

**Islander Dies
In California**

Miss Katherine B. Matheson died on June 7, 1957, in Los Angeles, California, after a long illness. The late Miss Matheson was born March 29, 1892, at Upper Belle River, P.E.I. She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Daniel A. Matheson. She is survived by a brother Mr. Angus Matheson, Vancouver, B.C., and two sisters, Miss Mary Matheson, Toronto, and Mrs. Murdoch Nicholson, Euston Street, Charlottetown. Two brothers and a sister predeceased her.

The funeral services were held June 11, 1957, at 3:30 p.m. at the Wee Kirk O' the Heather, Glendale, California. Services were conducted by Dr. Albert O. Hjerpe, Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Los Angeles. The interment was in the Great Mausoleum, Forest Lawn Memorial - Park, Glendale, California.

**Zone Commander
Visits Rustico**

Zone Commander A.C. MacEachern, M.C., visited the Rustico Branch of the Canadian Legion at their monthly meeting held last week. He was accompanied on his visit by vice-zone commander Frank Rush and Comrade Leo Doyle Past President of the Charlottetown Branch.

In a brief address to the Legionnaires, the Zone Commander outlined the many benefits which Legion membership entails. He urged all veterans present to see that the ex-servicemen in the area take up membership in the branch.

Other speakers were Comrades Rush and Doyle, Comrade Bonnell LePage Roy Bruce, Past President of the Kingston Branch.

The meeting was presided over by Comrade Murray Cassidy. The Secretary is Lawrence Gallant and the Sergeant at Arms, Alys Gallant.

All enjoyed a bounteous lobster dinner served by the auxiliary of the Rustico Branch. Zone Commander MacEachern was given a standing invitation to visit the Rustico Branch whenever he felt like it.

**Will Tour
Canada And U.S.**

LONDON (CP) — Michael Heller, a British youth who is "mad on the Commonwealth," has been selected for a six-week trip to Canada and the United States.

Michael an 18-year-old prefect at Latymer Upper School, Hamersmith, will be one of a party of four boys and four girls from all parts of the United Kingdom who will make the trip under sponsorship of the Commonwealth Youth Movement.

The party will leave for Canada next month to visit Montreal, Quebec City and Toronto. They will also tour the St. Lawrence seaway project before continuing to New York.

A spokesman for the sponsors said Michael was chosen because of his interest in Commonwealth affairs. He formed a Commonwealth society at his school and now is assisting other schools to form similar organizations.

**Indicate Cause
Of Explosion
At Springhill**

SPRINGHILL, N. S. (CP)—Two employees of the Dominion Steel and Coal Co. agreed here Monday that the disastrous Nov. 1, 1956, explosion at Springhill's No. 4 mine occurred after a runaway ear hurried down an auxiliary slope and sheared an electric cable.

The witnesses, mine manager Randolph Carter and assistant mining engineer Donald McFadden, said evidence indicated the sheared cable ignited coal just suspended in the air and triggered the roaring explosion that took 39 lives and trapped another 88 miners for nearly four days. They gave evidence before the McInnes royal commission which re-opened hearings Monday after standing adjourned since February.

Both McFadden and Carter agreed that gas played no part in the initial explosion but Carter acknowledged that gas hampered rescue operations continually. Mr. Carter said he saw no weaknesses in the set-up for rescue operations employed at the mine. Two of the 39 men who died were members of rescue teams that entered the mine following the explosion.

**Urges Social
Welfare Revision**

KINGSTON, Ont. (CP) — Ontario Welfare Minister Cecil has urged a new federal Progressive Conservative government to reassess Canada's entire social security program.

Speaking at the seventh annual meeting of the Ontario Welfare Officers' Association Tuesday, he asked for the re-assessment because "it is always wise to review from time to time what welfare legislation should be available in the interests of the people."

"I am pleased indeed that Canada's new prime minister has in mind the appointment of a commission to review this entire question," he said.

Mr. Cecil said he is interested in seeing the program of low rental housing for elderly persons at Kitchener-Waterloo Re expanded.

Hon. B. Earle MacDonald, provincial secretary and treasurer of Prince Edward Island, said he hoped any new Progressive Conservative government would not forget the party's election promise.

"If Mr. Diefenbaker only does what he has promised to do, there will be no more worries in Prince Edward Island," he said.

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