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No Increase In Juvenile Delinquency

There was "no more juvenile delinquency in Charlottetown than in former years," Stipendiary Magistrate K. M. Martin, guest speaker at the weekly meeting of the Charlottetown Y's Men's Club last night. But a more effective check-up system brought more into court, the Magistrate, who is judge of the juvenile court here, continued. There was "less rowdiness" here than in earlier days and "less real bad men." At the same time there had been an increase in petty crimes.

The speaker deplored the lack of employment for youth, attributing to idleness much of the petty thieving. All offenders brought into the juvenile court were made to feel the seriousness of a wrong course of conduct and an attempt made to have them leave the court with a new respect for law and order, Mr. Martin said.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the speaker. Mr. Reg Nicolle of Kitchener, Ontario, student here was guest of the club. Mr. J. M. MacFadyen, general chairman of the Y. M. C. A. financial campaign committee and divisional commander for the campaign, George Craig and Roy Gudmore spoke briefly. The "financial drive" starts Monday, it was announced.

Past president Claude Smith presided last night.

BIRTHS

BUCHANAN—At Albany, April 8, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Buchanan twins, a boy and a girl.

GRAHAM—At Gaspeaux, March 29, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Graham, a son, William Bruce.

DEATHS

O'CONNELL—At his residence, Taranaki, on April 13, 1939, James J. O'Connell, aged 68 years, funeral from his late residence Saturday morning at 8.15, to St. Patrick's Church, Fort Augustus.

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JOHN BULL'S BEE

LONDON — (OP) — The government sponsors a perpetual spelling bee in London, now in progress for 26 years. The "bee" is a board appointed to settle disputed spellings of place names.

Trinity United Church

FRIDAY, APRIL 14
8.30—6th Browne—Social Hall.
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THE BOARD OF Trade will discuss Charlottetown-Wood Islands highway this afternoon at 4:30. All persons interested invited to attend. L-378.

SUCCESSFUL TEA—The annual tea and bazaar of the Ladies Aid of the St. James Presbyterian Church was held yesterday and was a huge success. Novelty, fancy work candy and refreshment tables were thronged from 5 o'clock to 7. The hall where the tea was held was beautifully decorated.

ACTION FOR DAMAGES — A civil action for damages case, Dominic Doyle, jr., plaintiff, vs. Clarence Murchison, defendant, concluded in the Supreme Court yesterday before Mr. Justice A. E. Arsenault. Judgment was reserved. Mr. J. J. Johnston, K.C., appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. R. R. Bell for the defendant. The action was for recovery of alleged damages resulting from an automobile accident in Charlottetown last year. The case was on the docket of the Supreme Court in January but was stood over until now. The case has been in progress for the past two days.

CHANGING RESIDENCE—Mrs. W. Murray Lawson entertained at a four table dinner at her residence, Cedar Grove Crescent, Saint John, N. B., in honor of Mrs. J. H. Cerry who is leaving Saint John to take up residence in Charlottetown. A farewell gift was presented to the guest of honor by the hostess and Miss Gertrude Harper was made the recipient of a special gift by Mrs. Lawson. In honor of her approaching marriage Prizes for bridge were won by Mrs. Andrew Malcolm, Mrs. J. K. Sullivan, and Mrs. Douglas McAndrew. At the tea hour those assisting were Mrs. Lawson, Mrs. A. Bailey and Mrs. Scammell. Case — Saint John Telegraph Journal.

WEATHER "MORE SEASONABLE"—Prince Edward Islanders were treated to more reasonable weather yesterday after several days of cold winds and snow flurries. Temperature during the day was above zero and although at 8 o'clock last night it had dropped down to freezing the wind shifted from the north to the south and a falling barometer gave promise of warmer weather. Meanwhile with the opening of the trout fishing season only two days away ponds in most sections remained covered with ice. The fishing season opens on April 15, says the official opening on Monday, said Inspector N. J. Anderson, sub-inspector. Fishermen were warned it was a violation of the fish and Game Act of this province to fish trout through the ice.

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Dr. J. W. MacKenzie Sails From Halifax On Southern Cruise

HALIFAX, April 13—The Liner Lady Rodney, Canadian National Steamships Captain H. S. Hill, sailed for his port tonight (Thursday) on a three weeks round voyage to Nassau in the Bahamas and Kingston Jamaica via Boston and Bermuda and carried an extensive list of passengers.

Passengers from Maritime Province points include: Miss Gerald Hayes, Saint John, N. B., Dr. J. W. MacKenzie, Charlottetown, P. E. I., Dr. J. P. McGrath, Kentville, N. S., and Mrs. N. M. Boutilier, Miramichi, N. B. Joining the ship at Boston will be Dr. and Mrs. MacAskill also of Halifax. On her northbound voyage the "Lady Rodney" will proceed direct to Montreal where she is due to arrive May 7 and there after that port will be her departure and arrive terminating at the St. Lawrence season.

This sailing of the Lady Rodney completes the schedule of sailings to the Bahamas and Jamaica for this port of Halifax for the season.

LONDON — (OP) — "If anybody goes to our naval ports they will see we are not a C-3 (class) nation," said Lord Stanhope, First Sea Lord in response to a letter criticizing the navy's personnel as "small, poorly-trained men." Britain's physical classifications start with A-13

Premier Deserted By Cabinet Colleagues On Floor Of House

Government Leader Able To Muster Only Two Supporters On Motion To Kill Bill To Amend Legal Profession Act.

Prince Edward Island's all-Party Legislature yesterday voted down a motion of Premier Campbell, seconded by Hon. M. R. McGaugan, Minister of Education and supported by Mr. St. Clair Trainor, to give the "six month's hold" to a bill to amend the Legal Profession Act.

The Premier's motion, based on an unanimous request from the Council of the Law Society of this Province, was opposed by every non-legal member present.

The House met yesterday at 3:40 p.m.

Mr. MacKinnon asked the Minister of Public Works if a petition had been received from Patrick Laferty and others for upgrading the road through Ellioville connecting the old Georgetown Road with Fackets Station.

Hon. Mr. McIntyre replied that a petition had been received and would be taken into consideration during recess, after receipt of the engineer's report.

Mr. MacKinnon asked if a petition had been received from residents of Wood Islands, Belle River, Flat River, Pinette, Point Prim, Bellefleur, Orwell and Cherry Valley, asking that a road leading from the Wood Islands ferry connecting with the paved highway leading to Charlottetown be graded and surfaced, and what action had been taken.

Hon. Mr. McIntyre said the petition had been received. "We will have to upgrade the road before we can hard-surface it, and that is a matter that will have to be decided by the Government when the proper time comes," he said.

Mr. Jones asked the Minister if the term "tourist roads" used in the report of his department meant roads leading to a National Park.

Hon. Mr. McIntyre: "Not altogether. It takes in National Parks and possibly inlets to the province."

An Academic Point

Premier Campbell said he wished to reply to a question asked by the hon. member from Annandale (Mr. Stewart) who had asked the Executive Council to be also members of the Legislative Assembly. The answer, from the technical point of view, was in the negative. In this respect, in other parts of the British Empire our form of government is the constitutional monarchy. The constitutional ruler of Prince Edward Island is His Majesty George VI. George VI, King of the United Kingdom and the Dominions of the British Empire and the King of the Netherlands, is the monarch of the province. The members of the Cabinet or Executive Council should also be members of the Legislative Assembly. It is the universal practice for the Premier to select his Cabinet from among the members of the Legislative Assembly, but that is merely a rule of policy. The real question is whether the Executive Council is responsible to and controlled in certain respects, by the Legislative Assembly. This control over the Government and the principle of responsible government, it will be seen, is maintained partly through control over legislation, and partly through control over Supply. The problem is more complicated where there are two parties in power. Both the Dominion of Canada and in Great Britain it is frequently the case that some at least of the members of the Cabinet are selected from the Upper House rather than from the House of Commons; on occasions even the Prime Minister is so selected.

"Coming back to the principle of responsible government," said Premier Campbell, "it will be seen that on certain occasions it is inevitable that members of the Government are not all members of the Legislative Assembly. For instance when vacancies are filled in the House of Commons, they are frequently filled from persons outside the Legislature altogether. Another occasion is when a new Government has been elected, members may be selected as Cabinet ministers who are not members-elect of the Assembly. In the third place we have the case of an Assembly which has been dissolved, or even a Government which has been defeated, at the time it holds office for at least a short time until its affairs are in proper shape for handing over to its successors. Similarly when a Legislature is dissolved the Government does not necessarily go out of existence."

"Interesting Calculation"

"I have attempted to make an interesting calculation of our own situation. We hear rumors that there is going to be an election this year or in 1940. To apply the same analogy, and if we look only at the technical aspect of the case, a very interesting calculation may be made as to how long the next provincial election can be deferred.

"As I recall, the writ of the last election was returned at some date in September, 1935. The Election Act as it now stands provides that the Assembly is automatically dissolved at the expiry of five years from the date of the return of the writ, so that unless this Assembly is sooner dissolved it automatically expires at some date in September 1940. But conceivably the Assembly may be sitting up to that time and it would then be quite competent for it to vote Supply. Assuming that Supply is voted at that time for 1940 and until the estimates for 1941 are finally passed, we are in with another writ, that the Assembly must meet at

least once in a year, so that no more than a year can expire between one sitting and the next. Assuming the Assembly were sitting in the early part of September, 1940, it would not be necessary to convene another session until the early part of September 1941, so that from the technical point of view it appears to me that this Assembly, sitting in September 1940, might vote Supply for 1940, it would not be necessary for the year 1940 but for that portion of 1941 which might have passed until the meeting of the new Assembly, which need not convene until September 1941. "Presumably therefore, although the Assembly would die a natural death in September 1940, the Government could carry on until practically the beginning of September 1941, when a new Assembly must be convened. So far as the technical rules of this House and the prescriptions of the Election Act are concerned, the present Government could constitutionally carry on until approximately the middle of August, 1941." (Loud applause from Government benches).

Highway Work

Mr. MacPhee asked the Minister of Public Works:

(1) Whether it is the intention of the Department to hard-surface, during the coming season, that portion of the road to Borden lying between the McIntyre Highway to the North River corner which has already been surfaced.

(2) Is it the intention of the Department to widen the road from North River corner to Clyde River bridge this coming season?

(3) Could the Minister give any information as to date when work will be started on the road from Clyde River swamp to Churchhill?

Hon. Mr. McIntyre replied that it was the intention to continue subgrading on the road to Borden.

The question of hard-surfacing would have to be taken up after the House rises, when it will be determined which portion, if any, will be undertaken over and above the contracts now in operation.

Mr. Stewart asked if it was the intention of the Department to do any subgrading and paving on the Charlottetown-Borden road from Churchhill Villages westward through Bonshaw.

Hon. Mr. McIntyre said it was intended to complete the widening of that particular section. After the "House rises" the Government will take into consideration any further hard-surfacing.

Mr. MacKay asked the Minister's intentions regarding petitions for widening and subgrading the road from County Line through Sea View Park Corner and to French River also whether it was the intention to finish graveling Irishtown Road, a distance of about three miles, as requested?

Hon. Mr. McIntyre replied to the first question in the affirmative. At the moment he could not say what work could be done with the machines. As many projects would be attended to as possible.

Mr. Stewart asked if it was the intention to widen the road from Cambridge Road near the Sturgeon Roman Catholic Church to the Gaspeaux United Church during the present year?

Hon. Mr. McIntyre: "It is our intention to do all the widening we can and distribute it as equally as we can among the electoral districts."

Mr. Jones asked the Minister to table the orders-in-council providing for the widening and improvement of the roads to the National Park, where the Department worked in concert with the Forestry Department of Natural Resources and received a grant from them.

Hon. Mr. McIntyre: "The hon. member had better put that question on the order paper."

Meat Regulations

Mr. MacKinnon asked the Minister of Agriculture the following question:

"As under present regulations it is impossible for our farmers to ship dressed hogs or other meats to the neighboring markets of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, what steps if any has the Minister taken to have those regulations removed, and what results?"

Hon. Mr. Dennis replied that this matter had been taken up with the governments of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick a year and a half or two years ago. A persistent effort was made to have the present regulations rescinded and the former regulations restored, making the three provinces one region. This was a Dominion Government statute known as the Pure Foods Act. Neither Nova Scotia nor New Brunswick will agree to the proposed change. They are using the legislation to control their own markets.

Mr. Linklater said Island producers formerly had an excellent trade in heavy hogs with the furniture and mining towns and lobster factories of the neighboring Province.

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