

At Red Cross Blood Donors Clinic



Last week the Red Cross went over-the-top in its appeal for blood donors. Today the Red Cross is making another appeal for financial assistance to carry on this great work and many of its other humanitarian services. Among the 600 citizens of this Province who gave donations were seven members of the local Legislature. In the above picture, taken at the Blood Donor headquarters, Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan, Past President of the Red Cross is keeping an eye on the Hon. Alex. Matheson and Mr. J. Phillip Matheson, M.L.A., as they make their donation to the Red Cross Blood Bank.

Photo by Garnhum

Snow Heralds

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morning, and a raw wind cut visibility to 500 yards. Milder weather, originating in the Gulf of Mexico and moving up from the Mississippi Valley, raised temperatures in Southern Ontario. A 1 1/2-inch snowfall Sunday night at Ottawa gave the capital a total of 62 1/2 inches for the winter. Northern Ontario had a bumper snowfall ranging up to eight inches blanketing most of the district. Manitobans in the Brandon area were digging themselves out of a week-end snowstorm of blizzard-like proportions. Majority of the main routes were plugged. Skies in Saskatchewan were overcast, with temperature hovering around 20 above most of Monday. While Calgary and Edmonton saw overcast skies, Lethbridge came in for sunny skies. Showers dampened British Columbia's celebrating spring arrival.

CREW QUILTS

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seamen's wages be reduced. At that time, Gus Genites, port agent for the C.S.U. here, said the union would strike rather than accept wage cuts. It was reliably reported that the union had been building up a strike fund for some weeks. A C.S.U. official here said the union had a separate agreement with C.N.S. and Canadian Pacific Steamships covering passenger vessels. Cargo vessels come under a general agreement with the Shipping Federation of Canada. The vessels Canadian Challenger, Canadian Constructor and Canadian Cruiser were involved because they carried some passengers. He made no comment on what action would be taken concerning the C.P.S. passenger vessel Beaverbrae, now in Saint John. N.B., expected here this week.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

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BIRTHS HUNTER—At the Prince County Hospital on March 17, to Mr. and Mrs. Eustace Hunter, Indian River, a daughter, 9 lbs., 7 oz. GILLIS—At the Charlottetown Hospital on March 17th, 1949, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gillis, City, a daughter, 4 lbs., 7 oz.

DEATHS

MACARTHUR—At Kensington, March 20, 1949, Loman MacArthur, aged 66 years. A short funeral service followed by service in the Presbyterian Church, Summerside at 3 p.m. Interment People's Cemetery, Summerside. MACDONALD—At the P. E. I. Hospital on Saturday, March 19, 1949, Daniel Macdonald in his 73rd year, formerly of Baltic, Lot 18. Funeral from the MacLean Funeral Home today (Tuesday), service starting at 1:30 p.m. Interment People's Cemetery.

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The Central Guardian

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RESERVE April 2 for cake sale Prowse Bros., in aid of Catholic Social Welfare.

TO ATTEND MEETING — Mr. Walter E. Shaw, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, files to Moncton today to attend a meeting of the Maritime Regional Advisory Labor Board. Mr. Shaw is the representative of Maritime agriculture.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN — Mr. T. Roy Cudmore was appointed chairman of the Disaster Services at the annual meeting of the Red Cross last Saturday. His name was inadvertently omitted from yesterday's report.

TRINITY Y. P. U. MEETING — In the Social Hall, which was gaily decorated for St. Patrick's Day, Trinity Y. P. U. held their weekly meeting on Friday evening. After a short business period, devotional service was held under the leadership of Wilma Watts and Evelyn Matheson with Joan Rogerson as pianist and Carmen Thompson as soloist. Classes which have been held by Prof. Patterson and Dr. Shaw were cancelled for this week and in their place a St. Patrick's Day social was held. A very lively sing-song, led by Malcolm Matheson, was very much enjoyed by all with Shirley McDonald and Mary Morrison at the piano. Two very amusing skits were then presented by Keir Matheson, Carmen Thompson and Gladys MacMillan and solos for the evening were sung by Gaylene Craig, Carmen Thompson and Malcolm Matheson. The evening's entertainment was brought to a close by singing Auld Lang Syne and Good Night Ladies.

CHIGAGO GUNMAN Continued from page 1 strongbox with carpets and blasted it open with nitroglycerin. It contained diamonds worth between \$55,000 and \$65,000. They then drilled through a strongbox in the Libman Diamond Company office and took \$10,000 in diamonds before going to the Lady Raymar Pearl office where they got an undetermined amount of loot from a money box.

Hon. H. H. Cox In Budget Debate

In a series of rollicking exchanges with the Leader of the Opposition, Hon. Harry H. Cox, minister without portfolio, set out to answer Opposition criticism of the Government during the debate on the Budget last evening. Early in his speech, however, he was effectively challenged — and silenced — by a member from his own side of the House. When Mr. Cox stated that fishermen should provide their own "holding-rooms" for the frozen bait from the Charlottetown cold-storage, he was vehemently challenged by Mr. Hector Richard (L-1st Prince), who made the suggestion in an earlier speech.

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Highway Report

Continuous work throughout the week-end and during Monday has again opened up practically all main Island highways, reported the department of Highways last night.

The highway west of Summerside has been opened as far as O'Leary. West of O'Leary the storm was very heavy Saturday night and the section between O'Leary and Blenheim is filled in solid, with several of the plows out of order. Clearing operations were underway on the section between Alberton and Tignish yesterday and last night.

The road was clear from Charlottetown through Kensington to Summerside and Borden yesterday with travelling conditions being reported as fair. Some sections were very narrow and operators could not find time to widen them. The Bonshaw highway was open from Charlottetown to Tryon from the end, but on the other end the Summerside plow broke down. Another plow replaced it yesterday however and should have the road cleared today. The road from Hunter River to North and South Rustico was open yesterday.

Plows were still working on and improving the highway from Charlottetown to Souris which was open Sunday. The highway was open from Charlottetown to Georgetown and Montague and also into Cardigan. The road from Montague to Lower Montague, Murray River and Murray Harbour is open around to Little Sands. The Charlottetown-Wood Islands highway was open as far as Eldon.

NEW LIQUOR

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pled by him or her or any part of which is occupied by him or her or in respect of any liquor kept therein or removed therefrom, then, not only shall the dwelling house in which he resided at the time of the last conviction cease to be a dwelling house within the meaning of this Act, but any other house occupied by him or her within two years after the last conviction shall also cease to be a dwelling house within the meaning of this Act during the period of his or her occupancy." Deleted altogether was a section authorizing the Lieutenant-Governor-in-council to appoint "social workers, who shall work under the direction of the Commission and whose duties shall be to endeavour to alleviate and remedy any or all circumstances of family distress resulting from the illicit use of intoxicating liquors, or from imprisonment imposed on who shall, for a period of not more than six months, aid in any manner consistent with the other duties specified in the general enforcement of this Act or in any other duties which the Commission may deem advisable."

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Red Reaction To Atlantic Pact As Expected

By J. M. ROBERTS, Jr. Associated Press News Analyst

Russian reaction to publication of the terms of the Atlantic pact has been about as expected. Coupled with more or less coincidental developments in the dispute over Berlin, it brings the war of words to a new crescendo, but without any sign of new action.

The text of the pact is being published and broadcast throughout the Soviet Union against a background of weeks-long preparation in dispatches from Tass correspondents all over the world interpreting it as a Western move toward war.

During the pact negotiations the Communist propaganda took the line that it was a "preparation for aggression" by the West. Western peoples, except for the Communist cores which have been losing strength steadily for months, didn't accept that interpretation. The new line has been stiffened by the signature of the pact. It is an obvious effort to turn natural fears into a concrete movement against ratification. But relief and reassurance seems to be the dominating reaction of the Western peoples.

The timing of the proclamation of a Communist government for Eastern Germany, giving it the status of a separate nation within the Soviet orbit, may have been influenced by the pact negotiations. But it has been in the works for months and is directly connected with the organization of an Allied-sponsored government for Western Germany.

Likewise, the Allied ban on Russian-issued debt marks as currency in Western Berlin comes coincidentally following the failure of United Nations efforts for a mutual agreement, rather than as a part of the dispute over the pact. Some fear has been expressed that a signature of the Atlantic pact may produce violent "preventive" action on the part of Russia excited by the prospect of growing military strength. But this presupposes an actual Russian belief in its own "Western aggression" propaganda. The Western Allies are making a tremendous effort to dispel this idea and to obtain general world recognition that the pact is only what it professes to be, a strictly defensive alliance.

Russia can be expected to step up her efforts to represent herself as the true friend of peace, menaced by war mongers. The Allies will counter with continued efforts to prepare themselves for any contingency. Development of a strategic defence plan, a co-ordinated rearmament program, and possibly new alliances will be the Allied answer.

There already is talk of a Mediterranean-Middle-Eastern regional pact, with Great Britain, the United States, France and Italy, of the present Allied bloc, throwing their weight officially behind the small countries which already present Russia with a factual front there, anyway. Talk of a Pacific pact is likely to proceed slowly, also. The Western powers are well aware that, while their support can be expected as almost automatic by India and other countries, the Asiatic fight for freedom from Western dominance is a bar to direct partnerships.

Business Slow In Legislature

The likelihood of the Legislature proroguing before Saturday became slimmer as members settled down yesterday to an afternoon of committee work and an evening of leisurely Budget debating. The speakers in the debate were Messrs. J. H. Richard (L-1st Prince), F. C. Ramsay (L-1st Prince), Hon. H. H. Cox, Minister without portfolio, and J. Forrest Phillips (L-2nd Prince). At 10:30 Mr. R. L. Burge (P.C.-2nd King) moved the adjournment. The House meets this morning at 11 o'clock.

Third reading was given yesterday to the Public Works and Highways Act and to a bill amending the Vital Statistics Act. No new bills were introduced.

QUESTIONS

Answers have been tabled to the following questions: Mr. John R. MacLean: What amounts were paid by the Department of Highways to the firm of Poole and Beer, of Montague, on contracts or work for each of the fiscal years 1946, 1947 and 1948 to date? Answer: 1946: \$71,736.84; 1947: \$176,570.71; 1948: \$150,065.22.

West River Bridge

Mr. R. R. Bell: 1. What progress has been made in reference to the construction of a West River Bridge as promised in the Government's platform of December, 1947? 2. Has the Department received a petition from the residents south of West River asking for implementation of said promise? 3. Has any work, by way of survey or otherwise, been started since presentation of said petition? 4. What is the Department's intentions in reference to carrying out this project? Answer: 1. Borings were taken to ascertain the foundation depth and condition at two possible sites for crossing West River. 2. A delegation met with the Government on January 12th. 3. Arrangements have been made to have a bridge engineer from New Brunswick examine all possible sites as soon as weather conditions permit. 4. This Department's decision will not be made until all investigations and surveys have been completed.

Commerce Chamber Official Here

Mr. Ralph Rawthorne, manager of the Field Service Department of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, from Montreal, arrived in the Province Saturday to consult with officials of the various Island Boards of Trade. He contacted the Charlottetown Board of Trade Monday and spoke at a meeting of the Eastern King's Board of Trade at Souris last night. He will give an address at the Kiwanis luncheon today at noon and at the dinner meeting of the Alberton West Prince Board of Trade at Alberton tonight. If road conditions permit he will contact the Craubud-Victoria Board of Trade on Wednesday and also the King's County Board at Montague. On Thursday night he will address the Summerside Board of Trade. He will also make a goodwill call on corporate members of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in the City. He plans to leave the Island on Friday.

IN MEMORIAM

DONALD FRANK MACDONALD The death occurred on March 10 of D. F. Macdonald at his home in Orwell. Taken ill about two months ago, Mr. Macdonald made a considerable recovery under treatment in the Charlottetown Hospital. A relapse later, however, proved fatal. Born in Orwell almost 80 years ago, Frank Macdonald followed the

sea for a few years in his youth.

On returning to the Island he settled on the ancestral homestead. His three sisters, Janet, Mary and Katherine took up residence in California where the first two were married and where all three died. One brother, Joseph, a half-brother, Daniel, and a half-sister, Mary also passed on before him.

In 1901 he married Mary Ann Fisher of Rollo Bay. This marriage was blessed with six children, twins having died shortly after birth. In November, 1910, death claimed the soul of Mrs. Macdonald shortly after the birth of her youngest son. Left with six young children, Mr. Macdonald married Mary Elizabeth Macdonald of Mount Stewart in 1912. His new consort was most devoted to him and the children and the family grew up in a strongly religious atmosphere. In 1924, stricken with cerebral meningitis while he was attending St. Dunstan's University, His passing was a deep shock to the family.

Mr. MacDonald was an active member of St. Joachim's Catholic Church in Vernon River. When the Charlottetown diocese ran a drive some years ago for funds for St. Dunstan's University and other Catholic charities, he was a member of the "special gifts" committee, and attended the organization banquet in the Hotel Charlottetown under the presidency of His Excellency, Bishop James Boyle.

Exactly two years ago his beloved wife died. Left to mourn his passing are four sons, two of them Prudent, Rector of St. Joseph's College, Edmonton, and Rev. Brother Andrew, Superior of St. Mary's Community, Toronto. George at home married to Mary Macdonald of Vernon, and Gerard, a graduate of St. Dunstan's, now residing at Rollo Bay; his only daughter, a Sister of the Congregation of Notre Dame, teaching at St. Mary's Academy, Summerside.

On March 12 his funeral took place from his late home in Orwell. Mass was celebrated and the graveside rites were administered by Rev. Father Gillis, Pastor of St. Joachim's Church, Vernon River. The pall-bearers were T. Morrison, W. McLeod, D. Nicholson, N. Macdonald, W. Morrissey and F. Dreehan.

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