



### BANKER MEETS GOVERNOR

Regional superintendent in the Atlantic Provinces for the Canadian Bank of Commerce G.S. Unwin (right) of Halifax, paid a courtesy call to Lieutenant-Governor F. Walter Hyndman at Government House yesterday morning. In the province to visit all of the bank's branches, he also made calls on Premier Mag-

## Education Minister Deals With Departmental Items

The following is a partial text of Hon. Keir Clark's draft address speech delivered yesterday. Mr. Clark adjourned the debate at 5.30 p.m. and will continue when the House meets this afternoon at 2.30.

"In referring today to the work of my department during the past year, I should like to say that I believe some very definite and worthwhile progress has been achieved. The advances made during the year actually were an enlargement of the plan for general educational improvements towards which we started to work five years ago.

"At that time it was possible to look back and notice a gradual improvement in education over the years. The grants for school improvement were initiated in 1947, and all but two schools in the province has taken advantage of those grants in one way or another by 1954. The Vocational School had been raised on a number of occasions, but not enough to encourage a sufficient number of young people to enter and remain in the teaching field. Lack of provincial finances prevented any plans to improve the quality of classroom instruction. During this time most of the other provinces were making rapid educational progress and overcoming some of their problems of educational finance.

**LIMITED FINANCE**

"It was obvious, if this province was to keep abreast of developments elsewhere, that a beginning had to be made, with full consideration of our limited financial resources, towards a more rapid program of educational advancement. It was apparent to all of us that additional expenditures would be required, both at the government and the school district levels. Increased appropriations from year to year have been made by this Legislature and by the local school districts.

"The public accounts for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1954 show that the total current expenditure by the government on education was \$1,725,652 an increase of \$52,915. Likewise, the district expenditure increased from \$851,215 in 1954 to \$1,772,470 last year, or a total increase in current expenditure in the four to five year period of \$871,000 based on last year's figures.

son and Mayor Edwin C. Johnston. He was accompanied by W.M. Melish manager of the Charlottetown branch.

advancement in education in this province, not only in the past five years, but in the present century.

**NEARER HOME**

"It provided an opportunity for a much larger number of boys and girls to receive a complete high school training near their homes. We now find 62 per cent of the provincial enrolment, or 696 students in the senior high school grades (XI and XII) are now in schools which will enter the examinations of the Atlantic Provinces Board, while 38 per cent or 421 students are enrolled at Prince of Wales College or Saint Dunstan's University. The provincial enrolment in these grades totals 1117 which compares with 529 five years ago.

"The increased numbers of those who finish Grade XII make it possible for larger numbers to enter the teaching profession, and at the same time provide increasing numbers of students to enter the universities and the schools of nursing, and as well make it possible for many of our young people to find better paying positions in our banks and other commercial institutions.

**STUDENT RETENTION**

"Notwithstanding our improved position in respect to the larger numbers taking advantage of the new opportunities for high school training, our provincial efforts in this direction must be expanded. I would like you to look at this matter from the standpoint of student retention.

"The number of pupils in grade ten in this province is presently about 46 per cent of those in grade two. This figure is about twenty per cent higher than the Canadian average, which is a good indication of the relative strength of our schools. However, the number of pupils now reaching grade twelve is approximately 17.8 per cent of

### AGRICULTURAL NEWS

**FOREST MANAGEMENT**

Why should we manage a woodlot? The reason why so many of our woodlots are neglected is due to the fact that few of us realize the benefits to be obtained from a well-managed woodlot. How many of us think of a woodlot as a community of living and breathing vegetation, animals, birds, insects, bacteria and fungi? Besides its aesthetic value, it serves us in a great many ways such as furnishing essential wood products, conserving soil, influencing air temperature, checking winds, storing moisture in underground spaces, providing recreation, hunting trapping and fishing.

There are numerous reasons why the farm woodlot should be managed: First, it utilizes land unsuited for other crops. Sub-marginal land or land unfit for agricultural crops will grow trees regardless of how poor the soil may be. The most important factor to remember, however, is that the species of tree planted be suited to that particular type of soil.

Sugar maple would not grow on a boggy area, nor will black spruce thrive on high land. Second, it supplies materials for the farm operation. Lumber and shingles for farm buildings, fence posts, wood for runners and sleigh shafts, wood for axe, shovel and fork handles and fuel for warmth are products that can be obtained from the farm woodlot. Third, it protects crops, livestock and farm people.

Experiments have shown that a single row of trees not only protects crops by conserving moisture, but also makes a considerable saving on the fuel bill. Fourth, it is the home of birds and animals that destroy harmful insects and rodents.

Fifth, it prevents erosion on steep hillsides. No matter how well a steep hillside is farmed, if it is denuded of trees, a continuous erosion of soil takes place everytime it rains. If the crown of the hill is kept wooded, the absorbent layer on the woodland floor soaks up the rain as it falls, then lets it seep out gradually.

Sixth, it is the means of obtaining cash returns at off-seasons for most crops. The owner can harvest his woodlot in the winter. This present winter is ideal for woods work. This work should not be a haphazard slashing of trees, but rather the use of a little common sense to carry out the aim of forest management, which is to produce more wood of better quality in as short

### COMING EVENTS

- Carnival at Souris Rink, Wednesday, February 18th.
- Concert Bonshaw W. I. Hall Wednesday, February 18, 8 p.m. Sponsored by Bonshaw Women's Institute.
- New Glasgow and districts Jr. Farmers regular meeting to be held at the home of Sterling MacBae, Brookfield, Wednesday February 18th, 8:30.
- York Charge Men's Association supper meeting will be held in Harrington Hall on Thursday February 19th at 8 p.m.
- Reserve March 16th for Variety Concert in Millview Hall.
- Crokinole Party Winsloe Station Hall Thursday, February 19th. Sponsored by the Senior 4-H Club.
- Pantry Sale at MacGugan and Boyle's store, Hunter River, Saturday, February 21st, at 7 p.m. In aid of Hampshire 4-H Garment Club.

### K. of C. Funeral Notice

All members of the Charlottetown Council, Knights of Columbus, are requested to meet at The Charlottetown Funeral Home Wednesday, Feb. 18 at 9 p.m. for prayers for our late Brother Timothy Rochford, also at 8.30 a.m. Thursday to attend the funeral.

**WILFRED DRISCOLL, Grand Knight**

Teachers who are planning to have their pupils take part in the Junior Drama Festival are asked to have their entries in the Miss Dorothy Cullen care of by March 1st. A copy of rules will be sent on request.

Skating North River rink to-night 8 to 10. Admission 25 cents and 26 cents. Door prize.

those in grade two. While this is slightly higher than the Canadian average, the dropouts in these grades are, in my opinion, excessive.

"We must not be satisfied with our present achievements. We should again raise our educational sights and our future policy must be designed to promote further development of our high schools and increase their accessibility to our rural people in every way possible, but chiefly by means of bus transportation.

**DOUBTS CLARIFIED**

"When the high schools were first established it was natural, perhaps, that the standing of the graduates of the new school might be questioned. If any doubts remain I believe we can now supply the answers. The relative strength of the high school may at least be partially credited to three factors. First, home supervision of the pupils by their parents, second the high qualifications required of the teachers being full degree status plus professional training, and thirdly to the full length school year which is of great benefit to the slower learning students as more opportunities are offered for home study.

"The results achieved I believe should be considered satisfactory. Last year 354 pupils wrote the Atlantic Provinces Board Examinations in Grade XI and 300 passed, or a pass of 85 per cent. Likewise, 248 wrote the Grade XII examinations and 190 passed, or a pass of 77 per cent. This may be compared with results of Grade XI, which is matriculation standing in the province of Nova Scotia, which last year showed a pass of only 54 per cent.

**GOOD SHOWING**

"The graduates of our high schools which have attended Prince of Wales College have made a good showing in the third year, and they are being readily accepted by all universities. Those showing high scholastic ability are, in many cases, being offered generous university scholarships, which continue in some instances throughout their university course.

"We now have, however, more substantial proof of the standing of our high schools. Last April every Grade XI and XII pupil in this province was required to write a series of standardized tests or examinations designed to ascertain their ability to undertake university training. This testing project was carried out in co-operation with the Central Advisory Committee for Education in the Atlantic Provinces.

"Similar tests were written in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Newfoundland, as well as in many areas of the United States. The financial sponsors of this huge testing experiment was the Carnegie Corporation. The results have not been released for publication but already there has been reference made to the good showing of our Island student by one writer in the "Educational Horizon" column of the local press.

"The reports which I have now received appear to indicate that our Island students have made an excellent showing in these examinations.

"The students which were in Grade XII classes and hence at the matriculation level have averaged considerably higher than the Junior Matriculation level for all the Atlantic provinces. Our students appear to be, considerably higher in mathematics than the other Atlantic Provinces.

"Although the Atlantic provinces schools compare favourably with the schools tested in the United States in the examination in general, a general weakness is shown in mathematics in our schools compared with the American schools. However, I believe the results of our Island schools are excellent in view of the scope of this international testing program.

**AMAZING PARADOX**

"That our Island students should have accomplished this high comparative standing while our schools are by necessity financed at the lowest per pupil costs in Canada is somewhat of a paradox. While credit on this basis might be given to the efficiency of our school organization, the better explanation, I believe, may be found in the fact that neither our teachers nor the youth of this province have substantially lost the spirit of sacrifice or the ambitions of their ancestors.

"While our Provincial high school expansion effort was primarily influenced by the urgent need to qualify more young people from rural areas for entrance at the Grade XII level to the teacher training course, at the same time a program was developed to encourage more of our teachers to improve their qualifications by regular attendance at Summer-School.

**TEACHERS RESPOND**

"A year ago I informed you that a number of teachers assisted by the Department of Education had reached an all-time high of 183, or 22 per cent of the total number teaching in our schools. Last Summer School increased an average encouraged by the additional remuneration offered those possessing the Superior I license, and the number which attended Summer School increased an additional 30 per cent to 276 teachers representing one-third of the teaching force.

"There is every reason to believe that, with further salary differential encouragements, this number will again be substantially higher at the coming Summer sessions.

**UNIVERSITY LEVEL**

"At the beginning of the present school year all teacher training at Prince of Wales College was placed on the university level. The course of instruction were redesigned and the academic training for the teacher raised to include English and other subjects of university work. The principal of the College, the Director of Studies, and the Director of Teacher Training all co-operated in this effort. The result should lead towards permanent improvement in the quality of classroom instruction.

"During the year, also, the Prince Edward Island Board of Teacher Education and Standards was established. This is a Board of eight members which includes the Minister, the Director of Education, and university and teacher representation. The first work undertaken by the Board was to outline the requirements for a teacher's license, including the requirements for the three higher grades of licenses required.

"The recommendations of the (Continued on Page 5)

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## Annual Meeting

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of the Act of Incorporation a public meeting of all contributors to the Prince Edward Island Hospital will be held in the classroom nurses' residence, Charlottetown, on Thursday, February 19, 1959, at 8 P.M. for the purpose of electing trustees for the government of the institution in accordance with the by-laws and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought before it.

**J. ANDREW LIKELY,** Secretary, Board of Trustees.

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**'Operation Light' Topic Of Talk To Guild Chapt.**

The Fernie Levy chapter of the World Wide Guild held its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Walter Baker with 15 members present. The devotional service was led by Mrs. Ronald MacDonald who used as her theme "Good Weapons".

Used Christmas cards were passed in to be sent to one of the missionaries for their work with the children and White Cross articles were donated for use in hospitals on the mission fields.

Plans were made for the evening service in the Baptist church on March 15th which will be conducted by the Fernie Levy and Junior Guilds.

Mrs. Keith Carmichael gave a very interesting study entitled "Operation Light" on the educational work in India. She explained the four phases of this operation as schools, work with adults, establishment of book stores and the work of the translators, showing how the teaching of God's word in this way is bringing more light to that benighted land.

Mrs. H.L. Milton told the story of one of the missionary families. The guild covenant was repeated and lunch was served by Mrs. Ross Affleck, Mrs. Keith Robinson and Mrs. Walter Baker.

**HARMONICA HEPCAT CORNWALL (CP)**—Eighteen-year-old Rejean Patenaude rock 'n' rolled his way to what is believed to be a world record of 10 hours and 28 minutes of harmonica playing last Saturday. He surpassed a mark of eight hours and 13 minutes set previously by a Toronto man.

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