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MAMMOTH TAG DAYS - Summerside, Friday and Saturday, for Canadian Appeal for Children Fund under joint auspices of Catholic Women's League and I.O.D.E.

NEW LONDON Presbyterian Church, Services Sunday, March 7th. Geddie Memorial 11.00 A.M. Long River 2.30 P.M. Clifton 7.30 P.M. Rev. D. A. Campbell, Minister.

FOR SALE - Limited number on hand Three Section Leavor Harrows. Also Straw Blower Fans, Cement Mixers, Pump Jacks. Order now. W. D. Croken, Emerald R. R.

VARIETY CONCERT, King George Hall, Kensington, Tuesday, March 3, 8.15, sponsored by Kelvin Grove Women's Institute. If not fine, Wednesday. Admission 25 and 35c.

FUNERAL YESTERDAY - Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lorne McFarlane, Summerside, at 1:30 p.m. for John George Cleworth, infant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cleworth of Charlottetown. Rev. E. J. Barras was the officiating clergyman. The body was later taken to Charlottetown for burial in the People's Cemetery there.

FUNERAL WEDNESDAY - The funeral of the late Wilfred Gaudet was held from his late residence on Wednesday morning at nine o'clock. Requiem mass was sung by Rev. Howard Wight and the final rites at the grave were performed by Rev. G. J. MacLellan, V.G. The pallbearers were: Wilfred Kelly, Ray Perry, Leonard Peters, Edmund Doucette, John Arthur, Theodore Arseneault. Burial was in St. Paul's Cemetery, Summerside.

IN HOSPITAL WITH INJURIES - Mr. Emanuel Richards, an employee of R. T. Holman Ltd., Summerside, is a patient in the Prince County Hospital badly bruised about the body following an accident which occurred on Tuesday while he was working in the basement of Holman's store. He was moving a large crate of chinaware when he lost his balance and the crate fell on him. He was immediately rushed to the hospital and x-rays taken later failed to find any indication of internal injuries.

CRITICIZE LIQUOR STORE - Strong criticism of the opening of a new liquor store in Summerside was voiced at the regular meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of Trinity United Church, Summerside, held on Tuesday evening. Criticism was caused by a report that a new and larger liquor store with more room and attractive surroundings is to be opened by the Government. A temperance committee was formed to persuade other organizations to "help keep our youth free from this insidious influence."

PERSONALS - Mrs. Sterling Andrews of Free-town was a visitor to Summerside on Saturday.

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Notes from the Grocery Department - For your Sunday dinner get a plump, delicious CHICKEN—it will make your meal a real event! The Special Grade Chickens are 45 cents a pound. Grade A Chickens are 43 cents a pound. Here's something new: DILL PICKLES, big, luscious Cucumbers pickled with Dill—these are becoming more popular all the time. They're 20 cents a pound and you can get them at the Meat Section of the Grocery Department.

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GRAPAUD THEATRE "13 RUE MADELINE" JAMES CAGNEY ANNABELLA Fri.-Sat. 8:15

BEDEQUE Mrs. Roy Cutcliff, Augustine Cove, was a visitor to Bedeque on Thursday, Feb. 26th. The guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Affleck.

The many friends of Mrs. Carrie Schumann, are pleased to see her out again, after being confined to her home for several weeks.

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OTTAWA LETTER

By J. Watson MacNaught, M.P.

Last week I had the pleasure of participating in a "broom ball" game at Rockland skating rink. Rockland is a small town in the County of Russell, about 22 miles from Ottawa. The game was between a team from the "Little Chicago" section of the government side of the House of Commons and the rest of the Liberal members. One Cabinet minister, the Hon. Colin Gibson, Secretary of State, took part in the game. One member, James Sinclair, received an injury to his shoulder that is still causing him much discomfort.

For those who have never seen a game of broom ball I can explain that it is played in a hockey rink with the hockey nets as goals. Each player is provided with a broom, and a ball about the size of a basketball is used. The goal keepers are allowed to wear cleats on their shoes but the rest of the members must rely on their rubbers or overshoes to keep them from falling. The purpose of the game, of course, is to knock the ball into the opposing net.

After the game the member for the constituency of Russell gave a banquet to the players and some of the local dignitaries. The member for Russell, Omer Gour, is a brother of the member from Charlevoix, P. Q., David Gour. They are the only brothers in the House of Commons.

The speeches after the banquet numbered thirty-eight. I suppose that this constitutes some sort of a record. The chairman called on all the members of Parliament, the Mayor and the Town Councillors, the mayors of the surrounding districts, the representative of "Time" and his opponent in the last election. This town shows a fine example of tolerance. Over ninety per cent of the population are French-speaking Catholics, yet the mayor is an English-speaking Protestant.

John MacNicol, member for Daventry (Toronto) is receiving much adverse criticism for talking out Edouard Rinfret's bill to permit the Bell Telephone Company to increase its capital stock. Private bills come before the House once a week and then only for one hour. The time is between eight and nine on Friday evening. Mr. MacNicol took his full forty minutes and thus had a few minutes to spare when nine o'clock arrived and the House resumed its former business. The Montreal Gazette, one of the leading Conservative papers in Canada, was quite caustic editorially in its reference to this "talking out" episode. I think that the explanation was that Mr. MacNicol was making sure that the bill would not pass that night so that one of his friends who was absent could have an opportunity to speak on the bill. I am sure that some such reason is the correct one because Mr. MacNicol is one of the fairest members in the House of Commons and the bill contained nothing to which he could possibly object.

The Hong Kong inquiry is the subject matter of many questions of privilege these days. I think that the Prime Minister has gone as far as he can in this matter and still keep faith with the British Government. At the Hong Kong inquiry certain secret despatches were made available to the Commissioner and counsel on the understanding that the contents thereof would be kept secret. Many demands have been made in Parliament that the evidence should be tabled in the House of Commons, but the Prime Minister has always refused on the ground that the tabling of the evidence would be breaking the promise to the British Government that the secret despatches would not be made public. Recently, however, the British Government has consented to the tabling of the evidence, but insists that the despatches must be paraphrased so that the secret cipher may not be disclosed. This seems reasonable and should satisfy everyone.

Last Wednesday in the debate in reply to the speech from the Throne John Sinnott, Liberal member from Springfield, Manitoba, issued the following invitation to the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Bracken: "I notice by the 'Financial Post' that the leader of the opposition (Mr. Bracken) has agreed to act as a judge in a nation-wide baby contest. I hereby 'invite' the leader of the opposition to come to this fair at Beaujeu where the babies are bound to be healthy and beautiful. If that is not sufficient inducement to the hon. gentleman, we will not draw the line when it comes to the age of the babies."

with her parents in Toronto, while the Doctor goes to Montreal to take a special medical course.

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STATEMENT

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McCourt assigned to fire duty with other firemen at the Charlottetown Forum on the night of Friday, February 20, while the West Kent Ice Sports were being held there. Witness made no comment on the actions of the accused during that assignment, other than stating that he saw him there during the sports.

Later that night after the sports were over, witness and Constable Lund took a walk down around the area where the accused lives and about 11:30 he saw the accused in a vacant lot near the corner of Peake Street and Brighton Avenue, approximately 200 yards from McCourt's home. Witness and Lund were behind a bar in that vicinity. He said that the accused approached them with a flashlight and they questioned him about being around the vacant lot. Accused said that he saw them standing there, thought they were strangers, and went over to investigate what they were doing there.

Witness said he wasn't satisfied with accused's story. He further stated that on February 23 he held an inquiry at the City Hall, with members of the Fire Department including the accused, and took two or three statements, one of these being from the accused. He said that he typed out the statement while the accused dictated it to him, after first warning him that he was a suspect in the case, and that any information given might be used in court as evidence. The statement was taken and was signed by both the accused and himself.

The statement was produced in court, and was read aloud by the Magistrate.

STATEMENT OF ACCUSED

"I, the undersigned Patrick Earl McCourt, residing at 83 Brighton Ave., Charlottetown, P. E. I., having been warned by the subscribing witness hereto as follows: 'You are a definite suspect in connection with the attempt to set fire to the Charlottetown Forum, Fitzroy Street, on Monday night last 16th February, and it is my duty to inform you that you may be charged with setting fire to that building. Have you anything to say with reference to that fire? You are not obliged to say anything unless you wish to do so, but whatever you do say will be taken down in writing and may be given in evidence. What do you wish to say regarding it?' I have nothing to say, sir. I was on duty that night and I done my duty. Campbell told me that Gillespie told him for me to go up with him to the balcony. While up there I asked Campbell if he wanted a drink. I only had a small bit in the bottle. He said he didn't have any for forty days, and I told him I was going downstairs to the Moncton's room then I relieved the Hawks and after that I went out and met Mr. Woodridge. He told me was I going to be around there and I said I might be around for a while. He said if you are going to be around how about keeping the door with me? I said alright if you want me to. Then I went back and tried to get up to help Mr. Campbell, up above. Then I couldn't get up for the crowd that had filled in—so I again tried and came back to the room—then I stayed there until after the Hawks came back to the room there—then I kept watch at the door with him—then I went out and watched the game with him.

"The room was locked then and had to stay there with Woodridge. Mr. Llewellyn, another fireman was there too. So we watched the game from there—then when the period was over I went into the Hawks room—then I waited there until the rest of the period was up and went back again and watched the game again while the second period was on.

"After the second period was over I went back in and when the players went out on the ice again I was in the closet (relieving myself). This was the second time I had to go to the toilet. I was in the toilet when the players went out for the third period. I checked the extinguisher and axe before I went out for the third period—I just went over there and looked at them to see if they were on their right, and while the game was on there—3rd period.

"Then I was standing at the door leading to cellar, the furnace room, and noticed Mr. Archer, rink manager, call in Sgt. McPhail of the City Police Force into a little room next to the door leading to the furnace room; then Constable Butler came along and rapped at the door where Mr. Archer and the Sgt. had gone in. He said there was a police call to go somewhere and on his way out McPhail was wiping his lips. After that I noticed the two feet at the foot of stairway in furnace room. "I went down to the last step and I noticed a fellow laying on the floor of the furnace room—then I went back up stairs again and later on Mr. Woodridge smelled smoke first and when he smelled it he said there was something burning so we both looked around and saw smoke coming from the basement. The dressing room was locked and Woodridge had the key—then Llewellyn went in and I grabbed the extinguisher to find out what kind it was and which way it works, and I asked Llewellyn what kind this is, then knowing myself what kind it was I went down and found this fellow tramping out rags.

"I first turned the nozzle on the rags he was tramping out and asked him where was the fire. He said it must be a pipe hot up above there and upon that I seen smoke coming from the straw over on the beam and I turned the nozzle on the beam where the smoke was

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