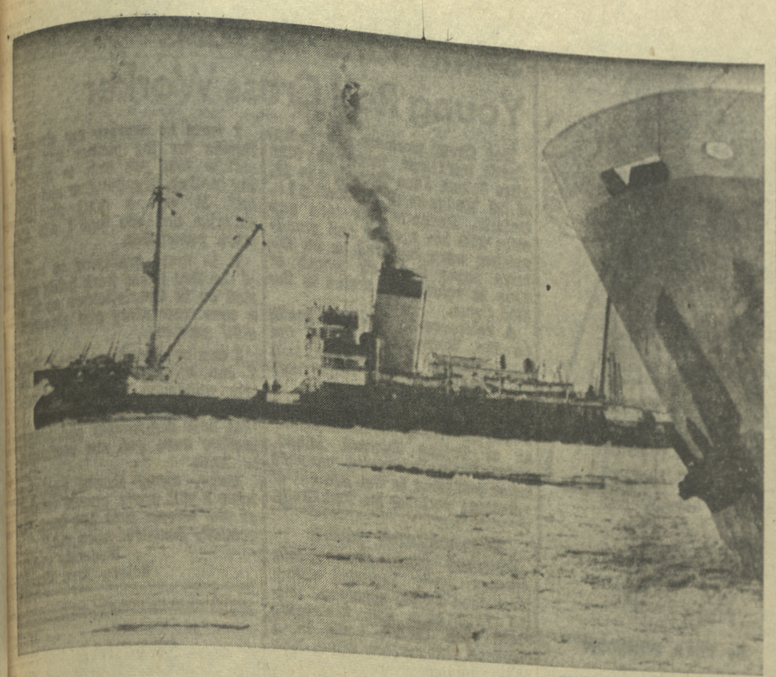

ICE BREAKER SAUREL AT WORK

Ice In Harbours And Strait Keeps Breaker Saurel Busy

The C. G. S. Saurel has been one of the busiest ice breakers in Eastern Canada these past two weeks.

With early ice clogging Summerside and Charlottetown harbours the Saurel has been called on to release several oil tankers and freighters from their frozen in berths and also to break a path for ships entering the harbours for loading or unloading operations.

The ice breaker's latest good turn was bringing the M. V. Marguerita into Charlottetown yesterday afternoon. The Saurel picked up the potato freighter off Cape Bear and, although encountering heavy ice in the Northumberland Strait, brought the ship into port late Friday afternoon.

Earlier Friday morning the government ice destroyer performed the task of freeing the Sabella, a government fisheries patrol boat, from an ice-locked berth at Pictou. The Saurel broke an 8½ mile path into open water for the craft that had Halifax as its destination. The Saurel had arrived in Pictou on Thursday.

55,000 BAGS

The Marguerita will be loaded with approximately 55,000 100-pound bags of potatoes. Producers Co-Op will load the largest share. Several other shippers are also loading. The ship, expected to leave next week, is commanded by Captain K. M. Stromberg.

The potatoes are destined for markets in South Carolina.

Marine officials believe the Saurel's biggest accomplishment in its two week's war on the ice was the freeing of the freighter Ebana from her berth at Summerside. A spokesman said yesterday it was an outstanding piece of work and reflected great credit on the abilities of the Saurel's crew and commander Captain George Burdock.

Loading of the Ebana was completed at Souris.

What is regarded as another large scale accomplishment took place over last weekend when the Saurel fought through heavy ice to bring the Irvingbrook, second biggest oil tanker in the Irving Oil Company's fleet, into Charlottetown harbour and again stood by to bring the big ship out again when unloading operations were completed on Monday.

Auto Theft Charge Against Tracadie Man Is Dismissed

A charge of theft against a young Tracadie man was discharged yesterday when he appeared in County Magistrate's Court. Magistrate Gilbert A. Gaudet threw the case out after considering the evidence on hand, that of two crown witnesses and the accused's.

The accused, a father of six, handled his own case yesterday. He pleaded guilty to another charge, that of issuing a fraudulant document. Sentence on this charge was further remanded to Monday, December 22nd.

Evidence on the theft charge was completed for the crown at an earlier hearing.

The charge was laid against the accused by MacNeill Motors of Summerside after the car had been sold to a man in Stanhope. Both the proprietor of the firm and the man who bought the car appeared as crown witnesses.

NEEDED REPAIRS

The car in question was a 1950 Chevrolet sedan that the accused told the court was always in need of repair. In return for the car, he had received $100 in cash and a 1950 Studebaker truck which later was sold for $15 to a scrap dealer.

The young man told the court that he had bought the car about a month after he went to work for the Summerside firm (about July 1st) on the condition that he pay $10 a week out of his paycheck. It was noted that there were no documents signed concerning agreement of payments. It was a verbal contract.

He added that after he drove the original car for about three weeks, he said that he began to have trouble with the front end of the vehicle and asked about getting another car.

The firm's proprietor agreed to the change and said that a similar car would be coming in later in the week. The car came in the following Saturday and the trade took place with the accused leaving the original car in the car lot where it still remains.

The accused stated that he was informed there would be no change in price. He went on to say that whenever he spoke about transfer papers for registration purposes, he was told by the proprietor that he (the proprietor) was too busy and to come back later. This happened on several occasions.

BUYS TIRES

The accused continued that he had the car into the garage on several occasions doing various repair jobs on it. He added that he had to buy two new tires for it. The price of these was also deducted from his paycheck.

He said that after he sold the car he told the car lot owner that he would continue payments on the car but was told that he would have to return the car.

Under cross-examination by Crown Prosecutor Nicholson, the accused said that he did not sign any document and that he had picked the transfer papers up from the car's original owner. He admitted to signing the owner's name to the back of the document.

A charge of having illegal possession of undersized lobsters against the North Rustico Fishing Co-Operative Association Ltd., (J. G. Gaudin, manager), was adjourned to Friday, December 9.

The charge was laid by Fisheries Officer N. N. Larabee. The accused pleaded not guilty to the offence.

A Malpeque Road woman was fined $20 and costs or 30 days when she pleaded guilty to a charge of having illegal possession of intoxicating liquor not purchased on her individual liquor permit.

A fine of $10 and costs or 10 days was meted out to a Cornwall man when he pleaded guilty to a charge of speeding at Hampton.

Pre-Nuptial Shower Held

A nice pre-nuptial shower was held recently at the spacious home of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Wood, when the people of Cross Roads and surrounding district did honor to one of its young residents, Miss Melda Bennett of the Bank of Commerce prior to her marriage to Mr. Nelson Johnston, a promising young Banker of Summerside.

Melda completely taken by surprise was escorted to a gaily decorated seat of honor by Barry Murphy, to the strains of the Wedding March played on piano by Mrs. Earl Ballem.

There little Misses Ruth and Sheila Molyneaux carried in a nicely decorated basket of many beautiful and useful gifts, which were opened by Margie Jones, and Eva Wood, while Mildred Acor read the accompanying verses.

Then Melda in her ever gracious manner thanked all for their kindness and good wishes and invited all to visit her at any time. All joined in singing "For She's a Jolly Good Fellow," followed by a sing-song with Mrs. Blake Wood at piano, also Mrs. Earl Ballem.

A delicious lunch was passed around by some of the young ladies assisted by the hostess. Then Miss Eva Wood put on some interesting contests. Later all joined in singing the National Anthem and departed for their homes leaving all good wishes with Melda for a happy married life.

HUNTER RIVER SCHOOL

Grade 10: — 1 Ruth MacLean.
Grade 9: — 1. Sandra MacKay; 2. Carl Bagnall; 3. Ray Whitlock.
Grade 8: — 1. Garth Carew; 2. Flora MacLean; 3. Joyce Bagnall and Beverly MacMillan.
Grade 7: — 1. Dianne Taylor; 2. Audrey Bolger; 3. Wendell Boyle.
Grade 6: — 1. Margie Smith; 2. Sheila Bernard; 3 Dorothy MacLean.
Grade 5:— 1 John Bernard; 2. Alta Bernard; 3. Marilyn Bernard
Grade 4: — 1. Meriyln Carew; 2. Patricia Proctor; 3. Delight Bernard.
Grade 3 (A): — 1. Beryle Carew 2. Francis Bolger; 3. Garry Smith; (B.) 1. Kent Smith; 2. Brian Ellis; 3 Mary Anderws.
Grade 2: — 1. John Proctor; 2. Linda MacMillan; 3. Brian Whitlock.
Grade 1: — No Tests.
Shirley Dickieson, principal.
Cecilia McQuaid, assistant.

Hunter River School Presents Annual Concert

HUNTER RIVER — Masonic Hall was the scene of the annual Hunter River School Concert Dec. 16th. Despite poor travelling conditions the hall was filled to capacity with interested parents and friends.

Rev. E. Foster Hall capably acted as master of ceremonies. Ivan MacKay was doorman. The accompanist for the evening was the music teacher Mr. Reginald Gay.

The program consisted of several selections by junior and senior pupils; solos by Audrey Bolger, Wendell Boyle David MacLean, Delight Bernard, and Murles Boyle; a duet by Marilyn and Dorothy Hall, Heard in a trio were Russel Bernard Jr., Reudy and Kent Smith. Five senior girls sang, "Angels We Have Heard On High".

Three recitations were heard, "Welcome" by Enid MacInnis, "Don't Touch" by Harold Andrews "So Lovely" by Beryle Carew.

Eight primary pupils preformed in a square dance "The Grapevine Twist." Seen in some fancy drill were eight junior boys.

Dialogues consisted of "Christmas Complaint",by junior pupils, "Suspense", "The Doctor's Office" and "Mother Runs the Family" by senior pupils.

A Tableau was preformed with over 30 pupils from both rooms taking part. At the close of the program jolly old Santa Claus appeared, amid the singing of "Jingle Bells", and distributed gifts from a prettily decorated tree.

Rev. Hall thanked the teachers, Mrs. Shirley Dickieson and Miss Cecilia McQuaid for their efforts in preparing concert.

The Pupils presented beautiful gifts to their teachers and music teachers.

US Reports On Winter Wheat

WASHINGTON (AP)—The agriculture department Friday forecast the 1959 U.S. winter wheat crop at 957,369,000 bushels.

This estimate of the fall-seeded crop is 222,555,000 bushels less than this year's record winter wheat crop of 1,179,924,000 bushels.

It compares with the 10 - year average between 1947 and 1956 of 849,604,000 bushels.

Gets 3 Years For Jail Break

ST. HYACINTHE, Que. (CP)—Ronald Tousignant, 29, one of Canada's five most-wanted men until his capture last Saturday in Sydney, N.S., pleaded guilty Friday to escaping police custody and was sentenced to three years in penitentiary.

He pleaded not guilty to two charges of attempted murder, one arising from the stabbing of a fishing companion, the other an attack on a prison guard. Preliminary inquiry was set for Dec. 23.

Tousignant—with a young companion—escaped last spring from St. Hyacinthe jail where he was awaiting trial on the attempted murder charges. Police said he clubbed prison guard Donat Levesque, who is still in hospital in serious condition.

An unidentified woman in Sydney was responsible for his capture last week. She saw Tousignant's picture in a Weekend Magazine story concerning the country's most-wanted men, and reported to police that he was living in a Sydney rooming-house.

Sydney police arrested him and brought him to Montreal for trial.

IDB Profits Are Reduced

OTTAWA (CP)—Loans and income of the crowned-owned Industrial Development Bank rose sharply in 1958, President James E. Coyne reported in his annual statement to Finance Minister Fleming.

But higher operating costs and a decision by the management to set aside greater sums to cover the possibility of bad debts reduced profits to $,235,000 from $1,334,000 in 1957, said Mr. Coyne in his statement made public Friday.

New loans during the bank's fiscal year ended Sept. 30 climbed to $35,842,000 from $30,673,000 in 1957. The number of new borrowers rose to 654 from 396.

This higher lending activity helped boost income for the year to $4,663,000, up $1,062,000 from the $3,601,000.

Let Contracts For Railway

CLEVELAND (CP)—Pickand-Mather and Company announced Friday that initial contracts re being let in connection with the construction by Wabush Lake Railway Co. Ltd. of a railway into the Wabush Lake area of Labrador.

Engineering and surveying are expected to begin shortly. It is expected that the railroad will be 42 miles long and connect with the Quebec North Shore and Labradore Railway.

Wabush Lake Railway Co. Ltd., which has been granted a railway franchise by the government of Newfoundland, is a subsidiary of Wabush Iron Co. Ltd., of Cleveland.

Friday's announcement is the first major move in the development of the iron ore deposits in the Wabush Lake and surrounding areas.

LEGION HOLDS PARTY

The 325 children who attended the annual legion Christmas party yesterday waited with eager anticipation for the arrival of Santa Claus. Five-year-old Phyllis Adams was more fortunate than her brothers Wendell, (left) and Thane, (right) for she had the privilege of sitting on Santa's knee. They are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Adams, Maple Avenue. Santa brought along the usual Christmas treats of oranges and apples which were distributed to the children. The boys and girls were also given various other treats and shown movies.

Transport Commissioners To Be Revamped By Spring

By JOHN LeBLANC
Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA (CP) — The federal government is faced with a wholesale revamping of the Board of Transport Commissioners, its most important regulatory agency.

By next spring the personnel of the six-man board will bear little resemblance to that which has been dealing with freight rates and other major issues since the Second World War. Voluntary and statutory retirements are bringing in new faces.

An appointment confronting the cabinet with urgency is that of assistant chief commissioner. Chief commissioner Clarence D. Shepard, 44, is leaving Jan. 1 to become general counsel of British American Oil Company Limited and is being succeeded in the $18,500 - a - year job by Rod Kerr, 56, who became assistant chief only this fall.

The six - man board is loaded with work on railway, telephone, pipeline and other cases, and government officials said an appointment is expected soon to the $15,500 - a - year post. Several names are under consideration.

TWO MORE VACANCIES

Next spring, the government will have two more board vacancies to fill. Commissioners Frank M. MacPherson and Howard B. Chase will be retiring March 29 and May 19, respectively, on reaching the age limit of 75. Commissioners receive $13,500.

Mr. MacPherson, a former British Columbia public works minister, has been on the board since 1939.

British - born commissioner Chase, a former locomotive driver and Canadian head of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, has been a board member since 1948.

Another commission post may become vacant in April, 1960. It is that of deputy commissioner Armand Sylvestre, 68, whose latest five-year reappointment expires then. A former Liberal member of Parliament for Lac St. Jean, Que., he has been French - Canadian representative on the board since 1945. The salary is $14,500.

REMAINING MEMBER

The remaining member of the board is Leonard J. Knowles, 71, regarded as Canada's top freight rate expert. He is a former freight traffic chief of the CNR.

Meanwhile, it is understood the $12,500-a-year job of board general counsel is going to assistant counsel J. M. Fortier. Mr. Kerr was promoted from this job to assistant chief commissioner.

Another appointment due to be announced is that of Hugh Wardrope, 62, who resigned earlier this year as assistant chief commissioner but who is being retained as special adviser because of his intimate knowledge of board problems.

Fisheries Board Members Named

OTTAWA (CP) — Three new members have been appointed for five-year terms to the 17-member fisheries research board, it was announced today.

They are Arthur H. Munroe, St. John's, Nfld.; D. F. Miller, Vancouver; and Dr. J. M. R. Beveridge, Kingston, Ont. They succeed Dr. Raymond Gushue, St John's; Dr. J. R. Dymond, Toronto; and R. E. Walker, Vancouver.

The board's annual meeting will be held here Jan. 5-7, the department announced.

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Historic Beaver Club Looks For Descendants Of Founders

MONTREAL. — Anybody here seen Peter? Peter who? Peter Pond, whose great, great grandfather was a fur trader from Connecticut and one of the original members of the North West Company's historic Beaver Club almost two centuries ago.

The curator and staff of Montreal's Chateau de Ramezay, ancient home of French and English Governors and the oldest building in Canada's largest city, are looking for a present day Peter Pond and a descendant of each of the other original Beaver Club members.

Those who are found and properly certified will be brought to Montreal, housed, wined and dined, and will be the guests of honor at the first president's night banquet of the reconstituted Beaver Club.

There were 19 original Beaver Club members, each of whom was a wintering partner of the North West Company. To be eligible for membership, one must have spent a winter in the pays d'en haut, the unmapped wilderness of the Canadian north-west.

For more than half a century the Beaver Club was the social centre for the fur merchants and traders of Montreal. Meeting in the city's leading taverns and inns, it was famous for its gargantuan feasts and for the adventurous tales told by its members.

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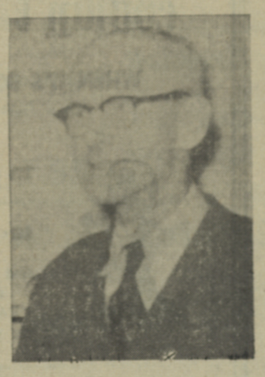

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