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O. D. E. MEETING — The regular meeting of the O. D. E. was held Monday afternoon in the hall of the O. D. E. The attendance was regretfully low. It was nomination day for the election of officers for 1942. The members present were: 25 in all, including 10 new members. The officers elected were: President, Wm. Verwoide; Vice-President, Wm. Verwoide; Secretary, Wm. Verwoide; Treasurer, Wm. Verwoide; and Auditors, Wm. Verwoide and Wm. Verwoide.

FUNERAL OF MRS. MOUNTAIN — The funeral of Mrs. Leigh Mountain was held on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Dr. John MacNeill, 144 St. John Street, Summerside. The service was very largely attended. Rev. Wm. Verwoide conducted the service assisted by Rev. Mr. Sullivan. The pallbearers were all cousins of the deceased and were, Messrs. Bradford, Birchfield, Garfield, Earle, Harry and John Yeo. Interment was in the People's Cemetery, Summerside.—S.

PERSONALS
—Mr. Fred Muttart of Summerside was a passenger to Charlottetown on Tuesday.—S.

—Mrs. Wm. J. Buchanan, Summerside, has as her guests her sisters, Mrs. Wm. J. Buchanan and Mrs. Weeks, Fredericton, P. E. I. They are being pleasantly entertained during their stay.—S.

HANGS HEAD IN SHAME
"I hang my head in shame when I think that I was chairman of the meeting that chose Mitchell Hepburn to lead the Liberal party in Ontario." —S.

HEPBURN UNDER
The remarks of Mr. Hepburn regarding our Prime Minister are beneath contempt and are an insult to the intelligence of the electorate of Canada," Mr. Fulford said.

Mr. Turgeon first speaker of the day, praised the leadership and ability of Prime Minister Mackenzie King to whom he gave credit for United States aid to Britain and for the close relations between President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill.

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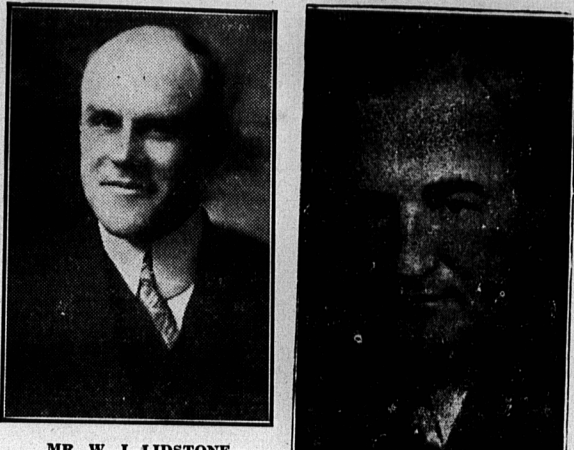
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Mayor-elect Retiring Mayor



MR. W. J. LIDSTONE, who was elected Mayor of Summerside yesterday for an eighth term.

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U. S. MARINES (Continued from page 1)

tack had overrun three lines of enemy trenches.

When the navy announced the formation of the battalion today, there was at first a disposition to believe that it represented reinforcements sent to Batan from the outside world, but this impression later was corrected.

The attack on a Japanese warship in Manila Bay was another chapter in the growing record of the accomplishments of the navy's powerful little motor torpedo boats, which skim over the wave crests at 70 to 80 miles an hour, loose their torpedoes and zig-zag away, counting upon their speed to prevent accurate hits by enemy guns.

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Kensington Summerside and Vicinity Board of Trade

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AIRPORT COMMITTEE
Your Airport Committee beg to report as follows:

Air transportation to Prince Edward Island has gone through numerous changes in the last year. Since the late 1930's, a new company operated by the one company, Canadian Airways, who for that whole period provided the Province with a service of very high order, we had three different Companies on this route during the last twelve months.

Canadian Airways carried through until the 15th April when Trans-Canada Airlines took over until the 15th December and from that date to the present a new company operated by one of the finest pilots of the original Canadian Airways Company has carried on with the most consistent service possible to provide working within the strict requirements of Transport Department regulations under which all passenger planes are licensed and permitted to run. These regulations have been established from the years of experience of passenger flying and although inconvenient at times add greatly to the safety factor which is so essential in aerial navigation.

Maritime Airways is largely a local institution, with the finances backed by a substantial concern, owned and managed by a descendant of this province. An appreciable portion of its stock is already owned locally which background assures real consideration of this Province's welfare in its operation. Since the 22nd of June, 1941, the Company have also been given the Magdalen Island route and the run from Moncton to St. John and return for both mails and passengers.

The T.C.A. still operates the route from Moncton to Halifax and will, in all probability, be extended to Sydney and even farther at a reasonably early date.

A crisis arose in March last that almost lost the route to the Province entirely. At that time the Post Office Department withdrew the mail contract from the Canadian Airways on the Moncton, Halifax run and as this was about the only paying section of the Company's operations they found it necessary to withdraw from the Maritime Provinces. The T.C.A. was instructed to operate the route abandoned by the old company but claimed the "Summerside" stop as its own. These operating conditions so the Post Office cut Summerside out as a stopping point, cancelled the carrier route from our Post Office to the Airport and said they intended to "shut" mail or passenger bus service to Charlottetown to connect with the Air Service there. As the roads had not been open to Charlottetown for over two months and there was no assurance when they would be open, your Board of Trade immediately got in touch with the Hon. Col. J. L. Ralston, our local Federal representative, and his prompt and it might be added, exceedingly energetic action changed the minds of those responsible and re-established Air Services to the port. You can be assured that if a representative of less standing than Mr. Ralston had been representing us that our Air Services would now be a thing of the past.

The full establishment of No. 9 S. P. T. S. at the Summerside Airport is one of the greatest steps in progress that Summerside has ever been favored with in its history, but even more so has it established this Town and in fact our whole county of Prince as one of the strongest links in the chain of war services in Canada. With a payroll of over one million dollars, the great majority of which is being spent in Summerside, besides all provisions and supplies procured locally it has certainly been a great economic factor in the maintenance of our Town's welfare.

The widening and extension of the runways on our port to five thousand feet is a much more important accomplishment than any other this size in Canada and the possibility of this development may not be long in developing to fuller advantage to this community. Encouraging progress has been made in procuring an installation for this port which will be of great value in allowing planes to land in almost any weather and when this is provided, Summerside will be one of the outstanding airports in the world, not only as a training centre but its highly strategic location will assure its continued active usefulness either in war or peace.

Mount Pleasant, one of Summerside's aerodrome relief ports is being greatly developed with hangars, quarters, water works and hard surfaced runways, making it a valuable all year station useful for greater usefulness at short notice.

A great lack in our Air Service here is the urgent need of Waiting Room facilities, especially in winter weather for the accommodation of passengers arriving and leaving from this Town. Summerside is the only place in Canada with Air Service of the duration and standing that we enjoy not provided with commodious and comfortable quarters of this kind. The finest equipment is provided from the Pacific to the Atlantic both on the ground and in the air, we have one of the best airports in the whole country, we serve the same passengers that use the other facilities and they leave from or arrive at Summerside they have to wait in a cold car or stand around in a snow bank. It is satisfactory to know that the Town Authorities have promised to construct the necessary facilities at an early date and it is hoped that this may now be done as soon as weather conditions permit.

This year there have been: Commercial plane landings at Summerside, 1050. Pounds of mail sent by air 14,572.

Among those from this vicinity who took advantage of the special train to Charlottetown on Friday evening were, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth MacLean, Sergeant Gerald MacNutt, Mrs. Ferdinand Kilbride and Miss Joyce Howard.

Miss Rosa Bell of Summerside was a visitor to Kensington on Thursday.

Pte. William Gill of the Veteran's Home Guard has returned to his duties at Fredericton after spending a most pleasant furlough at his home in Kensington.

His many friends are pleased to hear that Mr. Heath MacLeod is resting as comfortable as possible after his recent accident.

Mrs. Urban Pineau entertained a number of her friends at bridge at her home on Friday evening.

Mr. Bryce Dunning of the R. C. A. F. was a visitor to Kensington on Friday evening, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Dunning.

Mr. Ferdinand Kilbride of the R. C. A. F. spent a couple of days with his wife and family at Kensington.

Miss Lucille MacQuaid of Richmond spent the weekend at her home in Kensington.

The Messrs L. A. Mann and Preston Wadman were business visitors to Summerside on Saturday.

Miss Annie Carr of New London is spending a few days in Kensington, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Dunning.

A most successful pantry sale and Bazaar was held at Wesley of Champion's shop in Saturday afternoon in aid of the Red Cross. This was under the auspicious of the Busy Bee Unit of the Kensington Red Cross Branch.

Lance Volunteer Elmer Gauthier is spending a pleasant leave with his wife and family in Kensington.

Mr. William Champion of Summerside spent the weekend at his home in Kensington.

Sergeant Gerald MacNutt of the R. C. A. F. left on Saturday morning for Ontario where he will visit his brother before returning to his station.

Pte. Joseph Arsenault of the R. C. A. F. is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Arsenault in Kensington.

Miss Marian Kennedy and Mrs. Austin Bear of Kensington have returned to their homes after spending the past couple of weeks in Summerside.

The Misses Jean, Joan, Catherine and Ina Larkin of Summerside spent the week-end in Kensington.

Sergeant Major Frederick and Mrs. Semple are visiting at their home in Kensington, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Brown and Mr. Mrs. Tyndill Semple.

Miss Glenn Bernard of Summerside was a recent visitor to Kensington the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Bernard.

Mr. George Henderson of Moncton is spending a few days in Kensington on business.

Mr. Urbin Harding of French River, was a visitor to Summerside on Saturday evening. H.

N. S. Legislature To Open Feb. 19

HALIFAX, Feb. 3—(CP)—The first session of Nova Scotia's 19th legislature will open Feb. 19, information minister Harold Conroy announced tonight.

The members will meet for the first time since Premier A. S. MacMillan's Liberal forces swept 23 of the 30 House seats in the general election last Oct. 28. The opposition will consist of four Conservatives and three Co-operative Commonwealth Federation representatives.

FREDERICTON, Feb. 3—(CP)—The third session of New Brunswick's legislature will open Feb. 17, Premier J. B. McNair, announced tonight after a pre-session caucus of Liberal members. This date was set tentatively a few weeks ago and confirmed at today's caucus.

Says U. S. Receiving Large Rubber Supplies

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3—(AP)—Secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones declared today the United States still is receiving practically the entire rubber output of the Netherlands East Indies and that 114,000 tons had arrived in this country from the western Pacific and other sources since war began.

Mr. W. J. Lidstone Is Elected Mayor

Defeated retiring Mayor John E. Campbell by 170 votes; All retiring Councillors are re-elected.

Mr. W. J. Lidstone was elected Mayor of Summerside for an eighth term yesterday, defeating retiring Mayor John E. Campbell by a majority of 170 votes in the civic election. Lidstone polled 460 votes and Campbell 290.

By wards the votes were: Centre ward—Lidstone 253; Campbell 59. West ward—Lidstone 186; Campbell 114. East ward—Lidstone 189; Campbell 117.

Three retiring members of the council were also re-elected. In the centre ward T. D. Morrison was returned by acclamation. In the east ward Councillor J. Lloyd Gorrill defeated Herbert Schurman. He retired on the eve of one election because of ill health.

The council board now consists of Mayor Winslow J. Lidstone; Councillors—R. L. Mollison; D. F. MacNeill; Wm. Smallman; J. Lloyd Gorrill; T. D. Morrison and Henry Wedge.

J. Leigh Stewart had a majority of 113 votes. Stewart had 413 votes and Palmer 300.

By wards the votes were: centre ward—Stewart 77; Palmer 67. West ward—Stewart 183; Palmer 135. Totals Stewart 413; Palmer 300.

Mayor-elect Lidstone was elected Mayor for his first term in 1923. At that time one-year terms were in effect. He was re-elected in 1924, 26, 29, 30, 31, and 34. The last term, 1934-35, was the first he served after the change was made to the two-year system.

Mr. Lidstone has never been defeated in mayoralty contests. He retired on the eve of one election because of ill health.

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4000 Casualties At Hong Kong Is Guess

Col. Ralston announced in Commons that it was only rough guess one-third Canadians were killed or wounded.

OTTAWA, Feb. 3—(CP)—Defence Minister Ralston tonight disclosed in the House of Commons receipt yesterday of a message which said that casualties from the entire British force at Hong Kong, including Canadians, were at a "very rough guess" 4,000 killed and wounded.

The Minister said it is estimated that the whole Hong Kong garrison would number about 12,000.

On the basis of the "very rough guess" in the message, previously received by the British War Office, it was indicated about one-third of the garrison were casualties in the Japanese assault.

Col. Ralston said that earlier the British Embassy at Chungking had messaged that casualties among the Canadian troops at Hong Kong were difficult to estimate because communications with the Quebec Royal Rifles, one of the two Canadian regiments, had ceased.

The message then said: "Guess but only guess one-third of fighting strength killed, wounded or taken prisoner during fighting, remainder presumably taken prisoner on capitulation."

Some days ago it was announced that Canada's representation in the Hong Kong garrison was 1,885 officers and men, mostly members of the Winnipeg Grenadiers and the Royal Rifles.

Col. Ralston rose in the House to reply to statements attributed to Rev. B. C. Eckardt of London Ont. in a Toronto newspaper this morning. The report said Mr. Eckardt in a speech had "charged the King government with deliberately withholding the Hong Kong casualty lists until after the Feb. 9 by-elections."

"The statement made by this reverend gentleman at Welland, to the effect that information regarding casualty lists was being deliberately withheld until after the Feb. 9 by-elections is absolutely false," Col. Ralston said.

"I can state that no casualty lists have been received respecting the Canadian fighting force at Hong Kong except those which have already been published by the press."

The Toronto newspaper report said Mr. Eckardt had said that "Ottawa knows them (the casualties), and more are buried in the blood-stained soil of Hong Kong than are in Japanese prison camps."

"Regarding the statement, which directly implies that the number of our troops who were taken prisoners of war—the government has no information which would afford foundation for any such statement," Col. Ralston said.

In view of the distress which this statement would cause he thought it advisable to make a statement on the present situation. The messages from Chungking about Canadian casualties had not been made public earlier because he and Air Minister Power consid-

R.C.A.F. list Of casualties

OTTAWA, Feb. 3—(CP)—Three men were reported killed and one reported missing overseas in the Royal Canadian Air Force's 178th casualty list of one who issued today, and in Canada one man was reported killed, two dead from natural causes and one presumed dead.

Following is the latest list of casualties with official number and next-of-kin:—

Overseas
Killed on active service: Campbell, Ronald Fawcett, Sgt., R81267, Mrs. F. W. Campbell (mother) Campbell, N. B.
Patrick, Alexander Grant, Sgt., R69348, Mrs. C. A. L. Patrick (mother) Sylvan Lake, Alta.

Previously reported missing, now reported killed on active service: Hale, Edward, Sgt., R54890, Mrs. E. E. Hale (wife) Vancouver.

Missing after air operations: Eddy, Donald Leslie, PO., J5034, Mrs. C. L. Eddy (mother) London, Ont.

Canada
Killed on active service: White, A. S. LAC, RAF1313697, Pte. White (father) Hurst, Berkshire, England.

Previously reported missing, now for official purposes presumed dead: Clarkson, Joseph, LAC, RAF 1051926, Mrs. J. W. Clarkson (wife) Blackpool, Lancs., Eng.

Died from natural causes: McCrea, Robert Athol John, LAC, AUSA20238, Miss J. McCrea (sister) c/o Tilabo Shire Office, Junee, N. S. W.

Thompson, Eric Fregard, AC, GB617153, Mr. Thompson (initials unlisted), (father) Ivy Lodge, Bath and Tyngsham.

More Aid For Russia

LONDON — (CP) — A 12-year-old boy who wanted to help Russia raised his table tennis set and sent the proceeds plus some savings to the National Council of Labor's Help for Russia Fund.

Discriminating tea drinkers

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