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"This deals with a matter that had its origin more than two years ago, and it can be discussed at any other time during the present session," he added. "I maintain that the question now being proposed is not one of such urgent public importance as to warrant the Speaker ruling in its favor. Moreover, it is specified in the rules that the case must be of a recent occurrence."

Mr. D. L. Matheson: "It was a matter which could not be previously discussed. As a matter of fact we did not know until after the case was disposed of, what the matter was, and we could not even discuss it until the court had disposed of it."

Cites Beauharnois Case

He pointed out that the procedure proposed was that followed by Parliament in the Beauharnois scandal case. The question, he emphasized, does not involve the Government in a vote of confidence.

Hon. A. W. Matheson said that under the rule as given by Bourinot the motion must be restricted to a single matter of recent occurrence, and the Speaker is to decline to submit the motion if in his opinion it is not a matter of urgent public importance.

Mr. D. L. Matheson: "If you wish to challenge the motion, all right. But I submit this is the proper way to bring up such an application. I again say that this is the first opportunity we have had, and the honor and integrity of the members of this House is surely a matter of urgency."

Mr. Speaker: "I would like to have a little time to consider before making a decision." Mr. D. L. Matheson: "I would prefer to go on at once, but I cannot object to that."

Hon. F. A. Large said that full opportunity is given in the present debate for the hon. member to discuss the trial last summer at Georgetown, where the case resulted in an acquittal, and also during the fall months of 1947, the question being the subject of the prosecution at the trial.

"I submit that the rules in Bourinot provide for a special adjournment being considered only when the circumstances surrounding such a motion have had a recent origin, and where it is of such urgent importance that the business of the House should be interrupted," Mr. Large continued.

"I submit that the present circumstances do not justify such a motion. Any questions my hon. friend might wish to place on the order paper will have every consideration," Hon. Eugene Cullen: "The member from Charlottetown can also introduce his motion with a notice of resolution on the order paper."

Dr. MacMillan: "This is a question of technicality that has not arisen for many years, for the Speaker to decide. I disagree entirely with the remarks of the Minister of Education that it is not a matter of serious public importance—the impugning of the integrity of this House! I was a member of the House when there was a committee appointed to investigate a matter which was not half as serious as this, concerning charges against the management of Falconwood. It didn't involve any misappropriation of money, but the House readily appointed a committee to investigate. If that was a matter for prompt action there can be no question about the urgency and importance of this matter."

Mr. Speaker did not intimate yesterday when his ruling would be given, but it is expected that he will announce it when the House resumes this morning at 11 o'clock.

ICE FISHING

EDMONTON — (CP) — Temperatures well below zero don't deter fishermen on the ice of Lake Wabamun, west of here. One day's catch by about 700 persons recently was valued at an estimated \$10,000. Most of the fish is sold to United States markets.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

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BIRTHS

DOUGAN — At the Charlottetown Hospital, February 28th, 1950, to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Dougan, Friendsfort, a daughter, weight 8 lbs. 4 ozs.

COHONAN — At the City Hospital, on February 28, 1950 to Mr. and Mrs. Alex Cohonan a son, 8 pounds 12 oz.

DEATHS

MacDONALD — At her home in Montague Mrs. Louis MacDonal in her seventy second year. Funeral from her late residence Saturday morning at 9.15 to St. Mary's Church, interment in the church cemetery.

BEATON — At the Prince Edward Island Hospital, March 2nd, 1950, John J. Beaton of 12 Upper Queen Street in his 70th year. Remains are resting at the Cutcliffe Funeral Home where the funeral service will be held Saturday afternoon, service starting at 2:30. Interment in the People's Cemetery.

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Central Guardian

This column is reserved for news of local interest, but advertising of a new nature may be inserted at five cents a word, strictly payable in advance.

CRASWELL for Photographs.

CLEARANCE SALE. — Suits, Hats, Sportswear, Workwear at Jack Cameron's, 130 Kent Street.

CLEARANCE SALE. — Still lots of bargains left at Jack Cameron's, Charlottetown.

GENERAL ELECTRIC Irons, Toasters and Kettles. Toombs Music Store.

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS. — Advertisers are reminded that their copy must be in The Guardian not later than noon the day previous to insertion. Those who telephone classifieds, etc., should particularly bear this in mind.

TRAIN LATE—The Borden train was four hours and twenty minutes late last night, arriving at 10:30 instead of at 6:10. The delay was said to be due to connections on the Mainland and some trouble with ice on the crossing.

FIREMEN CALLED—City firemen were called out about 8:30 last night to a slight fire at the corner of Prince and King Streets. The fire was believed to have started in the attic. Firemen soon had the blaze put out. Damage was only slight.

LEGION CARD PARTY — Following were the prize winners at the Canadian Legion card party Tuesday: Ladies first, Mrs. Ray Carnum; second, Mrs. Marjorie C. Secore; third, Mrs. L. Stewart; fourth, Mrs. Vernon Gay; second of Gentlemen, Mr. Ernest Gallant; door prize, Mrs. Ed. Smith; Freezooz, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Boisier.

DRAFT ADDRESS DEBATE — The Draft Address debate was continued in the Legislature yesterday by Hon. A. W. Matheson, Minister of Health and Welfare. Mr. Philip Matheson, (P. C.—Secord, Queen's), Mr. W. Delaney, (Lib.—Fifth Prince) and Hon. C. C. Baker, Minister of Agriculture. Mr. Baizer moved the adjournment at 6 o'clock.

TO ATTEND CONGRESS — Mr. J. G. Dennis, Manager of the Co-operative Union of P. E. I. and the Island Credit Union League, and Mr. Eugene Gorman, Director of the Co-op Extension are leaving this morning for London, Ontario to attend the annual Canadian Co-operative Congress. The Congress begins Sunday and concludes on Friday a week from today.

FIRST READINGS — In the Legislature yesterday Government bills were introduced amending the Provincial Statutes Act, the Constables and Fence Viewers Act, the Sheriffs' Act, the P. E. I. Temperance Act, the Consolidated Revenue Act, the Mechanics Lien Act and the Assignment of Book Debts Act. Private bills were read to amend the St. Dunstan's University Incorporation Act and the Summerside Incorporation Act.

ARRIVES IN ROME — Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Cairns, Freetown, that their son Robert has arrived safely in Rome, Italy. He is employed by the Department of Transport, Ottawa. Last summer he attended a conference held in Paris. The delegates were taken on tours of the historic parts of Europe. This year the conference is being held in Florence, Italy. Mrs. Cairns and their baby daughter reside in Ottawa.

A. Y. F. A. MEETING—At the regular meeting of the A. Y. F. A. of St. Peter's Cathedral last evening, business which has been accumulating for several weeks was discussed after opening the meeting with a prayer, Canon Malone gave the first of a series of special Lenten talks on the Creed. Some of the members then mended choir music while others played badminton. Lunch was prepared and served by the refreshment committee. Miss Marion Peake led the group in a very interesting and exciting program of games which brought the meeting to a close.

TALK ON ENGINEERING — The senior pupils of Queen Square School assembled in their hall yesterday afternoon to hear a timely talk on "Engineering" by Mr. Ronald Smith, Civil Engineer, and Dept. of Mines and Resources. The speaker gave most interesting information on various branches of engineering and outlined the educational qualifications needed to become an engineer. The chairman was Louis Paoli, and a hearty vote of thanks was given by Russell Kelly, and was seconded by Leonard LeClair. At the closing of the programme, the principal of the school, Lieut.-Col. Leo F. MacDonald, expressed his appreciation to Mr. Smith on his splendid talk. These talks are sponsored by the "School Improvement League."

Junior Chamber Of Commerce Meeting

The semi-monthly meeting of the Junior Chamber of Commerce was held in the Rendezvous banquet room last night. Various business matters were dealt with and the following members were appointed: chairman, Mr. E. D. Reid; membership committee, Lou Doyle, secretary, Stan Lancaster, arch committee, Conroy Keefe, social committee, Bob Younker, self development committee; Junior Prows, deputy chairman of publicity.

Following the above appointments plans were discussed for the St. Patrick's dance on March 17th.

At Opening Of Legislature



Scores Holdup In Rural Electrification Policy

"To my mind this Government has retarded rather than helped in the construction of rural electric lines in this Province," declared Mr. J. Phillip Matheson, Second District of Queen's, in the Legislature yesterday. Mr. Matheson said the Government is losing our overseas markets. Our British bacon contract was nearly thrown overboard, and we are now at the point where we are raising hogs and throwing in our labour for nothing. "No," said Mr. Matheson, "but do you deny the fact that the sale of margarine has not affected the dairy farmers of Prince Edward Island?"

Mr. Matheson: "What was it before the margarine went on the market? I got as high as 87 cents for butter fat." Premier Jones: "Isn't beef higher now than it ever was?" Mr. Matheson: "No, it was higher just before the last election; and so were eggs." It was the uncertainty which was worrying farmers the most, he continued. The worst trouble is in eggs and poultry. The morning eggs were shut out from the British market they dropped disastrously in price.

Neglected Roads

Mr. Matheson said he would like to see the roads leading to the National Park built up, and also the bridges. "I know we have roads in my district that have been neglected," he added. The road from Miramichi to Cavendish "could hardly be called anything more than a snake-trail." Trees are growing up, and in some cases the branches touch one's car on either side. From Kensington down to the North Side, the road would "bump any car into pieces." In the other direction, from Hunter River to New Glasgow, was another terrible road. The Throne Speech appeared to indicate that there had been some doubt as to whether the trans-Canada highway would run through this Province. Mr. Matheson could not understand that reference.

Hon. Mr. Cullen: "Which way does my hon. friend think the road should go?" Mr. Matheson: "That is your decision to make. I haven't been taking consultation on any road in this Province." He added that there was one piece of road constructed in his own district which he certainly would not have recommended. Ten days before it was built he had queried the Department of Public Works and they didn't seem to know anything about it. It was built off the main highway to Rustico, and it is a trial to the main thoroughfare for one that uses this by-road. He hoped to see "a fairly important bridge" connecting up with his district "under the trans-Canada scheme." In the last election campaign, Mr. Matheson charged, the Liberals spoke "with forked tongues," making placating gestures to the C.C.F. on the one hand, and claiming to stand for free enterprise on the other. Today there is a great striving for social security. False hopes, fostered by the Government at Ottawa in recent years, are becoming more vocal.

Low Farm Prices

Premier Jones in his address had pictured the trade possibilities of this Island along the eastern seaboard, through development of mines in Labrador and steel mines in Sydney. Mr. Matheson agreed that this was an inviting prospect. "At present, however," he said, "our farmers are hog-tied. We are over-producing. We have to dispose of our surpluses, and where are the markets?"

"Under wartime economy we were encouraged to produce, and we got a fair price for our products. We were told that when the price ceilings were removed we would be protected, and we would have permanent markets. Yet in

Lt-Governor J. A. Bernard in the Speaker's chair at the opening of the Provincial Legislature on Monday. Facing the Governor with back to camera is Mr. Speaker, Forrest W. Phillips. On the right are the Governor's aides, Lt.-Col. P. S. Fielding, M.M., E.D., Squadron-Leader C. H. Trainor, D.S.O., D.F.C., Lt.-Cmdr. Robert MacMillan, D.S.C. and bar. Also shown is Capt. J. J. Connolly, V.D.

GROWERS ASSOCIATION

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Provinces." Immediately following the second, contentious problem, that of membership was solved by a motion by Mr. J. J. Trainor which stated that only those who supported the Association since 1935 would be a member and thus have a vote at future meetings. Following the discussion which evolved after the passing of the first motion, Premier J. Walter Jones told the meeting that before they could wind up the business of the present Association they would have to go to the Attorney-General.

Mr. Wright Re-elected

Mr. Horace M. Wright, Bedouque was re-elected President by the directors after he had offered his withdrawal as a director but had been voted in again by the meeting. The vice-president, Mr. T. L. Bacon, Bonshaw, who presided yesterday was re-elected and also the secretary, Mr. E. D. Reid. Heated arguments which took place between farmer members and directors ranged from charges that some directors had been filling their own pockets at expense of the farmers to replies that the directors had taken the money out of their pockets on occasions to see the Association through.

County Directors

At the conclusion of the meeting the three County directors were appointed. They were: Mr. Alexander Hamilton, King's; Mr. Kenneth MacLean, Prince and Mr. Gordon MacMillan, Queen's. One director, Mr. E. Howatt, Winslow announced his retirement early in the afternoon when he announced "I am going home from this meeting tonight now near three score and ten years old, to retire as a director. Before I go I wish to say that these directors you have criticized have built this organization to be second to none in this Province. If you young men want to run it, it is yours. I have done all I could for the association." The fireworks commenced soon after the directors ruled that only those who had association debentures could have a vote of the meeting. Three re-organization schemes were submitted by the directors after which Mr. George Saville, M.L.A., inquired as to what was the matter with the Association that it needed to be re-organized.

Held Responsible

Mr. Howatt replied that the directors were held responsible for all debts and then charges were laid that a committee member was not admitted to a special directors meeting he was advised to attend last summer. Mr. J. G. Dennis, Manager of the Co-operative Union of P. E. I. told the meeting that he would like to see the Co-op Services and Potato Growers Association join together as united they would form a very strong organization.

LIBRARY GROWS

DAWSON CREEK, B. C. — (CP) — Residents of this Peace River district in northeast British Columbia did more reading in 1949. A library report showed an increase of membership from 231 to 307 during the year.

FISH STORE

A. J. Gallant's Fish Store, 24 Upper Queen, is now open daily. Your patronage will be greatly appreciated.

President's Report

"This year from the producers' point of view was an unprofitable

Musical Festival Ass'n Meeting

A general meeting of the P. E. I. Musical Festival Association was held last evening in P. W. C. with over 50 members present, and the president, Lt.-Col. C. L. Lowther presiding.

Reports were received from the conveners of the various committees and plans worked out for the coming festival to be held May 1 to 6 with Prof. Filmer Hubble, A.C.C.O., of Winnipeg, and Prof. John Lee, F.R.C.O., L.R.A.M., of Los Angeles, Calif., as adjudicators.

Plans were made regarding the preparation of next year's syllabus.

Miss Louise Cox was named as official accompanist for the coming festival.

Mrs. Harper MacNeill, convener of the Membership Committee, reported receiving applications for group memberships from a large number of Women's Institutes, as well as several from church choirs and service clubs.

Dr. G. D. Steel, convener of the Allotment Committee, reported receiving 28 applications from districts for financial assistance toward musical instruction in their schools.

On recommendation of Mrs. J. P. Lantz of the syllabus committee it was decided to allow two rural one-room schools to combine as one chorus for entry in the forthcoming festival, when insufficient students are in either school to form a chorus of their own.

one as a huge crop of 92 million bushels in Canada, coupled with a large crop of 440 million bushels in the U. S. A. rendered the marketing difficult with depressed prices throughout the year and final removal of the surplus under the Support Program," stated Mr. Horace M. Wright, president of the P. E. I. Potato Growers Association at their annual meeting yesterday.

"A study of the statement of your Association reveals that our actual volume of trading was maintained and somewhat increased over the previous year. Our net profit was not great but we appreciate the fact that it is extremely hard to make any great effort in a continually falling market. "During the year under review and since that time, your Association has endeavored at all times to keep the growers' viewpoint before the Ottawa authorities in connection with price support and other matters. We have noted with concern the narrowing margin between our cost of production and selling price of our product and feel that the time is not too far distant when farmers will have voluntary control or some suitable means must curtail their production to avoid the problems of handling a surplus so depressing to the whole marketing of their crop.

"Your directors have considered ways and means of redefining our constitution to meet the changing conditions. "We have discussed the matter on several occasions with representatives of the Co-operative Union but were unable to make any arrangement that would maintain our identity, as we think it should be maintained. We have asked for the best legal advice and we shall definitely take action to re-vamp our original Incorporation Act of 1921 so that a clearer definition of our membership and their responsibility may be obtained. We think, with careful planning, we can make this the best possible Co-operative Act and we would welcome your suggestions today.

"Your directors have realized that there is a great difference amongst our loaders or agents and their attitude to the business. We are now taking steps to ensure that such loaders will be responsible to the growers or in other words that we will not lose sight of our growers through our loaders. We feel that all our growers wish to maintain their close association with this organization.

"This year we are facing another surplus year with its usual problems. Today, no doubt, you will discuss the pros and cons of a permanent price support policy and we feel that a resolution on the matter should go forward from this meeting. "The matter of producer controlled marketing boards is also receiving attention from all growers and in this connection we would urge all possible consideration in this matter today as Rt. Hon. Mr. Gardiner has stated that price support will only be effected if we can establish Provincial Marketing Boards to handle the deal.

"Unfortunately for year just ending, our profit was small and it was not divided up as patronage dividends, but rather added to our surplus account. Your Association is now in a sound financial state. The sinking fund to take care of the debentures at maturity is being maintained by the deposit of \$5,000.00 annually."

Secretary's Report

The gross turnover for the Potato Growers Association for the fiscal year which ended June 30, 1949 was \$1,529,659, reported Mr. E. D. Reid, manager of the Association, as he read the secretary's report yesterday afternoon. The net profit of \$6,193.32 was added to the surplus account which now stands at \$83,162, he stated. "One year ago," he said, "we were able to look back on one of the most profitable years in our history but for the crop year 1948 the situation was completely reversed. This condition was of course mainly caused by over-production, as in Canada alone



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Price Support

"Since late September when it was evident that price support would be necessary for this year's crop to avoid serious losses to our growers, your association has done everything in its power to have a price support program implemented for this year's crop. We have worked through the P. E. I. Federation of Agriculture and also through the Potato Committee of the Canadian Horticultural Council of which Mr. W. R. Shaw is the able chairman, in an endeavour to have the Dominion Agricultural Prices Support Board take action on a similar basis both to arrangement and price as last year.

Fertilizer Trends

"During the year 1948-49 your association handled the usual amount of fertilizer. However, our records show a definite trend away from home-mixing as our sales of chemicals are falling off. This is due to the fact that with the use of higher strength fertilizers the spread in price between home and factory mixed is decreasing.

"This year potato farmers of Canada with a slightly lower average than that of last year and with early indications of severe drought damage in Central Canada and parts of United States had high hopes for a reasonable return from their labors, but extremely favorable growing conditions in the latter part of the season finally resulted in the greatest yield on record in commercial areas of Eastern Canada and U.S., in fact the total production in Canada reached 91 million almost that of last year, while U. S. production attained the figure of 403 million bushels.

"We again this year shipped from Canada to U. S. our full quota of seed and table by December 3rd, and since that time have found a barrier of 75 cents rate of duty to the States which with their low level of support price places our level of price at a low mark. The American support as you know last year was 90 per cent of parity, but this year is 60 per cent of parity. As an example the American grower in Maine last year in March received \$3.25 for his stock while this year his price is \$2.20 per cwt.

"Now, in the fall of 1949, we as we would in any other season ship to New York, Norfolk, Virginia, and other southern ports and would receive a slightly higher figure than that at which the farmers of unsupported areas of Pennsylvania could truck them to these markets. The price of \$2.35-\$2.40 delivered Norfolk was the highest anyone could obtain and the only reason this was any use to Canada was that boat rates of 40 to 50 cents could be used while our rail rate of \$1.22 cwt. would

"The above might well apply to the P. E. I. Potato Growers' Association."

In conclusion he made reference to the work of the Seed Inspection Service under Mr. S. G. Peppin and the tablestock under Mr. C. E. Shaw. He noted that their office was moved to the McCannell Building and that Mr. Vernon L. MacDonald had joined the staff during the year.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CARD PARTY TONIGHT AT 8:30 B. I. S. HALL Cash Prizes—Freeze Out

NOTICE A meeting of potato warehouse operators and licensed potato shippers will be held in Prince of Wales College (Vocational Wing) on Tuesday, March 7, 1950 at 11 o'clock A. M. POTATO SHIPPERS COMMITTEE