THE EASTERN GUARDIAN

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...*NOTICE—All school taxes in Murray River District No. 94, not paid by April 30th will be handed in for collection by order of trustees.

..*ANNIVERSARY SALE, at the Jo-Anna Dress Shop. 10% off all cash sales. Four days only, March 19th to 22nd inclusive.

..*GEORGETOWN PASTORAL CHARGE.—United Church of Canada. Services for March 23rd. 11 A.M. Sturgeon. 2.30 P. M. Milltown Cross. 7 P. M. Georgetown. Subject: "The Sacrament of Baptism." Rev. W. A. Paterson, Minister.

*Miss Cynthia Lydford of New York, U.S.A., now training at the P. E. I. Hospital, Charlottetown, was a recent visitor to Montague, guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Stewart.

Little Gail McKeeman, Montague, celebrated her fourth birthday on March 19th by inviting several of her young friends to her home. The youthful hostess treated her guests to cake and ice cream.

..*INJURED IN FALL — His many friends will regret to hear that Mr. James Llewellyn, formerly of Oak Valley, now residing in Montague, is a patient in the King's County Hospital, after having the misfortune of falling down stairs and breaking his leg.

Mr. Joey Fraser, Imperial Oil agent, Montague, is at present attending an Imperial Oil meeting in Charlottetown.

Mr. Francis Delorey, Newport, was a business visitor to Montague yesterday.

..*Her many friends are sorry to hear Mrs. Everette Harris, Guernsey Cove, is a patient in the P.E. I. Hospital, Charlottetown.

..*His many friends are sorry to hear Mr. William C. Graham, Gaspereaux, is a patient in the King's oCunty Hospital.

..*Mrs. Harry Loane, Kilmuir, recently spent a week visiting her brothers, Mr. Billie Virtue and Mr. Nelson Virtue and their families, in Charlottetown.

..*MONTAGUE UNITED CHURCH CHARGE. — On Sunday, March 23rd. Dr. MacKenzie will conduct services as follows: 11 A. M. Trinity Church, Montague. 3 P. M. Lower Montague. 7.30 P.M. Men's Club Monthly Worship service in Trinity Church with music led by Men's Choir.

*ADMITTED TO BAR — Mr. Daniel Bernard Morrison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Morrison, Georgetown, was admitted to the Bar of Nova Scotia on March 11th by Rt. Hon. J.L. Ilsley, Chief Justice of Nova Scotia. Mr. Morrison is a veteran of the Second World War and upon receiving his discharge entered Saint Dunstan's University where he took his prelaw training. He then entered Dalhousie Law School. He was admitted to the Bar on motion of Mr. L. W. Fraser, Q.C., president of the N. S. Barristers' Society.

Minister Reviews

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storage facilities. On the average the Province has a good market for its smelts and receives a good price.

Since there was considered to be no immediate danger of exhausting the supply of groundfish (cod, haddock, hake, etc.) fishermen must catch more of them by going further afield.

Mr. R.R. Bell asked the speaker why it was that the fishermen got only 4 cents per pound on the shore but that in the stores of this city the consumer was asked to pay 40 cents for the dried fish. Mr. Cullen said that it did not pay the fishermen to bring the fish into the city in such small day-to-day buying quantities as the stores would take, but the customer could still get them cheaply by

Hon. Eugene Cullen

buying on the shore as in past years.

In any even he said a survey would reveal that a majority of the fish sold in local stores came from other Provinces.

He stated that people wondered why we cannot buy and sell as we did in past years. The reason was that distribution and storage systems have changed greatly. He stated that over one-half the fish taken around Kings County were caught within 25 miles of Souris and when several more fish plants get established there the shore fishermen will find themselves receiving a better price.

Large Dragger Catches

Speaking of the draggers, he said the Souris 2 was built in 1950 at a cost of $31,273 and has since caught 729,852 pounds of fish. Three more were built late last year and one of them, the Paula Marie, operated by Francis Doucette, North Rustico, had made one good trip catching over 30,000 pounds. A snowstorm was encountered on her second run and the captain put back into port and tied up for the winter.

Another one taken home from Nova Scotia late in the year by the Harris Brothers, Murray Harbour, had not been used yet. The third, the Marjorie and Marybelle, owned by R. MacDonald, Souris, was fishing in the Bay of Fundy for the winter.

Owners paid the Provincial Government 30 percent of the cost of the boat less the Federal subsidy and it was estimated that at the rate of catch last year it would take approximately 10 years to pay back the money. But the speaker felt that this season the boats would do much better when the crews were more used to the operation.

New Dragger Type

A new type dragger is under construction with a light 4½ foot draft to permit entrance into many Island harbors too shallow for present draggers. Three of them are being built as this system permits a study of performance at the end of the season and officials can then eliminate the human element in case one of the boats does not do as well as the others. At the same time building three at a time permits a saving of between two and three thousand dollars on each one.

He said his department planned on doing some exploratory work this summer as fishermen could not afford to take a dragger out for two or three months just searching for fish. He wanted to find the fish for them and pinpoint the spot.

Dealing with Town Planning, he reviewed the work and efforts of that department and said he did not feel the Government should force the issue. Instead desire for town planning should come from the people of the area, excepting where a health matter was involved. He thought formation of the various branches in the Province would do much to increase town planning as they become a vital part of village life.

Urban Fringe Area

He spoke of the so-called fringe area of this city and said it had been divided into zones all designed for the prevention of any menace to health. However, zoning regulations are the hardest to enforce, he said. He suggested an amendment would be brought in giving the Legislature the authority to decide the proper boundary line between Parkdale and Spring Park. At present, he stated, it was a straight line between the Malpeque Road and the Mt. Edward Road, but some people wanted the line to be crooked instead.

In telling of the permit system instituted for the building of structures or boring of wells in the zoned area, he said that a great many of those applying for permits were angry at having to ask at all. Many tried to bring pressure to bear to have permits issued when the department knew that it should not be done. But there was a slackening in the number of requests.

Potato Warehouses

He dealt briefly with potato storage warehouses and said he would table figures dealing with them today. They had cost about $135,000 and approximately $12,723 of that had been repaid. They were inspected twice a year at least and though there had been some trouble at first, there was none lately.

The Minister said the department now had three caterpillar tractor bulldozers. Two of them have a winch and the other is being fitted with a tool bar and a small ditcher and tool plow will be added this year.

He said there were many calls on the equipment by farmers for the excavation of cellars for schools as so many new rural schools were built last year. He said it was costly but the service is there and the people are paying for it.

Mr. Cullen stated that they had been charging fees of $6.50 per hour for the bulldozer and $7.50 an hour for the bulldozer and ditcher. However, he thought they would have to raise these rates as it was hurting the business of private operators.

Land Clearance

Regarding the clearing of land, he said they were considering the adoption of a policy of not clearing more than two acres in any one year for one individual. They had a new disc plow with a 28 inch diameter which should plow a foot deep and cut through roots up to 1¼ inches in diameter.

He briefly mentioned the work done with blueberries and said the Government was not going into the business but was merely trying to help those interested. So far as the Forestry Division was concerned he said the foresters had planted three experimental plots of red pine in three types of soil. They were planted at Iona, St. Theresa's and Mount Pleasant.

In his opening remarks the Minister of Industry paid tribute to the late King George Sixth for the "magnificent job" he had done. His tact and concern for the welfare of his people had placed the British Crown in a very high position as a leader in good government. He expressed the belief that Queen Elizabeth Second, whom he lauded, would carry on as her father had done.

In congratulating the Speaker, Dr. MacMillan, the mover and seconder of the Address, he also mentioned that the Premier in winning the last election had equalled a mark set years ago. Only one other since Confederation had been premier three times. He made a significent remark when he stated that "there is yet plenty of time for Premier Jones to beat the record". He regretted that titles were no longer given to deserving statesmen as "At this time it would be nice if we could now refer to him as Sir Walter Jones".

Mr. Cullen concluded his part in the debate shortly after five p.m. and was followed by Hon. W.E. Darby.

Death Wednesday Of Mrs. H. Graham

There passed away at her home in Gaspereaux, March 19, Mrs. Horatius Graham in her 83rd year, Mrs. Graham, was the former Isobell Creed of Albany. Her husband predeceased her several years ago.

She leaves to mourn her passing one adopted daughter, Florence, Mrs. Lawrence McCarron with whom she resided. Also surviving is one sister, Margaret, Mrs. Ernest Griffin of Albany.

The funeral will be held Friday afternoon from the home. Interment will be in the Murray Harbor cemetery.

Mr. Shaw Reviews Dairying Prospects And Opportunities

Following are excerpts from an address delivered at the Dairymen's Association meeting on Wednesday night by Mr. W. R. Shaw, Deputy Minister of Agriculture. In his opening remarks Mr. Shaw had dealt with some of the problems facing the industry:

"Is the dairy industry on Prince Edward Island geared to meet the conditions which have been to some extent outlined? Is there a need of reorganization throughout the whole industry? Are the plants operating in this Province large enough, and is their volume sufficient to meet competition? Is our equipment modern and up-to-date, and are we assured of an adequate and expert personnel for the future?

"First, with reference to the question "Can our small plants compete?" let us look back over our history. In 1915, we had over forty butter and cheese factories in this Province; these were the days of the horse and wagon, and small plants met the needs of the situation. In 1925, these had gone down to thirty-five. In 1935, we had thirty, and in 1951, we had twenty-one cheese and butter factories.

"In the earlier years, practically the whole Dairy Industry was controlled by semi cooperative organizations. Today about 50 per cent of the industry is in private hands. This is no criticism of private enterprise but you might well ask why the change. Was it not because of greater efficiency and better equipment in most cases? With roads open for truck and car traffic summer and winter, making available supplies to dairy concerns over wider areas, and in view of existing demands, is it possible that the larger concern with larger volume, can do a better job, produce its products with less overhead per unit and utilize on a wider scale, all the products of the dairy industry?

Situation In Sweden

"Our situation here is somewhat similar to the situation in Sweden some years ago. They found that the small plants could not compete and they reorganized their industry on the basis of larger and more efficiently operated central plants. Through Ontario and British Columbia, particularly, these larger plants have been established.

The highest efficiency in research, in equipment, and personnel is now paying dividends. These plants are in a position to compete, where the smaller plant is not in that position. I feel that four or five centralized dairy concerns could serve to better advantage the dairy interests of Prince Edward Island.

"We might now refer for a moment to the change in the appeal, as indicated in the Canadian picture.

"Processed cheese commands the greatest popularity on our markets. Cheddar, as we have known it in the past is being forced into the background, although under new techniques, as undertaken in the past year by the Department of Agriculture, a measure of popularity has returned to packaged Cheddar.

"The fluid milk picture may indicate radical change as indicated Buttermilk and skim milk based on solids not fat are not being utilized to the extent that good economies would demand, some of it being entirely wasted.

Ice Cream Manufacture

"The manufacture of ice cream merits attention. Are there not wide-open opportunities in Prince Edward Island under a centralized system of organizations to change the whole phase of production by including improvement in the storage and marketing of cheddar cheese on the basis of continuous supply, the production of processed cheese, the manufacture of skim milk, whole milk, buttermilk, powders, and concentrated materials, so that the uttermost cent is secured through efficient production and management of every ounce of food product within our dairy products?

"We will, undoubtedly, in the years to come, have a substantial industrial development in the Sydneys, Newfoundland and Labrador. These areas will need large quantities of concentrated and other food products. There is a great opportunity with proper organization in dairy circles in this area to supply direct by air transport, the industrial centers with a wide variety of dairy material.

"I wonder, too, about the future with regard to technical men for these plants. We are having difficulties now in securing adequate technical help for the amount of money that the small plant can pay. This would not be a difficulty in the larger dairy concern. Some of our plants at the present moment are facing extinction. There is no effort to establish reserves.

"In some cases, the factories which our grandfathers established have been added to, but very slightly. They are not suitable to modern conditions, and no reserves are being provided to improve. Whether it is creamery or cheese factory, or other dairy concerns, an immediate program should be established to lay aside substantial reserves from year to year, in order to meet whatever conditions may arise.

I would earnestly suggest that the problem of greater centralization in manufacture and milk utilization be fully explored; that greater centralization in marketing be established, and this means complete control of the product, eliminating competition within the industry, and the loose ends that always are embarassing, and third centralization in supervision covering all our dairy concerns."

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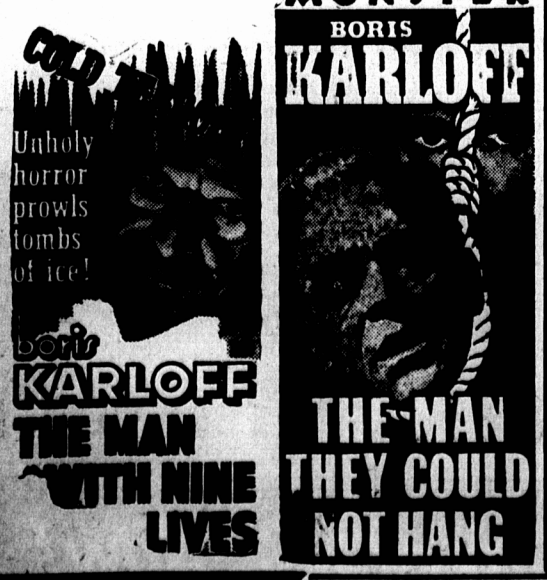

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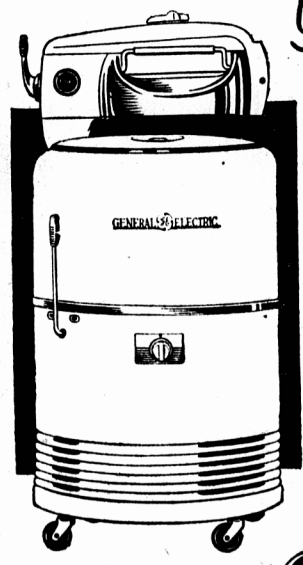

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