

Revisits United Kingdom On Nuffield Scholarship

Continued
(Excerpts from letters received from flying officer Archie J. Johnston, of Burlington P. E. I., now travelling in the United Kingdom on a Nuffield Agricultural Scholarship, continued from a previous issue.)

Mr. Armstrong was waiting at his office to say goodbye to us as we left for Edinburgh in the evening. He apologized for the heavy rain we had experienced in the morning but the afternoon turned out warm and bright. One of the better known instructors at the R. A. F. G. R. School at Charlottetown was P/O James Stevenson, known to his friends as Steve. He had visited us many times at our home in Charlottetown during the war and when I got to Galsgow I often visited his father at their home there. I find that Mr. Stevenson died three years ago and that James is living in London, where I may perhaps see him later.

Another even better known G. R. instructor and Charlottetown was P/O Robert Tait who may be best remembered at both Trinity and St. James for his singing. His mother keeps his recordings but rarely if ever plays them. After his return to Britain he was posted to Coastal Command, based in Iceland. One night while acting as second pilot in the Wing Commander's crew, they were heard to say that they were never heard of again. The second son, George was killed a few years later in an accident, while serving with the Navy. Two younger boys are still living and one has just completed his two years' National Service. In fact he liked it so well he took an extra year. The first time that I visited them they were in Falkirk but since moved back to Edinburgh, which is their native city.

Princes Street is still a crowded thoroughfare and the Gardens are bright with spring flowers. We called for a few minutes at the Overseas Service League and then at the Edinburgh R.A.F. Recruiting Unit, where we learned their joys and sorrows in recruiting are much the same as our own. I think that they have a little plainer sailing in one or two matters, which have caused the R. C. A. F. some worry and we hope will not become a real problem. The boom of the one o'clock gun from the Castle is a real shocker and you see people jump all over the place when it is fired. Old Peter who has been firing it for the past five years will do so for the last time tomorrow then retire at the age of 65. Sgt. Peter Currie is his real name and he won the M.M. at the Battle of the Somme. Many visitors to Edinburgh from P. E. I. have met Mr. Rodrick Shearer and his sister Elizabeth. If you are over sixty and can remember back some forty years you may be able to remember when he was a visitor to our Province once or twice. They can both recall the names of many Summerside and Kensington residents, several of whom are still alive and knew them at that time. Mr. Shearer was for thirty-five years an instructor at the Heriot-Watt College and was for a long time the head of the Mathematical

Bristol

Rev. Father Ledwell, O. M. I., Ottawa, who is spending a vacation with his parents Mr. and Mrs. T. Ledwell, celebrated mass in the Little Flower Church here at 7:30.

All the Catholic clergy in the vicinity are attending the annual retreat for the priests at S. D. U. this week. The retreat opened on Monday and will last all week.

Miss Bertha MacDonald has returned home from the Charlottetown Hospital after undergoing an operation for tonsils last week.

The mission at the Little Flower Church closed on Sunday afternoon and opened in the evening at the Church of St. Laurence for another week, under direction of Rev. E. McKenna, C. S. Sr., who is one of the most outstanding preachers of the Redemptorist Fathers. We learn from the Father his first mission on the Island was at St. Andrews, many years ago, when the late Father McLellan was pastor.

Friends of Mr. Charles McCarthy will be sorry to learn he has entered the Charlottetown Hospital for treatment after being ill at his home for a week. There is still quite a lot of sickness around and quite a number suffering from late flu.

Mr. Wilfred Hogan, Sr. has returned to his home in the village after being in the Charlottetown Hospital for a time with a heart ailment.

Mr. Maurice Murphy is a patient in the Charlottetown Hospital.

Mrs. Mike Tobin is around again after a period of illness that sent her to the hospital for some time.

Miss Loraine Sinnott, student nurse at the Charlottetown Hospital, returns to her duties this week after spending three weeks vacation with her parents here.

Miss Phillis Sinnott, Summer side, spent the week-end at her home in Bristol, along with her sister Norma from Charlottetown.

Miss Geraldine O'Brien and her brother, Gerard, will enter the Charlottetown Hospital on Sunday evening, where they will undergo tonsil operations.

Miss Muriel Villard has returned home from the city where she had been employed for the winter months.

Mr. Frank MacDonald has arrived from Moncton, where he has been employed, to visit his family here.

The fisheries officers have been checking in this vicinity and some prosecutions have followed.

R. C. M. P. patrols are checking on trucks now for rear mud flaps, they claim gravel thrown from rear wheels is dangerous.

Bus travellers are reminded in this vicinity that buses will be

operating on daylight saving time starting this week. Their ad is in this paper.

This vicinity reports the finest hatch of young crows in many a moon. Right now flocks of them hardly bother to get out of the way of cars. There should be good picking for the crow shoot later on.

Miss Josephine spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sinnott, Bristol.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Eldershaw were in the City on Friday on business.

Mr. Eldon Drake has joined the staff of carpenters on the Federal Building, and along with several others drives to and from work daily.

Sister Mary Martha, C. S. M. and Sister Clara Teresa, C.S.M., were visitors here on Sunday.

Rev. Brother Joseph Rossier, O.M.I., Ottawa, arrived here last week to spend two weeks vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rossier. He will also attend the first high mass offered by his friend from childhood days, Rev. Mauris Coffin, O.M.I.

Mr. and Mrs. John Keefe and Mr. and Mrs. James Kennelick were business visitors to the City on Monday afternoon.

The summer of rabbits and cats has started on the highways here. On Monday three cats and two rabbits were victims of cars.

The property of the late Phillip Sinnott on the Morell Road has been sold to Mr. Leo Rossier, M.L.A.

Mr. Eugene Sullivan of Halifax, N.S., is visiting his home in Cardigan.

Mr. John DeLory who is spending some time in Halifax, N. S., was a week-end visitor to his home in Georgetown.

Ceremony Will Honor John Cabot

MONTREAL (CP) — Citizenship Minister Pickersgill and the Italian ambassador to Canada will participate at a ceremony here June 26 to honor John Cabot, discoverer of Newfoundland.

Plans for the ceremony were announced by the Newfoundlanders Association of Montreal.

Mr. Pickersgill, member of Parliament for Bonaville, Nfld., will place a wreath at the statue of Cabot in Western Square, opposite Montreal Forum.

Sergio Fenoaltea, Italian ambassador to Canada, will speak of the exploits of Cabot, who started his sailing career in his native Italy.

Mr. William Hughes of Souris West was a recent visitor to Georgetown.

Friends of Mrs. John D. Gottell are sorry to hear that she has entered the Charlottetown Hospital.

On Thursday, June 16, Mrs. William S. Martell attended the Convocation Exercises of Notre Dame Academy, held in Prince of Wales College Auditorium. Miss Gertrude Fitzgerald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Fitzgerald was a member of the Grade XII Graduation Class.

Mr. J. A. B. MacConnell, school teacher at Savage Harbour, spent the past week-end at his home in Georgetown.

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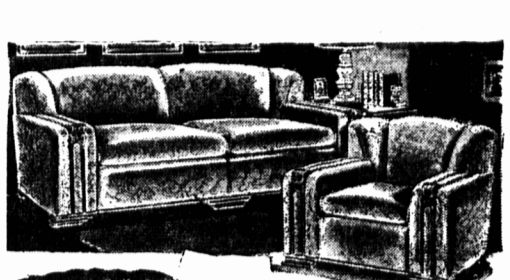
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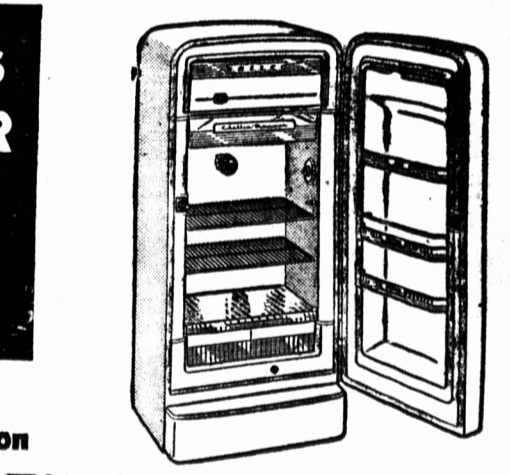
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