

Pedestrian Crosswalks Education Said Needed

The Metropolitan Committee, holding its first meeting of the new year last night, discussed the subject of pedestrian crosswalks with the suggestion that the matter should be brought to the attention of the officials of Charlottetown, Sherwood and Parkdale.

It was suggested that a program might be undertaken to educate pedestrians and motorists in regard to the proper use and meaning of these crosswalks.

Considerable discussion took place on the matter of whether or not fire protection should be a metro service with the result that a committee was set up.

of letters of nomination did not overlook Island women.

Sister Mary Henry, executive director of the Catholic Welfare Bureau, as a person who "times too numerous to mention takes the problems and heartaches of the less fortunate upon her shoulders and has worried and worked for those people to the limit so that they would be given a chance to lead a better life.

Mrs. Evelyn Cudmore for her work with the Red Cross and Girl Guides. "Her guidance and instruction in water safety has resulted in the saving of many lives and she has greatly enriched the lives of hundreds of young girls throughout the province by her exceptional leadership in the Girl Guide movement."

Mrs. Jean MacLean Reid of Covehead, designer of the well known Prince Edward Island tartan. "We feel that Mrs. Reid is an Islander who has promoted health, beauty and craftsmanship as well as contributing to the economy of the province."

Margaret Macdonald, Member of Parliament for Kings County. "To my mind she is a woman who has done a tremendous job of carrying on the work begun by her husband the late John A. Macdonald. Margaret has put the Island in the spotlight with her entrance into Parliament."

These are some of the names that made the judges selection of the "Islander of the Year" a difficult and courageous one.

However, in the final analysis the panel referred back to the suggestion that the award should go to the Islander who best used the means available to serve a worthy Island purpose in 1961 and this led inevitably to Dr. Frank MacKinnon.

Letters Indicate Warm Feelings Among Islanders

Since The Evening's Patriot's "Islander of the Year" award was first awarded in 1959 one of the most gratifying aspects of the award has been the warmth of feeling expressed by Islanders of every walk of life to their fellow-Islanders.

"To see ourselves as others see us" is not always a pleasant nor gratifying experience, but this is not the case with those who have been nominated for the award. If they could see themselves as others have seen them in their letters of nomination they would feel, indeed, that the time and effort they have given to the achievements and accomplishments for which they received nominations, was more than worthwhile.

Since 20 names were submitted in several dozen letters, space does not permit here a detailed report on all of the nominees and all of the letters. But it is necessary to point out why so many won so much support and why the judges finally selected Dr. Frank MacKinnon as the "Islander of the Year."

NOT EASY TASK It goes without saying that reaching the decision was not an easy task. The judges themselves, Mr. Justice George J. Tweedy, Charlottetown; Mayor W.A. Currie, Summerside and Judge J.S. DesRoches of Montague, pointed out in summing up their selection that were it not for the suggestion that the award go to someone who served a worthy Island purpose using the best means available in 1961, they might have had to nominate more than one "Islander of the Year."

As was expected nominations ranged from those who were not too widely known outside their own communities to those who hold Island-wide prominence and even national prominence. Following are some of the nominations that had to be considered by the panel of three judges before a choice could be made.

STRONG SUPPORT Receiving strong support from several letters of nomination was Almon Boswell of Dunstaffnage. As one writer said: "Mr. Boswell holds a unique position among breeders and exhibitors of livestock in this province and has achieved national and to some extent international fame and recognition for his accomplishments."

"It is hard to estimate the impact his work with livestock has had on the economy of the province."

All of the letters noted that during 1961 he had been elected to the Canadian Hall of Fame of Agriculture and eight years ago had been awarded the Coronation Medal by Her Majesty the Queen "for making the most outstanding contribution of any man in Canada for the breeding and development of Canadian swine."

The contribution of beauty, among other things, to Prince Edward Island, has won support for Robert L. Cotton as "Islander of the Year" since 1959, and the esteem in which he is held by his fellow Islanders was never more obvious than in the letters of nomination that contained his name this year.

"No other man," said one letter, "has contributed so much which will benefit so many of his fellow Islanders, now, and in the years to come."

TRUST FUND The letters noted that during 1961 Mr. Cotton established an \$89,000 trust fund, partly to be used for scholarships for worthy students taking vocational training; partly to assist in acquiring or developing land to be used for provincial parks in the province and partly for the improvement and upkeep of the Public Library and the Harris Memorial Gallery.

"Through the generosity of this man," said a letter of nomination, "all persons of his native province stand to share in one way or another." It pointed out that Mr. Cotton founded the Bunbury Memorial Nursery, where low cost shrubs, trees and flowers are available to everyone; and that he donated land for such provincial parks as Strathgartney and Brudenell which have not only added much to the lives of Islanders but are now a prime factor in building the Island's tourist industry.

DEVOTION TO MEDICINE His great devotion to the medical profession and the hardships he suffered during the 60 years of practice won for Dr. A.A. MacDonald of Souris warm praise and several nominations as "Islander of the Year."

Wrote a Souris school teacher, "Above all I recommend Dr. A.A. 'Gus' MacDonald as a man of complete dedication, not only to his profession which he

served so honorably, but above all to his numerous patients whom he served so magnanimously for nearly 60 years. Truly, he has been in all respects 'the servant of the servants of men'."

Another wrote: "Many of his most memorable feats in surgery were performed on a kitchen table with only a kerosene lamp or lantern to provide lighting."

And another: "There are few, if any, Islanders who have contributed more to the welfare of this province and especially Kings County."

SHAW NOMINATED Premier Walter R. Shaw was nominated as a man who stands for "all that this wonderful Island stands for, warmth, friendliness, hospitality and genuine affection."

"During his tenure of office he has done — and is doing — many things to benefit the Island."

Montague Warren, a native of Montague, got support for holding the distinction during 1961 of being awarded a citation as the outstanding blind person during the year in the Maritime Provinces.

Charlottetown Mayor A. Warren Gaudet was suggested for the honor as were Lt.-Col. D. A. MacKinnon and Dr. Eric Found, administrator of the Provincial Sanatorium, described as a man who is doing "stupendous work for the people of this province."

Still others were nominated. The Hon. Melvin McQuaid, the attorney-general and provincial treasurer; Roy Smallman of Charlottetown because of his work as president of the Retarded Children's Association and Gilbert Bell, mayor of Borden, as a driving force behind Borden's great improvements during the year.

WOMEN NAMED As in other years the writers



THE CLOSELY-KNIT MacKINNON FAMILY OFTEN GATHER AT HOME FOR A SONGFEST. Left to right: Philip 17, David 16, Dr. MacKinnon, Mrs. MacKinnon, Pamela 11 and Peter 14

PROFILE ON DR. FRANK MacKINNON

Education Is First Love Of 1961 Award Winner

By DON MacLEOD, Guardian-Patriot Staff Writer

Practically all activities of Dr. Frank MacKinnon, 1961's 'Islander of the Year,' are closely associated in one way or another with education.

And perhaps this is best borne out by Dr. MacKinnon's attitude toward the proposed Fathers of Confederation Memorial Building which is to be constructed in Charlottetown.

While many look toward the building as a tourist attraction, a publicity-garnishing venture for this province and a money-making institution, Dr. MacKinnon looks at it in terms of what it will mean to the cultural life of Island youth.

"It is important that we have a distinctive national shrine to be constructed to last for centuries," he said, "but just as important is that it will be a building which will give our young people a tremendous opportunity for appreciating Canadian history, art, drama and literature."

STIMULUS TO CULTURE "None of these things are now sufficiently supplied and the new facilities will give stimulus to the appreciation of Canadian culture."

"I think it is pretty well realized that young people will not appreciate their community or develop a strong community pride unless they have contact with cultural facilities while they are young."

"So, from an educational standpoint, this memorial building will be a tremendous asset."

According to the independent judges who selected the "Islander of the Year," the award was made on the basis of what the recipient did during 1961 "with the best means available to serve a worthy Island purpose" and this is well borne out in the work of Dr. MacKinnon who has been indefatigable in his efforts to see that a national shrine will be constructed in this province.

As the writer of one letter of nomination stated "the idea of the building did not sell itself; it had to be sold and Dr. MacKinnon is the man that sold it."

Nobody Negative In a recent interview, Dr. MacKinnon said he visited every premier from coast to coast, each of whom "expressed agreement with the idea," and he also went to hundreds of individuals across Canada seeking support for the national shrine.

"From the beginning," said Dr. MacKinnon, "there was not a negative response to the project."

Whether or not it was his salamanthip, the cigar-smoking principal of Prince of Wales Col-

lege did not say, but those he approached agreed that the memorial building idea was a good one—something that has never before been attempted in Canada—and something that all Canadians would be proud of as a living monument.

HIS FIRST LOVE Getting back to Dr. MacKinnon's first love—the field of education—the author-educator said that the most important thing in his life, aside from the memorial building and the 1961 Centennial celebrations, is "the numerous tasks associated with the growth of Prince of Wales College and the educational changes which are certain to come over the next few years."

Dr. MacKinnon said that Montgomery Hall—the new girls' residence of Prince of Wales College—has been one of his pet projects.

"For 30 years," he said, "such a building as Montgomery Hall was talked about in this province as a long-felt need."

Through grants from the Canada Council and the Canadian University Foundation, at least 50 per cent of the money for construction of the hall was raised.

ROLE IN PLANNING Dr. MacKinnon played a large part in the planning and design of the common room, the library and the dining hall of the new building.

"In these rooms," he said, "students have the opportunity of meeting one another and enjoying the many arguments and discussions which are an essential part of college life."

The principal of Prince of Wales College said, "I feel that the hall will not only be an asset to the college and community but will provide space for conventions which is seriously lacking in the city at the present time."

Getting away from such a sedate subject as Montgomery Hall, Dr. MacKinnon commented on his controversial book, "The

Politics of Education." The 1960 book has received wide circulation in Canada, the United States and Britain.

It is maintained in this book that education is the only service of our society which is completely "dominated by the state."

Dr. MacKinnon said that this idea applies not only to schools but to the teaching profession. "That profession," he said, "is the only occupation in society that is controlled by the state."

WIDE DISCUSSION Certain recommendations contained in the book, such as those applying to teacher training and determination of curriculum, have already received wide discussion and in some cases may soon be implemented.

Also written by Dr. MacKinnon is a history of "The Government of Prince Edward Island" and many historical articles that have been published in such magazines as "The Atlantic Advocate."

He said that future plans call for the production of several more books and the completion of "several articles that are now in the fire."

In between these "future plans" will be squeezed his favorite recreation—trout fishing in season and bridge when time allows.

ACADEMIC CAREER Dr. MacKinnon has had an illustrious academic career. Born in Charlottetown, he received his early education at Prince of Wales College, where he is now principal.

In 1941, he was awarded a bachelor of arts in economics and political science at McGill University in Montreal.

He received his master of arts in public administration from the University of Toronto in 1943.

For the next three years, Dr. MacKinnon worked with the federal department of labor as a conciliator.

In 1945 he returned to the University of Toronto, working on his doctor of philosophy degree in political science.

But to return to McGill University in Montreal for a moment, Dr. MacKinnon met his future wife, Daphne Martin, whose father was a professor of anatomy at McGill medical School, and in April, 1943, they were married.

"It was love at first sight," said Dr. MacKinnon.

LATE NOTICES

CHANDLER — At Toronto, Wednesday, Jan. 17, 1962 John S. Chandler formerly of Charlottetown, in his 47th year. Remains will be forwarded to Charlottetown this evening (Borden train time). Funeral Saturday, Jan. 20 from the MacLean Funeral Home, with service commencing at 2 p.m. Interment will take place in Peoples cemetery.

PERKS — At the P.E.I. Hospital on January 18, 1962, Oswald Perks of Lorne Valley in his 78th year. Resting at the Cutcliffe Funeral Home from where the funeral will be held Saturday, service commencing at 2 o'clock. Interment in the Cutcliffe receiving vault.

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Supervisor Of Chronic Care Annex At S'side Is Resigning

SUMMERSIDE — Miss Mildred Slackford, RN has tendered her resignation as supervisor of the chronic care unit of the Prince County Hospital. It was revealed following last night's meeting of the hospital board of trustees, presided over by vice-president, H.T. Holman, due to the illness of Judge W.E. Darby.

Miss Slackford tendered her resignation to the hospital administrator, J.M. Logan about two weeks ago, in which she stated she would be terminating her present position as of the end of February.

Miss Slackford has been in charge of the annex for more than six years. On retirement she plans to reside in Charlottetown.

Further discussion was held regarding expansion of the hospital due to the present high rate of occupancy. Mr. Logan

revealed that the daily occupancy for December was 94, a record high, and this number is expected to be exceeded during January.

Approval was given by the board for minor repairs to the annex basement to help eliminate fire hazards.

Drilling Rigs Are Delayed

The two oil drilling rigs, scheduled to arrive in the province late Wednesday or early Thursday, had not reached the Island late last night.

Officials here speculated that the rigs may have been delayed due to the severe storm, which struck the mainland Wednesday.

CABINET REPORT

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Attorney General and Provincial Treasurer

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