to the disagreeable night the gathering was not as large as anticipated.—Mrs. Isabel Currie although in her eighty-fourth year made the trip of nine miles to spend Christmas with friends.—Mrs. Mahler, storekeeper in Rocky Point, has greatly improved her dwelling, having moved away her old building and remodeled another one, thus making a cosy dwelling.—R.

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CENTRAL GUARDIAN
A CALENDAR has been received from Messrs Williams & Bentley, Ltd. representing the Maritime Life

ISLANDER DEAD—Mrs. Michael Conway has received a telegram conveying the sad news that her brother, Leo Prunty, had passed away in Watertown, New York.

TURNIPS — Loading daily at Charlottetown Railway Dump in bulk. Market price paid. Phone Henry Smallwood, Southport. 1581-11 11230-12-30-31

PRESBYTERIAN SERVICES AT Tryon. There will be public worship in the Presbyterian Church, Tryon, on Sunday, Jan. 3rd, at 3 p. m. Everybody welcome.

GIFT PARCELS—We continue giving free until February with every purchase of Watches, Jewelry or Silverware from \$2.00 upward. E. W. Taylor, 142 Richmond Street. 11218-12-30-21.

P. W. C. OPENING—The Prince of Wales College and Model School opens on Tuesday Jan. 5. Students of the second and third year meet at 2 o'clock on Wednesday, Jan. 6.

MANY HAPPY RETURNS — The day after Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Dickson, New Glasgow, received many congratulations on the 60th anniversary of their wedding. They have seen very many changes in that period of time.

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Freight Movements And Railway Activities Over Island Activities In 1931

The work on the Island Division of the Canadian National Railways for 1931 consisted principally of the completion of the new ferry terminals at Borden and Tormentine and installing of the new car ferry S. S. Charlottetown.

The work at Tormentine consisted of a new automobile road-way running from the main highway at the station down to the ferry landing, together with a new ramp and aprons for handling automobile traffic direct to the steamship.

There was also considerable reconstruction on the ferry slip at Borden. In addition to an installation for handling auto traffic 1930.

Capital expenditure: 1931 1930
General \$ 41,000 \$ 97,000
New Pisquid-Lake Verde Branch 25,000 319,000
Standardizing Murray Harbour Branch 4,000 8,900
Borden Terminal 230,000 605,000
Tormentine Terminal 226,000 268,000

Total capital expenditures \$26,000 \$1,291,000
Maintenance of Way and Structures \$550,000 \$494,000
Maintenance of equipment 85,000 37,000
Transportation 860,000 861,000

Total running expenses \$945,000 \$898,000
Grand Total expenditures \$1,471,000 \$2,189,000
There has also been spent to date on the new car ferry, \$1,070,000.

Following is a table giving number of cars of chief commodities shipped from Borden to Tormentine during each month of the year also total of cars shipped:

1930	Potatoes	Turnips	Live Stock	Total
December 1931	292	103	21	608
January	854	172	16	1204
February	381	51	14	541
March	770	65	15	850
April	1003	33	18	1228
May	661	34	24	1123
June	188	29	29	740
July	20	24	507	527
August	13	55	219	287
September	8	48	31	302
October	80	98	74	452
November	177	83	48	543
	4441	700	369	8579

Following is a similar table showing shipments from Tormentine to Borden:

1930	Flour	Gas	Total
December 1931	252	33	285
January	189	25	214
February	135	35	170
March	201	33	234
April	109	46	155
May	107	24	131
June	126	34	160
July	183	37	220
August	239	22	261
September	322	19	341
October	232	10	242
November	2159	403	2562

Following is a comparative table showing number of automobiles ferried from Borden to Tormentine and from Tormentine to Borden during each month of 1930 and 1931:

	Borden-Tormentine	Tormentine-Borden		
1930	1931	1930	1931	
April	15	2	28	342
May	198	256	294	612
June	436	467	607	1409
July	1068	878	1595	1792
August	1623	1867	796	878
September	894	1069	398	474
October	436	529	194	249
November	229	270	21	30
December	34	36	21	30
Total	4033	5311	5422	5776

Grand total cars ferried, 1930, 10,355; 1931, 11,087.

lights. A profusion of potted plants added to the beauty of the scene. The contour of the connecting arches between the rooms were trimmed with coloured tinsel and with silver tinsel icicles, presented a very pleasing appearance. In the dining room the table decorations were carnations and clusters of candlebra. Mrs. Tweedy, who wore her wedding gown of white bridal satin, and carrying an arm bouquet of white Joana roses, was assisted in receiving by her mother, Mrs. J. W. McKenzie, who was gowned in black lace with georgette and Mrs. C. B. Tweedy who wore black georgette with rhinestone trimmings. Mrs. Neil McKenzie and Mrs. E. T. Higgs poured tea, while Mrs. C. Gavan Duff cut the ices. Those assisting in dispensing hospitality were: Mrs. J. M. McLeod and Mrs. A. C. Sinclair. Assisting in serving: Mrs. Gay Judson, Misses Lillian McKenzie, Marion McKenzie, Isabel McLeod, Nan Shaw, Evelyn McKenzie and Mary Cummings. The door was answered by Miss Ruth Sinclair.

PLEASED AT HOME—Upwards of three hundred friends enjoyed the hospitality of Mrs. George J. Tweedy at a pleasing At Home at her residence, 36 Brighton Road, Tuesday afternoon from 4 until 6 o'clock. The pretty home was converted into a veritable fairyland with Christmas trees, colored tinsel and garlands. In the dining room a large tree lavishly decorated stood in one corner, with smaller ones in various parts of the house, all attractively decorated with candles and electric