

Willey Lodge I.O.O.F. Initiates Five Candidates

At a special session of Willey Lodge No. 27, I.O.O.F. held Wednesday night, Dec. 21st, the Initiatory Degree was conferred in a most impressive and dignified manner on the following five candidates...

Central Guardian

EXCELLENT ASSORTMENT OF Pipes for Xmas Gifts. — Fred Lambros.

DR. MacGUGAN will be absent from his office till about Jan. 5.

ZELLERS RUMORED PURCHASERS — It is rumored that the purchasers of the properties on Kent Street between Prince and Great George, acquired some time ago through a trust company, are Zellars, Ltd., a chain variety store.

NAME OMITTED — Inadvertently omitted from the Prince of Wales College formal program, published yesterday, was the song, "I Can Dream Can't I", which was sung beautifully by Miss Nancy MacNevein.

DISPLAY NEW SIGN — A novel neon sign is displayed by Yellow Cab. It was erected on Wednesday in front of the firm's new building on the east side of Great George St., between Kent and Grafton Streets.

LUCKY WINNER — The winning ticket in a juvenile Abbies lottery is a mantle radio, which was drawn by Brig. W.W. Reid at the Travel Bureau yesterday afternoon was held by Mr. Gordon Cudmore, 22 Park St. The lottery was to raise funds for the Juvenile Abbies hockey team. The lucky ticket was No. 1912.

DIES IN CARMAN, MANITOBA — Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd G. Williams will regret to learn of the death of Mrs. Williams' sister, Mrs. W. M. Dickinson, of Carman, Manitoba. Mrs. Dickinson had been seriously ill for some time, and died at her home in Carman on December eleven.

FUNERAL YESTERDAY — The funeral of the late John J. Campbell was held on Dec. 22 from his home at Poplar Point to St. George's Church where Requiem Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Bennett MacDonell who also conducted services at the grave. The pallbearers were: Leslie Hunter, Norman MacLeod, Charles MacDonell, Herbert MacLeod, James Campbell, J. D. Banks.

REGISTRATION FEES CUT — Registration fees for trucks and buses weighing over 6,000 pounds have been reduced by 25 cents per hundred pounds. It was announced following a meeting of the Government this week. This reduction will mean a saving of from \$1500 up to the owners of such vehicles. Previous rate per hundred pounds was \$2.50.

PHIATS MEET — Last evening the Phiats held their Christmas meeting, following the singing of the Christmas carols at the Provincial Sanatorium and Prince Edward Island Hospital. Each member contributed toward the purchase of a Christmas dinner for a needy family. Afterwards chocolate and cakes were served by the lunch committee.

COMPENSATION PAYMENTS — The six-months-old P. E. I. Workmen's Compensation Board has recently paid out \$10,000. It will pay out approximately another \$10,000 in what might be termed bills now pending. It was learned yesterday. A recent change in the rules has set a minimum of five dollars assessment for any one employer in the Province. The number of Board members has been increased as recent legislation has placed all Federal employees in the Province under the P. E. I. Board. In attempts to cut down accidents, safety devices have been installed in several plants.

CREDIT FOR ELECTRICAL TRAINING — Electrical training in the Vocational School or any recognized institution will be credited towards a man's apprenticeship in becoming a journeyman electrician as the result of an amendment to the Electrical Act in P. E. I. at the Government meeting this week. A Grade A certificate at the institution gives the student two years credit. A Grade B certificate one year and eight months; grade C certificate one year and four months and a grade D certificate one year.

PERSONALS — Mr. W. C. Pursey, North Rustico, has returned to his home after a recent operation in the Charlottetown Hospital.

Miss Sue Jones and Mr. Robert Jones, Hazelbrook, left by this morning's train for Cambridge, Mass., where they will visit their mother, Mrs. Stanley Sanford, and other relatives.

WATTS — Suddenly at Grand Trunk, December 21, Allison Frederick Watts in his 24th year, son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Watts. Remains resting at the Cutcliffe Funeral Home until Saturday then to York United Church, service starting at 3 p.m. Interment in York Cemetery.

WEIR — At the Provincial Sanatorium, John Angus Weir, aged 52 years. Remains resting at his home, 56 Cumberland Street, from where the funeral will take place Saturday morning at 8.45 to St. Dunstan's Basilica for Requiem High Mass. Burial in Roman Catholic cemetery.

N. D. MacLean UNDERTAKER EMBALMER Charlottetown and North Westshore PHONE 148

Will Celebrate Their 40th Wedding Anniversary Today



Heartiest congratulations are being tendered Premier J. Walter Jones and Mrs. Jones, who are celebrating today their fortieth wedding anniversary at their home in Bunbury.

Retired Railway Men Honoured

Two retired railway men, Mr. Ross McEwen, former chief train dispatcher and Mr. Chester H. Craswell, freight checker, received presentations at gatherings of fellow workers yesterday afternoon.

Mr. MacEwen was presented with a sum of money by the Superintendent Mr. C. T. Montgomery on behalf of the staff of the general offices. He responded with a word of thanks and a Christmas greeting. The gathering was held in the assembly hall at the station building.

Mr. Craswell was remembered by fellow workers of the freight department in the freight office. The address was read by Mr. Charles Doyle and Mr. E. M. Campbell, freight agent, presented him with a sum of money. Mr. Craswell thanked his fellow workers for their kind remembrance and wished them all the compliments of the season. He had thirty seven years service with the C. N. R.

FREIGHT RATES

Continued from page 1

ably, this would be undertaken as soon as the court's opinion has been transmitted officially to the Board.

In any case, informed sources said the railways themselves undoubtedly would go before the Board shortly to seek action on the deferred "final determination" of their application.

Officers and legal counsel of the Canadian Pacific Railway — which brought the case to the Supreme Court — were conferring here today on the court ruling. It was understood they had not yet decided when the next move would be made. The company did not issue any statement on the judgment in its favor.

The government-owned Canadian National Railways, which took part in the original rate application, did not join the C.P.R. in the appeal. However, observers considered it likely the C.N.R. would get back into the case once it re-opens before the Board.

The Board, which regulates the railways and other transport and communication agencies for the Federal Government, has a number of possible courses open to it in the light of the court judgment. P. E. I. Board. In attempts to cut down accidents, safety devices have been installed in several plants.

No Indication of Reaction — There was no information to-night on how the seven Provincial cases actively opposed to rate increases would react to the reopening of the case before the Board. On the basis of their moves to date, it would appear they

season's crop. The prospects are good for establishing a permanent business in this comparatively new field, he declared.

Island Co-op Services have shipped 450 cars of produce from their co-op producers in the three months since this organization went into business. This represents a business of some \$250,000 to U. S. and Canadian markets, states Mr. O'Brien.

Expansion in buying and selling in the wholesale field is planned as the demand increases for these services.

DIDN'T STOP CHRISTMAS — A treaty of friendship and alliance between the Chinese Republic and the Soviet Union was signed in Moscow on August 14, 1945.

P. E. I. Lobsters Show Increase In Catch, Value

Lobsters, the most important of the Island fisheries, showed an increase of 5,154 cwt. in the quantity landed and an increase in value of \$16,782 as compared to 1948 reported Mr. J. J. Larabee, Supervisor of Fisheries, in a report on the fishing industry for 1949.

The total amount of fish and Irish Moss landed however showed a decrease of 12,772 cwt., as there were 328,066 cwt. landed in 1949 as against 340,138 cwt. in 1948. Total cash value decreased from \$2,201,267 for 1948 to \$2,055,588 in 1949 a total of \$145,709.

Total catch of fish in 1949 amounted to 282,000 cwt. as compared with 310,332 cwt. for 1948, a decrease of 28,332 cwt. in the quantity of fish landed. The value of fish for 1949 was \$2,001,584 as compared with \$2,165,306 a decrease of \$163,722.

The oyster catch was 26,956 cwt. in 1949 as compared with 30,738 cwt. in 1948, a decrease of 3,782 cwt., and of \$11,672 in value. Mackerel also showed a decrease in both quantity and value. The total catch of mackerel during the past year amounted to 16,122 cwt., as against 26,747 cwt. in 1948, a decrease of 10,625 cwt. Cash value decreased from \$104,085 in 1948 to \$67,267 in 1949, a total of \$36,818.

There were 43,213 cwt. of herring caught in 1949 as against 60,027 cwt. in 1948, a decrease of 16,814 cwt. Cash value in 1949 amounted to \$1,990 compared to \$12,355 in 1948 a decrease of \$10,365.

A substantial increase is noted in the catch of clams. Total cwt. caught in 1949 amounted to 11,339 as against 4,821 cwt. in 1948 an increase of 6,518 cwt. The cash value increased from \$8,548 in 1948 to \$19,078 in 1949 a total of \$10,530.

The cod catch was slightly lower than that of 1948. 61,758 cwt. were landed in 1949 as against 61,862 cwt. in 1948, a decrease of 106 cwt. Cash value decreased from \$163,550 in 1948 to \$163,079 in 1949, an amount of \$471.

would fight any action to boost the eight per cent.

The provinces, all except Ontario, Quebec and Newfoundland, opposed the C.P.R. appeal before the supreme court, contending the Board had cited ample grounds for putting off a final verdict on the 20-per-cent application, even though the single ground of waiting for the royal commission report might not be a valid one.

The court held that some of these matters on which the Board was awaiting more information might be relevant to the issue. But if that were so, the justices declared, it was up to the Board itself to make its own judgment rather than await the finding of another body such as the royal commission.

The court decision was unanimous on the part of five justices including Chief Justice Thibault, Rinfret. The 3,000-word judgment was written by Mr. Justice R.L. Kellock and concurred in, in addition to the Chief Justice, by Justices Patrick Keenan, Robert Taschereau and Ivan C. Rand.

The highest court had been called on by the C.P.R. to answer "yes" or "no" to these two questions:

1. Was it the duty of the Board, on a railway application, to determine whether and to what extent a freight-rate increase should be authorized, because of changing conditions or cost of transportation?

2. If so, did the Board fail to perform that duty on the 20-per-cent application when it postponed final determination of the case for the reasons set out in its judgment?

Farm Prices And Markets

Three developments are necessary for our future agricultural programme on Prince Edward Island; first a re-adjustment of our production; second, still greater emphasis on quality and third, re-organization of our marketing programs," stated Mr. Walter R. Shaw, Deputy Minister of Agriculture in his weekly market report.

Mr. Shaw reviewed the recent conference and the resulting lowered prices following the lack of some British contracts. He said that although the outlook is not immediately bright, the "prospects may be brighter than present conditions indicate."

Livestock — Prices on all classes of livestock on the Montreal market at December 20th were sharply down and this has reflected on lower prices at Maritime slaughter centers. Prices on light hog carcasses at Montreal are down \$1.00 per hundred weight below Grade A prices. This will affect only carcasses of 119 pounds and lighter. This rather drastic action has been taken to prevent further selling of unfinished hogs. Farm producers should keep this in mind when marketing if at all possible bring your hogs up to finished weights.

Monoton hog and sow prices are down \$1.00 each this week. At Charlottetown hog prices are down \$1.00 with sow prices down \$1.50. The following is the detail:

At Charlottetown hog prices are: Grade A's 27.75; B's 27.35; No. 1 sows 18.00; No. 2 sows 17.00. Cattle—Choice steers and heifers 20.00; good 18.00; medium 16.00; common 12.00. Choice cows 13.50; medium 12.00; common 11.00; canners and cullers 9.00-10.00. Good bulls 13.50; common 11.50. Calves—Choice 18.00; good 17.00; common 13.00; grassers 11.50-12.50.

Sheep—Good 7.00; common 3.00. At Charlottetown hog prices are: Grade A 26.75; B's 26.35; No. 1 sows 17.00; No. 2 sows 16.00. Cattle—Delivered to plant on plant scales: Steers good 18.50; medium 16.00-18.00; common 14.00-16.00. Heifers—Good 18.00; medium 16.00-18.00; common 14.00-16.00. Good cows 13.50; medium 12.00; common 9.00-11.00. Good butcher bulls 14.00. Bologna bulls 10.00-13.00.

Calves—Delivered: Good and choice 18.00; common and medium 15.00-17.00. Sheep—Delivered: Good 7.00; common 3.00.

Monoton prices are hot dressed weight delivered with cattle, calves and sheep F.O.B. country points; Calf, sheep and lamb prices delivered to the plant. The market seems to be rather unsettled at Montreal and naturally Maritime prices are very sensitive to trading conditions in Upper Canada.

Potatoes — Potato movement is still at a low price level and it is not anticipated that there will be very much pick-up at least until after the holidays. Some publicity has been given to the fact that there has been an increase in United States production, bringing the figure up to over 400 million bushels. Markets in both Canada and the United States are still soft.

The freight rate from Maine as far south as New York City has been changed by a reduction of 13c per 100 pounds, which is a substantial amount. This reduction was made to compete with trucks but it is affecting Canadian competition in this market. If the full duty of 75c per hundred weight and the new freight differential are taken into consideration it provides a favourable situation for Maine producers in competition with Canadian imports.

The market in Central Canada and to the West should improve with the new year and some centres are already moving forward to western centres. At present, however, in the vicinity of 50c per bushel for tablestock potatoes is not leaving any margin of profit for the producer.

The following prices are submitted, but this week a number of centres are left out of the quotations, due to the fact that there is not sufficient movement by car to set a price. Incidentally there are a number of boats still loading at Prince Edward Island points.

Summerside — Seed. Sebagoes Certified Seed 100 bushel at the car with 10c more for Foundation. Slow demand. No. 2 Sebagoes 75c-85c. Very few available. Light movement of tablestock at 60c-65c per bag at the car.

Borden Line—Seed. No definite price and none moving. Tablestock, 65c-68c per bag at the car with light movement.

Charlottetown—Seed prices are on the same level as last week. Tablestock is 70c per bag at the car.

Morell—Seed. Cobblers 68c per bushel at the car with a light movement. Tablestock, 55c per bushel at the car. Very little movement.

Souris—Seed at the shed is 68c per bushel for Foundation and Certified Cobblers. Katahdins and Sebagoes with a heavy movement to the two boats recently loading there. No price on tablestock.

Elmira—Seed. No. 1 Katahdin 65c-68c per bushel at the car. Cobblers 67c. Tablestock 45c-50c per bushel at the car. Not much movement.

Kensington—No seed moving worth speaking of and a light movement of tablestock is bringing 60c per bushel at the warehouse.

prints 82 1/2c with 64c to retail stores. For the week ending Dec. 10th, there were 68,341 pounds of butter made in the province as compared with 68,154 pounds made last year. It would look as if butter prices will be pretty steadily maintained as it has been announced that the price support butter will continue to be maintained at least present levels. It is too early to prophesy regarding next year's dairy situation but we can safely assume that cheese prices will be on a lower level.

FEED PRICES

Feed prices have eased off a bit this past week. It is interesting to note, however, that barley production in Canada was thirty-five million bushels less in 1949 than in 1948. The over stock in July was two and one-half million bushels below. The over-all supply for 1949-50 is down thirty-seven million bushels from one year ago and there is evidence that the carry over stock of oats and barley at the end of the present crop year will be extremely low with supplies for 1949-50 crop year depending almost solely upon the production of 1950 crop. Strong domestic and export market for barley for malting and feeding purposes exists.

The present lower prices in feeds may, therefore, be temporary in character. The outlook is for strong tone in feed markets in the months that lie ahead. No. 1 feed barley has been quoted during the past week at around \$2.90 per cwt. carload, which would leave barley meal in the retail market at approximately \$3.25 per hundred. No. 1 feed oats will be available at \$2.85 bagged and retailed. It is interesting to note that some of our feed mills are paying 75c per bushel for mixed grain on a 50-50 barley and oats basis. This price is local centres with the mills supplying the bags.

TURNIPS

Turnip prices are prevailing at 60-65c per bushel, and with the market as it is in the Boston area, I cannot see how dealers can pay a higher level.

Boston is rather changeable and prices at the time of compiling our information were a bit off. There is an interesting sidelight on turnip markets. Enquiries have been received from areas outside of Boston — New Hampshire and elsewhere regarding supplies of P. E. I. turnips, waxed and unwaxed, and the complainants have registered their intent to be some of a monopoly in the Boston area on our supplies. There is an opportunity to contact these outlying markets and possibly help sustain our prices and extend our demand. Up to the present time 1,212 cars of turnips have been shipped from the Island and there is no doubt the demand will continue to be keen during the rest of the season. This year Ontario is out, because of a short crop of a large area for normal markets. At the present time Ontario dealers are asking a high price for their product which recently rose as high as 85c per bushel. This price has slowed up demand. We have a splendid opportunity, however, in this Province to popularize the merits of P. E. I. turnips and extend our area of demand. This means, of course, improvement in quality and marketing technique. I would not be surprised to find turnips improving materially in price during the winter and next spring.

NO JAIL BREAK

LEWES, Sussex, England — (CP) — A woman living near Lewes prison saw two men jump down from the prison wall. She gave the alarm; the warden ordered all convicts locked in their cells. Search parties found the "escapes" were civilian workers who had been repairing the prison wall.

Death Yesterday Of Mr. J. A. Weir

The death occurred at the Provincial Sanatorium yesterday of Mr. John Angus Weir, 56 Cumberland Street, at the age of fifty-two.

A veteran of the First World War, Mr. Weir had been gassed during his service with the 11th Ammunition Column, and never fully recovered from the consequences. He entered the civil service after the war, and was for seventeen years employed in the Post Office Department in Charlottetown. Some years ago he was forced to discontinue this work, and received a full disability pension for his overseas service.

Mr. Weir was a skilled craftsman in making and repairing fishing rods and tackle, and his handmade split bamboo rods were eagerly sought after by sportsmen. One of these rods he presented to His Excellency Viscount Alexander during the Governor General's holiday visit here in 1948. The latter expressed his warm appreciation, and last year sent the donor his personal Christmas greetings. On Wednesday, just a few hours before Mr. Weir passed away, another Christmas card arrived from His Excellency.

Mr. Weir is survived by his wife, the formerly Miss Mary Kilfoy, Charlottetown, and the following children: Miss Joan Frances, John Angus, Robert Michael, and Dorothy Margaret; also by his mother, Mrs. Frank Weir, one sister, Mrs. Frank Walker, and three brothers, Gilbert, Theodore and Peter, all of Charlottetown.

Service Station Gas Tanks Explode

One gas tank was completely destroyed, another was badly damaged and a third was slightly damaged as the result of an explosion at the time of compiling our information were a bit off. There is an interesting sidelight on turnip markets. Enquiries have been received from areas outside of Boston — New Hampshire and elsewhere regarding supplies of P. E. I. turnips, waxed and unwaxed, and the complainants have registered their intent to be some of a monopoly in the Boston area on our supplies. There is an opportunity to contact these outlying markets and possibly help sustain our prices and extend our demand. Up to the present time 1,212 cars of turnips have been shipped from the Island and there is no doubt the demand will continue to be keen during the rest of the season. This year Ontario is out, because of a short crop of a large area for normal markets. At the present time Ontario dealers are asking a high price for their product which recently rose as high as 85c per bushel. This price has slowed up demand. We have a splendid opportunity, however, in this Province to popularize the merits of P. E. I. turnips and extend our area of demand. This means, of course, improvement in quality and marketing technique. I would not be surprised to find turnips improving materially in price during the winter and next spring.

Estimate of the damage could not be obtained last night but it is known that each pump costs in the vicinity of \$450. There was no one injured by the explosion. A fire started in the centre pump which caused the other two pumps to explode. The front and back were blown out of each pump.

A plumber fixing a gas leak on the centre pump had his hair singed. City firemen extinguished the blaze by means of one line of hose and chemical extinguishers.

Cherry Valley Junior Farmers Annual Meeting

On the evening of December 5th, the members of the Cherry Valley Junior Farmer group, met at Cherry Valley school to hold their annual meeting.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved. Following this the secretary gave a report of the year's work, this being, dances, share the wealth program, crokinole parties, painting mailboxes, and many other projects. The financial report then showed that we have on hand the neat sum of \$118.00.

Resolutions were read by the resolutions committee, these including letters of appreciation to the Cherry Valley Earncliffe Women's Institutes, also to the trustees of same districts for their help and co-operation during the year.

Ronnie McInnis, the retiring president then thanked the members for their co-operation and the interest shown toward making the organization a success.

Lloyd Martin, president of the P. E. I. Junior Farmers' Federation, gave a brief address to the members, also moved a vote of thanks be extended to the executive for their efforts during the year. This motion was seconded by Charles McInnis.

Charles then moved a vote of thanks be extended to the president. The highlight of the evening was a very interesting talk by one of the welcome visitors, Mr. John Martin. Mr. Martin congratulated the Club on the work achieved and explained the benefits of having a moving picture projector in the community. He thoroughly outlined the way one could be obtained and it was decided to hold a meeting after the New Year, to further discuss the possibilities of obtaining one.

The new officers for the ensuing year were then appointed as follows: President, Charles McInnis; Vice-President, Michael McInnis; Secretary, Mrs. Lloyd Martin; Directors, Ronnie Melanis, Bennett McInnis, Joseph Doyle, Lloyd Martin, Alex. MacInnis, Charles McInnis, Michael McInnis.

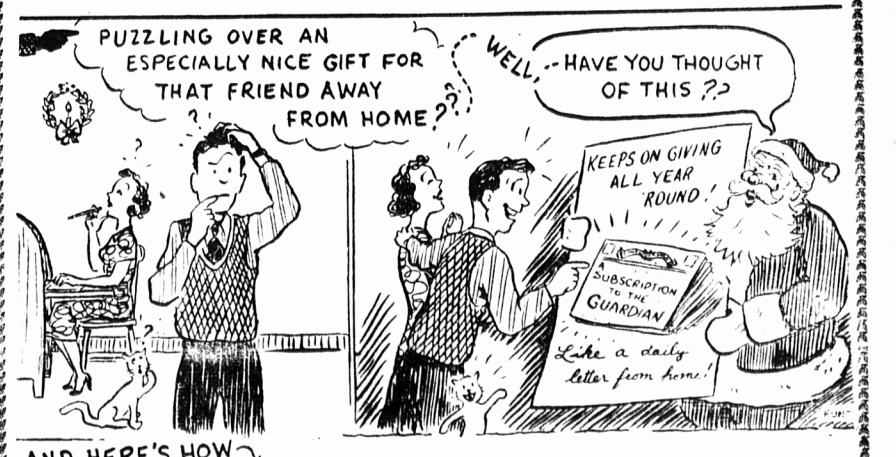
Christmas Holiday Schedules

We will operate the following schedules Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, December 25th, 26th, 27th:— Lv. Charlottetown 9:15 p.m. for Summerside and Tignish. Lv. Tignish 2:45 p.m. for Summerside and Charlottetown. Lv. Charlottetown 10:10 a.m. for Summerside. Lv. Charlottetown 4:00 p.m. for Summerside. Lv. Summerside 9:55 a.m., 5:10 p.m., 9:15 p.m. for Charlottetown. Lv. Charlottetown 9:15 p.m. for Souris and Elmira. Lv. Elmira 4:30 p.m. for Charlottetown. Lv. Souris 5:15 p.m. for Charlottetown. Lv. Summerside 12:01 p.m. for Borden. Lv. Borden 8:30 p.m. for Summerside and Charlottetown.

We will return to regular schedules on Wednesday, December 28th. All dirt road operations subject to road and weather conditions.

Island Motor Transport, Limited

CH'TOWN PHONE 248 S' SIDE PHONE 560



CLIP AND MAIL TODAY TO THE GUARDIAN

Enclosed please find \$..... for a months subscription to THE GUARDIAN to be sent with my compliments to:— NAME ADDRESS NAME OF SENDER ADDRESS

An appropriate Christmas Card will be mailed stating from whom the gift is sent.

Rates off the Island to any part of Canada or the U. S. are:— One year \$7.00; six months \$4.00; three months \$2.25; one month 80c. Saturday copy—One year \$2.00; six months \$1.00; three months 50c.

Rates on the Island:— City—One year \$6.00; 6 months \$3.50; 3 months \$2.25; one month 70c. Country—One year \$5.00; 6 months \$2.75; 3 months \$1.50; one month 50c

HOLMAN STORE NEWS

Christmas is the most wonderful time of the whole year—a time of giving and receiving—a time of joy and good cheer—a time when the spirit of goodwill fills men's hearts—a time to extend good wishes for health, happiness and prosperity—to say simply and sincerely the old fashioned but tried and true— MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ONE AND ALL