

Public Opinion Is Seen As Spur To Improvement

The Prince Edward Island government similar to any democratic administration, on education or any other public service, will spend only as much money as the citizens demand. John Hughes, principal of Montague High School, said here yesterday.

Delivering his annual report as 1958-59 president of the Prince Edward Island Teachers' Federation, Mr. Hughes recalled that the Province was spending \$7 million on highway improvement as compared with only \$2 million for education, and that only 17 per cent of the provincial budget was allocated to the education department in comparison with the Canadian average of 22 per cent.

Were there as many delegations waiting on the government with respect to education as there were in respect to roads, the comparative spending would be considerably less startling, Mr. Hughes intimated.

"When public opinion demands better schools, better schools, better means of transportation to the larger centres, then and then only will we get these improvements," he said.

If educational opportunities were to be available to all citizens of Canada, it would seem that federal aid was a necessity, Mr. Hughes observed. Provinces and municipalities were no longer able to fulfill their constitutional responsibilities in this matter.

In support of this contention, strongly endorsed by the Canadian Teachers' Federation, the local president gave the following comparisons:

65 per cent of Island teachers have less than senior matriculation as compared with the Canadian average of 38 per cent;

Six per cent of Island teachers have university degrees compared with the Canadian average of 22 per cent;

In 1956 spent only \$95 per pupil enrolled as compared with the Canadian average of \$201;

In the school year 1956-57, salaries paid Island teachers averaged only \$1,775 in comparison with the Canadian average estimated to be \$3,036.

CTF RECOMMENDATIONS

To accomplish this end the CTF offered the federal government three separate plans, Mr. Hughes said. With comments as to the feasibility of each these were:

(1) — An extension of the Federal Tax-sharing Arrangements Act payments.

"It was pointed out that this plan would be most acceptable to the Provinces but it had the disadvantage that there would be no guarantee that it would achieve its purpose unless an undertaking could be obtained from the Provinces that the money would be spent for education purposes.

(2) — A per pupil capital grant.

"Such a plan would in no way encroach on the Provincial control of education.

(3) — An equalization formula in conjunction with Foundation Program.

"This plan would provide

Three presentations were made to W. H. "Bill" Gillespie yesterday as he completed his employment with the department of transport as airport manager at the Charlottetown airport.

Bill was called to the airport terminal yesterday afternoon and was entirely unprepared for what happened later.

The retiring manager had officials from the regional office at Moncton some days ago and "that was that," or so he thought.

But yesterday afternoon's developments followed a different pattern.

There was a generous pour of money and some very warm comments from Carl F. Burke, managing director of Maritime Central Airways.

There was another large pour of money from the fellow employees of the department of transport at Charlottetown and the commissioners. This pour was presented by Louis Campbell.

And there was a complete fishing outfit from the hanger staff, the pilots, the stewards and the agents at M.C.A. The presentation was made by Kay Johnson.

The most enjoyable afternoon was completed when tea and a delicious lunch was served by the agents. They include Kay Johnson, Helen Cox, Connie Rogers, Noreen MacPherson and Dot Cormier.

It was Bill's last day on the job. The fellowship enjoyed made it a memorable one.

Attack Warning System Tested

Charlottetown participated yesterday afternoon in the first nationwide test of the permanent installation of the Attack Warning System in Canada, it was learned last night from Provincial Coordinator Orrin Simons in Charlottetown.

The system was inaugurated on a national basis by Major-General George Hatton, co-ordinator of civil defence for Canada.

The network of priority communications links up the Air Defence College at Arnprior and all provincial capitals.

The provincial capitals in turn are also linked to zone areas and designated target areas in the various provinces.

The results of the first were termed "excellent and effective" which "reflected credit" on Canada's telephone systems.

competitions recently.

Linda Johnston, Massawippi, Quebec, and Richard Nicol, Hagersville, Ontario, tied for first place in the 4-H Club division with identical scores of 78.

Doyle's 76 was good enough to give him a tie for third place with four other junior judges. Colleague Gardiner was tied for seventh spot with several others. In all 80 4-H clubbers competed in the nation-wide contest.

4-H Club Girls Stand High In Competition

Scoring 76 and 73 respectively, two Island 4-H Club members, Gerry Doyle, Albert Plains, and Brendon Gardiner, Charlottetown R.R., placed well up in the All-Canadian Ayrshire judging

St. John's	29	36
Moncton	27	46
Halifax	24	50
Charlottetown	29	42
Sydney	29	40
Yarmouth	33	57
St. John's	24	36

HALIFAX (CP)—The weather office says a small disturbance near Cape Cod was causing fog patches and scattered showers just to the south of Nova Scotia, and these may drift inland occasionally as the disturbance moves eastward.

Forecast:
Halifax and vicinity, eastern shore, south shore: Cloudy with a few clear intervals; fog patches near the coast; mild; east winds 15. Low-high at Halifax 30 and 48. Yarmouth 35 and 48.

Annapolis Valley, northern Nova Scotia, Cape Breton, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick: Clear; mild; east winds 15. Low-high at Kentville 30 and 53. New Glasgow 25 and 50. Sydney 18 and 45. Charlottetown 20 and 45. Moncton 23 and 50. Fredericton 25 and 53. Saint John 30 and 45. Edmundston 25 and 45. Campbellton 20 and 40.

Bay of Fundy: East winds 15. Clear with a few cloudy intervals; visibility 10 miles; little change in temperature.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 5:06 a.m. and 4:26 p.m. At Rustico at 12:24 a.m. and 11:30 p.m. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. Sun rises today at 5:55 a.m. and sets at 6:40 p.m.

WEATHER

TORONTO (CP) — Temperatures issued by the public weather office at 9:00 p.m.

	Min.	Max.	Night Day
Dawson	-3	37	
Victoria	44	49	
Regina	26	38	
Winnipeg	26	32	
Lakehead	31	41	
Ottawa	37	48	
Montreal	23	45	
Quebec	22	45	
Fredricton	26	55	

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MEDAL WINNER CONGRATULATED

Lt. Gen. George Grivas, leader of underground warfare in Cyprus, is kissed by Spyros Melas after the latter presented him with gold medal of the Athens academy in the Greek capital. Melas is president of the academy. In his presentation speech he described Grivas as "a national hero."

(AP Wirephoto)

Proper Type

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tions or hereditary talent may be, every individual in a democracy has the right to opportunities for the development of his potentialities.

SCHOOLS' DUTY

"If we accept the theory that the individual is important, that his vote should decide the fate of governments, that there should be no restraint on individual thought and action except that dictated by the welfare of others," Dr. Paton continued, "then we must certainly believe that every healthy individual has a mind to develop, an intelligence worth training, and that this intelligence operates in every sphere of life and act-

ivity. The school, therefore, has no choice but to train the mind by giving constant practice in the making of intelligent choices.

"For example, a good teacher will emphasize solving problems in mathematics by a variety of methods and not solely by the one method mentioned in the textbook. He will train the memories of his pupils, but not by rote learning and parrot-like repetition of words and lines that are meaningless to them. He will encourage his history classes to read outside the authorized version of events, causes, and results, of villains and heroes.

"He will not impose his own views upon them, but neither will he fail to bring out the facts and the interpretations on both sides of a question, and to insist that they distinguish between a proved fact or an authoritative opinion and what is merely rumour, gossip, biased judgement, or unsupported evidence. In this connection it should not be difficult for a wide-awake teacher to find illustrations in TV commercials and in magazine or newspaper advertising.

FIRST JOB

"The first job of the school, then, is intellectual training and development of the minds of young people. I think this is important with all who are in any way educable, and should not be restricted to those intending to matriculate into university; because intelligence can be exercised in the office, the store, or the machine shop as well as in the pulpit, the law-courts, or the consulting room.

"I assume that the school will find some time for moral and physical training, but I am not too worried on this score, since other educational agencies like the church, the home, and the community recreation centre will be playing their part. No person or agency is likely, however, to concentrate sufficiently on the education of the mind if the school fails to do so.

"Having established the first of my priorities, I turn to the next which follows almost inevitably. Everyone seems to agree that 'as is the teacher, so is the school'. Clearly this most difficult and subtle task of mind-training will not be done well unless we have in every school the best possible classroom teachers under a clear-headed, intelligent school administrator.

"I am thinking here of bright, alert, resourceful classroom teachers, of above-average intelligence, in every grade from kindergarten to matriculation; this business of developing the democratic man must begin as early as possible.

NOT GOOD ENOUGH

"The broken-down-soldier type of instructor we read about in pioneer days, whose control was a club and whose one teaching method was to follow with his finger in the book while one pupil after another repetition from memory every word of history, geography, literature, etc. that had been assigned, simply will not suffice today, although I have heard rural school trustees speak as if that was the kind of teacher they were satisfied to engage and to pay."

The Quebec educationist expressed surprise that the PEI Teachers' Federation were asking such extremely modest salary scales for the school year 1958-59. In Protestant Quebec the teachers were demanding considerably more, especially at the maximum for teachers with degrees, he said.

The guest speaker evinced surprise that the Island maximum and minimum standards were so low, in comparison with those he was accustomed to apply. But, he observed that this situation was not surprising in view of the fact that the per pupil expenditure for education was considerably lower than that obtaining in several other provinces.

ISLAND LOW

In 1957, in comparison with P.E.I.'s \$103 per pupil expenditure \$207 was spent in Manitoba, \$304 in British Columbia, \$252 in Saskatchewan, and \$243 in Ontario, Dr. Paton noted.

He pointed out that statistics published by the Canadian Teachers' Federation in February of this year showed that at the elementary level, PEI teachers in 1956-59 were paid on the average \$1,200 less than colleagues of similar education and experience in other parts of the nation. In the case of secondary school teachers the difference was somewhat less, but still great—\$1,054.

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COME AND HEAR Mr. G. A. Ramsay and W.R. McEwaine in special Gospel meetings containing nightly at 8 o'clock in Gospel Hall, Upper Prince Street.

CARD PARTY at Southport Hall tonight at 8:30. Tournament starting regular prizes, door prize, lunch.

CIRCUS — Y.M.C.A.—April 1 and 2nd. Students 50 cents, adults 75 cents. Time 7:30 p.m. Sponsored by Gamma-Psi-Hi-Y Club.

GOES TO OTTAWA — Dr. Frank MacKinnon, president of the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council, left yesterday for Ottawa where he is to attend a meeting of the Canada Council.

NAMES OMITTED — In the account of the Easter Monday play presentation the names of Norma Bird and Janet LeClair were inadvertently omitted from the list of specialties. These young ladies appeared in a tap dance routine which drew rounds of applause from the enthusiastic audience.

STEWART FUNERAL — The funeral of the late George D. Stewart was held yesterday afternoon from the Cutcliffe Funeral Home. Service at the home and grave was conducted by the Rev. A. F. MacLean assisted by the Rev. T. R. Goudge. Pallbearers were William MacDonald, Harold Falls, Wilfred Hughes, George Reid, Harry Rayner, Daniel MacPhee. The Canadian Legion attended in a body. The Legion graveside service was read by Harry Mariner and Last Post and Reveille were sounded by Bugler David Mills. Interment was in Pownal Cemetery.

EASTER DIAMONDS See our advertisement elsewhere in this paper. Pattersons Jewellers, 113 Kent (near Queen).

THE WINNER of the Turkey Dinner drawn for at the Catholic Welfare Bureau on Saturday March 28th, was Mrs. Darrell Worth, 77 Upper Prince Street.

DR. L.H. KILLORAN will be absent from his office from April 1-5. Office will remain open for appointments and payments of accounts.

CORNWALL SERVICES — Easter Services were well attended at the different points in the Cornwall Pastoral Charge on Easter Sunday. At the morning service in Cornwall where the sacrament of The Lord's Supper was observed, 15 persons were received into the full membership of the church on profession of faith. The choir rendered two Easter anthems with the organist Mrs. Walter Gregor presiding at the organ.

PERSONALS

Miss Adriana Monaghan, Kelly's Cross and Miss Margaret Basset, Albany are attending the teachers' convention in Charlottetown this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Connors and daughters, Muriel and Colleen, Pembroke, Ontario arrived in Charlottetown on Saturday to spend a week's holidays with their parents Mr. & Mrs. Catherine Trainor, Valley Street and Mrs. H. Connors of this City.

BIRTHS

SUTHERLAND — At Prince County Hospital on March 25, 1959, to Mr. and Mrs. John Sutherland (nee Sylvia Bishop) Summerside, a son, Joan Stephen. Weight 8 pounds 10 1/2 ounces.

SIMPSON — At the P.E.I. Hospital Friday, March 27, 1959, to Mr. and Mrs. David Simpson (nee Dorothy Ford) a daughter, 7 lbs., 7 ozs.

MUTTART — On Wednesday March 18, 1959. Born at Grace Hospital Toronto Ont. to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Muttart, a son weight 6 lbs. 14 ozs. name Daniel Hubert (nee Margaret French).

STEWART — At Prince County Hospital on March 29, 1959 to Mr. and Mrs. St. Clair Stewart, Emerald a daughter. Weight 7 lbs. 15 1/2 ozs.

ENGAGEMENTS

GREEN — TREDENICK — Mrs. Annie Tredenick wishes to announce the engagement of her daughter, Ina Patricia, to James Preston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Green, Central Bedouque. Marriage to take place in the near future at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Toronto.

DEATHS

MCINTYRE — At Boston City Hospital on Monday, March 30, 1959, Miss Annie McIntyre, formerly of Savage Harbor, in her 83rd year. Her remains will arrive in Charlottetown tonight by train and will rest at the Charlottetown Funeral Home till Thursday morning. The funeral will be

schooling provided, Dr. Paton remarked.

What Canadians really thought about education was the fundamental question, the guest speaker asserted.

FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS

"Do we believe that teaching should be restored to its place among the learned professions, and are we prepared to pay the price? Or are we satisfied to revert to the situation common in pioneer days when the teacher was the person unfit to do anything else thought to be more important?"

"Do we still look on teaching as a part-time occupation that must of course be supplemented by other work such as farming, or preaching, or selling real estate and insurance, or baby-sitting in the winter and waiting on tables in the summer?"

"The only explanation I can find for the low status of the teaching profession in some parts of Canada is the attitude I have just described, combined with the inability of the teachers' organizations concerned to change public thinking quickly enough."

"Meanwhile, our best young people enter other professions, and the vicious circles continue. Fortunately for education (although perhaps not so fortunate for effecting the needed changes) many able and dedicated men and women still become teachers and somehow manage despite all obstacles and discouragements to maintain standards."

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