

# Dr. I.G. Dewar Approached

Provincial Education Minister, Dr. George Dewar, said yesterday that he has been approached to consider the federal nomination in Prince County.

"I can't say that at the present time I have any inclination to seek the nomination," he commented.

"However," he said, "I am giving the matter some thought, and my main interest is that the county gets the best possible candidate."

Thursday, the provincial minister of health, Dr. Hubert McNeill, said he had been approached to seek the nomination and that he is giving it consideration.

# Ferry Traffic Up For Jan. At Borden

MONCTON — Passenger and vehicle traffic on Canadian national railways between Borden and Moncton is expected to be up for the month of January, as compared with the same month in 1962.

The ferries handled 14,494 passengers and 625 vehicles on 365 scheduled sailings. This was an increase of 1,017 passengers and 625 vehicles over the same month a year ago.

# UNEMPLOYMENT

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If this happens, then the unemployment insurance Commission will be able to pay a \$25,000 emergency loan against the unemployment insurance fund for this year.

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# BALITIC

John MacNutt returned to his home in Malpeque after a short visit in Charlottetown.

The funeral for Mrs. Elizabeth Cousins was held from her late residence, Darley Thursday afternoon. The Rev. Ralph Johnston assisted by Rev. Donald Mackay of Summerside. The hymns used were "The Lord's My Shepherd" and "The Sands of Time Are Sinking". The pallbearers were six grandsons, namely Sutherland Cousins, William Cousins, Arthur Cousins, Fulton Cousins, John Cousins and Robert Cousins. Interment was in Malpeque cemetery.

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# ALBERTON GUIDES HOLD 'THINKING DAY'

Alberton Guid Guides were expected to soft drinks and ice cream at the B and J restaurant as part of their "Thinking Day" program. Later they were joined by Alberton Curling Club for their first look at the game of curling. Pictured above are

# STIFFER PENALTIES PROPOSED

# Violence in Prince Poaching Said To Beat Rim-running Days

(Editor's note: The following article first appeared in Canadian Fisherman this month and is being reprinted here with permission of the publishers, National Business Publications Ltd., Gardenvale, P.O. The author of the article is Ivan Munn of Bedford, N.S., and a warden of Murray River, P.E.I. Mr. Munn is an editor for the Canadian Broadcasting Company.)

A hot-spot of the lobster catching industry in western Prince County, Prince Edward Island, here poachers blatantly defy the law. They take small lobsters in season, and any of every lobster they can get their hands on out of season. They work under cover of darkness, but they've become so well organized that even moonlight presents no problem to them.

In these areas poaching has become a way of life. Often entire communities are involved. Poaching is regarded as an honorable occupation and there are many who boast of being third in the world.

RIVALRY RIM RUNNING

Authorities are faced with a problem that rivals in value the old rum-running era and exceeds it in violence. Over the years there have been countless hand-to-hand fights, backwood chases and ambushes.

The title of a fisheries protection officer is not an easy one. The hours are long and strenuous. The threat of violence is always present.

Three protection officers are stationed in the west Prince area, along with half a dozen private security men. Their jobs are to enforce fishing regulations on land and sea. They were a night and day in the hands of poachers, using three patrol boats.

INTIMIDATIONS

Intimidations are a favorite weapon of the poacher. Officers are threatened both directly and indirectly. The threats are common. In some cases poachers have driven to an officer's house to deliver the threat in person.

Fisheries men say the threat of violence is greater if they've had a successful day. The stowage of the patrol boats at a wharf when the boats had found and destroyed large numbers of illegal traps.

The officers say the loss of gear often hurts a man more than a conviction, as they concentrate on locating and destroying traps.

As a direct result to a court conviction in 1961 there has been 101 this year. In P.E.I. unless you are a fisherman in the season or under lobster in his possession, most cases fine is light and the offender set free to continue his activities.

More than 6,000 traps have been destroyed on the west Prince area this year. It's reported that some fishermen have set as many as 70 traps in the past few months.

HONEST FISHERMEN

However, the majority of fishermen are honest and in many communities poaching is unheard of. The honest fishermen are becoming alarmed about the violence of the poaching industry, which in some cases has been taking money away from legitimate catches.

At a recent meeting in Moncton, representatives of the fishermen voted to recommend a minimum fine of \$600 for a conviction of poaching, and to increase the fine to \$1,000 for a second conviction.

Mr. Gilbert Judge, R.N. and his sister Mrs. Francis Fraser, are both confined to Western Hospital, Alberton as patients.

Mrs. Roy Hackett continues to be confined to Western Hospital, where she was taken three weeks ago suffering serious burns when she destroyed their home at Norring. Since that time Mrs. Hackett has not showed much improvement.

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meeting in Charlottetown, by recommending a minimum fine of \$1,000 for any dealer found guilty of buying poached lobsters. The next move is up to Ottawa, but there are many who believe these measures, if implemented, could be the answer to the problem.

# SNAGS SEEN

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differs from Mr. Dielenbaker who says that Mr. Dielenbaker won't go into an election campaign and leave Alberta, which returned 15 Conservatives among its 17 MPs in the last election, without a cabinet minister.

One possible course would be to bring in Mr. Lambert as revenue minister — he was parliamentary secretary for national revenue before becoming Speaker — or revive the post of senior general manager.

The present revenue minister, Hugh John Fleming of New Brunswick, holds a two portfolio — revenue and forestry.

# MORE ROOM TO WORK

Such a step would give Mr. Dielenbaker a little more room to manoeuvre in looking after Quebec and British Columbia cabinet responsibilities.

B.C. returned only six Conservatives among its 22 MPs last June — a loss of 12 seats to Liberals and New Democrats — so Mr. Dielenbaker may feel it is a little unwise to maintain B.C.'s cabinet representation at two.

Three men have been mentioned as possible ministers for B.C. — David Fife, lawyer and insurance agent who is now in charge of the provincial Stuart Fleming, 42, merchant who is MP for Okanagan-Revelstoke; and Del McPhillips, 58, lawyer who is MP for Victoria and parliamentary secretary for forestry.

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