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—OLD ENGLISH liquid and paste wax in stock at Brace's. 3-22-21.

—NORTH TRYON Presbyterian Church Services Sunday, March 24th at 3 P. M. Miss Mary A. MacKenzie, Deaconess. 3-22-1i.

— FOR SALE — One driving horse, one draft horse. Walter S. Weeks, Bayview. 3-22-21

—CAMEO — Kensington, Friday 5.30 and 8.30 Saturday, 6.45 and 9. That cowboy, Roy Rogers, is really here folks, with action, songs and thrills in "Utah". Also serial. 3-22-21

—TRYON UNITED Church pastoral charge. Services for Sunday, March 24: Tryon 11 a.m.; Crapaud 3 p.m.; Cape Traverse 7.30 p.m. Rev. J. A. Jardine, B.A., B.D. 3-22-1i

—KENSINGTON POLICE COURT —On Tuesday last two citizens of Kensington appeared in the Police Court before Magistrate J. F. Profitt and charged with causing a disturbance on main street. One defendant was fined $10.00 a nd costs or 20 days, the other $5.00 and costs or 10 days.

—BEDEQUE UNITED CHURCH SERVICES, Sunday, March 24th. Bedeque 11 A. M. Albany 3 P. M. Borden 7.30 P. M. Minister, Rev. J. M. Baxter, B. B. 3-22-1i.

—CAR STRIKES BUILDING — Still another incident of a car driving up on the sidewalk on Water Street, Summerside, and damaging a building is reported. On Wednesday afternoon, a car that had been parked in front of Chan's Restaurant started to back out and somehow went ahead instead and struck the glass panels in the front of the building, breaking two of them. The driver then drove away without reporting the incident. A thick bank of ice extends along the south side of the street and this had been washed clean by town workmen using a fire hose.—S.

—SOCIAL EVENINGS ORGANIZED — Social evenings are held monthly for the pupils of Grade 9, 10, 11 and 12 of the Summerside High School and Academy. They are for pupils only and are held in the auditorium of the school. They consist of a dance and lunch. The next one will be on this Friday evening.—S.

—THERE WILL be a meeting of the Kensington branch No. 9 Canadian Legion B.E.S.L. in the Town Hall, Kensington, Friday, March 22 at 8 p.m. All members and prospective members are requested to attend. There will be a social gathering at the close of the meeting. W. L. Delaney, Secretary. 3-21-2i.

—WESTERN HOSPITAL — The following births are from Western Hospital: March 9, 1946, to Mr. and Mrs. Jack McInnis, Greenmont, a daughter, Mar. 11, 1946, to Mr. and Mrs. John Carragher, Ebbsfleet, a daughter, March 10, 1946, to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Foley, Kildare, a daughter (Premature). March 19, 1946, to Mr. and Mrs. Claude O'Meara, Alberton, twin boys. March 20, 1946 to Mr. and Mrs. Amable LeClair, Tignish, a daughter.

— BAGLOLE—WEDLOCK — A quiet and pretty wedding was solemnized Wednesday afternoon, March 20, at the Baptist parsonage, 9 Church Street, Summerside, when Thelma May Wedlock, daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. Stanley Stanford Wedlock, of Mount Royal, P.E.I. was united in holy matrimony to George Sterling Baglole, son of Mr. and Mrs Charles Henry Baglole of O'Leary, P.E.I. The bride was dressed in a powder blue street length dress with all accessories to match. The beautiful double ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Ernest J Barrass, minister of the Summerside Baptist Church in the presence of immediate relatives of the young couple. Following the marriage ceremony, the happy pair left on a honeymoon trip to New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. They will ride at Mount Royal, P.E.I. The best wishes of a very large circle of friends follow the newly weds.—S.

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—KENSINGTON and Malpeque Presbyterian Churches. Services Sunday, March 24th, Kensington at 11 A. M. and 730 P. M. and Keir Memorial at 2.30 P. M. Rev. J. A. McGowan, Minister. 3-22-1i.

—ALL MEMBERS of Kensington Branch, No. 9, Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L., and returned personnel are requested to assemble at the Town Hall, Kensington on Friday, March 22 at 12.30 hours to attend the funeral of the late Myron Cole. W. L. Delaney, secretary. 3-22-1i

—BADMINTON CLUB ORGANIZED — Mr. C.W. Sexsmith who has recently been appointed physical instructor by the Summerside Youth Centre Inc. has organized a badminton club at the High School which includes both pupils and teachers. Membership is close to fifty. The first tournament will be held on Monday, March 25th, in the High School Auditorium when they will meet St. Mary's Young People's badminton club. Spectators will be allowed.—S.

Personals

—Miss Jeanette Noonan, Albany, was a recent visitor to Summerside.

—Sergeant Donald Cameron, Halifax, is spending his furlough at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Cameron, Albany.

—Miss Doris Trainor spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Trainor, Albany.

—Mr. Douglas Crossman, the courteous manager of the egg grading station at Albany is doing a rushing business.

—Mrs. Richard Smith, Pleasant Valley has returned home after spending a few days in Kensington at the home of Reuben Dickieson.

—Mr. William Lefurgey, St. John, N.B., spent Sunday night with Reuben Dickieson, Kensington, before leaving for his home again.

—Mrs. Edwin Lord, Bedeque, spent Monday in Kensington visiting with Mr. Jamie Wadman and Mrs. Lucy Chappell.

—Mrs Richard Smith and Mrs. Janie Wadman spent a day visiting friend in Borden last week.

—The many friends of Mrs. Sampson Walsh and Mr. George Noonan, Albany are sorry to learn of their continued illness in the Prince County Hospital.

Extraordinary Autobiography Of Jewish Boy

MONTREAL, March 20 — (CP)— The short but extraordinary autobiography of 15-year-old Jewish boy, Paul Hodess of Lodz, Poland, who passed through some of the worst German concentration camps and lost his parents and a brother at the hands of the Nazis, was made public here today by the Canadian Jewish Congress.

The Congress said the original document, handwritten by the boy in Yiddish on cheap German bookkeeping forms, had reached it through one of its relief workers in Germany—Philip Stuchen of Ottawa.

Locked In Ghetto

At the age of nine, young Hodess wrote, he was locked in the ghetto with his family.

"We suffered hunger and need," he related. "People became swollen and died. In 1943, the Germans grabbed all children of 10 years of age. I had a younger brother of seven. We lay with him in the attic without food or water."

A week later "the German S.S. began to search out the weak and the thin people in the houses." He had lain in hiding with his family and had counted the shots.

"As a child I could not then understand the full meaning of a family, of being with father and mother," he said. "Today I can really speak of it now that I am left alone without anybody."

Sent To Oswiecim

In the summer of 1944, the family had been sent to Oswiecim, where the four were separated and where young Paul had gone with his father.

There had been 600 in the group, which was sent out to work in the forest. Two days later Paul's father had contracted pneumonia and had died the following week.

The 126 survivors of the group had subsequently been sent to Dachau, 40 men dying on the train.

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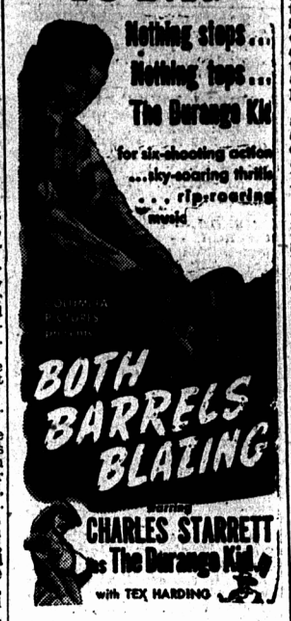

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BRIGTON BRIDGE—

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a Dominion project, which should be connected with the Borden highway."

Mr. Cullen: "But you wouldn't have the local government do it?"

Promises Re Bridge

Mr. Bell: "I don't believe it would be necessary to have the local government go too far in it. I think if the matter was pressed far enough, that that is the one project that would be acceptable as a Dominion responsibility. That is the attitude of the Conservative Party at any rate. We had the definite promise to build that as a Dominion project, if the Conservatives had been returned.

"Moreover" Mr. Bell continued, "there were other promises." He cited in this connection a statement from the local Liberal press of June 7, 1945 alleging that at a political meeting at Afton the previous night, "Messrs. Cyrus Macmillan and Lester Douglas both pledged themselves at the meeting that they would build that bridge. Mr. T. W. L. Prowse also boosted the project".

Mr Bell also cited from a report issued by the Provincial Department of Public Works and published in the press at the end of last year. This report stated in part: "A thorough survey has been made of the road from Charlottetown to Borden via Bonshaw. Included in this work is the complete survey of the proposed site of the Brighton Bridge. In regard to the Bridge the Department has sought the best expert bridge building advice to be had in Canada. Experts from the best known bridge building companies and from the bridge building departments of other Provinces have been brought here to make a study of and report on the type of bridge best suited for this location. The Department now has plans, specifications and estimates of suitable types of bridges, and is in a position to supply the Government with costs and other technical data as required."

Premier Jones said he would have to make inquiries about this report. "If people came here and gave us information it would necessarily be confidential," he added.

Voice: "More secrecy!"

Mr. Bell said the Liberal organ last year had gone into particulars about the proposed bridge. It would be capable of supporting 50 tons at any one point; also from a military standpoint heavy equipment, such as big guns and large gun-carrying tanks, could be moved across, etc.

Premier Jones: "Are you in favor of the West River bridge too?"

Mr. Bell: "Absolutely. Once we get the Brighton Bridge the West River Bridge will come in its own due time."

Premier Jones: "At how much?"

Mr. Bell: $100,000 would do that. The water is very shallow."

Mr. Dougald MacKinnon: "It would be better to build that one first."

Mr. Bell: "That is very likely what the attitude of the Government would be, to build the cheapest one first."

He noted that last year, when Mr. MacKinnon had aspired to nomination in the federal contest, he had taken "very much to heart the condition of the Rocky Point wharf."

Ottawa Conference

"At this time, when the Government have the chance to make a final settlement at Ottawa," Mr. Bell urged in his opening remarks, "it behooves them to be very careful as to what settlement they make at the Dominion Provincial Conference. They should disclose to the people what their submissions are.

"As far as we know, no submissions have been made of late. In the report given to the Canadian Press last January, the Premier is quoted as saying: 'We came to Ottawa fully prepared, and our position is quite clear. So far as Prince Edward Island is concerned, the whole matter could be wound up in a few days.' In that case, why should not the people of this Province know what the terms are, before they are finally agreed upon?

"Apparently this Province was fully prepared in 1945 to consent to the Federal terms. After that meeting Ontario and Nova Scotia came out, protesting against the Federal terms. Where do we stand now? Nova Scotia is in almost the same position as ourselves, and it is important to consider their attitude in the matter."

Mr. Bell quoted from an article in the Toronto Saturday Night, referring to the prosperity enjoyed by the Maritime Provinces before they entered Confederation. Nova Scotia now is determined that some of the rights they lost at Confederation shall be restored. "Now is the time", he insisted, "that we also should see that we get compensation."

"The three deficits that we have staring us in the face amount to some two and a quarter million dollars," Mr. Bell continued. "We should have some accounting of these deficits, and some explanation as to how they occurred. The reason, of course, is that the departments are spending too much money. My hon. friends are forgetting their budget balancing promises of 1935. The present leader and many of his ministers were elected on that platform, the chief plank of which was balancing the budget annually."

Mr. Bell went on to review other planks of the 1935 Liberal platform, including "strict economy in administration and reduction in number of officials; letting of contracts and supplies at Falconwood on a competitive basis; "no increase over the estimates except with the approval of the Executive Council or Treasury Board."

Falconwood

At Falconwood Hospital and farm in 1945-47, he noted, the amount for expenditure is estimated at $175,000. This was $5,000 in excess of the 1945-46 expenditure. In 1936, Mr. Bell recalled, the expenditure was $119,000, while the number of patients was practically the same then as now.

He went on to quote criticisms by Mr. Barbour, present Minister of Public Works, with regard to the 1936 expenditure. Mr. Barbour maintained at that time that the Government had "a great chance to save upwards of $20,000 at Falconwood." How could the Minister account for the present extravagance? "The expenditures are getting higher year after year," said Mr. Bell, "and as far as Falconwood farm is concerned, the management is getting worse."

He quoted the present Premier's criticisms in 1938, supporting Mr. Barbour's contention that "tremendous savings" could be made at Falconwood; also the comment of Hon. J.A. Campbell that "at the way things are going we are all headed for Falconwood."

Mr. Bell reviewed recent Falconwood farm expenses in detail. He noted that in 1944 there were 290,000 pounds of milk produced, valued at over $6,000, which was supplied to the patients. In 1945, milk production was down 65,000 pounds. From the answers tabled, it would appear that last year nine of the farm milch cows had not freshened. This was a matter which should be explained.

In 1945, something unheard of happened when the Government had to purchase 7,908 quarts of milk for Falconwood; at that time having a herd of forty-seven head of Holstein cattle. They paid at the rate of 9 and 9 1-2 cents a quart for milk for the patients.

Mr. Bell asked why, with all the help and conveniences at the farm, they could not have a flock of hens to supply all the eggs needed. In 1944, 9,500 dozen eggs were produced and furnished to the institution. Apparently hens have been sold, and at present, according to answers tabled, no poultry has been kept at the Farm since March 1.

Recalling the 1935 Liberal pledge of reduction in number of officials, Mr. Bell noted that in the last year or two, a great number of high salaried employees have been taken into the Government service. These are all extra charges, and there has been no provision made to meet them.

"In the auditor's department, it is not so many years ago when the auditor, who was doing all the work was getting a salary of $1,800. Today we see from the estimates there are two auditors, drawing a total salary of $7,000.

Highway Dept.

"In the Highway Department," Mr. Bell said, "the old reliable engineers are apparently not sufficient now. They have two new construction engineers. One man last year in salary and expenses drew $4,700, the other some $3,700. Before we had a chief engineer, Mr. McBeth, who is classified here as one of the so-called more or less practical men, who was given a salary of $2,000. Apparently the new men have been put above him, one of them getting twice his salary.

"In the last few years, we would suppose that this Department would keep well within its estimates. Their policy was no hard-surfacing of roads and no purchasing of road machinery. Nevertheless the estimates were exceeded by a large amount.

"Moreover, the expenditure was not evenly distributed. The gravelling in Prince County was 118 miles, in Queen's County 71 miles, and in King's County 30 miles. That was not a fair distribution out of gasoline taxes earmarked to be spent proportionately to the gas consumption by the taxpayers."

Mr. Bell also cited the amount of subgrading done by Counties and in various sections pointing out the large amount of work done in the Premier's neighborhood, and the comparatively small amount received in the Second District of Queen's.

Dept. of Justice

Two years ago, Mr. Bell recalled, the Premier took it upon himself to appoint a new Attorney General. This man was to be on the job all the time, and occupy an office right in the Provincial Building. He was appointed at a salary which is at least $3,000 today. He was installed in this building, but not for long. In the space of a few months, the Attorney General moved out and set up his own office.

"For years we have had Attorney Generals, working part time it is true, who only received $1,500. Here we have a man receiving $3,000 who is giving only a small part of his time to his duties; and it is doubtful if the Government takes his advice at any time.

"Since that appointment there have been four by-elections in this Province. Surely, Mr. Speaker, the Attorney General could have got one of those seats, at least should have run for one. But no; no move was made to make him a member of the Government.

"One of those seats was vacant in Summerside, the home town, I believe, of the present Attorney General. Another lawyer nominated there on the Liberal side, and we on the Conservative side, realizing that the Premier was up against it in the House, said: 'All right, we won't oppose you.' So they got into the House a well qualified lawyer. But has that man been appointed Attorney General? He sits in the House as a private member, and we still have an outsider as Attorney General.

"Is that a proper situation? The leader of the Government should appoint his ministers from his elected members, and when he has a qualified man in the House, it is his duty to select him.

"I believe that the leader of the Government, however, is very pleased with the setup of the Department of Justice. I don't think that is the opinion throughout this Province. I for one do not feel that this Department is being properly run. In fact, I don't think it is being run by the Attorney General at all. It is being run by someone else. But here we have an Attorney General who is a hired man, who is holding one of the most responsible positions in the Government, and who is not a member of the Government."

Cites Cases

Mr. Bell cited a recent case arising out of manslaughter at Souris. "The Attorney General steps into the picture and says, That man must be charged with murder. He refused absolutely to allow that man any bail, and if it was not for the Chief Justice, the man would have had to remain in jail until a short time ago. When that case came before the Grand Jury, they immediately threw it out.

"In certain cases, you cannot get any action at all; cases that should be given attention by the Attorney General; and in other cases that are not worh talking about there is much ado.

"I remember an exceptionally serious case where the Attorney General stepped in when one of our evacuee children was sinned against very gravely by a man from the Fourth District of Prince. That man was arrested on one of the most serious charges in the Criminal Code. This evacuee child was placed within their care and protection. That man was arrested and what happened? Somebody stepped in. The Attorney General was not so strict then, in a case where he should have been. That man was let go on his own recognizance."

(Mr. Bell was not present in the House last night when Hon. Mr. Wright spoke in the debate, and charged Mr. Bell with making statements in connection with the above case that were "absolutely untrue." A report of Mr. Wright's remarks on this point appears elsewhere on this page.)

Crown Prosecutors

"In the Department of Justice," Mr. Bell continued, "we have a Crown Prosecutor in each County who handles the cases. In Queens County, the Crown Prosecutor does all the work, but gets very little thanks for it. Evidently he has not so much to do in Prince County because the Crown Prosecutor has been given the job of Law Clerk in this House. But the Crown Prosecutor here is a full-time man, on a salary of $600 a year, while the Attorney General draws $3,000."

With regard to the R.C.M.P., Mr. Bell submitted that the Province could be policed with a very much smaller force, and more efficiently, than under the Mounted Police. In most cases, he said, these men were sitting in office jobs, typing and acting as clerks. "How many men do you see on the roads during the summer months?" he asked. "We don't need thirty or forty men to police this Province. The Minister of Highways (Mr. Barbour) knows that very well. I think we had far better policing in his time than we have now."

Trips To Ottawa

Citing Government trips to Ottawa, Mr. Bell noted that Mr. S.A. MacLeod went on a delegation and stayed for three days, and his bill was only $76.20. Of the other accounts, the lowest he had seen was for $125.00. "The leader of the Government has cost almost a thousand dollars for his trips to Ottawa and that did not include plane or train fare. That seems a very large amount."

Premier Jones: "Do you claim you can travel by plane free of charge?"

Mr. Bell: "No, but that was an extra charge, besides the expense account. Apparently a lot of these delegations are unnecessary. A lot of ministers are not welcome at Ottawa and are told to go home and work through their committees there." Last year at any rate the tremendous sum of five thousand dollars was spent in this manner.

Premier Jones: "New Brunswick had twenty-four men at the Ottawa conference."

Mr. Bell: "It is nice to know that our three could compare with the twenty-four from New Brunswick."

TAKE 5 LEGISLATURE

The Budget, Mr. Bell noted, contained nothing with reference to expenses for rural electrification. "Apparently the Premier has talked himself out on that, and we hear very little of it now. But that is a very serious matter and I trust that the Government intends to do something. I am surprised that the leader of the Government has fallen down so badly. In fact I have complaints from North River, Bonshaw and Crapaud that they have not got electricity now. I am told the Maritime Electric Company was prepared to run that line. They dug the holes and the Government came along and said 'Stop; we are going to build a road 100 feet wide in this district, and your poles may be in the way'."

Hon. Mr. Barbour: "Who told them we were going to build a road 100 feet wide?"

Mr. Bell: "That was the report: and when the men came in to the Maritime Electric Company, to Mr. Ainsworth, that is what he told them, that they had the equipment there and the equipment to run that line was moved into the Souris district, and it is being run there."

Hon. Mr. Hughes: "They are going into a good district."

Mr. Bell: "Well, the Minister of Finance looked out for that;"

Referring to Dr. Lattimer's report on taxation, Mr. Bell cited page 18, dealing with succession duties, which he stated were incorrectly compiled, showing errors in several places.

He also read from the Advisory Reconstruction Committee's report on proposed road paving projects, involving the expenditure of a large amount of money. There was no indication in the report as to where the money was coming from.

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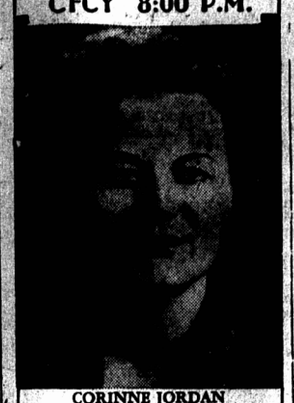

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Claims Untrue Statement Made In Legislature

Speaking in the Budget debate in the Legislature last night Hon. Horace Wright, Fourth Prince, said he regretted Mr. R. R. Bell was not in his seat as he wished to contradict a statement the latter had made about the Attorney-General, with regard to a matter which had transpired in Mr. Wright's district and of which he had "absolute knowledge."

"He (Mr. Bell) told what was absolutely untrue," Mr. Wright claimed. "I would have corrected him last night when he made his speech, but it is his business to get the facts from the proper source. He suggested that I had something to do with letting that man clear. I will stake my reputation against that."

Mr. W. G. MacKenzie: "What are the facts, then?"

Hon. Mr. Wright: "I don't have to state the facts, but that statement is absolutely untrue. I will say this, that that man was not allowed to go clear. He was arrested by the Mounted Police, and he was sentenced."

Mr. MacKenzie: "Is he serving time now?"

Hon. Mr. Wright: "That is as far as I am going to tell you."

Mr. MacKenzie: "We don't want a false impression. What are the facts."

Hon. Mr. Wright: "My hon. friend can get the facts from the police."

Mr. MacKenzie: "You are not stating the facts when you don't tell us whether he is serving his sentence or not."

Hon. Mr. Wright: "That has nothing to do with the case."

Mr. MacKenzie: "What is the use of making a statement if it is misleading?"

(This concluded the discussion on the subject, Mr. Wright passing on to other matters in his address.)

WEST ROYALTY W. I.

The March meeting of West Royalty Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Charles Hurry.

Meeting opened by singing the Institute Ode. President presided.

Roll call was answered with Irish Jokes. Collection amounted to 90c. There were nine members and one visitor present.

Minutes of both regular and special meetings were read and approved.

Additional information was given about the musical festival and the necessary five dollars for running expenses was voted to be paid.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the visiting committee be allowed fifty cents for each treat for indisposed persons in the district.

Reports from committees were heard. School bill of $1.14 was presented and paid.

Program committee was re-appointed for next month. Next meeting to be held at the school.

The following were appointed on new committees: Lunch—Mrs. Charles Hurry, Mrs. Bert MacEwen, Mrs. William MacKay. Auction Sale: Mrs. Stillman Frizzell, Mrs. James Enman.

Roll call next month to be answered by "Short Cuts in House Cleaning."

Meeting adjourned with "God Save The King." Lunch was served by committee in charge, assisted by the hostess.

GLASGOW ROAD AND VICINITY

Mr. Robert MacKenzie made a wonderful success in hauling potatoes and turnips when the roads were unfavorable.

Mr. John A. Ford has been a recent visitor the guet of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Roberts.

The many friends of this vicinity welcomed the return of Melvin Dover who spent the last three years overseas.

Bert MacDonald and Fred Ford were recent visitors here.

Miss Erna Coles, teacher of this vicinity, was a week-end visitor to her home in Milton.

The many friends of Glasgow Road welcomed Alfred Henry Ford home who was employed at the Cheese Factory in Dunstaffnage.

The friends of this community are glad to know that Ray Ford is gradually recovering.

Mrs. Archie MacLeod has returned home after spending the winter months in Charlottetown.

Mr. Art Ford who is employed with Mr. Robert Andrew, Brookfield in the lumber woods at Lot 65.

The Glasgow Road Maple Leaves made a wonderful success playing hockey at Milton Rink this past winter.

Miss Margaret Ford was a recent visitor to Charlottetown.

Claude MacLeod and Ralph MacFarlane were recent visitors.

Mrs. Lemuel Matheson has recovered after an attack of pneumonia.

Mr. Chester Ford and Mr. Melvin Ford have purchased two new trucks and intend going into the trucking business.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Ford and daughter Joan spent a few days in Brackley.

Master Ronald MacDonald who is employed at Finley MacKinnon's, is making garage work a wonderful success.

The many friends of Florence Houston are glad to know that she is improving from her recent illness.

Isabel Ford and Sadie Ford, spent the week end in Charlottetown, the guests of Mrs. John Ford and Mrs. Ivan Andrews.

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Diamond Industry Expects Big Year

JOHANNESBURG, March 21 — (CP) — A new record in 1946 for the South African diamond industry, which last year produced approximately £24,000,000 ($108,000,000), is predicted by authoritative sources in the Union's second largest mineral interest.

The estimate for 1945 was £4,000,000 more than the previous peak in 1943, and the outlook for diamonds is considered to be better at the moment than for several years.

Extension of international diamond agreements for a further five years has stabilized the diamond industry and South African mines will be worked to full capacity with the assurance that everything they produce will find a market.

Sir Ernest Oppenheimer, mine director, said recently there is no intention of departing from the war-time policy of the Diamond Trading Company of keeping prices for diamonds slightly below the index of general commodity prices in the United States, Britain and South Africa.

"No, "exploitation" policy is envisaged to try to meet the present boom in diamond demand although the Premeir Mine near Pretoria and the Jagersfontein deposits near Kimberley may soon be brought into production again. The demand will, apparently, still exceed the supply.

In diamond shares, as in gold, there is a big speculative demand in South Africa, with the small buyer playing a considerable part in the market.

The marketing side of the diamond industry is being put on a new footing. The Diamond Trading Company will still handle all sales of gemstones in the rough (possibly about £16,000,000 a year at current prices from all sources in South Africa, present and potential) but a new company is being formed to handle sales of industrial diamonds.

Detailed figures of employment on all South African diamond fields are not readily available. But the general manager of the De Beer's Company in Kimberley gives figures which indicate the trend of development.

During 1939 De Beer's employed 1,058 Europeans and 1,409 natives compared with 2,760 Europeans and 5,607 natives in 1945.

Kimberley will give no authoritative report on the future prospects of the diamond industry, but it is thought there that the employmen figures are a good augury for the industry's expansion.

Britons Cheered By Warm And Sunny Weather

LONDON, March 20 —(CP Cable) —No nightingales sing yet in Berkeley Square or elsewhere in London but as spring opens, sweet music to Britons' ears is the battle of pneumatic drills, tearing down the brick air-raid shelters in the centres of main streets.

The first British spring free of war since 1939 burst upon London yesterday—a day ahead of the official date—when the long cold eased and Londoners turned out in droves to bask in the sunlit streets.

Everywhere the ugly monuments to the war—the air raid shelters —are being torn down.

The raw wounds of bombing will be veiled this spring as quick-growing English flowers and grass make their way over jagged stones. A lively discussion is going on in newspapers and elsewhere about what bomb-damaged monuments should be repaired. Some letter-writers think it would be a good idea to leave the now-famous bent sword of Richard Coeur de Lion at the Parliament Buildings as a symbol of Britain's "bent but not broken spirit" during the war years.

Before going to India this week on his historic cabinet session, Sir Stafford Cripps, president of the Board of Trade, gave British women a springtime gift of more coats, suits and woollen frocks for less ration coupons and scenes in stores have been like old times with purchasers trying on a fairly comprehensive variety. Designers say the trend in Britain is toward brighter dresses and the streets indicate the trend already is well under way.

After six years buses and tube trains are being painted and some gleam with their old-time brightness. At Trafalgar Square, Nelson on his monument is having his face washed by steeple-jacks and newspapers are saying that the famed statue of Eros had better be replaced on his pedestal in Picadilly Circus soon just to show the war really is over.

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