## Welding Class Makes Handrails

The welding class under instruction at the Vocational School from Sept. 7 last until Jan. 14 left substantial proof of their skill and ability in the building and installation of the railing pictured above. The open step-up entrance to the Vocational School on Grafton Street, shows a marked improvement as a result of the installation.

The second welding class with a membership of ten, started taking instructions today and will continue their studies and active work in welding practices until May 25.

Edward MacPahil is Supervisor of the Vocational School and Milton Poole is welding instructor.

Standing between the handrails they made are: **FRONT** — Victor Bernard, Vernon River. **FIRST ROW** — Gordon Maynard, Northam; Hugh Sutherland, Goose River; Carl Munn, Hopefield. **BACK ROW** — Austin Connolly, Bedeque; Wilfred Cullen, **Caretaker; Milton Poole, Welding Instructor.**

# The Eastern Guardian

**MONTAGUE LEGION** Auxiliary meeting at the home of Mrs. Byron Stewart this evening at 8:00 o'clock.

**DEATH OF CHILD** — The death occurred yesterday at the home of her parents of Roberta Jane Inman, four and a half year-old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. George S. Inman of Montague following a prolonged illness. Besides her parents, she is survived by three brothers, Fraser, 7,; George, 6; and John 3. The funeral service will be private. To Dr. and Mrs. Inman the deepest sympathy of the community is extended in their bereavement.

**FUNERAL YESTERDAY** — The funeral of the late Mrs. George Jackson of Point Pleasant was held yesterday afternoon from the Peter's Road Presbyterian Church. The service at the church and grave were conducted by Rev. D. A. Campbell assisted by Rev. M. C. Currie. They hymns sung were "By Cool Siloam's Shady Rill' and "The Old Rugged Cross". A solo "Just When I Need You Most" was sung by Willard MacLean. The pall bearers were Roy Gillis, John Irving, Otis Jackson, Clarence Reynolds, Floyd Strickland, John E. Jenkins. The interment was in the Peter's Road Cemetery.

**W. M S. MEETING** — The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Montague, was held on January 10 at the home of Mrs. H. E. Nelson. The devotional period was in charge of Mrs. James Currie who was assisted by Mrs. A. C. MacKay and Mrs. Heath Stewart. The theme of the meeting was "beginnings" and the scripture lesson, Genesis 1-26-31., and Genesis 2:1-3 was read in unison, with the exposition by Mrs. Stewart. A season of prayer for home and overseas missionaries, the W. M. S., shut-ins and home helpers was followed by the Lord's prayer in unison. The business of the meeting was conducted by the president, Mrs. D. A. Campbell. The minutes of the last meeting and the correspondence were read by the secretary, Mrs. A. D. MacLure. Roll call was answered with a verse of scripture containing the word "Zeal". The financial report was ready by the treasurer, Mrs. H. E. Nelson. The study period was in charge of Mrs. Minnie MacDonald who read an interesting chapter from the study book dealing with educational problems in India. The meeting closed with the hymn "Standing At The Portals Of The Opening Year", and the Mizpah bendiction. A brief business meeting of the Ladies Aid Society, conducted by the president, Mrs. Chester MacLure, was held at the close of the W. M. S. meeting, after which lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Currie and Mrs. MacLure.

## Personals

Miss Daisy Gordon returned to Ottawa Monday, after spending a very enjoyable holiday visiting he mother Mrs. Daisy Gordon, Cardigan.

Lac. Donald Stewart, R. C. A. F., left Saturday on return to his base in Saskatoon, Sask., after spending sick leave at his home in Montague.

TORONTO (CP) — H. A. Scott, principal of the Walter Perry school here, says a report card minus A's is no disgrace to a child. He said that in a typical class only about eight children show above-average grades.

## EAST BALTIC

The Kingsboro Women's Institute held a pantry sale at Crockett and Storey Store, Souris, on December 17th., and was a decided success and a large sum of money was made in aid of the Institute Fund.

Sympthay is extended to Mr. Joshua MacDonald Kingsboro, on the death of his sister, Mrs. John A. Stewart.

Mr. Arnold Bruce, Pownal, attended the funeral of the late Mrs. John A. Stewart, Kingsboro, Dec. 16th.

Mr. Reuben McInnis, Little Harbour, had the misfortune of having three of his fingers taken off while working on the rossing machine in the pulp yard at Souris, and is now in the Souris Hospital. He expects to return to his home shortly.

Kingsboro and surrounding districts mourn the death of a life long resident, Mrs. John A. Stewart (nee Lydia Ann MacDonald) who passed away at the home of her niece, Mrs. Foster Young on December 14th., following a short illness. Mrs. Stewart endeared herself to all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance. Manifesting at all times her hospitality, her kindness and Christian virtues. She was noted for her beautiful smile at all times, cheerful and happy. Her pleasant personality drew many peopl to her home where a sincere welcome was always assured. She was a first class dressmaker and many women of today are still carrying no the work that she taught them many years ago. During her illness he was tenderly cared for by her niece, Mrs. Foster Young.

Mr. and Mrs. Al. Cummings returned to their home in Lakeville, from a very enjoyable trip with relatives and friends in U. S. A.

Mr. Roy Bruce, North River, attended the funeral of the late Mrs. John A. Stewart at East Point Baptist Church on December 17th.


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## NEWSY NOTES

By J. A. Clark, D.Sc.

**THE BEAVER**

The beaver is one of the order of mammals known as Rodentia, which is the Latin for "Gnawers". It is related to squirrels, marmots, rats, rabbits and other rodents that have chisel-like incisor teeth which wear away more rapidly behind, leaving a sharp enameled chisel edge. The beaver (Castor canadensis) because of the great amount of work done with its teeth in gnawing down trees and in cutting them up, has incisor teeth that grow from persistent pulps, and are continually replaced as worn. These two front teeth on either jaw are a bright orange color. The condyle, a protuberance on the lower jaw is elongated and produces the peculiar motion which is characteristic of rodent gnawing.

**DISTRIBUTION**

The beaver, though widely distributed in North America and in Northern Europe and Asia, is represented by only a single species. Beavers are said to be abundant in Siberia, Poland, in European U. S. S. R. and where they are protected along the rivers of Germany and Austria. When North America was discovered, beavers swarmed along the streams, rivers and lakes almost everywhere. The beaver, more than any other animal, was responsible for the early exploration of the continent.

**THE FUR TRADE**

The chief business of the Hudson Bay Company, formed in 1670 by Prince Rupert and associates, was the exporting of furs and skins secured by barter with the Indians of Rupert's Land. Later their rivals the North West Fur Company, formed in 1783, assisted in the exploration of large areas of what is now Canada as they moved further west to secure beaver and other furs. These two companies finally amalgamated in 1821 and acquired the sole right to trade in furs for a period of twenty-one years from 1838.

They made a formal cession of their territorial claims to the Dominion of Canada in 1869, for a million and a half dollars; retaining certain lands and forts and the right to continue collecting furs, and etc.

**BEAVER FUR**

The beaver fur is usually reddish brown above and lighter or grayish in color underneath. The coarse guard hairs which protect and cover the short, dense underfur give the animal its brown appearance. It is the beautiful silky underfur that caused the great demand by Europe's hatmakers for this fur, during the eighteenth and the first half of the nineteenth century. The cargoes of furs from the American Colonies and Canada were the basis of many overnight fortunes. They also were contributing causes of the French and Indian war that existed for long periods between France and England.

The fur trade increased until it seemed the beaver was doomed to extermination. It was the great gamble of the fur industry, the fickleness of fashion, that saved this largest rodent of North America from extinction. About 1840 silk hats became more popular than beaver, the demand and price for beaver pelts fell, and trappers turned to hunting more lucrative fur animals. Later, protective laws were enacted to save these valuable animals and they began to gain in numbers wherever nature provided suitable conditions, and they did not interfere with human industries.

**HABITS**

Beavers are always located near a stream, river or lake. Thy are known as aquatic animals and have web hind feet that make them expert swimmers. When disturbed, they signal to all others with a loud slap of their flat tail on the water, and then dive. They have nose valves that shut automatically under water, and their oversize lung capacity enables them to stay under, for from 10 to 15 minutes when necessary. This long wait discourags their enemies.

Their principal food is the bark of poplar, birch and willow. They also feed on the roots of waterlillies and other plants. They occasionally forage on dry land for fruits, corn and vegetables, when they may be seen sitting on their hind legs and tail with the food in their fore-paws eating it like a squirrel.

Beavers are most active at night They cut down trees and cut them into sections, which they roll to water or dig canals to float these and the branches that they draw or tow to their lodge or burrow. They work together through the late summer and autumn to store this food in sufficient quantities for the winter, as they do not hibernate. In cutting down trees they start gnawing around near the base, and are said to cut deeper on the side nearest to water. they, however, are not able to control the fall of a tree. When they hear it creak they rush to safety, but are occasionally trapped by their own work. They usually cut small trees through from one side.

**A NEW COLONY**

We watched a pair of beavers that arrived one spring, at Midlands, to establish a new colony. They chose where an old road had crossed the brook and the flow of water was more or less confined by the approaches to a bridge, long since swept away. They gathered sections of trees and brush and with stones and mud, in a short time built a dam that raised the water up stream more than two feet. The owner of the stream tore away the dam several times as the flooded area was covering an acre or more of good grass pasture.

The damage was quickly repaired each time and we suggested that the storage of water and a good trout pond might prove as valuable as the flooded pasture. The two beavers very soon built themselves a lodge and prospered, increasing their family from year to year. The young beavers gnerally remain until the summer of the third year before starting out for themselves.

A demand for beavers elsewhere in the Province resulted in the removal of the colony a few years ago, but I hear that another pair have arrived and have rebuilt the dam.

## Montague Town Council Meeting Held Last Night

The regular meeting of the Montague Town Council was held last evening with Mayor Bruce H. Yeo presiding. Present were Councillors McGowan, Reynolds, Vanderstine, Clements, Greene and Nicholson. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as also the montly bills. Correspondence was also read, and permission was granted the Island Telephone Company to erect poles on Central, Sackville and MacDonald Streets. A letter was also read from the Fire Chief regarding congested parking on School Street and Fraser Street, and the inability to get the fire truck through such a congestion in case of fire.

On motion the council decided that the following streets would be made one way parking: no parking on the south side of School Street from Main Street to Kennedy Street; no parking on the east side of Kennedy Street from School Street to the New Road: no parking on the north side of the New Road from Kennedy Street to Main Street; no parking on the east side of Fraser Street from Rink Street to the New Road.

Reports were also heard from committee chairman. The council authorized the chairman of the fire committee to purchase 200 feet of fire hose.

Considerable discussion took place on violations of closed streets. It was noted that a single barricade and notice should be sufficient warning that a street had been closed off, and all violaters would be prosecuted. Owing to several infractions, it was decided further barricades would be set up so as to protect the pavement from violaters, who would be subject to a fine of $50.00

A brief discussion took place regarding the preparation of the town financial statement after which the meeting adjourned.

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**Town of Montague**

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**No parking east side Fraser Street from Rink Street to New Road.**

**By order,**
**MAYOR and TOWN COUNCIL**


## NOTICE

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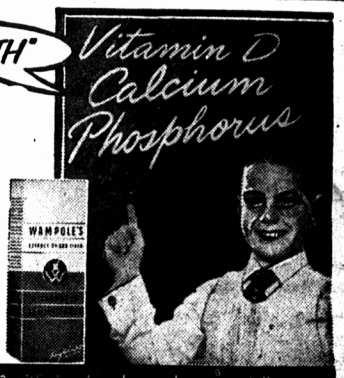


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