



THE MUSIC GOES ROUND AND ROUND

The first practice of the Basilica Recreation Center Brass Band was held last night. Band master is Charles MacGregor of Charlottetown. LEFT Leo Doiron of Charlottetown watches as Blain Louis of Parkdale practices on the flat horn. There are approximately 45 to 50 boys in the band.

CENSORSHIP SUGGESTED

Potato Growers In Prince Discuss Ring Rot Effects

SUMMERSIDE — The P.E.I. Potato Growers' Association held its annual Prince County meeting here last night at the Athena Regional High School.

Malcolm Bradshaw, president for Prince County, was chairman and Don MacKenzie was voted secretary of the meeting.

The provincial president, George Howatt, delivered the president's report and discussed the importance of membership in the association. He stressed that membership is entirely voluntary and suggested that a voluntary levy of 2 cents per hundred bags shipped replace the old system of one dollar per member as the membership fee. He left the meeting open to discussion.

Federal inspectors Gordon Ross, acting officer in charge of potato inspection, and H. S. Cannon were present and answered several questions. Mr. Ross stated that there were 2,600 seed growers on the Island and a total of about 6,000 growers in all.

The subject of ring rot was brought up, and there was a suggestion from the floor that there be some censorship of the discussion at the meeting.

The subject was changed and no action was taken on the suggestion.

FIND 219 CASES

In reply to a question from a grower, Mr. Ross stated that 219 positive cases of ring rot had been discovered. He said that the disease was taken to eradication in the future as a grower hauling culls from the dealer's warehouse back to his farm will be disqualified as a grower. He noted that Red Pontiac is the variety most susceptible to ring rot, but that very little of this variety is being grown.

The secretary of the meeting suggested that foundation seed be made compulsory, and from the floor came the suggestions that bonuses be given by the government to growers who used top quality seed, and that all railroad cars which have carried contaminated potatoes be disinfected.

Mr. Howatt stated that the meeting was very well-attended, that Prince County was the largest potato-growing area in the Island, and that the meeting should pass some resolution on the consensus of the growers present, and that the provincial government would certainly grant them a sympathetic hearing.

RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED

The secretary wrote the resolution on the blackboard: the government should appoint men to work with federal inspectors to control ring rot.

After some discussion he set down a second resolution: all farms that have been in contact with ring rot must be cleaned up by April 15 at the latest.

Reporters were asked, with apologies, to leave the meeting. They were further asked not to make any report of the meeting in the press.

Says Free Tickets Bite Into Carnival Revenue

SUMMERSIDE — Directors of the Summerside Lobster Carnival were told last night by president W. Chester S. MacDonald that admissions to the annual festivities have been dropping since 1963 and one of the reasons given was the number of complimentary tickets given out every year.

After seeking a suitable solution to cutting down on the number of complimentary tickets, a motion was passed that the director of each committee during Lobster Carnival Week notify carnival manager Charles Hogan well in advance the number of such tickets for members of each club working in the carnival on any given day during the week long program.

It was felt that this would help to keep track of the tree tickets. The president and manager met last month with Agriculture Minister Andrew MacRae and said they were almost certainly assured that the carnival would receive the \$5,500 agriculture grant as in other years. Mr. MacDonald told the meeting that the grant just needs to be approved by the legislature.

The two men also met with Hon. Lloyd MacPhail regarding a \$500 grant but as yet have received no assurance that it would be forthcoming.

They had also planned to meet with Fisheries Minister Leo Rossiter but he was not available at the time and Mr. Hogan stated that a suggestion will be made to the department that the fisheries display be updated.

years there has been an Acadian Day. This year an Irish Day as well as a Scotch Day have been added.

A rock and roll competition for bands and dances for teenagers has also been added with the suggestion being made that the band emerging the winner play at the Coronation Ball.

There will also be an all-star bonanza, consisting of the winners in all music and dancing competitions during the week participating in one program near the end of the carnival.

A motion was passed that the job of parking cars once again be made available to the clubs involved in the carnival via tenders.

Tenders will also be called for participating clubs for the operation of the canteen with the stipulation that the highest or any tender not necessarily be accepted.

Automation May Hit Lobster Workers In Island's Plants

A possible reduction in staff may result if the lobster industry experiences a new system of processing within the next few weeks.

Minister of Fisheries Leo Rossiter last night said that a new machine for splitting lobsters will be tested within the near future and it is possible that it could cut the staff size in processing plants although it was hard to determine at this early stage of development.

Like any new piece of machinery, the new lobster splitter is expected, not only to make the removal of lobster meat easier and simpler, but also faster and more economical. At the same time National Research Council officials at Ottawa say that where hand splitting did damage to some of the better pieces of lobster meat the new innovation will eliminate this.

Eugene Gorman, deputy minister of fisheries arrived in Ottawa over the weekend and will be given complete demonstrations of the new machine.

Joseph Featonby of NRC's mechanical engineering section says the invention will mean that one machine will be able to split between 400 and 450 lobsters per hour, a rate far in excess of the present hand method.

The splitter, said Mr. Rossiter, can be made available for about \$250.

SIMPLE MACHINE

Basically the machine is quite simple. The cooked lobster moves down a chute between two power driven circular cutters. An operator has to control the actual cutting due to the wide variety of lobster sizes. One cutter is above the lobster, the other underneath. Spring devices hold the cutting edges against the lobster with a fair amount of pressure. The claws can be split in the exactly the same way.

Nicholson Raps Printing Of Maps

Objection to the printing of color guide maps for Charlottetown by a Summerside firm was raised last night by Coun. John P. Nicholson at the last regular meeting of city council before the civic election in February.

Councillor Nicholson felt that since these maps were guide maps of Charlottetown they should be printed within the city instead of being printed in Summerside at a cost of 10 cents each.

The cost of having these maps printed in Charlottetown would be much greater said Coun. William R. MacNeill, chairman of the finance committee.

Council agreed that Mayor Walter J. Cox attend the executive meeting of the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities at Montreal on Jan. 26 and 27, and go on to Ottawa to meet the federal cabinet.

PERMIT OKAYED

It was also decided by resolution that a building permit be issued to Sunny Island Farms Ltd. on the proposed site on the north side of Belevedere Ave., provided that the construction and care of the property will be as outlined in their application for a permit dated Nov. 6, 1965 and provided that they maintain a 25-foot set-back of all buildings from any possible future extension of Upper Queen Street in a northwardly direction from Belevedere Ave.

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Court Orders Debt Payment

These were three cases before the Queens County Court yesterday. Judge C. St. Clair Trainor presided.

The case of Clayton A. MacDonald versus Thomas Dawson was adjourned until Jan. 31; the case of Tanton's Accessories versus Melville Hertz was settled and the defendant (Hertz) ordered to pay the debt and the case of Canadian National Transportation Ltd. versus Bertram J. Trousdale was adjourned for argument at a later date.

Evidence for the plaintiff and the defendant was heard at yesterday's sitting in the latter case.

Canadian National Transportation Ltd. has filed a claim for damages due to the alleged negligence in the operation of a motor vehicle on the part of the defendant, Bertram J. Trousdale. Frederic Large, QC. is counsel for the plaintiff while Bert Campbell is acting for the defence.

The claim arose out of an accident which occurred at Crapaud at approximately 7 o'clock on the night of Sept. 14, 1964.

The plaintiffs called four witnesses at yesterday's sitting and the defence called one. The following were the witnesses: Claude Smith, Sherwood; Albert Woolridge; city; James Peake, Cornwall; P.J. Milligan, Moncton and Bertram J. Trousdale, Westmoreland.

The excellent management of their meeting and expressed assurance that such enthusiasm is duplicated in the other districts of the Island.

Second Kings Liberals Meet

Louis McGuire, in the absence of president Donald Anderson, presided over a meeting of the Second District of Kings Liberal Association in Morell last night.

Also on the platform was Liberal Leader Alex Campbell, president of the P.E.I. Liberal Association; R.W. Jenkins and D.F. Sigsworth, chairman of the Liberal party policy committee.

Mr. Anderson introduced the president of the P.E.I. Liberal Association who pointed out the new spirit of enthusiasm and eagerness of P.E.I. Liberalism.

He stated that the purpose of their meeting was to give the newly-elected leader, Mr. Campbell, an opportunity to get to the grass roots of the Liberal Party.

Mr. Anderson complimented the second district executive in

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Capt. John Dicks Dies At 91 in Charlottetown

GEORGETOWN — The death occurred in Charlottetown on Sunday of Captain John T. Dicks of Georgetown in his 92nd year, following a long illness.

The late Captain Dicks, was born at Kakasakha-Labrador, the son of the late Capt. Henry Dicks and the late Agnes Bragg.

He moved to Georgetown as a young man and but for temporary absence has resided here for the greater part of his life. The deceased followed the sea from an early age and received his masters papers as a young man. During World War One he was in command of one of Canada's Navy drifter ships. Those were used in convoy duty and Capt. Dicks commanded one of those ships on a wartime voyage to Gibraltar. Later he was in command of a large navy steel trawler, and acted as commodore of a drifter ship.

He was the first captain on the Wood Islands-Caribou ferry service and commanded the ferry, Charles A. Dunning.

NARROW ESCAPE

During World War Two, he was mate of the car ferry S.S. Prince Edward Island when a German submarine attempted to torpedo the ship in the Gulf of St. Lawrence in 1941.

He also served for a period as harbor pilot at Georgetown.

His seagoing years saw him command sailing ships of sail up to three-masted schooners and also a large steamship.

He was a member of the Georgetown Branch of the Canadian Legion and of St. Georges Masonic Lodge in Georgetown.

He was predeceased by six brothers and one sister.

SURVIVORS

He is survived by his wife, the former Christina Fowler, formerly of Topsail, N.B., and by one son, John, of Toronto, Ontario, and two daughters, Mrs. Gordon Livingstone of St. John, N.B., Kathleen-Mrs. Herbert Stewart of Georgetown, and another survivor in his wife, Captain Nelson Dicks of Georgetown.

The remains are resting at the Cutcliffe Funeral Home, Charlottetown, where a Masonic service will be held at 9 p.m. to-night. The funeral will be held on Wednesday at 2.30 p.m. from Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Georgetown. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

Council Holds Regular Meet

ALBERTON — The regular meeting of Alberton Town Council was held last night with Mayor Roy Leard presiding and councillors McRae, Calbeck, Hardy, Weeks and Gordon in attendance.

Bills amounting to \$246.15 were ordered paid.

The police report for December, read by Cst. Howard Foley, showed one conviction for damage to property and one for possession of liquor, an investigation into a break and enter and a hit and run accident.

Routine committee reports were presented by the chairmen of the streets, sewer and dump, light, fire and finance committees.

Minutes were read by the town clerk, Thelma Ahearn.

WESTERN BRIEFS

IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. Henry Christopher, Tignish, is a patient in the Western Hospital.

TWO FINED

In Town Police Court yesterday in Summerside a man from Summerside and one from Alberton were each fined \$30 plus cost for drunkenness. The alternative in the first case was 10 days, in the second five days.

ADDRESS TIME FIXED

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Johnson will deliver his state-of-the-union message to a joint session of the U.S. Congress at 9 p.m. EST Wednesday. The timing of the message, outlining the government's program for the next fiscal year, was fixed Friday. Congress convenes Monday for its new session.

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