Supreme Court Hears 8 Appeals At Geo'town

GEORGETOWN — A special sitting of the Supreme Court was held in the Court House, here, yesterday morning, with Mr. Justice George J. Tweedy presiding.

The purpose of the sitting was to hear eight appeals against convictions by the stipendary magistrate in Kings County.

Of the eight appeals, six were dismissed, one was adjourned to Charlottetown, and in the other the penalty was reduced.

In the case of Vene Louis Henderson, he was appealing the fine of $200 plus $4 costs or three months in jail, imposed by Magistrate James B. Johnston, QC, on the charge of the possession of intoxicating liquor not purchased from a vendor's store.

At the appeal hearing the accused entered a plea of guilty, and His Lordship reduced the penalty to $50 and $4 costs or one month in jail. No appeal costs were assessed.

The appeal of Aeneas R. MacIntyre, against the sentence imposed on the charge of driving while his abilities were impaired by alcohol, was adjourned to Charlottetown for hearing, March 12 at 10:30 a.m.

Of the six appeals which were dismissed, Leonard Daley, Raymond MacCallum and Stanley MacInnis, were appealing the sentences imposed for driving while impaired.

The others to be dismissed were Merlin Chapman on the charge of failing to stop at the scene of an accident; George Ivan Keenan, for having care and control of a motor vehicle while impaired, and James Mellish, for driving without due care and attention (speeding).

In all cases the appellant was counselled by John P. Nicholson, with Deputy Attorney-General, J. Arthur McGuigan acting for the Crown.

Souris Home, School Annual Urges Membership Growth

SOURIS — Clarence MacDonald, outgoing president of the Souris and Regional Home and School Association, expressed the hope that the present parent-teacher relationship will not only continue but grow in size and quality as time goes on. Mr. MacDonald was summarizing the yearly activities at the annual meeting of the association.

Because four-fifths of the present membership fee must be sent to the provincial federation, Mr. MacDonald advised that the fee be raised in order to have a more substantial balance for the association's own use. Membership, he said, must be increased by good programming and a revised, more intimate means of communication.

Mrs. Angus MacCormack reported an increase in attendance due to the monthly notices being sent out regularly. Mrs. MacCormack was reporting for Mrs. Wallie MacKenzie chairman of the membership committee, who was unable to be present. Suggestions were offered for further increasing attendance.

More discussion groups was the advice given by Mrs. Arthur Wright, chairman of the program committee. The objective during the past year has been to interest the parents of children of both elementary and high school levels.

The new executive, unanimously elected, is president, Major Reid; vice-president, Leonard O'Connor; secretary, Sister St. Mary Isabel; treasurer, Mrs. Elmer MacDonald.

On a motion by Herman Connolly the new president extended a vote of thanks to the outgoing executive for its conscientious endeavours.

For the fifth consecutive time grades one, two and three of Souris Elementary School won the attendance shield.

During the session, His Lordship remarked favorably on the vast improvement in the appearance of the interior of the Court House and the Kings County Jail.

Both have been completely redecorated, several new ceilings have been installed. In addition all floors have been tiled floors and ceilings painted and the woodwork given a new coat of varnish.

Renault Ponders Plant In Canada

MONTREAL (CP) — Three top-level executives from the French government - sponsored automobile manufacturer, Regie Renault, arrived in Montreal Monday to begin a month-long visit to Canada to study the possibility of building an assembly plant in Canada.

The mission will also study the possibilities of using Canadian raw materials to produce cars, either here or in France.

The three men, Joseph Canetti, assistant director of supplies, Michel Boltel, foreign production official and Claude Moinet, research executive, were to leave Monday night for Ottawa.

After a day in Ottawa, they will spend Wednesday and Thursday in Quebec City, the weekend in Fredericton, and the first three days of next week in Toronto. They will meet with government officials and local manufacturers during their trip.

Just last week, Volvo (Canada) Ltd., a subsidiary of Volvo of Sweden, announced it will build an assembly plant on the Dartmouth side of Halifax harbor.

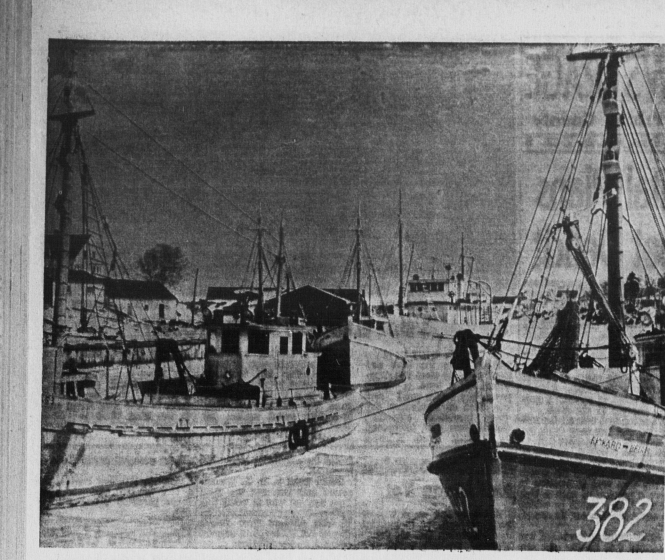
Dr. John Linton Was Speaker

Dr. John Linton, Toronto, secretary of the Canadian Federation on Alcohol Problems, addressed a recent meeting at the Charlottetown Hotel.

Attending were provincial Allied Youth post sponsors, the Allied Youth executive and the alcohol studies advisory council.

Dr. Linton is a recognized authority on the prevention of alcoholism.

VATICAN CITY (Reuters) — Pope John will broadcast at 3 p.m. AST to Roman Catholics throughout the world on Ash Wednesday. He is expected to appeal for special prayers during Lent for the Vatican ecumenical council, due to resume its plenary sessions here in September.



FISHING FLEET FROZEN IN AT MURRAY HARBOR

Pictured in the aftermath of an icy session of winter winds and sub-zero temperatures, this harbor scene typifies the winter slow-down of activities in the province's fishing villages. This fishing fleet, locked immobile by sheets of ice drifted in from the strait, is shown at Murray Harbor.

Caution Urged In Plans To Expand In Tobacco

Several tobacco companies in Montreal last week advised Agriculture Minister Andrew MacRae that growers here should proceed with caution in expanding their tobacco acreage.

"I was told," he said, "that growers should be careful that their soil is in proper condition for tobacco growing. There is great need for a proper state of fertility, which, in many cases here last year, we did not have."

He suggested that beginners in the tobacco industry should not plant too much. "Instead of 30 acres," he said, "it would be better to start with six or seven until growers get the hang of tobacco production."

Tobacco from the department of agriculture's plots at Greenfield last year brought a return of 45 cents per pound, down five or six cents from the 1961 crop. Mr. MacRae attributed the decrease in quality to last year's rainy weather which prevented the tobacco from maturing properly.

Island Native Wins Award In Ontario

For the second time in recent years Owen Sinnott of Mitchell, Ont., has won top honors among buttermakers in Ontario in a competition sponsored by the Ontario Creamery Association.

He was presented with the Laurason Shield, being an award for highest workmanship and efficiency in combined competitions in Ontario for 1962.

Mr. Sinnott was formerly employed with the Morell Co-operative Creamery Association and Central Creameries Ltd., Souris, P.E.I., before moving to Ontario where he is employed with Stacey Bros. Ltd., at Mitchell.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Sinnott, Bristol and is married to the former Lois Eldershaw of Morell. They have four children.

Finance Firms Outpromote Federal Improvements Plan

By BEN WARD

OTTAWA (CP) — Finance companies are out - promoting the federal home improvement loan plan despite their much higher interest charges, a report to the Ontario Association of Real Estate Boards said Monday.

H. Peter Langer, vice-president of a Toronto real estate firm, said an "aggressive" advertising scheme is needed if the program of federal-guaranteed loans for improving existing homes is to achieve its objectives.

He was reporting as the association's representative on the Ontario government's housing advisory committee which is studying the problem of preventing older residential districts from deteriorating into slums.

Mr. Langer said the finance companies, charging up to 22 per cent, have ornered an "overwhelming" percentage of the home improvement loan business.

It appeared that many homeowners were not aware of the availability of the government-backed bank loans of up to $4,000, repayable over 10 years at six per cent.

The committee had interviewed bankers who reported that fewer than one per cent of the applicants for the government-backed loans were turned down. Yet many people were reluctant to approach the banks for this type of loan.

"We think the banks, Central Mortgage and Housing, and the provincial housing authorities should help promote this loan service," he added in an interview.

The committee also felt that Ottawa should double the loan limit to $8,000 and spread repayments over 15 years to encourage greater use of the program.

Mr. Langer's report was distributed to 450 delgates attending the association's two-day annual convention which opened Monday.

Moncton Boy Wins Contest

TORONTO (CP)—A one-week trip at Easter to Disneyland in California has been won by 10-year-old Jamie Cormie who lives near Moncton, N.B.

Jamie is the winner of a national contest sponsored by a toy firm in which youngsters 14 and under had to complete in less than 25 words a sentence starting: "I would like to visit Disneyland because. . . ."

The prize was to have included the winner's parents. But since Jamie's father, Russell Cormie, died five months ago, the sponsors invited Jamie's two brothers and their mother to take the trip.

Diphtheria Hits In Alberta Area

FORT MACLEOD Alta. (CP) One child has died of diphteria and two others are known to be infected in the Fort Macleod area, 20 miles west of Lethbridge in southwestern Alberta. None were immunized.

Dr. Kurt Adler, medical health officer of the Chinook Health Unit, said two more cases are suspected but have not yet been checked by laboratory tests.

The child who died, an eight-year-old boy, was first reported to have the disease Feb. 15. He was admitted to the Fort Macleod municipal hospital in critical condition.

Dr. Adler said this is the first time he has seen the disease since he came to Canada 11 years ago.

TCA Reser Vec System Is Now In Full Operation

MONTREAL — Trans-Canada Air Lines' new electronic reservations system, the most modern of its kind in the world, is now in full operation, bringing a new era of speed and accuracy to the immensely complicated procedure of making passenger reservations in more than 60 centres scattered over 3,000 miles of air routes.

ReserVec, as the system is called, first went into operation on all direct services to and from New York City on June 17, 1962, and on the Pacific Coast Vancouver - Victoria - Seattle routes, the Vancouver to Calgary route and the Edmonton-Calgary-Lethbridge services in mid September of the same year.

On Oct. 15, TCA began selling space on all even - numbered flights in North America, and by Jan. 24, all reservations centres were on the ReserVec system.

The central registry in Toronto has been in operation for some months, and all field equipment was installed prior to the start of the gradual transition from manual to electronic service.

Tampa, Fla., and the Prairie "milk run" cities are the only cities in North America served by TCA not on ReserVec lines; Tampa because of the distances involved and the Prairie cities because of their light boarding loads.

These centres, and those in the Caribbean and Europe served by TCA are linked to the central registry by teletype circuits.

TCA has invested almost $3,500,000 in the ReserVec system and expects it will pay for itself in five years.

The automatic system has meant a 50 per cent reduction in the present payload control staff at Toronto from 220 employees to 110. However, most of the surplus staff were absorbed into other positions within the company.

Lakes Opening Expected Slow

DETROIT)AP) — All of the Great Lakes except Lake Ontario are 90 to 100 per cent ice-covered, the U.S. Weather Bureau reported Monday. Shipping is expected to be late starting.

The inland lakes' worst freeze in many years, result of a severe winter, was reflected in the bureau's first ice report of 1963.

Ordinarily, shipping gets well under way by mid-March, but the chance for this was believed to be slight. W. W. Oak, Detroit weather bureau chief, predicted that navigation would be "late and difficult."

The report described Lakes Superior, Michigan and Huron as 90 per cent ice-covered and Lakes Erie and St. Clair nearly 100 per cent covered.

On lower Lake Michigan, the coast guard cutter Sundew, breaking ice for tanker shipping progressed only 21 miles within 24 hours after leaving her Charlevoix port.

Only in the middle of Lake Ontario was any substantial area of open water reported.

Lake Michigan is the only one of the Great Lakes that has regular winter traffic of car ferries and oil tankers.

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Illustrations on the reverse of Canadian currency are not photographs but artists' conceptions of typical Canadian scenes.

TO REVAMP PARIS

PARIS (Reuters)—A 20-year plan for the development of greater Paris, calling for 1,200,000 new homes in the first 12 years, 10 new motorways and skyscraper apartments, was published Monday by Paul Delouvrier, government administrator for the Paris district, who said the present population of 8,500,000 is expected to rise to about 11,000,000 in 1975 and possibly as high as 16,000,000 by the year 200.

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