

### Four Tenants Now In New Federal Bldg. At S'side

The new Federal Building in Summerside, which according to available information will be officially opened around the first of the New Year, now accommodates four tenants, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the Unemployment Insurance Commission, the Department of Fisheries and the Customs Department. It is understood that the office of the Department of Agriculture will be occupied in a few days time.

The staff of the Unemployment Insurance Commission has been in occupation for some time now and all records have been transferred to the new quarters. They were followed by the local detachment of the R.C.M.P. and the Department of Fisheries staff. The R.C.M.P. has been provided with living quarters for members of the force. These quarters adjoin the regular office space which includes the office of the commanding officer, Sgt. P. L. Keyes.

On Tuesday, the records of the Customs Department were moved from the old quarters in the Post Office building and business is now carried on in the new mail boxes and also completing the other interior work. There will be 864 boxes when all are in place, which will be approximately 200 more than in the old Post Office. These boxes are constructed entirely of metal and resemble safely deposit boxes. Unlike the old boxes, they do not have the glass frontage.

It has been hoped that the work on the ground floor and on the mail boxes would be completed in time to have the Postal Department occupy the new building before Christmas but delay in the delivery of the boxes make it impossible to utilize the new quarters in time for the Christmas season.—S.

### WESTERN GUARDIAN

—DR. CARSON has closed his Summerside Office for the winter months.

—BUYING Geese, Ducks, Chickens, Fowl, Thursday, December 13th only. W. H. Burns, Malpeque.

—GRINDING BONES DAILY. \$1.50 cwt. Brenton Paynter, New London.

—COME TO THE CARD PARTY. Irishtown Hall, December 11th. Game starting at 8 P. M. Everybody welcome. Sale of lunches.

—NORTH BEDEQUE UNITED CHURCH. — Service Sunday, December 9th. North Bedeque 11:00 A. M. Travellers Rest, 2:30 P. M. North Bedeque 7:30 P. M. Rev. Kenneth Campbell, Minister.

—BORDEN CHURCH SERVICE Sunday, December 9th, at 3 P. M. in Legion Hall. Bible School at 2 P. M. Bible Study and Prayer-meeting Wednesday evening. Miss Mildred Dibble, Missionary from Africa will bring messages at both services on Sunday. You are cordially invited. Rev. D. M. Fraser, Minister.

—KENSINGTON — BURLINGTON AND NEW LONDON. Anglican Church, Second Sunday in Advent. Bible and Reformation Sunday, December 9th, 1951. St. Thomas', New London, 11 A. M. Holy Communion. St. Stephen's, Burlington, 2:30 P. M. Evensong. St. Mark's, Kensington, 6:30 P. M. Sunday School. 7:30 P. M. Evensong. Rev. H. W. B. Coupland, B.A., Rector.

—HOUSE WARMING — Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Bell, who recently purchased the property of Mr. Heber Hardy of Elmsdale, were guests of honor in their own home on Monday when their former neighbors of South Kildare and their new neighbors of the Dock assembled for an evening of social fellowship. On behalf of their friends, an address was read by Mr. Raeford Locke of Haliburton, while Mr. Keir Campbell presented Mr. and Mrs. Bell with a gift of money. Mr. Bell made a suitable reply after which all joined in singing "For They Are Jolly Good Fellows". Music furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Bannerman Webb, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Raeford Locke and Mrs. John A. Hardy contributed to the refreshments were served by the ladies.—B.W.

### Personals

—Mrs. George Tuplin and her daughter Myrna of Conway are spending a few days with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Williams, Charlottetown.

—A number of ladies from Freetown and Bedeque were entertained at the home of Mrs. Montague Gardiner with a commercial demonstration on Tuesday evening, Dec. 4th. The evening was much enjoyed by those who were present, and a delicious lunch was served by the hostess. H.

—Mr. A. J. Jeffery of Miscouche, R.R., who is visiting his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Barbot in Scarsdale, N.Y., will spend Christmas in Dallas, Penn., with his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Patterson before leaving for Florida with the Barbots to spend the winter.—S.

—Mr. and Mrs. Bertram Haneveld, formerly of Holland, who were employed on the poultry farm

of Mr. Ivan Dawson, Central Bedeque, have moved to Montague where they have purchased a beautiful farm homestead from Rev. M. Waterworth. Previous to their departure a number of neighbors gathered at the home of Mrs. Ralph Calbeck and presented Mrs. Haneveld with a parting gift. The good wishes of their many friends in Bedeque follow Mr. and Mrs. Haneveld and their young daughter to their new home. H.

### Mr. MacLean

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taken the oath, signed the roll and now begs leave to take his seat." Mr. Speaker then said: "Let him take his seat."

"At this point, the new member walks to the Speaker's chair passing the Clerk's table on the side of which his party sits. When he reaches the Speaker's desk, he bows and is greeted by Mr. Speaker with a handshake. He then walks into the lobby from where he is escorted to the seat reserved for him in the back row.

"This impressive ritual of being introduced to Parliament is repeated for members who are elected by-elections. Members who are elected only on general elections, never experience it. So it was a very special day for our four new members.

### Prorogation Ceremony

"Since this was the last piece of business of the last sitting of that Session of Parliament which had commenced in January, the House then prorogued. This is an ancient ceremony, and is carried out with a very interesting ritual which dates back to King Charles I of England.

On this occasion, Chief Justice Rinfret read the Speech from the Throne acting in the place of His Excellency, the Governor-General. When the Chief Justice arrived in the Senate Chamber where the ceremony takes place, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, who is the equivalent of the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Commons and who also acts as the Governor's personal attendant when he is in the Senate Chamber, is sent to the Commons Chamber to inform the Commons that Parliament is about to be prorogued. As he approaches the Commons Chamber, the doors are quickly closed in his face.

"This practice stems from the fact that since the time of the Stuart Kings, no king, or in our case, no Governor-General is allowed to set foot inside the Commons Chamber. Black Rod then knocks three times and on instructions from the Speaker, he is allowed to enter and his message is delivered. The Commons members then proceed to the Senate where the Speech from the Throne is read. And so, the fourth Session of the 21st Parliament of Canada ended.

### Reopening Procedure

"In the afternoon, the new Session commenced and the same procedure took place, but this time we heard the Governor-General himself read the Speech from the Throne. So it was that we heard

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two speeches from the Throne in one day. This was, I am told, the first time that this has ever occurred. After a very brief sitting, the House adjourned for two days for the Royal Visit.

"During this period, we saw the Royal Couple as they drove through the crowd-lined streets of Ottawa, we saw them from our seats as they visited the Commons Chamber, and most pleasing of all, we were introduced to them and shook their hands at a reception given for them by the Government at the Chateau Laurier.

"Then Parliament got down to the work of the Session and we four new members at an early date, had the opportunity of delivering our maiden speeches on the Debate on the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne. We were busy, too, with getting offices allotted to us, obtaining furniture and other equipment. I share an office with Howie Meeker on the fifth floor, just down the corridor from Chester McAure.

"The most important legislation which the Speech from the Throne indicated would be dealt with during this Session of Parliament was the passing of Acts which will permit the paying of old age pensions to all persons over seventy years of age commencing January 1952, the despatch to Europe of elements of Air Force and Army.

"Other problems to be dealt with are the high cost-of-living, the St. Lawrence Seaway, the South Saskatchewan River project, the Straits of Canoe Causeway, amendments to the Railway Act, etc.

### Old Age Pensions

"The question of old age pensions without a means test for all persons over seventy was not a controversial one as all parties are completely in favour of the paying of old age pensions on this basis. However, the Opposition parties felt generally that persons such as veterans receiving veterans' allowances should not be in the position of having to forfeit any or all of their present

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benefits because they will be receiving the old age pension.

"The high cost of living is something which is of great concern to the Members of Parliament, especially to those in the Opposition. In the speech from the Throne, it was announced that it was the intention of the Government to introduce legislation to prohibit resale price maintenance.

"However, the Government has since changed its mind and has now referred the study of price maintenance to a special Joint Committee of the Senate and the House of Commons. This procedure may mean that no new legislation regarding resale price maintenance will be passed at this Session of Parliament.

"The high cost of living bears especially heavy on those on fixed incomes such as pensioners, etc. and this brings up the question of the necessity of restoring the purchasing power of veteran pensions.

"This was continuously and forcibly brought to the attention of the Government by the Opposition and the Government finally announced that there will be an increase in the dollar value of veterans' pensions to restore their original purchasing power which was, to a great extent, lost due to the increase in the cost-of-living.

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been tried. The House formerly sat from 3 to 4 and from 8 until 11 p.m. It now sits from 2:30 to 6:15 and from 8 until 10 p.m. However, members of Parliament have a great many other duties to perform besides their responsibilities in the House. They have a large amount of correspondence to keep up, they have the interests of their constituency to look after and they usually serve on at least one committee.

"Members of the Opposition, due to the fact that they are few in number, often find themselves on three or four committees at the same time. These committees usually sit before noon. At the present time, I am on four committees, one of which is the very

active Special Committee on the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. The other day I sat in Montreal and had a very busy and instructive day seeing the latest technical development in radio broadcasting and television.

"The typical Opposition member, therefore, finds himself working from 9 a.m. until after 10 p.m. Indeed many members have their breakfast in the Parliamentary Restaurant so that they can be on the job immediately afterwards. The result is that many members of Parliament are never out of the building from perhaps 8 o'clock in the morning until well after 10 o'clock at night. Someone has jokingly suggested that we should have a union."

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### S'side C.W.L. Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Summerside sub-division, Catholic Women's League, was held on Wednesday evening in the Knights of Columbus Home, with the president, Mrs. Carrol Delaney in the chair. The meeting opened with prayer. The minutes were read by Mrs. Wilfred Perry, the recording secretary. The treasurer's report was given by Miss Margaret Wedge. Reports were given by all conveners of standing committee's on the work being carried on.

The president thanked all the members who worked to make the tag day and the rummage sale a success and also those who had worked to make the communion breakfast for the Holy Name Society such a success.

It was voted to supply a quantity of cod liver oil tablets to be given during the winter to the children attending the St. Mary's Academy. A letter of resignation as corresponding secretary was read from Mrs. Malcolm Steele and Mrs. Levi Gallant was appointed to the office for the balance of the term.

A letter of thanks for a donation to Mount St. Mary's was read from Sister Mary Lyola of the Sisters of Martha. There was also a letter read from the Girl Guides Association with reference to the national guide camp to be held at Ottawa next July and a sum of money was voted to assist in sending one Guide from the Companies sponsored by the league.

On motion the sum of \$25.00 was voted towards the Kinsmen Christmas tree to assist in providing needy families with Christmas boxes and the sum of five dollars was voted as a donation to the P. E. I. Tuberculosis League. A sum of money was also voted as a Christmas donation to St. Mary's Convent and also a donation to

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