

Enlarged Hotel Dining Space Will Be Sought

By RALPH CAMERON (Guardian-Patriot Staff Writer) Driving ahead to improve every phase of tourist facilities in this city, a determined bid has been launched to increase the capacity of the dining room of The Charlottetown, this city's leading hotel.

Launched by Mayor A. Walthen Gaudet, the move has received strong support from Premier Walter Shaw, who has asked for an appointment with Canadian National Railways president, Donald Gordon, during his forthcoming trip to Montreal this week.

At present, the dining room can seat between 225 and 230 persons, but the capacity has proven inadequate on countless occasions, for even purely local functions. The result has been an overflow of various other first floor rooms of the hotel, and means many guests fail to see proceedings, and only are in touch with head table speakers via a loud speaker system.

With a great many national conventions scheduled for this provincial capital during the celebration of centenary of the first meeting to discuss Confederation, it is felt that the time has come for the hotel to increase the dining room capacity to offer better accommodations to the hundreds of visitors who will be here in 1964.

It is known that Mayor Gaudet has been in touch with CNR authorities in the Atlantic area, but to date has been unsuccessful in his efforts to arrange a meeting with railway officials.

Enlisting the enthusiastic support of Premier Shaw and Hon. J. David Stewart, minister of tourist development, and a former Mayor of Charlottetown who understands its needs, the trio is now planning a top level approach to the problem.

If the Premier is successful in obtaining an interview with the railways president, it is believed the tourist Minister and Mayor Gaudet will go to Montreal to strengthen his argument in favor of dining room expansion.

The enlargement would involve structural changes, but probably would not greatly affect architectural style. At present, there is a large terrace and considerable lawn space to the left of the main dining room and it is this area which it is felt could be utilized to permit the room to grow to meet the needs of the visiting public—and also those many Islanders who gather there for all important dinners.



LITTLE THEATRE REHEARSES

Members of the Little Theatre Guild rehearse for 'Varieties '62' a concert to be staged on Wednesday and Thursday night, and open to the general public. They are Mrs. Ivy Keays, Sterling Walker, Al Blanchard, Mrs. Bernard Hughes and Eric MacGregor.

Boys' Parliament Blasts Queens Co. Jail Conditions

Queens County Jail was referred to as being "hardly fit for animals to live in" by members of the 8th annual Older Boys Parliament as they continued their sessions in the Provincial Building Saturday afternoon.

The parliament was opened Friday night by Hartwell Daley, Lieutenant-Governor for the occasion. A resolution was passed advocating that the "deplorable and inhuman living conditions of the jail be given immediate attention," and was introduced by Donald Waugh of Summerside, following a tour of the jail by two of the members Saturday morning.

The two members described the jail as being "hardly fit for animals to live in" and noted that "the cells were small and most of them lacked tables and chairs. One cell received no light at all from the outside. Because of the wind blowing through paneless windows the building was very cold."

"The boys were filthy, particularly the floors, sinks and toilets in the washrooms. The building had an apparent lack of locks on the cells which permitted the inmates to roam around the grounds and even the streets."

One member stated that the prisoners, whose average was about 20 years, were receiving no opportunity for rehabilitation in the jail but were growing increasingly "immoral."

PRISON FARM URGED It was further recommended that a prison farm be built and that the condition of the jail be improved to make it fit for short term inmates to live in. During the two day sessions a total of nine resolutions were introduced resulting in eight of them being passed. The defeated resolution concerned nuclear arms and asked that the parliament go on record as advocating that Canada refuse to accept nuclear arms.

Rev. David Hamilton led the worship service preceding the second session of the parliament Saturday afternoon. Mr. Hamilton stressed the need for the members to examine their selves and to decide what their attitudes towards their duties at home, school and friends should be. A resolution introduced at the evening session sparked one of the most hectic discussions of the sitting.

COMPANIES BLAMED Deputy Premier Dewar Harper moved that the church accept as its responsibility to bring to the attention of the people the grave financial difficulties which may occur through dealing with the cooperative, but deceiving, demanding finance companies. He reported that a "fantastic amount of money is borrowed on Prince Edward Island through finance companies, and that interest of at least 20 per cent must be paid on these loans."

Premier Errol Sharpe stated that the companies take advantage of poorer people, who cannot afford to pay interest, but are forced to borrow from these companies, because they cannot obtain a bank loan. Other members pointed out that the borrowers often lose the items for which they borrowed money.

The finance companies were defended by Robert Bentley of Summerside on the basis that they are forced to charge high interest rates to make up for money lost by unreliable borrowers. Thomas Lawrie of Ottawa, Ont., contended that the government, not the church, should be responsible for matters concerning finance companies.

DEGREE GRANTING Prince of Wales College also came up for considerable discussion with the introduction of a resolution advocating that the college become a degree-granting institution and that government financial aid be given to assist in further expansion of present facilities which would include the construction of a boys' residence. The final resolution dealt with Saturday evening asked that the members dedicate themselves to the work of Christ's Church in the community, and this year, as in former years, pledge themselves to unite in prayer at 9:30 each Sunday evening.

Sunday afternoon resolutions were passed dealing with the tobacco industry in the province; that each member donate the sum of \$4 for the purpose of supporting one refugee boy for one year, through the Foster Parent Plan; and that the members thank all those who made the parliament a success. Elected as officers of the house for the coming session were Errol Sharpe, speaker; Dewar Harper, premier; Neil Scott, deputy premier; Donald Linkletter, member to attend Maritime Parliament with alternates being Ronald Rice, Allan Darby, and Gerald Hopkirk.

Cool Breezes Fail To Daunt Skaters

Islanders got a real taste of Old Man Winter over the weekend as temperatures hovered around the zero mark accompanied by a fairly stiff wind.

Around 10 p.m. last night it was three degrees above zero, with the high for the day at five above, and the low two below. Saturday night the temperature was down to two degrees below zero.

Winds on Saturday night were blowing from the west northwest at about 30 m.p.h., gusting to 50. Despite the cool breezes, hundreds donned skates over the weekend on the Government Pond, at the North River causeway and numerous other ponds and clear patches of ice for a brisk skate and the usual games of hockey by the younger generation.

Prince St. Home, School Ass'n Defers Resolution Decision

The January meeting of the Prince Street Home and School Association was held in the new school with 115 parents and teachers in attendance. The president, Mrs. Wilfred James conducted the meeting.

A letter from Dr. K.A. Parker was read regarding a resolution asking that the Home and School Association go on record as "being opposed to the spread of nuclear weapons to countries not now possessing them." The resolution is to be presented at the annual meeting of the Canadian Federation of Home and School Associations to be held in Saskatoon in May.

Owing to the complicated and controversial nature of such a resolution, it was decided to hold the matter over until the March meeting when it can be discussed thoroughly and a vote then taken.

The president read a brief which had been presented to the school board in December regarding a proposed assembly room in the new school. Copies of a letter from the chairman of school board which was written in response to the brief, were distributed to the members and the matter was discussed.

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She also expressed appreciation for the co-operation and understanding of the parents. With regard to the Prince Street Ice Sports, Miss Matheson requested that the parents and friends of the school give full support to the ticket and fund sales, as there will be no solicitations for advertising from the merchants this year.

The guest speaker for the evening, Dr. Parker, discussed the various phases of the home and school organization at the local and provincial level; and also the broader aspects of the association and its potential influence on world affairs.

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HI-Y KING AND QUEEN

Jean Court and Barry Diamond are the Hi-Y King and Queen for 1962. The royal pair were crowned at a dance held Saturday night at the YMCA as the choice of the club's members. This annual project was sponsored by the Tri Gamma Phi Club.

Confederation Memorial Building Is Given Big Play

The proposed Confederation building has caused considerable excitement in other parts of Canada as well as in Prince Edward Island.

The Toronto Globe and Mail devoted two five-column pictures and a story to the coverage of the design competition. The Montreal Gazette carried a six column headline over the competition story.

In a letter to The Guardian, Dr. Frank MacKinnon said he could hardly believe the extent to which interest in the building has arisen. Dr. MacKinnon said that he and his colleagues believe the building will be a sensation in world architectural circles as "there is nothing quite like it in both beauty and facilities."

He said however that the winning model is not overly photogenic and the picture as carried by today's Guardian and Saturday's Evening Patriot as well as other papers give only a bird's eye view and not a ground view.

The winning design was a last minute entry submitted by the Montreal firm of Affleck, Desbarats, Dimakopoulos, Lebesold, Sise and Schoenauer. Professor Eric Arthur of the University of Toronto, head of the judging panel, said that the building will "set a standard of suitability that will not likely be surpassed."

Among the first attractions to be held in the new building will be the Dominion Drama Festival and the Canadian Opera Company performances to be held in the 1,000 seat theatre in 1964.

NOTICE Murphy Service Station will be closed Tuesday morning, Jan. 30, due to a death in the family.

Next Attraction CAPITOL

WARNING! WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU SEE THE NAKED EDGE FROM THE BEGINNING! HOWEVER, A FLASHING RED LIGHT WILL MEAN THAT NO ONE—ABSOLUTELY NO ONE—WILL BE SEATED DURING THE LAST 13 MINUTES.

TODAY - TUE. - WED. SHOWS 3:30 - 7:0

GARY COOPER - DEBORAH KERR

LAST YEAR IT WAS PSYCHO STOP! THIS YEAR THE BIG SUSPENSE IS THE NAKED EDGE

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LOCAL BRIEFS

MacKINNON FUNERAL - The funeral for Lillian H. MacKinnon was held Saturday, Jan. 27, from the MacLean Funeral Home where service was conducted by Rev. T. H. B. Somers and Rev. A. E. Piercy. Pallbearers were Stewart Pierce, Stewart MacKinnon, Russell Coles, Lindsay Coles, and Percy Hooper. Interment took place in Milton cemetery.

GILLESPIE FUNERAL - The funeral for Esther Gillespie, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Gillespie, was held Saturday afternoon from the Cutcliffe Funeral Home. Service was conducted by C. K. Bena. Flowerbearers were Norman Kirkpatrick, Wendell Bryenton, Ronald Hunt, Alan Gillespie, Lomas Bell, Terry Strickland, Louise Bousse, Wayne Hamby, Allison Birt and Jimmie Birt. Interment was in Hartsville cemetery.

TRAINOR FUNERAL - The funeral for Mrs. Stephen Trainor was held Saturday morning from her late residence, 102 Highland Avenue, to the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer, where Requiem High Mass was celebrated by her pastor Very Rev. C.H. Moreau, CSSR, who also conducted the service at the graves. Management and staff of Traders Finance Corp. Ltd. and members of the Catholic Women's League attended in a body. Pallbearers were Mayor A.W. Gaudet, Emeric Holland, B. Earle MacDonaid, Gerald Nantes, George Nelson and Frank Strain. Interment was in the Catholic cemetery.

Scout Drive Start Slated The annual dinner meeting marking the start of the general financial canvass of the Boy Scouts of Canada in the Charlottetown area will be held this evening at 6:15 at the YMCA. Arrangements are being made for catering to 100 and all persons notified and contacted are requested to make an effort to attend. The meeting will conclude by 9 o'clock. The program will include brief talks by both a scout and cub. A film on the Jamboree held at Ottawa will be shown. Provincial chairman of the campaign is Orin Simons, and city chairman, George Chandler.

Baptist BYF Has Meeting The regular meeting of the Charlottetown Baptist BYF was held in the Church Hall Jan. 28 with president Dewar Harper presiding. A devotional period was conducted by Katherine Kitson and Phyllis Yeo. A song led by Mrs. Gloria Atkinson was enjoyed by all. Ruddy Mann introduced guest speaker Bruce Hodgins, who gave an interesting talk on Education on P.E.I. Plans are being made for the BYF Rally which is to be held Feb. 2, 3, and 4.

COLLECTOR'S COIN The 50-cent piece of 1921 with a catalogue value of \$3,500 is the rarest among modern Canadian coins.

Steel Buildup Keeping Mills In U.S. Busy

CLEVELAND (AP) - The daily rate of United States steel production will continue in February in response to order buildups, with the month's output close to 10,000,000 tons, Steel magazine predicted Sunday.

The metalworking weekly said order backlogs, still are growing and steel producers are continuing to book more tonnage per day than they could produce at capacity operations.

"Steel shipments in February and March will exceed consumption by 1,000,000 tons a month as users continue rebuilding stocks to levels that will support production increases and afford protection against a possible strike," the publication said.

"Steel use won't increase materially until March or April when there will be seasonal up-trends in construction, canning, railroad track work and farm maintenance."

HIGHER PRODUCTION Steel production this week is expected to be somewhat higher than the 2,350,000 last week, the magazine added. The up-trend in steel demand on the domestic market is not being shared by importers of steel from Western Europe, Steel says. Importers say business is fair, but shows little change since the start of the year.

Steel's composite price on steelmaking scrap declined 17 cents to \$37.30 a gross ton last week. The magazine said the scrap market is easing, with mill interest in dealer offerings lagging.

Hockey Great Dies At 79

HAMILTON (CP) - Percy LeSueur, an all-time great goal keeper who starred with a series of hockey teams early this century, died in hospital here Saturday after a long illness.

LeSueur, 79, was admitted to the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto last summer. He played in a rough-and-tumble era with such greats as Jack Adams, now general manager of Detroit Red Wings of the National Hockey League; Art Ross, former general manager and coach of the Boston Bruins; Frank McGee of the old Ottawa Silver Sevens; Cyclone Taylor and many others.

LeSueur played most of his amateur hockey in the old city of Quebec, where he was born. He was a junior with Victors and later joined the Quebec Seniors. Originally a right winger, he moved to Smith Falls, where he switched to goal tending in 1904.

In 1906, LeSueur played for the Ottawa Silver Sevens in a famous series with the Montreal Wanderers. He remained with the club until 1913, helping the team to Stanley Cup titles in 1909 and 1911.

FIND RUNAWAY GRAND FALLS, N.B. (CP) - Roger Way, 16, of Grand Falls, was found at Deer Lake, N.B., 30 miles west of here, more than a day after he ran away after being bawled out by his teacher for a school misdemeanor. The teen-ager left school Monday, warning he was "never coming back." He was found at the home of relatives.

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