

Provincial Museum Progress Seen Slow

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A SCRAP BOOK loaned me by Alf Egan, Charlottetown indicates that the P.E.I. Historical Society members were seeking provincial recognition, and some form of assistance back in March of 1882. I suggest that now, 78 years later, the society is still seeking a measure of co-operation, and they have made but little progress so far as that is concerned.

That statement is not completely correct, general statements of that kind seldom are. But I heard the society discuss last week—belatedly I have become a member—the problem of getting space for a Provincial Museum that will house and display the many articles they have which tell of early Island history.

There was the understanding—it was almost a conviction—that the long expected museum would be housed in the Confederation Complex on Queen Square when it was completed. Now, apparently, that will not be done.

THE GENERAL idea, I'm told, reliably, is to get away from static museum exhibits. The idea of placing old exhibits in one room, or building, and leaving them there does not comply with the modern idea of changing, or travelling exhibitions that attract visitors year after year.

I have no particular quarrel with this idea. I realize that people in charge of art galleries, of museums, or any other type of exhibit you want to name have to keep their display interesting. And modern thinking suggests exhibits that remain practically constant for year after year do not supply that continued interest.

I'll buy that idea, in so far as it applies to places where competition from other display centres warrants that attitude. But I still insist we must provide a spot to house or store the historical items of our province. So far as a place to store those items is concerned, I suggest we may be just as far away from getting it as Charlottetown—was the 1882 president—and his society were almost 80 years ago.

Items That Depict Island History

MY IDEA of a collection of museum pieces would include the items that were used previously in this province, but have gone out of use. I would like to think my children, and generations yet unborn would be able to walk into a provincial museum at any future date and see these examples of the tools and equipment men and women used when this province began. I'd like to have available for them examples of tools and equipment that have gone out of common usage.

R. C. (Bob) Parent has started an agricultural museum in Birch Court at the Experimental Farm. He has several items there which I didn't even know existed, and I have made a wider study of those things than most people. I'm wondering what will happen to this display when Bob retires—and that's coming soon.

In case anybody is wondering, this is not a blast against anyone connected with the Confederation Centre, or anyone else for that matter. If a static exhibit of museum items is not appealing enough to most visitors, let's accept that fact. If this means that such a museum doesn't fit in the Centre, let's find a spot for it somewhere else.

I've wondered since the Confederation Complex began just how a completely provincial museum for example, could be housed in what is a national structure. The complex was built by Canada, not by us, it has national responsibilities, not provincial ones.

Rich Heritage-Historical Background

I'M RAMBLING a lot, and I don't apologize for it. I may be doing little else in spots than thinking out loud, or in print. But the one hard core of my contention is that this province definitely should have a place to store the historical items of our own rich heritage, of our pioneer background.

Unfortunately many of those items have already gone and are unavailable. Most of that can be charged to the incurable indifference of the people that are responsible, the people who refused to make a place available to save those items.

I've been told there is not room enough in the Confederation Complex to house the sort of exhibit I have in mind; I believe it's the type of exhibit the historical society people have in mind. But that shouldn't mean the museum idea has to die again. I'm thinking of the static museum where hundreds of items will be kept for coming generations.

I saw in the Fort Beauséjour museum in New Brunswick one of the ice-boats used in other years to cross the Northumberland Strait in winter and carry the mails. They were discontinued only when the Borden-Tormentine ferry service started in 1917. We don't have any of those boats here, so far as I know. I had a tip recently that there are one or two at Beach Grove Inn but a long-time friend, Gordon White, deputy minister of highways tells me this is not the case. The boats are too large, too cumbersome, he explained.

Would Recall Stage Coach Days

SOMEWHERE IN the Eastern Prince County area, I am told there is a part of an old stage coach that once ran to Charlottetown. There are scores of other items I think of. Sleight bells were in every farm stable when I was a youngster. Generations now being born will probably never see a string of those bells. There were bells fastened to the shafts, beautifully toned, there were the sets of four bells that were carried high on the horse's back—and a set at home. I have no idea what became of them. There were also the colorful and attractive set of chimes that were carried on the pad of the harness.

Mrs. W. M. (Mary) Brehaut, 7 Grafton Street showed me so many antiques this week that I couldn't begin to describe them. These are her own personal possessions. If she ever meets a wealthy person who appreciates antique articles—and most of them are of unusual interest—she should receive a large amount of money for them. Also—Mrs. Brehaut's possession is a list of scores of interesting items that are owned by people in the province. They were a part of the exhibits she staged on perhaps a half dozen occasions back in the 1940s and the 1950s, I believe.

Rev. Alan MacDonald, SDU lectured last week to the Historical Society on Captain John MacDonald of Glenaladale. The muster role of the Loyal Independent Caledonia Company of Volunteers 1793 is available. Captain MacDonald was the senior officer, available information indicates.

The Saints Rejoice And So Do I

THERE'S A bit of humor in some of them. A piece of a broken tombstone has this inscription:

"Here lies Jerima (Blank) aged 79 years, whose body within this tomb doth rest; has joined the Army of the Blest. The Lord has taken her to the skies, the saints rejoice and so do I."

Another old item indicates there was a circulating library here in 1789.

There is a chair and step ladder, used to climb into a four-poster bed. There's a lady's Meerschmum pipe.

There's an old spinning wheel with a holder on it, to hold the lady's pipe. There's a copy of a cable that arrived on the "new Atlantic cable." I haven't the date.

There are many, many items, most of them are of unusual appeal to people interested in antiques. My personal concern is for the preservation of items with a distinctly Island flavor.

If a spot can be found in the Complex, or in the old Provincial Building which is now legally a part of the Complex, that's fine with me. That decision rests with the people who know more about the situation than I do at this stage.

If there is not enough room there, there should be space made available in some other place. It might be a new building created for the purpose, or in some other spot that can be made suitable.

To many people antiques represent little more than a pile of junk. To the people who appreciate the historical significance and the preservation of those physical links with the past is most valuable.

If a provincial museum location is not made available I suggest it will mean there are not enough people who appreciate that value.

THERE ARE some good museums in the province. Edward Easton, Georgetown has been developing one for several years now. He has, perhaps, the best collection of historical items I have seen. Mrs. William Oulton is developing an interesting one at Alberton. There is the Acadian museum at Miscouche. There's the another at Cabot Park, and there's the extensive collection the active Montague museum people have in their beautiful town.

But we have no provincial museum here in the province's capital. It's time we did something about that.

City Resident Fined \$125

and costs or 30 days when he appeared before Magistrate A. J. Haslam, QC, in city police court yesterday.

Hazel Elizabeth Myers, Cornwall, charged with speeding was fined \$20 and costs or 10 days.

Three city men were arraigned on illegal possession charges. The three men were each fined \$20 and costs or 20 days.

Firemen Raise \$1,290 Toward New Fire Truck

TIGNISH — The annual meeting of the Village of Tignish was held Tuesday in the Legion Hall. Aubin J. Gallant, retiring commissioner chaired the meeting and had commissioners Hector Buolo, E. C. Gaudette, Boyd Bernard, Earl O'Rourke and retiring commissioner Terence Gavin report on the line of duties they were assigned to.

The need of a new fire truck was aired at the meeting by Mr. O'Rourke who reported \$1,290 raised by the firemen during the year and this is a reserve fund for a new truck.

Cyril Arsenault, fire chief, thanked all who had assisted the department during the past year and extended a word of thanks to the Alberton Fire Department.

Expenditures for the year ending were \$20,362.02. Arsons in taxes, dogs running at large and a sawdust menace were topics dealt with to some extent. The ratepayers gave the commissioners power to immediately take steps to have something definite done.

New commissioners appointed were Russell J. Perry and Milton Keough.

First Cheques Issued By United Fund

The first monthly cheques on their 1966 allocations, were issued by the United Fund to its member agencies yesterday.

Among them was one to the Basilica Recreation Centre, a member for the first time this year. The occasion was marked by a presentation of the cheques to Eugene Cullen, chairman of the board of the Recreation Centre by Walthen Gaudet, President of the P.E.I. United Fund.

The United Fund has reached \$238,000.00 or 85 per cent of the objective set for funds for 1966 and it is expected that 90 per cent will be reached before the final figures are tallied. On this basis it has been agreed that the 31 members agencies will be paid monthly at the rate of 90 per cent of the allocation approved by the Board of Directors.

The Basilica Recreation Centre, receiving its first United Fund allocation, offers a wide variety of programs for all ages. It has a membership of over 900 in the various youth groups and its facilities are used by many organizations including student groups from both St. Dunstan's University and Prince of Wales College.

Court Handles Light Docket

A very small docket (a case of Magistrate James B. Johnston, QC, in Queens County Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Joseph Patrick McAree, Southport, pleaded not guilty to a charge of having the care and control of an automobile when his ability to drive was impaired by alcohol and was remanded by consent to Feb. 16 to fix a date for trial. Counsel for the accused was Lester O'Donnell. A.K. Scales acted for the Crown.

A Fredericton man, Everett Ross, charged with giving false information to a police officer, had his case adjourned to Feb. 9 for election.

Harry John Cousins, New Glasgow, had his case adjourned to Feb. 9. He had previously pleaded not guilty to an assault charge.

WESTERN FUNERALS

MACDOUGALL FUNERAL — The funeral of Charles MacDougall was held Wednesday afternoon from Jellay's Funeral Home to Bethel United Church where service was conducted by Rev. T.J. Snelgrove. Keith and Edward MacDougall sang Shall We Meet, Hymns were Nearer My God To Thee and Unto The Hills. Pallbearers were George Ellis, Preston Robinson, Marcus Gay, Lorne Betts, Ivan Waite and Ray Collicutt. Interment was in the church cemetery.

CUNNINGHAM FUNERAL — The funeral of Mrs. J.R. Cunningham was held Wednesday afternoon at her late residence where service was conducted by Rev. J.S. McBride at 2 p.m. Hymns were "The Lord's My Shepherd" and "Abide With Me". Organist was Mrs. Annos Hubley. Pallbearers were Lorne Cousins, Balfour Reid, Ernest Brown, Russell Phaneuf, John Ellis and J.C. (Bud) Mountain. Interment was in People's Cemetery, Summerside.

DEATHS

DOUCETTE — At the Prince County Hospital Feb. 2, 1966, Shirley Ann, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Doucette of Kensington, age eight months. Private funeral from the Davison Funeral Home today at 2:00 p.m. Interment in Indian River Cemetery.

YEO — At the Prince County Hospital, Wednesday, Feb. 5, 1966, Birchfield Yeo, St. Eleanor's, in his 80th year. Resting at the Compton Funeral Home till Friday noon, Feb. 4, then to the United Church, Central-16-16, for service at 2:30 p.m. Interment in the Methodist cemetery. Last 16. Visiting hours Thursday: 2-5, 7-10. In lieu of flowers, donations to the United Church Central Lot 16, will be appreciated.

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3 Residents Of Tignish Found Guilty Of Assault

ALBERTON — Three Tignish residents, Edgar Gaudet, Benoit Joseph Gaudet and Raymond Gaudette were found guilty by Magistrate W. Chester S. MacDonald at Alberton yesterday, of wilfully assaulting Tignish Policeman Howard Foley, causing actual bodily harm.

In asking for a long suspended sentence defense counsel Bruce MacDonald told the court that the three men were all hard-working fishermen with large families and given to further trouble since the incident occurred last June 2. The magistrate said it appeared the three men took the law into their own hands when drinking but he agreed that a heavy fine or imprisonment would bring hardship to innocent persons.

Sentence was deferred to June 1 on the following conditions; that they keep the peace and be of good behaviour, not appear in public in an intoxicated condition and appear for sentence when called on to do so.

Four St. Edward's youths, David Albert, Nelson Joseph Albert, Joseph Robert Chaisson and Wayne Michael Ellsworth, all pleaded guilty to a charge of breaking and entering a garage owned by William Richard, St. Edward's, and stealing gasoline. Sentence was deferred to June 1 on condition that they keep the peace and be of good behaviour, refrain from alcoholic beverages, appear for sentence and enter into a recognizance bond of \$200 with one surety for a like amount.

In the preliminary hearing of Arnold Gaudet, Tignish, charged under the criminal code with unlawful possession of a tool chest containing tools, the property of Lloyd Sillicker, knowing it was obtained by committing

an indictable offense, the magistrate ruled that their was sufficient evidence for trial and the accused was remanded in custody with bail set at \$250 Cash or property bail of \$2,000 with two sureties of \$1,000 each.

Bernard McCabe is appearing for the accused and the case for the Crown was conducted by George McMahon.

ASSAULT CASE

Eric Joseph Carragher, Ebbsfleet, pleaded guilty of assaulting Joseph Chaisson by striking him in the face with his fist and was fined \$50 and costs or 30 days.

In a court appearance on Jan. 28, Carragher pleaded not guilty and was remanded in custody for one week.

For failing to bring in a vehicle for re-inspection Melvin Joseph Doucette, Tignish Run, and William Elliot Bernard, Tignish, received fines of \$10 and costs.

Keith Phillips, McNeill's Mills, Gary MacDonald, Enmore, and Mrs. Lawrence Gallant, were fined \$10 and costs each for operating improperly equipped vehicles.

Clifton James Gavin, Tignish, was given a similar fine for leaving a car parked in a manner hindering equipment on the highway.

Stephen Clayton Arsenault, Palmer Road, Norman Matthews, Elmsdale and Thomas Alton Getson, Coleman, were each fined \$10 and costs for driving without due care and attention.

Joseph Everett Blanchard, St. Louis, pleaded not guilty of applying for and procuring a driver's license when his license was under suspension and the case was adjourned for one week.

Two residents of Tignish were fined \$30 and costs for possession of intoxicating liquor.

Re-Organization Made At Homes For The Aged

By A.C. HOLMAN

Hon. Hubert MacNeill, minister of welfare and labor, announced that reorganization changes have taken place recently in the staffs of the Provincial Home for the Aged, located on the Kensington Road, and Beach Grove Inn.

Both homes now fall under the jurisdiction of an institutional business manager and the heads of six departments connected with the operation of the two institutions report directly to him. The institutional business manager is Douglas MacNutt.

The matrons of both homes the head of maintenance department, the chef, the housekeeper and the head of the clerical staff now report directly to Mr. MacNutt.

In addition to the staff changes the number of beds at Beach Grove Inn have been reduced from 150 beds to 137. Twenty-four beds which were used for staff quarters have not been taken over for patients use. These 24 beds are included in the total of 137 beds available for the patients.

The reduction in the number of beds was made necessary to make the institution comply with the standard of 75 square feet of floor space recommended by the Canadian Medical Society and to help the institution qualify for federal government aid.

Prior to the move there was an overcrowding of 37 patients at Beach Grove Inn. With the taking over of the 24 beds used by the staff and by moving 13 patients to Somerset Manor in Summerside, the institution was brought in line with the accepted standard.

INCREASE STAFF

The new staff organizational arrangements requires an increase in the staff of the Provincial Home for the Aged of five new positions and in the staff of Beach Grove of four new positions.

Dr. MacNeill stated that the new staff setup gives the people in charge definite lines of authority, relieves many of them from details that did not properly fall under their jurisdiction and brings matters that do concern their respective departments under their control.

Dr. MacNeill said, "this is another step in the program that was started about six years ago which saw the Provincial Home for the Aged previously run as a mental institution, updated and renovated as a home for elderly citizens and accepted as such by the federal government."

Speaking of the people who were moved from Beach Grove to Somerset Manor Dr. MacNeill said that "only those patients who requested such a move were sent to Summerside. All of them were residents of Prince County before coming to Beach Grove. They desired to be in Summerside where they would be closer to relatives and friends."

The minister said that he realized some of the 24 staff members who were living at Beach Grove may encounter difficulties in making the necessary adjustments, but in his view the fact that salaries have been increased quite substantially in recent years many of them may

Village Seeks Reduction In Speed Limit

MISCOUCHE — This village held its annual meeting Tuesday night and two commissioners were elected, Albert Gallant and past chairman Edward Laughlin.

In his annual report, Mr. Laughlin noted that among the progressive steps taken by the Village in 1965 were the building of four senior citizens' homes, now occupied, and the work now in progress on six more units; the new post office; the re-location of the cleaning plant; the building of four new private homes at an approximate total cost of \$31,000; the inauguration of a tractor sales and service outlet; two street lights being required by individuals through the village; the new furnace installed in the Fire Hall; and the 16-acre park being built under the sponsorship of the village which will contain a 1-acre pond to be stocked with fish at a later date.

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Jersey Breeders Are Dissatisfied

P.E.I. Jersey Breeders expressed strong dissatisfaction with the manner in which sire selection committee meetings at the artificial breeding unit at when they met in annual session here Wednesday. The meeting was held in the board room of the P.E.I. department of agriculture.

The Island Jersey club was not represented at the 1965 committee meeting because there was not sufficient notice of the meeting, club spokesmen explained. The same thing had happened the previous year, the breeders complained.

Several of the breeders said they had suggested that the committee should consider purchase of sires they offered to the unit. One of them, Jester's Standard Lee, has since been nominated for consideration as All Canadian senior yearling bull for the Jersey breed. He is owned jointly by Albert J. Boswall, Marshfield and George MacMillan, Cornwall.

Elmer A. Myers, Hazelbrook, said he has also nominated a bull for consideration. The club members felt that their member on the committee definitely should have been at the meetings, but there wasn't time for him to make the necessary arrangements when word was received of the meeting date.

Mr. Boswall criticized the quality of the Jersey bulls that are in the Fredericton unit. He suggested at one stage that the club should ask the government here to arrange to buy semen from an Ontario unit instead.

Mr. Boswall who presided was re-elected president of the club. Lorne Glydon, Margate is vice-president. Mr. MacMillan was re-elected secretary treasurer.

Directors named are Mr. Myers, Ernest Underhay, Bay Fortune; Gordon Docherty, Kingston and Fred Coles, Milton.

The feat of a Hazelbrook girl, Miss Paula Coady, was warmly

gave the fire department report. The financial report showed a surplus for the year of \$346, with revenue of \$18,326 and expenditures totalling \$17,980. The adjusted surplus from the previous year brings the total surplus to \$3,993.

The budget for 1966 is \$10,951. Among the expenditures is \$110 allocated to the planting of trees to beautify the community.

Motions were passed that the village once again sponsor the Miscouche band, and that a by-law be put into effect by which each ratepayer would be assessed a tax of \$1.50 per month for garbage collection, the finding of a suitable contractor for the garbage collection being left to the discretion of the commissioners.

A recommendation was put to the meeting that the commissioners request the department of highways to change the village speed limit to 30 miles per hour in the present 40 mile zone, and that the speed limit on School Street be changed to 30 from the present 30 m.p.h.

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Boy Scouts Earn Series Of Badges

A going up ceremony was held at the Kensington Elementary School on Thursday evening when eleven Wolf Cubs became members of the 1st Kensington Scout Troup.

From the 2nd Kensington Cub Pack were Jackie Kelly, Wendell Douglas, Gordie Kelly, and David Adams. From the 1st Kensington Cub Pack were David Champion, Gary Brown, Pat Pendergast, Bob Lavers, Lorne MacKinnon, Michael Kennedy and Stephen Bernard.

At the same meeting Erwin Holmes was invested in Cubs, and Dennis Pidgeon and Stephen Bernard received 2nd stars. Reared badges were received by Larry Mayhew, Dale Cole and Eddie Carrier.

Leslie Hunter received the 2nd Class badge in Scouts.

Other badges earned by the Scouts were skating: Gary Campbell, Jimmie Evans, Donnie Brander, Leslie Hunter, Jimmie Dunphy, Lowell Evans, Errol Tuplin, Donnie Thompson, and Gary Campbell; despatch rider: Brian Greenan, Clifford Caseley, Leslie Hunter, Errol Tuplin; Artists: Clark Paynter; Farmers: Errol Tuplin, Jimmie Evans, Lowell Evans, Donald Evans and Gary Campbell; dairymen: Gary Campbell, Donald Evans, Jimmie Evans, and Lowell Evans; horsemanship: Gary Campbell; swimmers: Green stage: Donnie Thompson, Brian Greenan and Donnie Brander; Silver Stage, Atwood Blakey; handyman: Leslie Hunter; friend to animals: John MacNeil, Errol Tuplin, Clark Paynter and Leslie Hunter.

Gary Campbell received the all around green cord.

Taking part in the ceremony were Stewart Darr, cubmaster; Ronald Whalen and Ronald Fil-Roscoe Pendleton, scoutmaster; and Keith Langille, assistant scout master.

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