The Story In Brief

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)

Here is a log of events at the Moose River mine since April 12:

Sunday, April 12, midnight, A.S.T.—Cave-in traps Dr. D. E. Robertson, Herman Magill and Alfred Scadding, Toronto, at 141-foot level of old gold mine.

Monday, April 13 — Wood smoke seeping from surface crevices spurs rescuers—miners 80 feet down old Archibald shaft find way blocked—"life" and "death" shafts started.

Tuesday, April 14—Second cave-in drivers rescuers from Meagher shaft.

Wednesday, April 15—Wives of Robertson and Magill arrive from Toronto and take up pit-head vigil—another Meagher cave-in, and miners attempt to drive new shaft into Meagher at point not affected.

Thursday, April 16—Diamond drill begins boring toward 141-foot level—blasting continues on new shaft.

Friday, April 17—Clogged pipeline to 141-foot level clears but rescuers' shouts unanswered—four experts arrive from South Porcupine, Ont.

Saturday, April 18—Diamond drill cuts into 141-foot level—noises heard.

Sunday, April 19, 1.25 p.m.—Trapped men speak with surface through two-inch diamond drill tube—food and medical supplies lowered.

Monday, April 20, 3.05 a.m.—Prisoners say rising water leaves them only 10 hours.

Monday, 3.15 a.m.—Magill dead of privation—rescuers redouble efforts in cramped and dangerous quarters.

Monday, 10.00 a.m.—Robertson says he and Scadding can hold out 10 or 12 hours—rescuers estimate only 10 feet of barrier left.

Monday, 1 p.m.—Minister of Mines Michael Dwyer enters pit to survey progress.

Monday, 5.20 p.m.—Entombed pair hear miners hacking at barrier.

$24,000,000 Policy Carried On Liner

LONDON, April 20—The liner Queen Mary, when she sails for New York on her maiden voyage on May 27, will be insured for the record sum of $24,000,000, Lloyd's announced yesterday.

They circulated a small slip of paper inviting underwriters to participate in the undertaking, one of the largest risks even Lloyd's has ever accepted, at an anual premium of $300,000. Lloyd's and marine insurance companies will underwrite the major portion of the risk and the Government will cover the remainder.

BIRTHS

SMITH—In Charlottetown on April 19, 1936, to Mr. and Mrs. Earle M. R. Smith, a son (Earle Ross).

MARRIAGES

FERGUSON—MCDONALD— On Wednesday, April 15th, 1936, at the home of Mr. John McSwain, High Bank, P. E. I., Rev. T. R. Goudge officiating, Catherine Margaret McDonald of Caledonia, P. E. I., to Roderick Duncan Ferguson of Grand River, C. B.

DEATHS

MOBBS—In Winchester, Mass., April 14, 1936, James G., husband of Emily H. (Thorne) Mobbs, P. E. Island papers please copy).

CAIN—At Estherville, Iowa, April 19, 1936, Dr. Patrick Cain, aged 72, formerly of New Perth, Prince Edward Island.

WEBSTER—At Marie on April 12th, Mrs. Alice Webster, relict of the late Judson Webster of Midgell, P.E.I., aged 92 years.

MARTIN—At Glen Martin, April 18, 1936, Charles K. Martin, Aged 67. Funeral from his late residence Wednesday at 2 p. m.

CAMPBELL—At Charlottetown on Monday, April 20th, 1936, Mrs. Jane Campbell, age 85 years. Funeral from MacLean's Funeral Home, Wednesday, April 22nd, service starting at 1.30. Interment People's Cemetery.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of
HECTOR McPHEE
Who departed this life April 30, 1935
May his soul rest in peace.
Inserted by his Wife and Sons

L-3880-4-21-1i.

Card of Thanks

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McDonald and family wish to thank their neighbors and friends for their many acts of kindness, for Mass Cards and letters of sympathy to them during their recent sad bereavement. L-3882-4-21-1i.

N. D. MacLean
Phone 549

Fears Held Workers May "Overshoot Their Mark" In Race Against Death

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rections," the distinguished Toronto doctor requested.

But the drilling was on a vertical shaft that would require several days to complete. Hopes of getting the two survivors out early tomorrow morning were pinned on the Stellarton draegermen burrowing through a barrier of rock and earth from another shaft.

Their work might be finished in an hour and it might take three hours. Because they had no plan of the old mine they were uncertain about how far they had to go. The engineers estimated from 20 to 30 feet.

RESCUERS DEFY DANGER

Warned out of the dangerous old shaft last week, the fearless Stellarton draegermen went down early this morning after the men below reported Magill was dead and water was rising in the pit.

The water was not believed to be a menace tonight but the men below, in the opinion of doctors on the surface, were suffering from hallucination.

Talking too often for a man ordered to conserve his strength, Scadding was shouting wildly in his conversations with the men stationed at the surface end of the communication line.

ENLARGING HOLE

MOOSE RIVER, N. S., April 20—Weary rescue workers in the Moose River gold mine were enlarging the hole they had burrowed tonight before breaking through to the pit where three Toronto men had been entombed since April 12.

The three by three feet opening at the face threatened serious difficulties in hauling Dr. D. E. Robertson and Alfred Scadding, weakened by their long imprisonment, out of the shaft. Herman Magill, the third man trapped by the cave-in, was dead.

IS GREATLY ENCOURAGED

"They tell me it is only a question of shearing down and making the passage way they cut perfectly safe," Mrs. Robertson said smilingly earlier in the night.

Greatly encouraged, she added: "It may be two hours yet. They want to be sure. Isn't it wonderful."

The miners had been forced to dig around huge rocks and although they were burrowing fast their shaft in some places made it impossible to move a stretcher through.

Dr. H. K. MacDonald, Halifax specialist waiting at the surface, said he had "no real idea of the condition of the men." Dr. Robertson was believed to be suffering from a heavy cold, and Scadding was bothered by "trench feet."

Shouting up the 100-foot tube through which the men had been fed since early Sunday morning, when rescue workers learned for the first time the three were still alive, Dr. Robertson said shortly after nine o'clock the miners should use steel rods to pry at rocks so the noise would assure him of their whereabouts.

The answer from the surface was that the men were proceeding through loose ground and there was little chance of making loud noise with steel on the rock they encountered.

LEAD RESCUE CREW

Eleven Stellarton draegermen — trained to enter coal mines after explosions—were leading the rescue crews, assisted by 11 miners from Moose River, Caribou, Goldenville and Waverley, and three from Porcupine, Ont.

A fourth experienced miner from Porcupine, Hannigan, was assigned to duty over the communication hole made by a diamond drill.

At the face of tunnel only one miner could work at once, digging out rock and earth and passing it back to the others. After digging frantically for 15 minutes he was relieved by another man.

Returning to the surface after watching the work below tonight, Hon. Michael Dwyer, Minister of Mines, declared he had never seen "anything in peace or war" to equal the courage of the Nova Scotia miners.

The Minister added he had difficulty in keeping volunteers out of the pit. Every miner on the scene was not only willing but eager to go into the dangerous tunnel at the risk of his life.

FEW FEET FROM MEN

A skilled draegerman sent to the surface at 0:45 A.S.T. said he had been told by mine engineer H. F. Gordon in charge of the tunnelling to inform Charles Ivey, brother-in-law of Dr. Robertson, one of the entombed men, that they were only a few feet from them.

Mr. Gordon could not make any signal to attract the attention of Dr. Robertson and Alfred Scadding, he said, because any such signal might draw them to the dangerous spot in the mine; the spot the rescue workers were advancing over. So loose was the earth at the point the rescuers had reached that they were removing it in handfuls.

From the diamond drill Dr. Robertson told listeners above at 9:45 that they could feel a current of air coming through which made them chilly. Charles Ivey and Porcupine Hannigan said it was a good sign. Mine manager F. D. Henderson said he could not accurately estimate the time. It might be a matter of minutes or hours but he was certain they were advancing. "We'll have them out before morning," the mine manager declared.

The two living men, in all their conversations to the surface during the day, have not mentioned the name of Herman Magill since they told the workers above early this morning he was dead.

Three times tonight Dr. Robertson spoke through a telephone dropped down through the diamond drill hole. Wearing the earphones at the surface, Hannigan heard what he said and later told reporters as much of the conversation as he considered advisable.

Dr. Robertson each time asked how near the rescue workers were. Twice he asked for food but it was not sent down because to obtain it the weakened men had to go through [illegible] and were in danger of [illegible]

LANDS NEAR ACCIDENT SCENE

MOOSE RIVER, N. S., April 20—(C. P.)—An Ontario government airplane, carrying long strips of wool that two men trapped in the Moose River gold mine since last Sunday may use for warmth if they are not rescued in an hour or so, landed on a lake about five miles from here early tonight.

Operators of a diamond drill will attempt to send it down to their underground prison.

Herman R. Magill, one of the three men who went down in the shaft on an inspection tour seven days ago, died early this morning from exposure.

STUNNED BY NEWS

MOOSE RIVER, N. S., April 20—Mrs. Herman R. Magill began her sorrowful journey back to Toronto this afternoon, accompanied by a friend, Mrs. Edward Gallie.

Numbed by a week's anxiety while her husband waited in the depths of the earth for rescuers to reach him, she said goodbye to her friends here with tears in her eyes after being informed of the man's death.

It was Mrs. D. E. Robertson, whose husband is still alive in the flooding mine, who gently broke the sad news to her this morning.

It was a stunning blow to the quiet, reserved woman, coming only 36 hours after her spirits were buoyed by speaking to "Herm" for the first time since the cave-in. Before that she had given up hope of ever seeing her husband alive.

Her two daughters, Patricia, 9, and Joyce Arlene, 3, are waiting for her return to Toronto, not knowing of the death of their father.

TRIBUTE TO HEROISM

NEW YORK, April 21—(Tuesday)—(C. P.)—The struggle to save the two men entombed in an abandoned gold mine in Nova Scotia gripped the United States today, as it did most of the world, and was folowed in minute detail.

Newspaper streamers on first editions this morning told that rescue was believed near. Most metropolitan papers "dressed" the dramatic story with pictures showing the heroic efforts of men above and under ground to free the weakening pair from their stone prison.

An editorial in the Herald Tribune on the battle for life being waged amid the pines at Moose River, in part, read:

"Those who think mankind is too preoccupied with its own concerns to be thrilled by danger bravely met, and by heroic, unselfish efforts at rescue, will be reminded by the tragedy in the Canadian woods that there are still elemental strains in all of us. These great individual and power-

New President Of Gyro Club

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Founder's Day and the Easter dance.

The report of the Treasurer, Mr. W. J. Monaghan, showed that the Club was in good financial standing.

The following committee chairmen submitted their annual reports: Messrs. F.A.S. Jones (Speakers); James Fripps (Club Welfare); W. J. Monaghan (Membership); H. W. Pletch (Club Entertainment); J. Gordon MacDonald (Entertainment); B. C. Keeping (Sports); H. W. Pletch (Audit); R. C. Chandler (Affiliations); W. A. Gaudet (Public Affairs); D. T. Waye (Juvenile Work); P. A. Creelman (Trustees of the Tuberculosis Seal Sale Fund); C. R. Tibert (Editorial); D. F. Bethune (Club Historian).

Pleasing features of these reports were the amount of charitable work accomplished, the success of the Christmas Seal Sale campaign, the giving of Christmas presents to the children of both orphanages, the splendid financial returns from the dances held at Beach Grove Inn, and the excellent work done by the Affiliations and Public Affairs committees.

Votes of thanks were passed and will be sent to the Canadian National Hotel, Beach Grove Inn, The Guardian and The Patriot, Island Radio Co., Miss Mona Wilson, Miss Ina Gillan and the head waiter and staff of the Canadian National Hotel.

fully to the tale of a fight for existence against forces of nature—a fight more desperate than any the city man thinks he is ever likely to know.

"Occasionally, from an emergency such as this, comes a needed reminder that most of the race of men are brave, kind and helpful; that an appeal for aid does not go unheeded, nor a tale of heroic struggle fail to find a receptive hearing. The world will be gainer by the humanity and the fortitude displayed at Moose River."

Praise For Draegermen

HALIFAX, April 20—(C. P.)—"I consider that the Stellarton draeger crew is the best-fitted of any crew on the North American continent to tackle a job of this kind," Col. G. S. Harrington, opposition leader, said while the Nova Scotia Legislature heaped praises on rescue attempts being made at the Moose River gold mine to save the lives of two Toronto men.

Other members joined with Premier Angus L. Macdonald and Col. Harrington, a former minister of mines, in tribute to the Draegermen and it was decided medals would be given in acknowledgement of their heroic work.

PLANE CRASHES

HALIFAX, April 20—(C. P.)—Rushing to Halifax to obtain pictures of the Moose River gold mine where rescue of two Toronto men was being pushed frantically, two Boston airmen crashed late tonight while attempting to land at the Halifax airport without floodlights. Both escaped injury.

Charles Sutherland and his co-pilot, Arthur Tappen took off from Bangor, Maine, tonight and arrived over the field here shortly after midnight.

The first attempt to land was unsuccessful but the fliers managed to lift the plane again. The second time the pilot did not see a ditch at the northwest end of the field and the plane crashed.

Sutherland suffered only a slight cut on his forehead and his co-pilot escaped altogether. The upper wings of the cabin plane were smashed and the propeller broken.

Fourth Drama Festival Opens

(By Ray Brown, Canadian Press Staff Writer)

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)

OTTAWA, April 20—The first Canadian play in the Dominion Drama Festival found favor with Harley Granville-Barker here tonight.

"Excellently done, full of admirable jokes, brisk, economical and noteworthy," were some of the appreciative phrases used by the festival adjudicator in discussing "Nellie McNabb" by Lois Reynolds, the offering of the playwright's studio group of Toronto.

The man who will determine this year's Bessborough Trophy winner from the 22 aspirants for chief dramatic honors in Canada sat on the stage of the Little Theatre and discussed tonight's three offerings before an audience which filled every seat, sat on window-sills and stood in every available space in the auditorium.

The fourth festival opened under favorable auspices. Before Mr. Granville-Barker discussed the plays, Sir Robert Borden, president of the festival committee read messages from Lord Bessborough, founder of the movement, and Hon. Vincent Massey, Canadian High Commissioner to London and chairman of the committee, wishing the festival all success.

Three plays were given. These were "Come Out of Your Cage," by Mary Plowman, offering of the players guild of Hamilton; "Judge Lynch" by J. Y. Rogers, Jr., presented by the Sixteen-Thirty Club, Montreal and "Nellie McNabb."

BERLIN, April 20—King Edward today telegraphed Chancellor Hitler his sincere birthday greetings and best wishes for the Chancellor's happiness and well-being. Herr Hitler replied, thanking His Majesty for the friendly congratulations and greetings which he sincerely reciprocated.

SECOND LITTLE THEATRE STUDIO NIGHT

Three One-act Plays Presented To Large Audience.

Little Theatre Guild patrons attending the second studio night last evening saw new talent in excellent performances. With one exception all the actors and actresses appeared for the first time on the Little Theatre stage. Three one-act plays were presented all skilfully acted and each one different so that the audience did not for one moment tire of the evening's entertainment.

The plays in order of presentation, were: "The Legend", "The Reading of the Will", and "The Old Trouper."

The Little Theatre Orchestra under the direction of Mr. Harry Gomez rendered beautiful music which added much to the enjoyment of the audience.

Other members of the orchestra were: first violin, the Misses Minnie Leavitt and Helen Wood and Mrs. N. D. McLean; second violin, Mr. Judson Logan and the Misses Helen Lawson, Mary McKay and Jean McKay; cello, Miss Norma Gomez and Mrs. Harry Gomez; piano, Miss Rena Wood; clarinet, Mr. John Denny; cornet, Mr. Alfred Burrill.

In order of presentation the plays were:

"The Legend", the plot of which was woven around the story of a woman whose husband had been lost at sea but before he left told her that he would return without fail. Each 14th of January, the anniversary of his drowning, she set the evening meal and prepared the house for his return. The play had a dramatic ending when instead of the husband, a son, long since given up as lost at sea, returned to his waiting mother. The scenery and costumes in this play were true to the period and the situation.

The part of Mrs. Reed, the mother, was very skillfully taken by Mrs. R. P. Simpson. Mrs. Simpson in speech and manner played the role in a way which held the audience tense with suspense.

Mrs. G. D. Fitzgerald took the part of Mrs. Walters, a neighbour who called to see if Mrs. Reed was preparing as usual for her husband's return. It was another excellent part and her sharp observations of the "senselessness of some people" gave a touch of comedy to the production.

The part of Rev. Mr. Fallows, a clergyman, who called to see Mrs. Reed was taken by Mr. Frank Story, who was a success in the role.

The stranger, who later turned out to be Mrs. Reed's long lost son, was played by Mr. William Fitzgerald. The part was played in a realistic manner.

Snatches of old sea songs from the tavern in the distance added to the atmosphere which the costumes and stage setting provided.

Mr. C. L. Jenkins was the director. Assisting were Miss Jean Grant, script; Mr. Rendle Larter, electrician; Messrs. J. Taylor and L. Manuel, stage; and Mrs. J. Austin Trainor, make up.

"The Reading of the Will," was a comedy with a wierdness which gave the audience many thrills.

The story concerned the will of Mr. John Cameron, which provided that the heirs, several nieces and nephews, which showed the most courage would inherit his wealth. They were required to stay all night in a house which they were led to believe was haunted. The play was swift moving and delighted the audience throughout.

The cast was composed of Judson the butler played by Mr. Arthur Vesey, who acting the part of one who was not quite an ordinary person was an outstanding success.

Miss Norma Currie and Angus Gilmore, took the parts of Alice Cameron and Robert Cameron, a niece and nephew of Mr. Cameron and the two who were selected as the two showing the most bravery.

The roles of Dorothy Keene and Paul Keene, another niece and nephew, were taken by Miss Anna Christie and Mr. Roy Keizer and the third pair of niece and nephew, Phyllis Duval and Walter Duval was played by Miss Mary Vessey and Mr. Louis Vessey. All six parts were well taken and the players gave a realistic performance of people who were terrified and afraid to admit it.

Mr. Harold Vessey had a dual role, first as Andrew Mason, the lawyer who read the will and secondly as John Cameron, the uncle, who was testing the heirs. He gave a fine performance in both character parts but was especially good as the lonely old man who craved the presence of young people in the house.

The role of Mary, the cook, was taken by Miss Frances Vessey, who, although she had a minor part, gave a splendid performance.

The play was directed by Mrs. Arthur Henry. Others who assisted were, Mr. Harry Vesey, electrician; Mrs. Harry Vesey, make-up; and Miss Verna Vesey, script.

The third play, "The Old Trouper", provided an excellent ending for a delightful evening's entertainment. The plot was woven around the last days of Barry Curtain, an old trouper. The part was taken by Mr. Ivan Reddin, who gave an outstanding performance.

He had a long part but not once did he fail to play true to the role.

Dubbins, his butler, was played by Mr. Menton Whitlock, who gave an excellent interpretation of the old family servant who understood how to humor and flatter the old gentleman.

Jane Curtain, the sweet natured and beautiful daughter of the old trouper was played by Miss Jean McKenzie. She gave a fine interpretation of the part.

The role of Vincent Starlight, manager of a cheap revue, was taken by Mr. Alfred Doucette. He also played the part true to the requirements of the role and gave a splendid performance.

Mr. A. M. Douglas was the director. Assisting were, Miss Ruth McKenzie, script; Mr. John C. Dodge, electrician; Messrs. J. Taylor and L. Manuel, stage; and Mrs. J. Austin Trainor, make-up.

During the evening Mr. Arthur Cooper, president of the Guild, announced that the joint presidency of the N.B.-P.E.I. regional dramatic festival had been accepted by His Honour Lt.-Governor DeBlois of this province and His Honour Lt.-Governor McLaren of New Brunswick.

Mr. Ian Smith announced that a major three act production would be staged by the Guild sometime in May.

The Central Guardian

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WILL YOU WIN the $15, $10 or $5 at the Motor Show? L-3915

MURPHY—At Sea View, April 12th, 1936 to Mr. and Mrs. James E. Murphy, a daughter, Ina Maude.

PUBLIC DRAWING Vimy Pilgrimage Association at Legion Home Thursday, April 23rd, at 7.45 p.m. Sellers please pass in stubs. L-3918

$30.00 IN DOOR PRIZES at the Motor Show. See programme, back page. L-3915

CLYDESDALE STALLION ARRIVES—The three year old Clydesdale stallion "Perfect" arrived yesterday at the Charlottetown Experimental Station, where he has been placed by the Dominion Department of Agriculture to assist in the production of a supply of breeding stock in Prince Edward Island and for the general improvement of the horse industry.

CAR STRUCK BY SHUNTING ENGINE—A woman was slightly injured last night when the motor in which she was a passenger was struck by a shunting engine at the Davis and Fraser crossing. The car, turned over on its side and pushed for a short distance by the engine, was badly damaged.

NEW YORK, April 20—Frankie Klick, veteran San Francisco lightweight, tonight shattered the hopes of Ralph "Indian" Hurtado for a crack at Tony Canzoneri's lightweight crown, when he belted out a 10-round decision over the Indian at St. Nicholas Palace. Both weighed 134 1-2.

Hurtado was no match for the cagy and clever Californian who bored in and forced the fighting throughout.

SEND MONEY TO HELP RESCUE WORK—Charlottetown's Laborers Protective Union yesterday sent $25 to Nova Scotia Department of Mines to help defray expenses of rescue work which is being conducted at Moose River gold mine where two Toronto men have been trapped for eight days on a 140-foot level blocked by a cave-in.

FISHERMEN PREPARE FOR LOBSTER SEASON—Lobster fishermen along Prince Edward Island's North Shore are in readiness for the opening of the "early 1936 season" which starts May 1 and ends June 30. Mr. S. T. Gallant, provincial fisheries inspector, said last night more lobster fishermen than last year were preparing gear because a better season than 1935's is expected. Markets for the crustaceans are better at present than they were at the same time 12 months ago. If the catch is not so large that markets will be glutted, fishermen will benefit the inspector thought.

AT ROTARY—Yesterday was International day at Rotary. The chairman, President-elect, J. M. Murley, first gave a three-minute talk of "Rotary and Peace," commenting on the Fourth Object of Rotary, namely, "to encourage and foster the advance of understanding, goodwill and international peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men united in the ideal of service." Rotarian R. H. Rogers next spoke on the activities of the League of Nations, which are not at present in the limelight. In these the nations find no conflict of interest but are simply working for the welfare of humanity. He believed that through them, however, eventually narrow nationalism, which is now so rampant throughout the world, will pass away. The speaker first discussed the Permanent Court of International Justice, which was the aftermath of a similar court organized long before the war at The Hague. He cited cases of where disputes between Greenland and Denmark, between Austria and Germany, had been satisfactorily settled by this court. Next he discussed the international labor organization formed to promote the interests of labour throughout the world. Another activity was the international health organization, which dealt with public health, medical services, the standardization of sera, etc. The guests were Rotarian B. S. Holden, of Truro, N. S., and two students of St. Dunstan's College, E. L. Lynsky of Dorchester, Mass., and Manuel Paloma, of Malquin, Cuba.

LUCKY DOOR PRIZES at the Motor Show, $15.00, $10.00, $5.00. L-3915

Mr. John M. MacKenzie, of Boston, formerly of Belfast, P. E. I. is visiting his old home after an absence of ten years.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

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come to mind at time of writing. But any doctor I think can explain it to him if he cares to ask. Now anyone who has seen a diseased rabbit, blind and staggering around with black and white watery lumps nearly as big as an egg all over its body and head, would think twice before eating one even if assured it was disease free.

He also suggests I would enjoy a meal of ham and eggs. I have enjoyed many a meal of them here and in most of the important towns in this Dominion and many places in the country, also in the States. I even tried frogs legs in the latter place, in spite of the price, but trying was as far as I got.

He speaks of the better class eating rabbits. No doubt they do. They also consider rattlesnakes a delicacy. But that is another senseless reason for saying everyone should or would eat them. May the state leave me a commoner the rest of my life if being of the better class means I must eat snake or even rabbits.

If "Rabbit Hunter" doubts the truth about some of the better class eating snakes let him communicate with or look over meat and fish lists of some high class food caterer in New York, Chicago or large city in Canada, and he will find what I say true. In fact some make a regular business of raising snakes to supply high class hotels and food caterers.

So "Rabbit Hunter," I think who reads may understand who lives in a primeval state at least in regard to the rabbit season, and their cleanliness, etc. Also I think I'll stick to the food of the commoner and not be ashamed to sign my name to this.

I am, Sir, etc.,
VERNON L. DAVEY,
Forest Hill, P. E. I.

OUR RAILWAY SECTIONS

Sir,—Starting May 1st, the railway heads are going to change the sections on the Island Railway; in other words put two sections into one, with one crew of men. Some thirteen foremen will be taken off. Inquiring into this matter one foreman informs me that his new section of twelve miles would require 3,500 new ties this summer along with all other work such as weeding, fencing, cutting grass and bushes, attending sidings, etc. One man would have to walk that section every day before train time. Now, may I ask, are the lives of us, the travelling public being put on the danger list on this Island with light rails, more curves and hundreds of rotting ties which the men are unable to replace? This serious matter needs prompt attention at once, not after a train wreck when lives have been lost. We don't see any change in the list of high-paid officials, on our Railway. If this change is allowed to take effect we should have to go by bus in the summer and get old Dobbin for winter, as the risk by train over a neglected road bed will be too great.

Now let all us travellers get together, men and women, and storm Parliament Hill at Ottawa, and awaken our sleeping members to this grave crisis, while there is yet time to save us from that danger trail by keeping the sections as they are.

I am Sir, etc.
A TRAVELLER.

CIVIC TAXATION

Sir,—It is of course a moot question, but I doubt whether your two correspondents, who wrote in Friday and Saturday's Guardian over the pseudonyms "One Who Pays" and "For a Balanced Budget", would have their letter published had you insisted upon their signing their own names.

It seems to me that "One Who Pays" disclosed an extraordinary lack of the Community Spirit. It may be that each and all of our Councillors are not endowed with Solomon's wisdom but they were placed in office by a majority vote of the electors of Charlottetown and are giving freely of their time without remuneration of any kind, and, at least until such time as they show some dereliction of duty, their decision in so important a matter as the tax rate should be accepted in good faith.

For some years the several City Councils have found the 2 per cent tax insufficient to cover the cost of administering the affairs of the City in a manner satisfactory to the people and, as the present Councillors were elected on the understanding that they would balance the Civic budget, it does not appear to be unreasonable that they should ask for a higher rate of contribution from the citizens. If the Council is to be criticized at all, it would seem to be on the score of being over sanguine in the matter of an increased revenue and of lacking in courage in naming the tax rate at 2 1-4 per cent instead of 2 1-2 per cent.

If we could but substitute "contribution" for the hated word "tax", a better understanding of the responsibilities of citizenship would, I believe, be obtained. Your correspondent "For a Balanced Budget" calls upon the Council to pare down its expenditures. Would he, however, be satisfied if the personnel of fire brigade and police force be reduced, if the excellent health service were abandoned and our streets neglected, or if his water supply were limited by metre and the drains of the City allowed to become clogged. If these community advantages are not apparent to him he can free himself from a share of their cost by removing to Royalty, where taxes are negligible.

Neither of your correspondents appears to be aware that the City of Charlottetown tax rate is probably lower than that of any other City on the Continent of a like size, and that 3 per cent, 4 per cent and 5 per cent are quite common elsewhere and further that our assessment roll is also very low compared with the actual cost figures. Let us give the City Council a chance, but insist upon the Budget being balanced.

I am, Sir, etc.,
H. K. S. HEMMING.

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LIGUORIANS IN SPLENDID PERFORMANCE

Capacity House Sees Presentation of Excellent Three - act Comedy, "Patricia."

The Liguorian Players staged another highly successful performance in the Holy Redeemer Hall last night to a capacity audience. A three-act comedy, "Patricia", was full of wholesome laughter provoking scenes which brought round after round of applause from the audience. It was one of the best comedies the Liguorian Players have ever given.

Specialties between acts were also of a high order and were given hearty applause by the audience. The special numbers included a vocal solo, "Lights Out" by Mr. Daniel Wedge, who was heartily encored. Between acts two and three Hawaiian guitar selections were rendered by Messrs. R. Doiron and C. Redden. They were enthusiastically encored.

Excellent music was supplied by an orchestra composed of the Misses N. Hermans, C. Kenny, K. Hornby, M. Paquet, and Messrs. A. McKearney and J. Hornby.

The play "Patricia" is an interesting story concerning Patricia Harrington, a girl who "runs second" to her older sister. She is the Patsy who is blamed whenever anything goes wrong, and is forced to remain in the background in order that her sister may be presented to advantage. Her father, a traveling man, is on her side, and finally declares his independence by putting Ma in her proper place. This brings about Patsy's ultimate triumph, and, needless to say, affords her happiness as the bride of the man she loves.

Each player gave a splendid account of himself. This was especially true of the Harrington family players, who excelled in their respective roles.

The lead, taken by Miss Eileen O'Halloran, who played the part of Patricia Harrington, younger of the Harrington daughters, was highly commendable. She gave an outstanding account of herself and to her must go the laurels.

The part of "Pop" Harrington, was taken by Mr. Frank O'Neill who gave a stellar performance as Patricia's father. He is also deserving of special mention. He would have done credit to any professional band of players.

The part, Mrs. Wm. Harrington, the partial mother, played by Miss Alice Garrett, was splendidly impersonated. She has seldom been seen in a more suitable role.

The role of Patricia's sister, Grace Harrington, was taken by Miss Georgina Garnhum. Her impersonation of the "snobbish" daughter was really very creditable.

As Tony Anderson, a friend of Patricia, Mr. Arthur Moran was excellent. His humorous antics and expressions marked him as a favorite with the audience.

The minor rolls of Billy Caldwell, Grace's friend; Francis Patrick O'Flaherty, an attorney, and Sadie Buchanan, friend of Billy's acted by Wm. DesRoche, Wm. McInnis and Florence Mallett respectively, left nothing to be desired, each giving an impersonation true to the role assigned him.

The performance will be repeate tonight.

Many Applications For Enlistment

OTTAWA, April 20—The military, naval and air services continue popular, as instanced by the numbers of applications for enlistment received. The permanent force is most favored. Last year 3,106 recruits presented themselves, of which only 736 were accepted. For the navy, 469 men offered, with 91 accepted, and for the air force 2,892, with 170 accepted.

This was given out by Defence Minister Mackenzie in the House of Commons today.

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