ACROSS THE ISLAND

Shipwreck Victims Scale 350-Foot Cliff

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Provincial-Farm Editor

I HAVE to thank Mrs. Gertrude Allen, Cardigan for the story of a shipwreck which involved her father, the late Senator J. A. Macdonald and his ship the "Barbara Macdonald" which was sunk in a fierce storm that wrecked many ships off the rocky coast of Newfoundland back in December 1919.

The sturdy Barbara Macdonald rode out the first two days of the storm while lesser ships succumbed to the furious storm and seas, but she was dashed to pieces on Black Head, Cape Pine about 20 miles from Cape Race on Sunday night, December 14. By that time the storm had abated and it was relatively calm but the fog was dense and the seas still fiercely churning from the effect of the previous gales. They left Georgetown Saturday December 6 and the ship struck the outer rocks at Cape Pine December 14.

Mr. Macdonald and five companions, were the first survivors from a ship that had been wrecked in that treacherous spot to survive and tell the tale, which caused The Island Patriot to ask in a front page story more than 45 years ago "Was there providential intervention?"

THE FIVE who walked ashore with the owner were Joshua Whittle, mate, of Charlottetown who took charge when his brother, Captain Thomas Whittle, was washed overboard and drowned; Arthur Yorston, cook of Georgetown; Stephen Pike, Charlottetown; Michael Burke, Georgetown and Robert Emery, Wood Islands. They reached the Island on Christmas Eve which must have been the most welcome Christmas present their families ever received.

Captain Whittle was standing amidships directing the removal of the foresail in a fierce wind storm when he was struck by a huge wave, washed overboard and in the storm and darkness was unable to grasp a line tossed to him.

Reason For 'Miracle' Description

THERE WAS some reason to suggest a miracle was connected with the fact the six men escaped as Mr. Macdonald described the experience.

Had the ship not been unusually sturdy, he explained, she would have broken up on the outer rocks and all would have been lost—a boat they had tried to launch had been dashed to pieces. But she held together as the heavy seas drove her closer to shore.

"We each got a rope over a part of the forerigging, let ourselves over the lee side and hung on. The vessel has listed outward as she started to sink and the sea struck her bulwarks so we did not get its full force. . . . We knotted the ropes and held on in the darkness for five hours. It was so dark we couldn't see each other, but occasionally over the roar of the sea we kept shouting to each other and making sure everyone was still there

"The vessel was gradually being torn apart and death in the darkness and surf seemed to await us", said Mr. Macdonald who added "about midnight a portion of her stern that twisted off, became wedged in between the portion of the hull to which we clung and the shore." It was about six feet wide and 20 feet long. It was just big enough to form a plank bridge over which the shipwrecked sailors dashed to safety as they got the chance, between the seas.

350-Foot Cliff Was Scaled

THE PEAK of this old story concerns the 350-foot cliff which the cold and battered shipwrecked Islanders had to scale before they were out of real trouble. This is how Mr. Macdonald described it on his return:

"It took us seven hours to get to the top of it, digging ourselves in with finger nails and at times even with our toenails. It was a seven-hour nightmare and I cannot tell you how we succeeded. At daylight we were at the summit completely exhausted, and chilled to the marrow of our bones. Our clothing was torn and our limbs bruised and bleeding. Far below we could see the battered fragments of what had been a $30,000 vessel and a $15,000 cargo."

All that had held together of the fine new schooner wrecked on her maiden voyage, was the part from the forward rigging. The rest had been carried out to sea by the strong undertow, the old story said.

"WE HAD no idea where we were but we had heard the fog whistle before daylight", Mr. Macdonald said on his return. "At dawn the fog had disappeared and the whistle was no longer sounding, but we made off in the direction of where the sound had come from. We finally came in sight of Cape Pine lighthouse after walking, or rather stumbling along for probably three miles over a trackless waste of rock and tangle of scrubby spruce."

Continuing his recollections of the grim experience Mr. Macdonald said "It had been raining. Then it turned colder and our clothes were frozen stiff, but fortunately we escaped being frostbitten."

When the Islanders reached the lighthouse they received every possible kindness from the keeper and his wife. "They did everything they could for us. They provided us with food and dry clothing," Mr. Macdonald said with deep appreciation.

They "turned in and slept all day and the greater part of the night." Next morning the men left on foot for Trespassey, 16 miles away, following a narrow trail. "We didn't meet a living soul until we reached our destination", continued Mr. Macdonald who had wired home the news of the wreck and the information that all men were safe with the exception of the Captain.

The mate, Joshua Whittle, who had been following the sea for many years described the gale as the worst in his experience.

Horses Featured Farm Sale News

GLANCING THROUGH the old paper of 1919, I find a front page story tells that the St. Dunstan's University drive had reached $8,000. The objective was not given.

Peter Brodie of York, a one-time member of the legislature, was the auctioneer at the sale of C. H. Robertson's farm in Marshfield. And the leading items were six horses. One mare was by Crown Right, another by Eskham Waggoner, a colt was sired by Baron Kelvin and a driving horse by Waggoner, in case any of the older horsemen will remember any of those stallions.

Kennedy, Webster and MacKinnon were advertising they would charge and store car batteries for car owners. It was late December and cars were laid up over winter in those years.

SAMUEL KENNEDY Jr. was advertising "Our sleighs for our roads," also fur robes, Saskatchewan robes, sleigh bells and horse blankets. He had a complete line of harness and parts from which to choose. Mr. Kennedy, was also selling International Kerosene engines. They were "of throttle governor type whereby the fuel consumption is regulated according to the work load."

An Ottawa newspage story said that wartime restrictions had been removed on horse racing and predicted "a keen battle in the coming year" between "those who think the race track promotes horse breeding, and those who think that it must be separated absolutely and for all time from the gambling features which have become attached to it."

THE ABEGWEITS of 122-24 still have many arden fans in this city and province, I've found from comments on last week's column which recalled their feats. To those who are keeping scrap books make Dalton's first name "Art". Don MacLeod tells me that Art Dalton is running a corner store in Pictou. It's roughly about the size of "P.J's, which Wilf Cudmore runs now on the corner closest to this office.

Letters From Queen, Mrs. Kennedy

MY FRIEND W. D. Johnston of Montague tells me that he has received messages of appreciation from the widow of the late President Kennedy and from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Mr. Johnston wrote a poem "The World Tragedy" after the assassination of the young president. His poem to the Queen was on "Her Majesty's Visit to Our Island Province."

"I appreciate these letters all the more, Mr Johnston states, "because they have come to me in my old age." This fine old gentleman will be 85 in March.

"I am enjoying life, even though I am cribbed, cabined and confined" observes Mr. Johnston whose interesting history of Montague takes the reader over the period 1804 to 1963.

MR. JOHNSTON'S writing fulfils a dual purpose. It enables him to pass on to others something of the past, and it also takes his mind off an agonizing condition brought on by a stroke back in 1952.

For a man whose physical disabilities have been impaired so greatly by the stroke, Mr. Johnston writes a most amazingly good hand. The first time I heard from him I thought surely someone else must have written the letter for him. But Jim Cudmore of Montague assured me that Mr. Johnston does his own writing. "He is a perfectionist", Jim told me, and that is an accurate description of this fine old gentleman who maintains a keen interest in life and an active mind despite his crippling handicap.

KING AND QUEEN OF PWC'S CARNIVAL

Barbara Johnston, Charlottetown, and Lowell Thomas, North Tryon, were crowned queen and king of Prince of Wales College last night at a gala coronation ball held at Confederation Centre. Barbara, daughter of Mrs. Arthur Johnston and the late Mr. Johnston, is a third year arts student, and Lowell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Thomas, is a third year science student. The coronation was part of opening day activities of PWC's Winter Carnival ,and was preceded by official opening ceremonies and a torchlight parade.

ISLAND NEWS PAGE
Western And Central Districts

Weekend Meet To Discuss Musical Instrument Clinic

SUMMERSIDE — Two professors from the conservatory of music at Mt. Allison University will speak to the P.E.I. Music Educators' Association on Saturday afternoon at the Summer Street School, Summerside. The two professors are Stanley Saunders, professor of wind instruments, and Rodney McLeod, professor of strings.

They have been invited to speak to the island music teachers about the role of instrumental music in the school curriculum. Of late, there has been a marked interest shown in instrumental music on the Island. It has been estimated that there are 180 children currently receiving instruction on instruments either privately or in the five junior bands on P.E.I.

A committee of music teachers under the direction of Raymond Lock, bandmaster of the Kensington region Lions band, is considering the feasibility of bringing together these students and the many adults who are also learning, for an instrumental clinic to be held at Kensington in May.

Professors Saunders and McLeod, who are both interested in promoting instrumental music on the Island, are to advise the P.E.I. MEA about the organization of such a clinic.

All music teachers, and anyone interested in encouraging music in the island is invited to attend Saturday in the music room of the Summer Street Elementary School. Lunch will be provided.

DEATH NOTICES

Received too late for Classified death notice column

STEWART — At Caledonia, P.E.I., on February 10, 1965, Mrs. Dougald Stewart in her 87th year. Resting at the Montague Funeral Home. Funeral from Caledonia Presbyterian Church Friday February 12 at 2 p.m. Interment in the Caledonia cemetery.

ROGERS — Of Roslindale, formerly of Brookline, January 19, 1965, Charles E., husband of the late Anne (Smallwood). Father of Charles H., of Roslindale, Richard R., of Hollywood, Calif., and Mrs. Charles (Helen) Ritter of Brookline. Services at The Shore and Williamson Funeral Home, 52 Trapelo Road, Belmont, Thursday, January 21.

MacLEAN — The death occurred at the P.E.I. Hospital, Tuesday, Feb. 9, 1965, of William MacLean of 10 Grafton Street, in his 65th year. Resting at the MacLean Funeral Home until noon today, Feb. 11, then to the Kirk of St. James for funeral service commencing at 2 p.m. Remains will be placed in the MacLean Memorial Vault, later to be interred in the People's Cemetery. Please omit flowers.

STEVENSON — At Melrose, Mass., Feb. 8, 1965, Mrs. Margaret Stevenson, widow of Duncan J. Stevenson of Fredericton, P.E.I. Resting at the Cutcliffe Funeral Home from where funeral will be held Friday, service commencing at 1:30. Remains will be placed in the Cutcliffe receiving Vault later to be interred in Fredericton cemetery.

MACDONALD — At the Charlottetown Hospital Wednesday, Feb. 10, 1965, J.A. Macdonald, QC, in his 77th year. His remains were forwarded Wednesday evening from the Charlottetown Funeral Home to the residence of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C.R. McQuaid, 31 Greenfield Avenue. Funeral will be held Friday morning, leaving the home at 8.45 for Requiem High Mass at the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer at 9 o'clock. Interment in the Catholic cemetery.

SIGSWORTH — At the Charlottetown Hospital, Feb. 9, 1965, Frank F. Sigsworth, 20 Haviland Street, aged 71 years. His remains were transferred from the Hennessey Funeral Home to his late residence from where the funeral will take place Friday morning at 10.15 to St. Dunstan's Basilica for Requiem High Mass at 10.30. Interment in the Catholic cemetery.

EMERY — At the Charlottetown Hospital, Wednesday, Feb. 10, 1965, Mrs. Gordon Emery in her 77th year. Resting at the Charlottetown Funeral Home from this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Funeral will be held Saturday morning, leaving funeral home at 8.45 for Requiem High Mass at St. Dunstan's Basilica at 9 o'clock. Interment in Cathole cemetery.

DOYLE — Suddenly at the Charlottetown Hospital on Feb. 10, 1965, Mrs. Stephen Doyle, 229 Sydney Street, aged 76 years. Resting at the Hennessey Funeral Home from 7 o'clock this evening. Funeral notice later.

SHAGAN — At the home of his son, Joseph, 5 Park Lane, T. Herbert Shagan, formerly of Johnston's River, aged 68 years. Resting at the Hennessey Funeral Home from where funeral will take place Friday morning at 9 o'clock, to the Church of the Sacred Heart, Mount Ryan, for Requiem High Mass at 9.30. Interment in the church cemetery.

WEATHER

TORONTO (CP) — Observed temperatures:

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	-31	-10
Victoria	35	42
Edmonton	-6	19
Regina	-5	-2
Winnipeg	3	4
Toronto	29	54
Ottawa	10	37
Montreal	10	33
Quebec	7	18
Fredericton	-4	21
Saint John	1	21
Moncton	2	17
Halifax	8	24
Charlottetown	9	15
Sydney	10	22
Yarmouth	12	26
St. John's	23	30
Albany	20	32
Boston	29	32
New York	37	38
Tampa	57	83
Miami	66	80
New Orleans	67	79
Tucson	29	—
Los Angeles	48	61

HALIFAX (CP) — The weather office says milder air associated with a storm moving into Northern Quebec was approaching the Maritimes Wednesday evening. This spread clouds over all three provinces and light snow had developed in New Brunswick and Western Nova Scotia.

As the milder air comes nearer the precipitation will spread to all regions. Temperatures should get above the melting point in Nova Scotia to permit it to change to rain. In New Brunswick it will become mixed with freezing rain and any change to rain will be brief.

Colder air will return late today and tonight, causing skies to clear and provide mostly sunny weather on Friday.

Regional forecasts:

Northern N.S., Prince Edward Island: Overcast, intermittent snow becoming mixed with freezing rain or rain during morning and reverting to snowflurries by evening; milder; east winds 25, shifting in the evening to northwest 20. Low-high at New Glasgow and Charlottetown 8 and 28.

Outlook for Friday — Sunny and colder.

High tide today at Charlottetown 6.15 a.m. and 5.25 p.m. At Rustico at 12.48 a.m. and 1.21 p.m. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. Sun rises today at 7.12 a.m. and sets at 5.44 p.m.

Home Vital In Moulding Youth Character

KENSINGTON — James R. Murphy, principal of the Kensington Regional High School, was guest speaker at the regular meeting of the Men's Association of the Kensington United Church.

In recognition of Christian Youth Week, Mr. Murphy spoke on Character in Youth. The principal, in his address, showed how the home, the church and the school all play a part in moulding youthful character, and said that the most important of the three is the home.

The meeting opened with a singsong with Verdun Paynter as song leader, and Rev. L.M. Murray at the piano.

Scripture was read by Herman Mayne and prayer was offered by Everett Donald.

Vocal numbers included a solo by Roscoe Walker and a duet by Mr. Walker and Mr. Murray.

Following a business session lunch was served to 22 members and one guest by a committee headed by Harland Day and Keith Stewart.

Major Recommendations Made For Future Development In Prince

ALBERTON — Thirteen far reaching recommendations for the future development of Prince County were discussed yesterday afternoon at the regular meeting of Alberton and West Prince Board of Trade.

Presented by Earle Cannon, past president of the Summerside Board of Trade, the recommendations, condensed from the recent economic surveys of Prince County, will come up for detailed discussion and approval tonight at a combined meeting in Summerside of all four Prince County boards of trade; Kensington, Summerside, Crapaud and West Prince.

The Summerside meeting is sponsored by the Prince County Employment Advisory Commission under the chairmanship of John S. Wright.

The recommendations dealt with: the establishment of an agricultural vocational school; a permanent school for fisheries at Alberton; implementation of larger units of school administration with a view to consolidation of elementary schools; development of Alberton harbor as an off shore fishing harbor and shipping port; establishment of a shrimp industry in Prince County; inauguration of the West Point-New Brunswick ferry service;

Consideration be given to moving post offices in West Prince to the main highway with possible consolidation of smaller post offices and centralization of local distribution; development of the port of Borden as a deep sea harbor following a start on the causeway; explore the possibility of using the dredged materials from Summerside harbor for water front fill, and a survey of lumber potential with a view to determining the feasibility of establishing a modern saw mill which would produce lumber of a standard acceptable to CMHC.

A large delegation from the West Prince Board of Trade made plans to attend the meeting in Summerside to further discuss the proposals.

Francis MacQuarrie, the president of Summerside Board of Trade, brought greetings and called for continued co-operation among boards of trade in the province.

The meeting was presided over by the president, Fred J. Peters. Minutes were read by C. R. Leard.

Woman Seriously Injured

SUMMERSIDE — Severe internal injuries were suffered by Mrs. Elizabeth Joyce Taylor of Emerald as the result of a car accident on Graham's Road, New London, Tuesday night.

Her husband, Fred Taylor, escaped unhurt when the car he was driving flipped over on the road because of icy conditions.

Mrs. Taylor, only passenger in the late model European vehicle, was taken to Prince County Hospital, where surgery was performed. Her condition is reported as satisfactory.

Summerside RCMP detachment investigated the accident.

Commissioners Named For St. Louis Village

ALBERTON — Fred J. Peters was elected chief commissioner of the newly-incorporated village of St. Louis at the first regular village meeting Tuesday night.

Other commissioners are Joseph P. Gaudet and Frank C. Shea.

Among matters discussed were: signs marking the boundaries of the village, a beautification project, fire prevention ,street lights and whether or not to establish a poll tax.

Further action on the projects was left for the next meeting in March.

Farmer, Green Lead Standings In Bridge Play

Farmer-Green, with 124½ points, were high scores at this week's Charlottetown Duplicate Bridge play. Following are the standings:

NORTH-SOUTH

Farmer-Green	124½
Rogers-Rozman	109
Duffy-MacMillan	107
Larabee-Bell	100
Kelly-Atkins	
Larabee-Bell	100
Kelly-Atkins	99

EAST-WEST

Hines-Duffy	111½
Cauty-Cauty	110
Dunbar-Wellner	105
Simpson-Nash	101
Miller-Willis	100½

SDU Closing Advanced One Week

The dates for final examinations and convocation exercises at St. Dunstan's University have been advanced a week, it was learned last night from SDU president Rt. Rev. G.A. Macdonald.

Originally examinations were scheduled to begin Thursday, May 6 with Convocation on Tuesday, May 18. New dates are April 30 and May 11.

Msgr. Macdonald said the dates had been advanced in keeping with the policy of other Maritime universities, most of which finish examinations in late April or early May.

The suggestion for the change came as a result of a meeting of the Student-Faculty Joint committee to improve student-faculty liaison on matters of join concern.

$75,000 LOSS

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Firemen were gathering up their equipment when they were called to another fire at the corner of Great George and Kent Streets, in the building where Fred Lambros' Tobacco store is located.

The fire began in the basement of the building owned by Daniel Tweel and was climbing up the inside of a wall when it was put out. There was little actual fire damage, but quite a bit of smoke damage.

Firemen had difficulty in locating exactly where the fire was in the building.

TOURIST

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spend abroad and tourist revenue in the U.S.—Johnson asked Congress to restrict American tourists to $50 worth of duty-free goods on returning home. Johnson also proposed to limit ot noitpuonxa exemption — duty free goods actually accompanying the returning travellers, as distinct from goods shipped home by them.

The exemption has been about $100, retail value, and may be claimed several times a year. There must be a clear 30 days between claims, and Johnson did not ask for any change in this provision.

Johnson, mentioning Canada as a prime cause, said the 1964 deficit was $3,000,000,000 and half was incurred in the last three months.

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The Maritime Small College Invitational Basketball Tournament will be held on March 5th and 6th at the Nova Scotia Teachers College gymnasium, Truro, N.S.

The eight teams participating will be from various centres throughout the Maritimes. The visiting teams will include: Nova Scotia Technical College and Kings College of Halifax; Xavier Junior College, Sydney, N.S.; Prince of Wales College, Charlottetown, P.E.I.; and Fredericton Teachers College, Fredericton, N.B.

The two host teams will be Nova Scotia Agricultural College and Nova Scotia Teachers College of Truro.

The eighth team will be announced at a later date.

This tournament will be under the sponsorship of the W.S.T.C. Student's Council in cooperation with the Physical Education Class of the college. There will be further announcements concerning this upcoming tournament.

BASKETBALL

The next two games in the Men's Basketball League will be held at Queen Charlotte High on Thursday, February 11th. At this time the Movers and the Bakers tangle while the Hawks and Steads clash in the second game.

STANDING—FEB.—10

	W	L	T	Pts
Steads Pharmacy	8	4	1	17
Jenkins Movers	7	5	1	15
Enterprise Bakers	7	6	0	14
Hawks	3	10	0	6

LEADING SCORERS:

W. MacDonald (B)	199
D. Ryndman (S)	198
W. MacLean (M)	189
E. Murphy (H)	182
A. Strang (M)	155
R. Atkinson (H)	149
E. Ellsworth (M)	139

NEXT GAMES:
Mon. Feb. 15 (B.H.S.)
7:00 p.m.—Hawks—Bakers
8:00 p.m.—Movers—Steads

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WESTERN BRIEFS

IN WESTERN HOSP.
Alvin Bell, Alberton, is a patient in the Western Hospital.

IN S'SIDE HOSPITAL
Mrs. George Brown, Kensington, is a patient in the Prince County Hospital, Summerside.

LEAVES SANATORIUM
George Douglas has returned to his home at Norboro, from the Provincial Sanatorium, where he had been receiving treatment.

BROTHER DIES
Mrs. Arthur McCarville of Borden has received word of the death, following a heart attack, of her brother, Alexander Anderson of Pictou, Tuesday. Remains are being forwarded to his home in Pictou for burial.

VISITOR IS PATIENT
Mrs Arthur Matthews of Calgary, who has been visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Erskine Hardy at Alberton, is a patient in the Western Hospital.

CASE ADJOURNED
Lorne Arsenault of Albany, charged with impaired driving, had his case adjourned to today when he appeared in Summerside police court yesterday.

CARS COLLIDE
A 1963 model car driven by Jim Inman of Summerside received an estimated $100 damage Tuesday when it was involved in a collision with a 1964 model car driven by Charles Hogan of Summerside. The accident occurred on Willow Avenue, where Inman was reportedly turning into his driveway when his car was struck on the side by the Hogan vehicle, which sustained only slight damage.

ROCKET BASE READIES
PARIS (AP)—France has announced its new rocket and space exploration base in French Guiana, on the northeast coast of South America, will be ready for use in three years. It will replace the Sahara rocket base near Colomb-Bechar, which is to be turned over to Algeria in July 1967 under the Algerian independence pacts.

LIVESTOCK

MONTREAL (CP) — Trading was moderately active and centered mainly around canner and cutter and common quality cows on the Montreal livestock markets Wednesday.

Receipts: 258 cattle; 282 calves; 75 hogs; 10 sheep and lambs.

Common steers 17.00-19.00.

Common heifers 14.50-16.00.

Few good cows 14.75; medium 13.50-14.50; common 12.00-13.00; canners and cutters 8.00-11.50.

Good vealers 30.00-34.00 few to 35.00; medium 24.00-29.50; common 15.00-23.00.

Grade A hogs 28.00 - 29.00; sows 18.00-19.50.

No sheep or lamb prices were established.

WESTERN FUNERALS

McINNIS FUNERAL — The funeral for Vincent McInnis was held from the Davison Funeral Home, Kensington, to St. Peter's Church, Seven Mile Bay for Requiem High Mass by Rev. R.F. MacDonald. Pallbearers were Everett Muttart, Charles McInnis, Norman MacFarlane, Earle Carrier, Howard Boyle, Leo McCarville. Interment was in the church cemetery.

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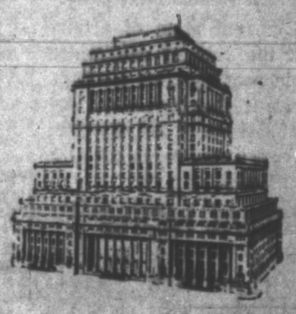

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