

Retail Fruit And Vegetable Outlets To Have Inspections

Inspection of fruits and vegetables in retail outlets of the island is foreseen in an amendment to an Act respecting the Marketing of Agricultural products which was passed in the House this week. R. R. Bell said he was happy to learn that the Department was taking steps in this direction. He claimed that some of the vegetables and fruits being offered for sale in a number of local stores was in disgraceful condition. If periodic inspections were made as to quality and grade, he said this condition could be averted. Mr. C. C. Baker thought the provision in the Act was most essential for the protection of consumers. "The public are entitled to all the protection we can give them," he said. Mr. Bell thought farmers had a duty to perform in seeing that the grade of Island potatoes was maintained. He said no inspector could examine every bag of potatoes but felt that any grower who would attempt to beat the grade was indulging in a very short sighted policy. He recalled that on a visit to Wellesley, Mass. he examined Canada No. 1 potatoes for sale in a Massachusetts super market. He found that these potatoes packed by a Maine firm were disappointing in quality. "We are only hurting our own cause when we fail to comply with grade and quality regulations," he said. Hon. Mr. Cullen who sponsored the Bill said that inspection of consumer goods in retail outlets of larger Maritime centres was a reality at the present time. He said the amendment would strengthen the hands of Federal inspectors since they had the backing of the Provincial Act.

Premium Tax Act Passed

Prince Edward Island will collect \$70,000 in insurance premium taxes during the coming year. This is made possible by an Ottawa concession to the Province under which premium taxes formerly levied by the Federal Government will now be paid to the provincial treasury. Premier Matheson who sponsored the Bill in the Legislature said the Federal agreement with the insurance companies had terminated as of December 31, 1956 and all taxes payable by insurance companies to the Province would be retroactive from that date. He said there would be no change in the amount payable by the insurance companies but the source to which the tax is paid will be changed. The tax is two per cent of the gross premiums paid on the Island.

Salvation Army History Outlined

The history of the Salvation Army was outlined to the members of the Centennial Y's Men's Club last night at their regular weekly meeting by Capt. John Carter of the Charlottetown Salvation Army Corps. He said the central theme of the Army is the Mercy Seat and that all of the Salvation Army work stems from the love of Christ. Chairmen for the meeting were Stewart MacKay and James Nicholson. A brief discussion period followed. Capt. Carter's talk in which the guest speaker answered many questions concerning his work. At next week's meeting the club will elect new officers. Initial plans were laid for the entertainment of all Maritime Y's Men during their 1958 regional convention which will be held in Charlottetown.

Brief Presented

(Continued from page 1) excessive; replacements at the rate of 40 or 50 new teachers per year is entirely too low to meet our above stated requirements. We have recourse to permit teachers, retired teachers or teachers who have already abandoned the profession to supply the annual deficit of 100 that have not of later years been supplied by our Provincial Normal School. We cannot admit this situation as being in the best interest of our schools nor as being of benefit to the pupils who are submitted to the effects of such a system. This mode of supplying replacements for teachers in our schools is certainly not conducive to higher standards of education. Why do 150 teachers per year leave our island schools? There are certainly a number of reasons, but it is a generally accepted fact that a majority of these teachers seek opportunities to better themselves financially in other professions or obtain employment as teachers in other provinces of Canada where the salaries paid are much more enticing. We have in mind teachers whose salaries in other provinces are double those they are receiving in rural schools in this province. Therefore, we submit that if we intend to hold on to our qualified teachers to staff our schools, it has become very obvious that we must pay them salaries worthy of a profession. Teachers should be remunerated not in a haphazard manner but according to a well defined schedule based on qualifications and experience and so designed to retain men and women of ability and character in the profession. Grants and loans to students attending normal school and Summer school are no remedy to the teacher shortage. This is more obvious due to the fact that this system adopted several years ago and has not brought about any appreciable amount of improvement. A salary scale providing a sufficient wage and regular increments based on years of efficient service and attendance at Summer school, we suggest, the one and only practical remedy. There is no doubt that other improvements in teaching conditions would, to some extent, entice teachers to remain in the Province, but all these proposals will not resolve the difficulties under which the whole system is labouring unless the salaries paid teachers be made more attractive by yearly increases up to such a point that they would be a system of traffic control. "When I walked down the street there was a whole series of double takes when they saw 'Canada' on my flashes," he said. The two signallers are members of the Royal Canadian Signals detachment working at UNEF headquarters in the Gaza Strip.

amount as will compare favorably with the remuneration recorded other professions. This, we feel, is the immediate partial solution of the whole educational problem and unless it is brought about we fail to see that much progress can be achieved here. We fully realize that our Province does not enjoy the same degree of financial wealth as do just of the other provinces, but, since the education of our youth is a primary requisite we suggest that a larger proportion of its budget be devoted to the cause of education. The 11 per cent of total expenditure devoted to education during the past year is entirely out of all proportion to expenditures in other Departments. Some school districts are not doing their just share of providing more reasonable salaries for their teachers; the rat-payers of these districts adhere strictly to the minimum supplement required by law. It seems advisable that the statutory minimum supplement be increased to a much higher level that it holds at the present time. There should also be a wider range in the minimum supplement and salary required by first and second class teachers. This wider range would be an incentive for the second class teacher to spend one more year in training in order to qualify for a substantial increase in revenue. There are claims of unsatisfactory living conditions for teachers. Difficulties in finding suitable boarding houses near the school are quite common. The matter of provisions being made to provide such accommodations in schools and newspaper advertisements that we must pay the price for quality merchandise; practical experience bears out these assertions. Would it not be quite logical to apply this principle the employment of teachers. It is already applied in many other professions. The person who requires the services of a first class doctor or lawyer is quite willing to pay the high costs of their services. The same should apply to highly qualified teachers. Much emphasis has been given to the subject of raising the standards of admission to normal training. We agree fully with this suggestion and recommend very strongly that it be enacted as soon as the teachers salaries are sufficiently attractive to draw young men and women to the profession. If higher standards of admission to the profession were enforced under present conditions we could reasonably expect a regression in the number of students entering normal training. Once the profession is made attractive raising the standards of admission will become a very simple matter. Low salaries will always correspond to low standards and low quality. The issuance of permits to unqualified persons, low salaries and a narrow range between the salary of the permit teacher and the licensed teacher will never entice high quality persons to enter and remain in the teaching profession.

ADMINISTRATION The one room schools, where one teacher may be asked to teach ten grades, have no place in our age of high efficiency, but unfortunately we have 356 of these in this Province. Unless we state that a school program cannot be satisfactorily carried out under such conditions. No teacher can teach ten grades and do justice to herself or to her pupils. Regional high schools or graded schools of larger units would relieve the pressure on the one room school by absorbing the pupils of grades 7, 8, 9 and 10. The one room school could then serve the five primary grades quite efficiently. SCHOOL UNITS We are very much in agreement with those who promote the idea of our modernizing and unifying by amalgamation of several existing school districts in a given area. We also believe that it would be best to organize these larger units of administration around the existing rural schools; when need arises regional schools will be born out of this system. As an example of what could be and should be done, let us review the school situation in a parish situated about fifteen miles west of Summerside. It has a population of 200 families. There are approximately 325 pupils attending eight schools, five of which are one room schools; one a three room school and two two room schools. No two of these schools are separated by a distance of more than three or four miles. Since there are eight school districts in this area, it requires 24 trustees to administer them. It would seem reasonable to expect

that in such a limited territory, one school board composed of eight trustees (one trustee from each present district) would provide a much more efficient and economical means of administration. Since tax rates would be uniform over the whole unit, the pupils of grades 7, 8, 9, and 10 could be transferred from the five one room schools to the new regional school. The maximum distance these pupils would travel would be four miles but in two cases only two miles distance would exist. There are in this area two schools with 16 and 13 pupils respectively. If these school formed part of a unit it might be more economical and more efficient educationally to close them and transport the pupils to neighbouring two room schools. This would save the salaries of two teachers, janitor services, heating and upkeep of two extra schools. In future years a regional school would well serve this area. Province wide, conditions exist where certain schools are overcrowded and neighbouring schools have too few pupils. The forming of larger units would certainly benefit those areas. Under the present system trustees of one district are often reluctant to accept pupils from outside districts who desire to attend their school. The problem would not exist in a larger unit. Some of the smaller districts in the Province should be consolidated (over 100 districts have 15 or less pupils) and two or three room schools built. This would save the salaries of thirty or more teachers. Province wide, it is known to facilitate financing, equalize educational costs and supply equal educational opportunities to pupils of smaller districts whose few rat-payers cannot afford to maintain a proper school and pay the supplement required to employ an efficient qualified teacher.

We believe that a Provincial Board of Education would be a very useful asset to our system. This Board could be headed by the Minister of Education as Chairman. Its members could comprise the Principal of Prince of Wales College, the principals of one or more High Schools and representatives of provincial organizations such as the Teachers' Federation, the Women's Institutes, the Federation of Agriculture, Home and School Association and others. This Board would supervise programs and the administration of schools in all their phases. FINANCING There are many differences in what various districts do for their schools. Many schools lack in teaching equipment. Trustees are not prone to spend money to purchase these items. They seem to believe that a teacher, a janitor, and a heating system are the only requirements of a school. Rate-payers of course are anxious to pay as little tax as possible. This is a very common trait of human nature. A more equitable system of taxation should be initiated. Firstly, valuation of properties in all districts by the Provincial Land Valuation Board should be made compulsory. The valuation system should be revamped so that all ratepayers would be assessed on a more equitable basis that is the case at the present time. Most school districts have within their boundaries people who own but a house and lot but who, at the same time, have an annual income equal or even superior to that of a farmer who owns one hundred acres of land. These home owners pay but a small share of educational costs under the present system of tax-

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this opportunity of placing before you these observations, which, we hope, may contribute to the improvement of our Prince Edward Island educational system.

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High tide today at Charlottetown at 9:11 a.m. and 9:05 p.m. Summer tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. Sun rises today at 6:02 a.m. and sets at 6:35 p.m.

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CAKE SALE.. Moore and McLeod, Friday, at 2.00. Central Royal Women's Institute.

CARD PARTY, Central Royal Hall Thursday at 8.00. Prizes, Lunch and Tournament.

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SQUARE DANCING TONIGHT under the direction of Mr. Ivan Berrigan. Open to all. \$1.00 a couple. 8.30 at the Y.M.C.A.

TONIGHT DR. O.M. SOLANDT, eminent Canadian scientist, lectures at Prince of Wales College at 8.30. Public cordially invited.

VARIETY CONCERT and slides of British West Indies at Zion Hall on Thursday, March 28, 7.30. Tickets 35 cents.

TRIAL BY JURY, Gilbert and Sullivan's delightful musical comedy presented by Prince of Wales College, Chorus, April 2, 3, 4 at 8.30. Tickets at Miller Brothers.

CONTEST—The Drama Festival Association has announced that Miss Eleanor M. Lowe, art director at P.W.C., and Vic Runtz, cartoonist, as judges in the contest for designing a festival crest.

GUERNSEY JUDGES—Harold Laird, Kelvin and Guy Rod d, Brackley, were tied as top Prince Edward Island judges in the "All Canadian" judging competition of the Canadian Guernsey Breeders Association.

ALL ENTRIES for the P.E.I. Drama Festival Association contest must be postmarked not later than midnight March 31st. Entries sent to Mrs. Frank Blotch, Charlottetown, R.R. No. 6. For any additional information Dial 5623.

SPECIAL MEETING. Women's Conservative Association, Thursday evening, March 28th at Conservative Headquarters 8.00 p.m. Queens County candidate Heath MacQuarrie, guest speaker. Executive members are requested to meet at 7.30.

BOUQUET—When L. B. MacMillan, M.B.E., I.S.O., was presented with a complimentary scroll in the Legislature Tuesday evening, Mrs. MacMillan was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers. Their daughter and daughter-in-law, Miss Margaret MacMillan and Mrs. Fred MacMillan were present for the occasion.

RECEIVES SAD WORD—Mr. D. MacLeod, West Royalty, has received the sad word of the death of his nephew, Mr. Hugh E. Stinson, Minneapolis, Minnesota. The late Mr. Stinson held a very responsible engineering executive position with the Minnesota Mining Co. in Minneapolis. He had visited this province twice and was especially fond of the Island. He was the son of Mrs. A.H. Stinson, the former Miss Lucy MacLeod of South Granville.

FUNERAL SERVICE—The funeral of the late Mrs. Lydia J. Hood was held from the MacLean Funeral Home yesterday morning. Services were conducted by the Rev. A. Frank MacLean. Interment was in Sherwood Cemetery. The pall bearers were Ernest Cameron, Wilfred Livingstone, Ralph Bearstoe, Reginald MacNutt, Norman Nicholson, Dr. W. R. Carson.

FUNERAL WEDNESDAY—The funeral of the late Charles A. MacKenzie was held from the MacLean Funeral Home yesterday afternoon. Services were conducted by the Rev. E. C. Evans. Interment was in Belfast Cemetery. Rev. Donald Nicholson officiated at the grave. Pallbearers were: K. M. Martin, W. H. Worth, Wilfred Duffy, Donald Martin, Robert Hyndman, Dr. J. P. Millar.

CARD PARTY RESULTS—The results of the Card party held at the Clover Club last night are as follows: Ladies' 1st, Mrs. J.E. Kelly, Mrs. James Davey (tied); consolation, Mrs. C.G. Larkin, Men's 1st, Peter Weir; second, Wm. Berrigan; consolation, Joe Shefferson. Door prize, Vera Gay, Freezeout, Albert MacKenna and James Wilson. Special prize, Mrs. Vern. MacEachern. Tournament prizes; ladies, Mrs. J.L. MacGulgan; men's - Vince Larkin.

BIRTHS DEURWAARDER—At the P.E.I. Hospital on March 25, 1957, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Deurwaarder, a daughter, Nancy, 6 lbs, 12 ozs.

UNDERHAY—At Souris Hospital on March 19, 1957 to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Underhay a son, weight 9 1/4 lbs.

DEATHS BRYENTON—At the P. E. I. Hospital, Wednesday, March 27, 1957, Mrs. Alfonso Bryenton of Brackley in her 79th year. Remains resting at the Cutcliffe Funeral Home where funeral service will be held Friday afternoon, service commencing at 2:30. Interment in Sherwood Cemetery.

MacINNIS—At the P. E. Island Hospital, March 27, 1957, Miss Elizabeth Jane MacInnis of 35 Grafton Street in her 78th year, formerly of Glasgow Road. The remains are resting at the Cutcliffe Funeral Home where funeral service will be held Saturday afternoon, service starting at 1:30. Interment in Brookfield Cemetery.

WEDGE—In the Charlottetown Hospital on March 27, 1957, Joseph John Francis Wedge of 7 Stewart Street aged 40 years. Remains resting at the Hennessey Funeral Home from where funeral will be held on Friday morning to the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer for Rectorem High Mass at 10 o'clock. Interment in the Catholic Cemetery.

STEVENSON—At the P. E. Island Hospital on March 27, 1957, Mrs. Hannah Stevenson of 95 Roadford St. in her 102nd year, widow of the late James Stevenson, Springfield. The remains were transferred last evening from the Cutcliffe Funeral Home to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Herbert MacKinnon, 95 Rochford Street. Funeral notice later.

Clyde Bell is On Tel Aviv Run

GAZA CITY—A member of the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals was the first Canadian soldier in Tel Aviv, Israel.

He was Lance Corporal Joseph Charette, of Windsor, Ont., and he drove a signals dispatch run into the city on official United Nations communications business. Canadian signals and the United Nations field service personnel will alternate on the three week-long run.

Spelling off with L/Cpl. Charette will be L/Cpl. Clyde Bell, of Charlottetown, P.E.I.

L/Cpl. Charette reported that the city reminded him in a vague way of Detroit, especially the

Stress Laid On Junior Drama

The P. E. I. Drama Festival Association is placing more stress on junior drama this year. Rev. Preston Hammel, reporting to the executive Wednesday evening, stated that he had visited many schools, ranging from Tignish to Souris. Mrs. Frank Ross reported an increase in individual memberships and also of group memberships, the latter mainly from branches of the Catholic Women's League and Women's Institutes. A trophy this year is being donated by the Rogers Hardware Co. Ltd. It was decided that scholarships will be open to any resident of P. E. I. interested in drama and that applications should be sent to Miller MacFadyen, Charlottetown. The closing date will be April 15, the same as for play entries. Arthur MacLean, Barry Bugden and Mrs. Frank Ross will work with Mr. MacFadyen as a committee on scholarships and trophies. The next executive meeting will be April 14.

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