

# Premier Shows Concern Over Section Men Layoff

Contacted in Ottawa where he is to attend the national convention of the Liberal party, Premier A.W. Matheson expressed great surprise and concern when informed that 21 section men were being laid off by the CNR's Island Division.

The Premier was contacted by Hon. B. Earle MacDonald, who is acting Premier in the absence of Mr. Matheson.

The Premier told Mr. MacDonald that he would take this matter up immediately with the Federal representatives and members of the Opposition in the House of Commons.

Hon. Mr. MacDonald, who for a number of years worked as an accountant in the C. N. R. offices here said he had been informed that the 111 man section staff on the Island would be reduced to 90.

"It is ironic that the Government of Canada in the midst of its National employment campaign should take such steps when they are at present advocating that employers find as many jobs as possible for those out of work," said Mr. MacDonald.

POSITIONS ABOLISHED The Acting Premier noted that the lay off was not of a seasonal nature but was really the abolition of 20 permanent positions on the railway here.

Until now, a section crew consisted of a foreman and three men. Mr. MacDonald felt that with the heavy lifting etc., involved in section work a definite hardship would be inflicted upon crews who are now required to do the same work with a foreman and two men.

Mr. MacDonald expressed the opinion that Prince Edward Island has the worst roadbed of any part of the C.N.R. System. "This fact," he said, "is borne out in railway's precautionary measure of reducing the speed of locomotives on the Island Division."

"It is common knowledge," said Mr. MacDonald, "that 85 per cent of the freight leaving or coming to the Island moves by rail and it will be hard for anyone to convince me that the Railway in this Province is not paying for itself.

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POOR BASTARD HERE "I am sure the Railway management is aware of the type of ballast we have on the Island roadbed", continued Mr. MacDonald, "it is certainly a far cry from that of the mainland where an abundance of crushed rock is available most everywhere."

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Three members graduated from the Baby Band to the Mission Band were welcomed by the Mission Band Superintendent, Mrs. Keith Warren, as follows: Linda Howard, Ervin Johnson (a Life Member) and Richard Baker.

Collection was taken by Sharon Baker amounting to \$3.64 New Mite-Boxes were distributed and a Christmas picture card to all members. Mite-Boxes contained \$7.06.

"Jesus Loves Me" and benediction closed the meeting. Auxiliary of W.M.S. members served a delicious lunch to all present.

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# After Wife And Son Comes Gerard Hoffnung's Tuba

By EDDY GILMORE LONDON (AP)—There are few things artist Gerard Hoffnung loves more than a big brass tuba. "My wife, my son, yes," he explains with a shrug, "but after them, the tuba comes first."

Hoffnung, a successful painter, cartoonist, author, teacher and musician, regards life as something akin to a tremendous practical joke.

"I take a tuba terribly, terribly seriously," he says. "I always desperately wanted to play it. But I was not allowed to play it. My parents objected and I only started playing it after they died. I hope that doesn't sound awful."

He says his mother wanted him to become a concert violinist. "She dreamed of accompanying me. But she never could see her way to accompanying a tuba, even though played by me."

WENT TO HARROW Hoffnung attended Harrow, Sir Winston Churchill's school, where he later became a master.

From Harrow he found his way to a London newspaper, all the while painting, drawing and longing to play the instrument of his dreams.

His cartoons were so amusing—with a wily, slightly mad touch—that magazines in Britain, on the Continent and in America started buying them.

He left his newspaper and started freelancing. Finally, he became so completely identified with his strange fascination that he took up the tuba seriously in 1951.

"People seem to think of it as fierce and martial," he says, "but actually, it has a warm and very tender tone. It's a glorious horn."

The umpah-making instrument that dates back to ancient Roman legions was the symbol of London's biggest new year's eve party, the annual Chelsea arts ball. Hoffnung had been commissioned to decorate the huge Albert Hall for the occasion.

The theme was music, and to Hoffnung music is the tuba.

CRAZY CONCERT Last year he inspired London's craziest musical concert at Royal Festival Hall.

Symphonies were played by an orchestra that included vacuum cleaners, electric floor polishers, four men who fired rifles, and six others who blew into hot water bottles.

A London critic praised the concert, calling it "the greatest musical joke of all time. A recording of the event was a hit in Britain. Hoffnung bounces from one weird accomplishment to another.

The author of four books, a regular broadcaster for the British Broadcasting Corporation—in addition to everything else—he will appear as a concert artist early next year.

The venerable British composer Ralph Vaughan Williams has written the music for the coming occasion. He calls it Concerto for Bass Tuba.

Short, stout, rumped and only 32, Hoffnung has brought his beloved horn into his already cluttered home. Two tubas, both reverently covered in soft cloth, adorn his living room.

## YORK

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Murray and Mrs. Harry Welton, York, were visitors to Charlottetown recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Hector Jenkins and daughter Barbara, Marsh field, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Vessey in the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Parker Jewell and daughter Eleanor, left for Florida, U.S.A. Thursday Jan. 2nd. They are accompanied by Mr. Jewell's brother of North River.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lewis, York, entertained on New Year's day for their family from Charlottetown and York.

Winners of last week card game in York Hall were Mr. and Mrs. Leith Brown, York.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Coles and family, Milton, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Vessey, Sunday, December 29th.

Mrs. Frank Watts and grandson Allison Swan, York, were visitors to Ellerslie, Dec 30, at the home of her son Mr. and Mrs. Howard Watts of the C. N. R.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Crockett and son Donald were the guests of Mrs. V. Rodd, Charlottetown recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Lewis, York, entertained on New Year's day for the relatives from Free-town and Bedouke.

Miss Arlene MacDowell, Glen Valley, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest MacDonald, New Year Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewar Swan, York, entertained on New Year's day, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Swan, Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Craswell and three children, all of Charlottetown.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Proude, York, had as their guests on New Year's day her mother, Mrs. Leo Bearsto and Mr. and Mrs. Millar Bearsto, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Bearsto and two children, Covehead.

B.O. POLICE FIND LOOT\* MONTREAL (CP) — Police in suburban Outremont have recovered more than \$25,000 in loot and arrested a man, a woman and a juvenile in connection with 16 housebreak-ins during the last six months.

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LIVE TELECAST NATIONAL LIBERAL CONVENTION TUESDAY, JANUARY 14—9 P.M. to 10 P.M. WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15—3:30 P.M. to 5 P.M. WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15—8:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. THURSDAY, JANUARY 16—10 P.M. to 11 P.M. NEW LEADER WILL MAKE ACCEPTANCE SPEECH (ALL TIME LOCAL ATLANTIC STANDARD) (Inserted by P.E.I. Liberal Association).

## DRIVE PILING FOR FOUNDATION

Above the pneumatic pile driver of the Morrison and MacRae company of Summerside, the sub-contractor, drives the piling on which will be placed the concrete foundation of the new Naval barracks in Charlottetown. The recent favorable weather has been a big asset in enabling the contractor to keep well within their time for completing the job.

An official of the company Monday gave the opinion that all piling would be driven within the next two weeks. The depth to which the timbers are being driven is between ten and fifteen feet before solid ground is reached.

To ensure the work going along at a steady clip, a number of carpenters are employed elsewhere on the site prefabricating the forms which will eventually be placed over the pilings in readiness for the pouring of the concrete foundations.

# Liberal Women Mustering Forces For Convention

By CAROLYN WILLET Canadian Press Staff Writer OTTAWA (CP) — The Liberal women are mustering their forces in preparation for the party's three-day leadership convention which starts Tuesday.

Executive officers of the National Federation of Liberal Women met Monday to polish resolutions to be presented both from the convention floor and in the resolutions committee.

It is understood that one major resolution will call for the constitutional appointment of more women from the federation as executive officers of Liberal associations at all levels.

Mrs. Jessie Caldwell of Saskatoon president of the NFWL, has emphasized the need for the women's organization to promote co-ordination and integration with the main party association rather than building up the federation as a powerful representative of a minority group.

NUMERICALLY STRONG The convention promises numerical evidence at least, that women are emerging from behind the tea services.

A total of 32 women are accredited as delegates or alternates—an unprecedented number—and a representation increase of more than 150 per cent compared to the 1948 convention, officials said.

At least one woman is to be a member of each convention committee. Four women are to sit on the resolutions committee. During sessions — probably Thursday — Mrs. Caldwell will address the convention.

Friday women delegates, alternates and other women convention-comers are to attend an informal federation business session.

LET-OFF-STEAM SESSION Closed to the press, the meeting has been termed a letting-off-steam gathering which will bring together Liberal women from provinces. The business session is to be followed by a social gathering attended by the new leader and his wife.

Just how much impact the large women's representation will make on the conference — there is a total of 242 voting delegates and alternates — remains to be seen.

But the increased representation is seen as a step in the right direction.

Some observers of Canadian women's political activities have said that when it comes to elections, men get the safe seats and women are left to contest — and lose — the already-lost or doubtful ridings.

But more active participation by women in nominating conventions and in the main party organization may counteract this trend.

Theresa Pineau also of Charlottetown facing a charge of drawing a document without authority.

The civil case is for damage claims arising out of a motor vehicle accident and involve William G. Barnhill and Alice C. Barnhill versus James MacPhail.

Saurel Finishes Lifting Buoys The C. G. S. Saurel completed lifting the buoys for the season for the Charlottetown Marine Agency and sailed Monday to remove the Light keepers from isolated Brion Island and Bird Rocks in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

After landing the Lightkeepers ashore on the mainland of the Magdalen Islands the Saurel will proceed to Port aux Basques, Newfoundland to service buoys in that area. Thereafter it is expected she will proceed to work in the St. Lawrence River for the winter.

Heifer Case Is Again Adjudged In Queen's County Magistrate's Court, Monday morning a Summerside resident previously remanded on the charge of the unlawful possession of stolen goods (a heifer) was further remanded until Wednesday by Magistrate Gilbert Gaudet.

An accused listed as no fixed address, previously convicted on a similar charge was also further remanded to the same date.

Two accused one from Charlottetown and the other from Summerside, both charged with operating motor vehicles with defective equipment, lights, etc., were each fined five dollars and costs or five days.

Driver Released On \$100 Bail Charged with drunken driving before Magistrate K.M. Martin in City Police Court, Monday morning, an accused was remanded until this morning. Bail was set at one hundred dollars cash.

A drunk and disorderly was fined twenty dollars and costs or ten days. Of two drunk and incapable one was sentenced to twenty days in the Queen's County Jail and the other was remanded until Thursday.

SMUTS AIDE DIES DORCHESTER, England (Reuters) — Capt. Ernest Cambridge Lane, aide-de-camp to the late Field Marshal Jan Christian Smuts during the Boer War and for 19 years his private secretary, died Monday at 75.

## Former Wrestling Champ To Speak At Meeting Here

Leaving aside the wrestling togs in which he won fame and the heavyweight wrestling championship of Canada, "Whipper" Billy Watson will shortly appear in a new role on a coast to coast speaking tour.

Starting from Vancouver on Feb. 2, Mr. Watson will visit the leading centres of Canada, winding up his tour of the Maritime Provinces at Charlottetown on Feb. 17 when he will address the Rotary Club on behalf of the Easter Seals Campaign inaugurated by the Canadian Council for Crippled Children and Adults.

This voluntary expression of profound interest in the objectives of the Canadian Council by Mr. Watson is expected to impress Canadians in every walk in life, of the necessity of wholehearted support in the Easter Seal Campaign.

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## Trinity Jr. W. A. Have A Most Successful Year

The Junior Women's Association of Trinity United Church has just concluded a most successful year, under the leadership of the President, Mrs. George J. Tweedy. During the year several money raising projects were undertaken with most gratifying results, the highlight of the year being the novel Gay Nineties Tea, which the Association held in October, and from which the proceeds were well beyond expectation.

The association also catered to the Mother and Daughter banquet and the Father and Son Banquet, both held during the year. Donations were made to many worthy causes including the Trinity Organ Fund, Proseant Welfare, Missionary and Maintenance

## Kitimat Citizens Hope To Have Diversified Industry

By MARTIN TAYLOR Canadian Press Staff Writer KITIMAT, B.C. (CP) — A hardy band of pioneers set up homesteads in this picturesque valley 450 miles north of Vancouver more than half a century ago. They based hopes for a great metropolis on the Grand Trunk Railroad, but in the end it went instead to Prince Rupert.

Kitimat residents of today believe they will see the faith of the pioneers justified in a great port city with a wide variety of industries, and a population second only to that of Vancouver.

In the five years since the birth of the new town, Kitimat has seen progress and prosperity seldom displayed by an infant community on the continent. But the danger of reliance on its single industry — aluminum — was demonstrated by the recent layoff of 1,700 construction workers, because of a fall in the rate of expansion of the aluminum market.

BIG PROSPECTS Now the 14,000 people of this model municipality — with 4,000 neat homes, seven churches, 3,500 automobiles and scores of paved, winding streets — are looking with increasing urgency for a future of diversified industry. They speak of such projects as a pipeline from the Peace River oilfields of northeastern B.C., a road from the asbestos mine at Cassiar, 200 miles north, and proposals for a pulp mill here.

The Cassiar road would open up a vast area. By the strip mining of a mountain top the Cassiar Asbestos Company is taking out 20,000 tons of asbestos a year. At present the only outlet is by truck over the Alaska Highway to Whitehorse, Y.T., whence it is shipped by train to Skagway, Alaska.

A road from Cassiar would make it possible to ship asbestos ore from Kitimat to the eastern United States on the return voyage of vessels which bring aluminum ore here from Jamaica. The terminus of the new road is still undecided.

CHIEF ATTRACTION The pipeline however is the big attraction. It could make Kitimat the centre for a petro-chemical industry that could supply a vast expanding area of the Pacific Northwest.

Such an industry would find a ready-made market for one of its products, petroleum coke, in the Alcan operation, Kitimat's only present industry.

The pulp project seems nearest to realization. Licence to cut a huge area of adjoining over-mature timber has been granted to a specially formed Kitimat Pulp and Paper Company.

This company, a joint enterprise of Aluminum Company of Canada and the Powell River Company, may start operations in the first half of 1960. The start has been delayed by a recession in the market for pulp products.

NATURAL ASSETS All these proposals are based to a large extent on the same natural advantage that brought the pioneers here in 1900 — Kitimat's perfect harbor site at the head of the Douglas Channel.

An advantage which the pioneers could not have foreseen is the vast potential of the power project at Kemano, 50 miles south, which supplies the great aluminum smelter and provides lighting and heating for the town. The powerhouse is an engineering wonder. It was built in the heart of a mountain. The generators are in a cathedral-sized vault 1,400 feet underground, receiving water by a 10-mile tunnel from Taitsa Lake.

Kitimat has attractions matched by few industrial communities in Canada. It has moose, wildfowl and fine salmon fishing within its boundaries. It has no traffic lights, no parking meters, no smog problem and a system by which no child need cross a main road on the way to school.

Five years ago, when the community was little more than a blueprint, planning director C. S. Stein wrote: "The workers must find Kitimat more than temporarily acceptable. They must be enthusiastic about it as a particularly fine place in which to live and bring up their families."

Most of the people who live here say Kitimat already is just that. Now they hope to see it fulfil the forecast of the pioneers who left 20 years ago, after waiting in vain, and whose derelict farmhouses remain to see the dream come true.

## Bank Manager Was Known Here

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## Sanatorium Christmas Donations

The following is a list of donors of Christmas gifts to the Sanatorium patients:

Mrs. F. B. Small, Individual Gifts. Fredericton W. I., Individual Gifts. New Haven W. L., Case of Apples. Salvation Army, Fruit and Candy. Trinity Young Peoples Individual Gifts. King's Daughters, Gifts for Children.

Mt. St. Mary's, Individual gifts. Mr. Peter Small, Individual gifts. Mrs. A. B. Fisher, Individual gifts for children. Mrs. G. G. K. Peake, Individual gifts for children.

Rotarians, Gifts for Children. Ice Cream for patients. Summerside Legion, Fruit, Candy and Cigarettes. Sister Mary Henry, Catholic Digest. Hyndman and Co. \$15.00. David, George, Frank and Bob Likely, Gifts for children. St. Paul's Church, Individual gifts. Silver Circle, Trinity Church, Gifts for adults. Anonymous Donor from Cornwall, Fruit. Rollaway Club, \$500.00 and Candy.

Mrs. Wylie Irving, Fruit Cake Park Royal Church, Books for Children. Margaret Dew, Doll. Hughes Drug Co., Candy. Cpt. and Mrs. L. A. Dignan, ndy. DeBlois Bros. Candy. Prowse Bros, 2 cases oranges. Carvell's Co, 4 boxes grapes. Clarke Fruit Co., 4 boxes apples. Stewart Bakeries, Fruit cake. Atlantic Wholesalers, 1 box apples, 1 bag grapes. New London Women's Institute, Christmas Decorations. Hunter's River Womens Institute, Christmas Decorations. Health Pasteurized Milk Co., 60 s. milk, 12 qts cream. Max King, 1 hamper apples. Brighton T.K. Group, 25 Christmas Favors for Children. Trinity Church, Favors for Children. Harold Newsom, 2 hampers apples.

On behalf of all the patients who were cheered during the Christmas season I wish to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to the above named benefactors.

E. M. Found, M.D., C.M. Superintendent

## Rehabilitation Centre Was Remembered

Our Christmas this year was once more a wonderful and bounteous time with thanks due many friends and organizations. Each room was gallily decorated by the Staff with its own tree, wreaths in the windows, and sprigs of holly here and there.

At the school party gifts were presented by Dr. Genchiff from Mrs. Josephine Marlin and other former Islanders from Water-town, Mass., Bethany Group of The Willing Circle of the King's Daughters of Trinity United Church, Provincial Chapter of the Polio Foundation and Queen Square School.

Gifts, Candy and other treats were distributed to all the patients from the Salvation Army, Charlottetown Rotary Club, Central Creameries Ltd., R. T. Holman Ltd