

Police Register Theft Recalled

By NEIL A. MATHESON
Provincial-Farm Editor

I WAS particularly interested in Earl Taylor's suggestion last week—Douglas Boylan backed it strongly—that the Provincial Building here should be turned over to the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada so that it could be preserved as a national shrine. It was made at the most recent meeting of the P.E.I. Historical Society.

I would naturally be interested because I am interested in preserving our items of historic value, and this must rank among the top Canadian historic items. But I have another reason.

It was back in 1955, or 1956, I believe, that I proposed the same thing in the House of Commons. I was pleased to find several days later that the report of my speech in Hansard had stirred considerable interest in Ottawa among people who are interested in Canadian history.

Senator J. J. Connolly, an Ottawa man, is one of those I remember who was most interested. He told me that the proposal was all the more praiseworthy because the Quebec building in which the Quebec conference had been held, where Confederation had actually been achieved, had been destroyed by fire.

SO OUR Province Building is the only remaining physical link with the historic conferences back in 1864, when Canada was born. I should say for readers who are not familiar with the story, that the original Confederation conference was held here in Charlottetown in September 1864, in what we know now as Confederation Chamber.

I don't know just what will come of the Historical Society's suggestion. But some exceptionally strong feelings were expressed at the society meeting last week. Mr. Taylor suggested for example, that "it is a disgrace" the way this historic building has been neglected. The reference was to the fact that it is not being properly recognized as a national shrine, I believe.

Before I leave this subject, I should add that I discussed the idea first with Alex Matheson, who was premier at the time, and with Robert Winters who was the minister in the cabinet at the time who spoke for Prince Edward Island. We had no Island minister then, just as we haven't now. Both men were agreed to the historic shrine idea at the time. It was understood, of course, that the Legislative Chamber would be retained for our legislature.

Police Register Stolen In 1882

EDGAR MacNUTT, noted Island historian, brought a humorous note into the meeting when he read an excerpt from a letter mailed to the original Historical Society back in 1882 by one who signed the fictitious name "Simon Mitchell, Mic-Mac."

The letter was with a volume that had been mailed to Charles Palmer of the society. It said in part:

"It possesses no intrinsic value, and but little antiquarian interest, nevertheless it is historical in character and may hereafter supply a fund of information not obtained elsewhere. It contains a faithful record of the doings of our police authorities, and with a single eye to the claims of veracity it registers the hours of duty of the police hours, their walking and sleeping movements, the hours they are on duty, off duty, and unfit for duty."

"How it came into my possession it is not necessary to enquire. During the silent watches of the night between the hours when the God of day sinks beneath the Western horizon and the stilly calm of that supreme moment when he again appears in the east to enlighten our planet with the resplendent rays of his countenance, a lone traveller strayed into the precincts of the police station. All was quiet and serene, and the stillness of the night was only broken by the snoring of the officers, who wrapped in the arms of Morpheus made the night hideous with their deep sepulchral grunting. I have kept the precious volume ever since that midnight adventure transferred it to my custody."

"I now hand it over to the society (historical) for whose welfare I have the very best wishes."

MR. MacNUTT copied the paragraphs from the Daily Examiner of March 6, 1882. Told in a few words the story is that some chap with an unusual sense of humor strayed into the police station one night, after midnight apparently, and found that the policemen on duty were asleep. He stole the police register off the desk and this is the book which he mailed to the society.

Apparently the chap who stole the register had kept it in his possession for sometime before he sent it to the historical society. Understandably there was a great fuss raised over the embarrassing fact that somebody had stolen from the police station the most important document in the building. It got into the City Council and into the press. Imagine the embarrassment of the policemen of the day.

Historical Society Started in 1882

THE ORIGINAL historical society was organized early in 1882 an old Examiner story tells me. If I understand Mr. MacNutt correctly, the organization wound up its affairs that same year. The present version of the P.E.I. Historical Society was organized in 1933. It's still going strongly some 13 years later.

But it's still fighting for a place in which to display the province's historical items. A meeting with the government is expected soon after the present session of the legislature closes. The problem of a building to house a museum will be discussed.

"Coffee Break" Ralph Cameron in his Evening Patriot column notes that it costs \$4,268,132 to service the province's debt now—that's the interest cost of one year. "Not too long ago," he suggests "that would have been more than the entire budget."

Total Budget Was \$2.1 Million

A FEW days ago my old friend Alex Matheson told me that when he sat in the Legislature for the first time some 25 years ago, the entire budget was \$2,100,000. So the debt servicing charge today is slightly more than twice the entire Island budget of 25 years ago.

And still we go on increasing the debt by large amounts each year—I don't buy the idea of selling the new Provincial Building that cost approximately \$5.1 million to a newly created company for the same amount, and suggesting that it takes \$5.1 million from our debt or our liabilities, whatever name modern accounting methods gave to it.

I'm not playing party politics either. Our debt has been increasing rapidly under Liberal and Conservative governments. The increases become greater with the passing years. And still so far as the most of our people are concerned, the cry is for ever increased spending. Where it will end, or should I say "when it will end" is something on which I wouldn't like to speculate.

RURAL CHURCHES

KINGS

MONTAGUE Baptist Pastorate. Rev. A.G.J. Steeves, M.A., B.Ed., B.D., minister. Sunday April 10. Montague: Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Evening 7:30 p.m. Murray River: Sunday School 2 p.m. Worship 3 p.m. Murray Harbour: Sunday School 2 p.m. Worship 7:30 p.m. Sturgeon: Sunday School 2:30 p.m. Worship 1:30 p.m.

MURRAY RIVER Pentecostal Church. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Rev. Fred Day, minister.

MONTAGUE Bible Chapel. The Lord's Supper 9:30 p.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 10:45 a.m. Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.

GEORGETOWN Baptist Church. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Gospel Service 7:30 p.m. Rev. Earle Smith, pastor.

UPTON Gospel Chapel. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Gospel Service 7:30 p.m.

GEORGETOWN Holy Trinity Anglican Church. Sunday, April 10. Sunday School 10 a.m. Holy Communion 11 a.m. Rev. J. Stephen Sherren, rector.

THE PRESBYTERIAN

Church. Easter Sunday, April 10. Murray Harbour North: Easter Sunrise Service 7 a.m. Church School 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Murray Harbour South: Church School 2:30 p.m. Worship 3:00 p.m. Peter's Road: Church School 6:50 p.m. Worship 7:30 p.m. Conducted by Mr. Jackie Whiteway. Special music at this service. Rev. M. Carl Currie, minister.

CENTRAL Kings Charge. the United Church. Good Friday: Dundas 11 a.m. Georgetown 7:00 p.m. Easter Sunday: St. David's, April 8 Holy Week Services: Holy Communion 11 a.m. Church School 10:30 a.m. Dundas: Holy Communion 2:30 p.m. Church School 10 a.m. Annandale: Holy Communion 7:30 p.m. Rev. M.R. Pocklington, minister.

MONTAGUE Pastoral Charge. April 10: Lower Montague, Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. Montague, Holy Communion 11 a.m. Sturgeon, Holy Communion 2:30 p.m. Montague, Easter song service presented by the joint choirs of the Baptist, Presbyterian and United Churches 7:30 p.m. Rev. Russell F. Burns, minister.

MURRAY HARBOR — Murray River United Church. Pas-



BIRD ON THE BRAIN

They say a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush. But what about a bird on the head? Obviously six-month-old Andy Baird doesn't think its worth anything as a neighbor's budgie lands on his head. Andy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Baird of Kingsmill. (CP Wirephoto)

FEDERATION NEWSLETTER

Frieght Assistance Policy On Grain Should Be Continued

By J. LINCOLN DEWAR

FREIGHT ASSISTANCE

One section of the report of the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture that will attract more than usual attention reads as follows:

"While acknowledging the need for Freight Assistance on Western grain, introduced during war time, was desirable and

useful in stimulating the production of livestock and poultry in Eastern Canada, we believe that a policy providing the assistance in the growing of grain in P.E.I. and the other Atlantic Provinces, might be of greater advantage to Maritime farmers."

While it is not quite clear we must assume that the intention was to replace the Freight Assistance Policy with one to encourage the growing of grain in the Maritimes. If this assumption is in order, then we would propose for consideration the following observations:

1. The Freight Assistance Policy is a livestock encouragement policy. What the Committee then proposes is to substitute this livestock policy with one for the benefit of grain growers. We hardly see livestock people being enthusiastic about trading a policy designed for their benefit for one to help someone else.

2. The Freight Assistance Policy has been in effect for 25 years, to discard it now would place the entire Easter livestock industry in jeopardy. Nova Scotia would lose its hog and egg production and many of these enterprises in Prince Edward Island would not survive.

3. If the Freight Assistance Policy were to be discarded in Ontario and Quebec, we would be flooded with livestock products from the two large provinces and probably put out of business.

4. To suggest that Nova Scotia with its very limited land resources should increase the acreage devoted to grain hardly appears to be consistent with a policy of livestock expansion.

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day, April 10. Worship, Sunday: New Glasgow 11 a.m. The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated at this joint Pastoral Charge Service. Holy Week: Good Friday inter-faith service in Cavendish United Church at 8 p.m. This service will consist of Sacred Music and Song combined with the spoken word. Persons of all faiths are cordially invited. Men's Club meeting in the CE Hall April 11 at 8:15 p.m. Rev. Frank B. Siles, minister.

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FREE CHURCH of Scotland.

Worship: Murray River 11:00 a.m. Bangor 2 p.m. Belle River 4:30 p.m. Sunday School Murray River 2 p.m. Rev. Ewen E. MacDougall, minister.

QUEENS

WINSLOE United Pastoral Charge. Combined Church and Sunday School at Highfield 9:30 a.m. Winsloe South 11 a.m. Princetown Road 7:30 p.m. Rev. T.R. Goudge, minister.

BROOKFIELD PASTORAL Charge.

the Presbyterian Church. Sunday, April 10. Worship: Glasgow Road 11 a.m. Hunter River 2:30 p.m. Brookfield 7:30 p.m. Clair-MacLeod, student minister. Rev. Basil Lowery, interim-moderator.

HUNTER RIVER United Church Pastoral Charge.

Easter Sunday, April 10. Hampshire 10 a.m. There will be special dedication at this service. Northcote at 11:15 a.m. Hunter River 11:15 a.m. This service will be conducted by the Explorers, Tyro and Messenger Groups. Wheatley River 2:30 p.m. Hunter River 7:30 p.m. Special Good Friday service in the Hampshire Church at 8 p.m. for the entire charge. All welcome. Official Board will meet Thursday, April 14 in the Hampshire Church at 8 p.m. Rev. Donald C. Powell, B.A., B.D., minister.

MARSHFIELD — Harrington

—Mt. Stewart Pastoral Charge. The Presbyterian Church. Easter Sunday—Marshfield—11 a.m. Mt. Stewart 2 p.m. Church School 11:15 p.m. Harrington 7:30 p.m. Sunrise service Harrington 8 p.m. Good Friday Services: Marshfield 11 a.m. Harrington 8 p.m. Both services conducted by the Young People. Mr. Hugh Lowry, Catechist. Rev. D.A. Campbell, interim-moderator.

MURRAY HARBOR

—Murray River United Church. Pas-

CAVENDISH Pastoral Charge

the United Church. Easter Sun-

products when we are not likely to produce here.

7. While the production of oats and barley certainly has possibilities we question the prospects for wheat as a source of high energy feed.

8. At this point we wonder if the Agricultural Committee should not do some more home work on this problem.

"OUR FARM BUSINESS"

Farmers who took the time out last week to watch the morning television series "Our Farm Business" were certainly well rewarded for their attention.

Seldom in the opinion of the writer has a more outstanding piece of extension been carried out. Every program contained excellent information of a money making or money saving nature.

As an example we recall the statement by Dr. Poulton that dairymen nearly all of them are making two mistakes, they are under feeding their top producing cows and overfeeding the ones that are down in production.

Another point here was that the peak of a cow's production nearly always determines how much she will produce in the lactation. In short the higher she goes the longer she stays airborne. To summarize all this we would like to congratulate the Farm Broadcast Department of the CBC and the Departments of Agriculture of the three provinces for a tremendously valuable effort.

FERTILIZER

In the light of information coming out of the television series and the forage meeting last Friday not to mention the experience of a number of farmers there appears to be a definite need of change in fertilizer recommendations for this province for 1966 particularly for pasture, hay and silage.

In this province 6-12-12 is the formula generally recommended. In Nova Scotia formulas like 10-10-10 and 12-12-12 which give substantial more nitrogen are suggested. In addition, a formula like 15-5-15 is being pushed in New Brunswick. If nitrogen is the critical factor then the latter formula will do the job for half the cost.

Another point which needs some attention is the availability of nitrogen in early spring. Do the mixtures contain a formula of nitrogen that is available regardless of soil temperature. There is still time for the P.E.I. Soils and Field Crops Committee to take another look at these recommendations and thereby make a real contribution to improving the day and grass crop.

BEEF MATTERS

We have just listened to a rather spirited if disorganized discussion on beef matters in the local Legislature. One particularly interesting argument was that because the situation (deplorable) has existed for many years that it is not in any sense an emergency. We would conclude that so far as the Legislature was concerned that it would not be an emergency but for the cattlemen with animals to market the situation might have a somewhat different aspect.

One particularly interesting part of the report made by the two gentlemen who visited Toronto was the fact that a percentage of the animalshipped from the Maritimes to Toronto and bringing higher prices

Population Explosion Called Most Serious

By BRENDA LARGE

OTTAWA (CP)—The moderator of the United Church of Canada, Rt. Rev. Ernest Marshall Howse, said here the population explosion is the most serious problem now facing the human race.

He told the Commons health committee: "It is a more serious problem than the atomic bomb because the atomic bomb can be more easily controlled."

Dr. Howse led a delegation from the United Church which presented a brief on birth control legislation to the committee.

The committee is studying a number of private members' bills which propose changes in the Criminal Code to legalize the sale of contraceptives and the dissemination of birth control information.

WANTS CODE AMENDED

The United Church brief recommended that the code be amended to remove any refer-

ence to the prevention of conception. It also urged: —Physicians in private practice and public health services at all levels of government be encouraged to provide instruction in family planning. —Public welfare agencies be encouraged to assist in financing the cost of contraceptive prescriptions and devices. —Quality and safety controls of contraceptive drugs and appliances be provided by the federal food and drug directorate.

The brief also said there should be adequate regulation of the advertising of birth control devices and preparations to avoid offence to good taste, and that slot machine dispensing be forbidden.

It said every possible encouragement and assistance should be offered to responsible public and private agencies so that they may provide adequate programs, especially for adolescents and young people, to prepare them for responsible marriage and parenthood.

WEATHER MATTERS

Having given the weatherman credit for an almost perfect winter November 1 to March 31 we recommend him for a very enjoyable spring (to date). Fields and roads are firming, early flowers are in bloom and already the early agricultural birds have been spreading fertilizer and threatening various other early operations. At the moment our request is for an abundance of moisture in order that the waterable may be brought up as reserve for the growing crops.

Montreal doctor who had appeared before the committee had received letters from as far away as Alberta and Saskatchewan from people requesting birth control information.

"These people live in small villages where doctors refuse to give this sort of help. They have to write to Montreal for it."

Dr. Mongeau said advertising about birth control methods through the mass media was necessary to reach the great numbers of people who never go to see a doctor or attend public health clinics.

He recommended that such advertising be controlled so that it did not go beyond the bounds of good taste.

It should not give specific information about contraception, but rather, tell people where they could go to receive such information.

TEACHERS PLAN SEMINAR

OTTAWA (CP)—The Canadian Teachers' Federation will sponsor a three-day seminar in Ottawa May 9-11 on teacher education in Canada.

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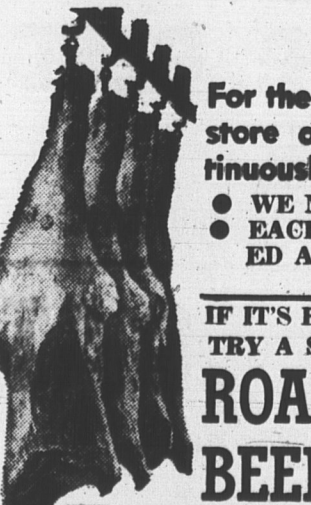
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