

# ISLAND NEWS PAGE

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## Phones Increase Here; More Calls Are Made

Ratification of plans for the coming year and adoption of the financial report for 1964 occupied officers and directors of the Island Telephone Company at the regular annual meeting held here Wednesday.

President A. G. Archibald of Halifax was in the chair.

General Manager of the company for the coming year is W. L. Logan, Halifax. Secretary is W. S. Robertson of Halifax. Re-elected to the board of directors were: A. M. Mackay of Halifax, chairman, C. L. Marrow, Lunenburg, N.S.; P. J. Smith, Halifax; R. A. Horne, Summerside; Frank L. Smith, Halifax; D. M. Gass, Charlottetown; and F. W. Hyndman, Charlottetown. Mr. Archibald will retain the presidency.

According to the annual report of the company made public here yesterday, telephone conversations averaged 130,000 which was 19,000 more calls for each average weekly than in 1963 when the average was only 110,000 calls a day.

**WIRE PHONES**

The system at the close of 1964 had 25,202 telephones installed compared to 23,319 the year before. Last year the Island Telephone Co. took over four more rural telephone company systems at Kingston, Con-

way and Ellerslie, Morell Rear and the Head of Hillsboro company. This raises the total taken over in the past five years to 29.

Over the years the company installed 7,099 telephones and disconnected 5,216 for a net gain of 1,883 telephones, 337 of them for business and 1,546 for residents. About one new telephone out of every three was for rural type service. There was a 6 per cent more long distance calling in 1964, and 16.2 per cent more local calling reported.

Addition of new services naturally called for a sharp increase in the company's investment in its physical plant, not the sharp decrease reported through a transcription error last week when a few preliminary figures of the annual report were released. The average increase in plant investment amounted to 13.9 per cent, the figures indicate.

Total revenues for 1964 were \$2,031,497 and in 1963 were \$1,651,325. Net income was \$242,326 against \$218,538 the year before, an increase of 10.9 per cent, but the per common share earnings slipped to \$1.15 from \$1.36 largely because of sale of \$1,564 additional share of common stock to provide funds required by the company, as capital expenditures during 1964 exceeded funds generated in the normal course of business.

Over the past five years investment in telephone plant has risen from \$5,758,000 to \$10,328,000 or an unparalleled 79 per cent increase. Earnings increases have failed to keep pace, so that the basic rate of return on investment has eased off to 5.24 per cent from 5.53 per cent in 1963.

## Two Charges Withdrawn

Two informations laid before Magistrate James B. Johnston, QC, were withdrawn by Crown Prosecutor Alan K. Scates in Queen's County Magistrate's Court yesterday.

The information charging John Layton Stewart of Parkdale with backing a vehicle when such a movement could not be done safely was withdrawn.

Mr. Scates' application and the information charging Samuel William Lambeth of Moncton with the theft of an antique pickle jar was also withdrawn on an application from Mr. Scates.

There were four cases of having illegal possession of liquor and one case of intoxication in a public place on the docket. All the accused pleaded guilty and were each fined \$20 and costs.

John Clifford McGowan of Upper Montague was charged with impaired driving, he pleaded not guilty and was remanded until June 7 for trial, bail to stand.

Roger Preston Ford of North Milton charged with speeding, pleaded not guilty and his case was set down for June 2 for trial.

## PRIZEWINNER

Amy Donna Woodside, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold C. Woodside, Summerside, recently received her Bachelor of Nursing Degree from the University of New Brunswick, Fredericton. She was awarded the Fannie Velenky prize for highest standing in final year nursing.

## L' Division Church Parade Scheduled Sun.

The sixth annual church parade of L' Division, RCMP, will be staged Sunday morning to celebrate the 52nd anniversary of the founding of the famous Canadian police force on May 23, 1873.

Approximately 40 to 50 members of the Island Division will attend services at Zion Presbyterian Church and St. Dunstan's Basilica.

The parade will form at Confederation Centre and move down Grafton Street behind the P.E.I. Regiment Band. A salute will be given at the Cenotaph. Following services the two groups will reform marching along Prince Street and Richmond Street past the Provincial Building where Lieutenant Governor W. J. MacDonald will take the salute. He will be accompanied by Premier W. R. Shaw, Mayor Walter J. Cox, government and civic officials and heads of the various services.

In charge of the parade will be Superintendent A. S. McNeill with Sgt. Major George Chipman as second in command.

**RETURNS HOME**

OTTAWA (CP)—Dr. Eric Williams, prime minister of Trinidad and Tobago, left here for home Wednesday after an informal, seven-day visit to Canada in which he received an honorary degree at the University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, last Thursday.

## RECEIVES BA

Donald Walter MacLaine Pickard received his Bachelor of Arts degree, May 20, at the graduation exercises of the University of New Brunswick. Mr. Pickard is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pickard, 26 Admiral Street. He received his early education at West Kent School, Queen Charlotte High School, and Bishop's College School in Quebec. Mr. Pickard will join the firm of A. Pickard Machinery Ltd. in the fall.

## Speeders Fined At Summerside

SUMMERSIDE — Fines of \$10 and costs each were given six speeders when they appeared yesterday in town police court before Magistrate R. S. Hinton, QC.

The speeders were: Jean Claude Arabic, RCAF Summerside; Alva G. Campbell, Tyne Valley; Ellsworth Louis Rogers, Kensington; Douglas A. H. Muttart, Carleton; Sidney and Raymond V. Walker of RCAF Summerside.

Two town residents, Leo Doucette and Sidney Birch were each fined \$1 and costs or two days for allowing their dogs to run at large within the town limits.

## Island Man Retires From N.Y. College

Dr. Thomas Preston Peardon, a Charlottetown native, retires next month after 42 years at the faculty of Barnard College, Columbia University, New York.

Dr. Peardon has been professor of government at the college since 1931.

He holds a BA in history and Latin from University of British Columbia, an MA from Clark University, and a PhD from Columbia.

Dr. Peardon's published works include "The Transition in English Historical Writing, 1780-1830" and contributions to "Manual of Universal History" and "Modern World Politics". He was editor of "Political Science Quarterly" from 1950-1963 and also edited the book "John Locke, The Second Treatise of Government".

Married, with one son, he has been invited to hold the post of special lecturer at Barnard and on the graduate faculties of Columbia for the next academic year.

Russia's "People's Universities" include 42 institutes of international relations and 141 institutes of "scientific atheism".

## Mrs. O. Paynter Funeral Today

KENSINGTON — The death of Mrs. Olive Paynter occurred early Tuesday morning at the Prince County Hospital where she had been a patient in failing health for some time.

She had been about her home as usual until a few days prior to her death when she was admitted to hospital.

The late Mrs. Paynter was the former Edith Pearl Matthews, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Matthews, Alberton. A teacher by profession, she taught for 10 years at Foxley River, O'Leary, Springbrook, Long River and other schools.

Following her marriage almost 37 years ago she lived in Long River until five years ago when she moved with her husband to Kensington. She was an active member of the United Church, WMS, later the UCW and the Long River Women's Institute of which she was president for some time.

Surviving are her husband, two sons: Brenton and John, all of Kensington; three grandchildren: Clark, John and Renda Paynter; one sister: Carrie (Mrs. Brenton MacNeill), Charlottetown.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 2 p.m. from Long River United Church.

## Potato Price Reaches \$4 Per Bulk Bag

Potato prices to island producers have risen to four dollars per bulk bag, a prominent Charlottetown potato dealer, E.D. Reid, said yesterday.

He added that with new American potatoes coming on the market the price would probably ease off in the next few days.

Agriculture Minister Andrew MacRae estimated Tuesday night the industry has been worth \$25 million to the province for the current crop year.

Speaking at a meeting of potato producers in Montague, Mr. MacRae said the average potato crop is valued at \$11 to \$12 million.

The price for potatoes has been consistently strong through this season and the crop has been moving steadily since it was harvested last fall.

# Proclamation Of Acts Expected Next Week

Premier W. R. Shaw said yesterday he expects the government will proclaim two acts next week.

They are the act setting up a new industrial promotion agency in the province and the Prince of Wales College Act, 1964.

Legislation known as "an act respecting Industrial Enterprises Incorporated" was approved at the 1965 session of the Legislature. Its promoter was Industry and Natural Resources Minister Leo Rossiter.

The act forms a corporation known as Industrial Enterprises Incorporated and names as the first five directors of the organization Carl F. Burke, John Simmonds and William Rix, all of Charlottetown; William A. Arnett, Summerside and Austin A. Scates, Charlottetown.

Objects of the company will be to encourage the promotion, expansion and diversification of industrial activity within the province.

The company will have power to acquire lands with a view to the development of sites for the establishment of industries; to provide services such as power, water, sewerage, roads and other amenities useful in connection with industry; and to build, for lease or sale, factories or buildings required by industry.

The act affecting the college will lead to the institution being able to grant university degrees.

Another matter that may be resolved by cabinet next week is the appointment of a chairman for the province's civil service commission. The position became vacant earlier this month when Lorne Monkley resigned to take the post of deputy provincial secretary.

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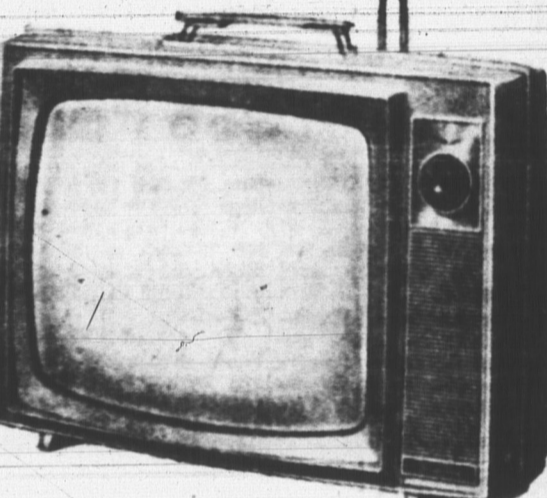


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