

# Details Of Special Cases Investigated By The RCMP

Details of cases of special interest handled by the Prince Edward Island Division of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police are given in the annual report of the Division for the year ending Dec. 31 last, which was tabled in the Legislature on Wednesday by Hon. W. E. Darby, Attorney General. The following excerpts are from this report:

Oscar Perron alias Ted Williams alias George Douglas and R. C. Thomas alias Kid Ferron, Charlottetown.

On the early a.m. of Wednesday, August 10, 1949, two strangers registered at a hotel in Summerside and after being shown to their room, remained there until some time after lunch. They came down to the desk, asked the amount of their account and passed over a cheque in favour of Mr. R. C. Thomas and signed R. C. Thomas, in the amount of \$200.00. The difference of their account and the amount of the cheque was paid in cash to the strangers and they left the hotel, intimating they were leaving for the mainland. The hotel manager being suspicious, immediately called the bank at Charlottetown and discovered that R. C. Thomas had no account there, with the result that the hotel manager notified the Summerside Town Police, who in turn called the R. C. M. P. detachment at Borden, resulting in the arrest of one George Douglas and a man posing as Robert C. Thomas. The men were escorted back to Summerside and handed over to the Town Police and Division Headquarters advised that the pair had been arrested. It was already known that the real R. C. Thomas had his car rifled on August 9, 1949, at Cavendish, P. E. I., at which time his bank book and other identification cards were stolen.

Within an hour after the arrest of these two men, complaints were received at Charlottetown detachment regarding worthless cheques signed by R. C. Thomas with the result that Summerside detachment was instructed to make a thorough investigation into the activities of the two in custody and endeavour to ascertain their identity.

During the early a.m. of August 10, 1949, two garages in Charlottetown detachment area had been burglarized. In one, the cash register, which contained a number of coppers, was taken and in another a radio was stolen. On searching the car in which the prisoners were travelling, the stolen radio was found in the trunk, as well as another radio, which had been stolen in a break in New Brunswick. The car was later identified as having been stolen from Moncton, New Brunswick, on Sunday, August 7, 1949.

After these men had been in custody for some time, confidential information was received that they had sold a car in this Province on August 5, 1949. The make of the car was unknown, but it was definitely known to have been displaying a Quebec license plate. On checking with the Quebec Provincial Police, it was ascertained that a 1947 Hudson sedan had been stolen from Riviere du Loup, on the second of August. Further enquiries here located the car on August 22, 1949, said car having been purchased by three local men from Oscar Perron alias Ted Williams alias George Douglas and

Robert C. Thomas, who was later identified as Edward Perron alias Kid Ferron. Oscar Perron has a number of criminal convictions against him and Edward Perron has not been in trouble since a juvenile in 1943.

"With the arrest of these two men, six forged cheques, which had been passed in the Province together with two breakings and entries and possession of stolen property, were cleared up, as well as other offences committed by these two in the Province of New Brunswick and the theft of a car from Quebec.

"On August 29, 1949, Oscar Perron was charged in Queen's County Court with (1) uttering a forged document, for which he was sentenced to a term of four years in Dorchester Penitentiary; (2) possession of stolen property to wit: an auto for which he was sentenced to three years; (3) on two charges of breaking and entering, he was sentenced to serve two years, sentences to run concurrently. Edward Perron was convicted of uttering a forged document, for which he received a two year sentence in Dorchester Penitentiary and two years concurrent on two charges of breaking, entering and theft.

"During interrogation of Oscar Perron, he admitted that he had broken into an automobile in Quebec City and had stolen therefrom a suitcase, the property of one P. E. Debussiere of 137 Oak Street, Toronto, Ontario, but neither the suitcase nor the contents have been recovered as Oscar Perron stated that after getting certain identification papers, the remaining stolen goods were destroyed by fire.

"Oscar Perron, after being sentenced at Charlottetown, made an attempt to escape but was recaptured before his plans were carried out.

"Throughout this investigation, co-operation was received from the Quebec City Police, the Quebec Provincial Police, R. C. M. P., "O" Division, R. C. M. P., "J" Division, Moncton City Police, Summerside Town Police and the Charlottetown City Police.

John Wallace Strickland and Kenneth Aubrey Lee, Breaking, Entering and Theft, Charlottetown.

On the night of September 16, 1949, the Dry Goods Store of Henderson & Cudmore's of Charlottetown was burglarized and a considerable quantity of clothing and haberdashery stolen. The Charlottetown City Police requested the assistance of our laboratory facilities and a check was made on the store premises for fingerprints and clues. Entry into the store was made by breaking a window and a bear-baiting bottle at the rear. In leaving, the burglars pushed the clothes to one side on a large rack and held on to the nickel bar of the rack in getting out. Several latent fingerprint impressions were developed thereon.

"The investigation was continued by the Charlottetown City Police. On October 4, 1949, a circular was received from R. C. M. P., Halifax, indicated that the two above named individuals had been arrested at Lunenburg and that they had in their possession at the time, a considerable quantity of clothing, haberdashery and miscellaneous articles, which would indicate that they had burglarized several business establishments. The list was compared with the one concerning the Charlottetown break and numerous articles were identified as having been taken from Henderson & Cudmore's.

"On questioning Strickland at the St. Patrick's Boys' Home at Halifax, he denied breaking into Henderson & Cudmore's at the Nova Scotia Hotel for boys, he admitted that he had taken part in this break and numerous others and implicated Strickland. Owing to the fact that these subjects had been prosecuted in Nova Scotia for a similar offence, the complainant in Charlottetown declined to proceed and his goods were returned to him from Nova Scotia.



CHARLOTTETOWN CADET AT R.M.C.

Cadet J.R.P. LaFleche (left), son of Major General the Hon. L.R. LaFleche, D.S.O., Canadian High Commissioner to Australia, discusses a cadet problem at Royal Military College, Kingston, with W.L. Conrad, 14 Upper Prince St., Charlottetown, P.E.I. LaFleche is an Air Force Cadet and Conrad, winner of one of the open scholarships, is a Canadian Army cadet.

R.M.C. is one of Canada's two Services Colleges, training future officers for the three Armed Services. The other college is Royal Roads, near Victoria, B.C. The first two years of the four-year course may be taken at either college, but the last two must be taken at R.M.C. in Kingston. (Canadian Army Photo)

"This case is of interest in that it involves the co-operation between outside Police Forces and divisions of this Force, with excellent results.

The case of Everett McInnis—Breaking, Entering and Theft at Montague.

"During the night of May 16, 1949, four business establishments including a jewelry store in the Town of Montague were broken into and a considerable quantity of jewelry and confectionery and tobacco was stolen. Included in the stolen articles were several Bulova watches, lighters and rings. The proprietors of the stores concerned reported the matter to our Montague detachment and requested assistance in locating the thief.

"Investigation was commenced at once. The modus operandi was the same in each case. A small pane of glass had been smashed and the door opened by reaching in and opening the night latch. It was learned that Everett McInnis was in Montague over the weekend. He had recently been released from the reformatory and since one of the stores which had been entered was owned by a man who had been instrumental in sending him there, it was considered that McInnis was a good suspect.

"It was found that he had arrived in Montague from Charlottetown on a bicycle and had left during the night of the breaks. Enquiries revealed that early on the morning of the 17th he was seen on the highway returning to Charlottetown on the bicycle by several people. He had also been seen in Charlottetown at 10:00 a.m. on the 17th, and had apparently been showing something to a man in the theatre foyer. McInnis was finally located in the late p.m. of the same day and was found to have some of the stolen goods in his possession.

"He later showed the investigators where he had hidden the remainder and with the exception of some candy bars and packages of cigarettes, the stolen goods were all recovered.

"McInnis was taken before the Magistrate on the same evening and pleaded "guilty" to four charges of breaking, entering and theft. He was sentenced to serve two years in the penitentiary on each charge, sentences to run concurrently.

"An interesting sidelight to this case is that McInnis rode to Montague on a Sunday afternoon from Charlottetown and returned through the night after making the breaks, a distance of approximately thirty-five miles each way, on a bicycle which proved to have been one he had stolen for the purpose. He told the investigators where they could find it in the back yard of a store where he had left it on finishing his trip.

Walter James Collett and Emerson Livingstone Cousins—Breaking, Entering and Theft.

"During the past few months a series of small breaks have occurred in the Alberton Detachment area and considerable time spent in the investigation was without result. On November 30, 1949, word was received at the detachment that the Co-operative Store in Bloomfield had been entered and a quantity of merchandise stolen. This was the second break at this store. The other happened on the 15th of September. The safe was found to have been tampered with without success and from the articles stolen, it appeared that the burglars were anything but expert. At the same time it was learned that another store in a nearby community had also been entered on the same night. Collett and Cousins had been suspects in previous breaks and during the investigation of these latest offences, it was learned that they had a wood cutting camp in the woods where they were engaged in getting out wood. The camp was visited by the investigators and a considerable amount of stolen goods was located.

One Alfred Cousins, brother of Edmund, was present at the camp and the other two suspects were cutting wood nearby. It was noted that they were both wearing articles of the stolen clothing.

"As a result of questioning the trio, five breaks in the district were satisfactorily accounted for and these men are at present before the Courts, each charged with several offences of shopbreaking.

ISLAND'S HISTORY

Newfoundland is thought to have been discovered by John Cabot in June, 1497, and was formally claimed for England by Sir Humphrey Gilbert in August, 1583.

## IN MEMORIAM

MR. HAROLD B. WILLIAMS

It was with deep regret that the friends and neighbours of the late Harold B. Williams learned of his sudden death on Tuesday morning, February 21. Death was due to a cerebral hemorrhage.

For the past ten months he had been operating the farm at Mount Pleasant, that had been formerly owned by his father, Mr. Kenneth Williams. He leaves behind him his widow, Mrs. Effie (MacKinnon) Williams, and five small children, the youngest of which is only 18 days old.

During the past four years his main interest seemed to center in the work of the church. He had been Sunday School superintendent of his church for the past two years. All the children and young people looked up to him as a spiritual leader. During the summer of 1948 he was largely responsible for the complete renovation of the church parsonage.

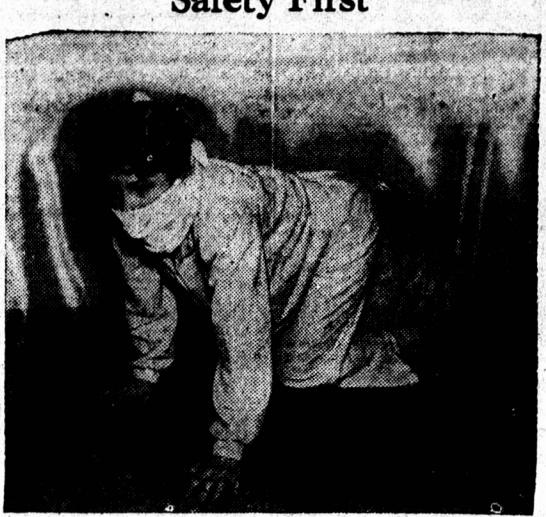
As a neighbour and man of business, he was highly respected for his sincerity and strict honest principle. His quiet disposition had a way of leaving a deep impression on all who ever worked with him or had any dealings with him. He was known by all as a hard worker. His principle of work seemed to be based on the Scripture -- "Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." Ecclesiastes 9:10.

His funeral on Thursday, February 23, from the Church of the Nazarene, was well attended. The service was conducted by his pastor, Rev. R. A. Lewis, assisted by Rev. H. H. Burgess, Rev. A. Parlee, and Rev. A. Cone. Hymns sung were "Sun of My Soul," "Abide With Me," "Two Solos were sung by Rev. A. Cone, "All the Way My Saviour Leads Me," and "Zion's Hill." His remains were laid to rest by Mesrs Herman MacArthur, Lawrence Dymont, Roy Ramsey, Ancil Ballum, Clayton Ballum and Elmer Robinson. Milford Noye was the flower bearer and Mr. Roy Phillips was Funeral Director.

## PREVENTS PLANT DISEASE

In order to prevent plant disease entering Canada, all plants brought into the country are inspected. To show how thoroughly this work is done, on one occasion nine passengers on an inspected boat were found to be carrying plants or plant products in their luggage.

## Safety First



CRAWLING TO SAFETY — This young lady demonstrates the best way to escape from a smoke-filled corridor in case of fire. Red Cross self-help rules for a fire disaster stress: keep calm; make sure you crawl toward a safe exit; tie wet towel around mouth and nose to protect breathing; keep close to floor since smoke and heat rise. Lack of knowledge causes many deaths in disasters and accidents, says Red Cross national Disaster Services director.

TORONTO, March 9 — More than half of the deaths and serious injuries caused by accidents in Canada are the direct result of ignorance and lack of advance training, according to Dr. Harvey Doney, national director of the Canadian Red Cross Disaster Services.

"This is particularly true of our drowning casualties, where lack of water safety knowledge still accounts for the vast majorities of our fatalities or near fatalities," he said.

"On the highways, the apparent carelessness and ignorance of both drivers and pedestrians is making the annual death toll mount higher and higher."

Self-help in the case of disaster can save many lives now lost through ignorance or panic, he thinks.

He cited a case from the disastrous fire aboard the steamship Noronic last autumn in Toronto when Red Cross Disaster Services aided the survivors, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Fattic of Michigan took time to wrap blankets around their three young children and themselves as protection against the flames and against breathing in the hot smoke, and rushed safely through the fire to the dock without injuries.

"They saved themselves by remembering the first rule for self-help in a disaster," Dr. Doney said. "This is, keep cool, don't panic. Other rules are: take time to collect and organize your thoughts, plan your actions, and look around you to recognize and avoid further hazards before acting."

The best rule, he added, was to prepare before the emergency by training in first aid, and personal and water safety.

Red Cross classes in these subjects are maintained by subscriptions to the national appeal for \$5,000,000 being conducted by the Society this March.

In 1949, nearly 1,500 students were qualified as standard first aiders in Red Cross classes. More than 41,000 men, women and children attended Red Cross Swimming and Water Safety classes in 1949.

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## CADET CAMPS PLANNED

OTTAWA, March 6 — (CP) — Some 8,000 youngsters will go to army camps this summer. Army headquarters today announced that the majority of these army cadets about 8,000 will attend routine 10-day training camps conducted at various local points. Another 2,000, with their hearts set on learning a useful trade, will go under canvas at special trade training centres for six weeks during July and August.

## Girl Guide News



PROVINCIAL GIRL GUIDE EXECUTIVE MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Provincial Girl Guide Association was held Saturday afternoon at the Health Center, Prince Street, when Miss Mona Wilson was hostess. The meeting was conducted by Mrs. Gordon MacDonald, Provincial Commissioner.

Final arrangements regarding the Guides' Training Course were made and it was announced that same would commence Monday evening, March 6th under the direction of Mrs. Harry Cudmore. Mrs. Fred Pickard, Miss Suzanne MacKinnon and Miss Iphigene Arsenault. The Course is to be held each Monday night for four weeks, and a full attendance of Guides is requested.

The Brownie Shield Competition is now being planned, and final details will be announced shortly by Mrs. J. A. Lawson and Mrs. Allison MacRae.

Miss Suzanne MacKinnon in reporting on camping said that the Camp site at Stanhope is available and plans are being made for the camp to be held next summer. Additional members were added to the Camp Committee, namely — Mrs. Harry Cudmore, Mrs. J. A. MacMillan, Miss Lillian Duchemin, Mrs. D. MacGulre, Mrs. Gordon Hutcheson, Mrs. J. G. MacDonald, Mrs. E. M. Bagnall, Mrs. Ivan Horne, Miss Iphigene Arsenault and Mrs. Fred Jenkins.

A most inspiring report of Guide and Brownie activities for the past month was given by Mrs. Fred Jenkins. This report covered the work accomplished throughout the Island in the Guide world, and it is particularly pleasing to note that the new companies and packs are progressing so well.

Thanks were extended to Miss MacKinnon and Miss Arsenault for the splendid program arranged for Thinking Day, and also to those who arranged the various Church parades which were held on Scout-Guide Sunday when practically all Prince Edward Island Guides and Brownies attended their respective church services along with their brother Scouts and Cubs.

Miss Gladys Hart announced that over 120 pounds of food and clothing had been forwarded to Guide International Service in Germany by Island Guides and Brownies during the month of February, and there is still a considerable amount to be sent overseas.

With deep regret the resignation of Mrs. Louis Sadler, who has been the energetic and efficient Provincial Secretary-Treasurer for the past nine years, was accepted.

In reporting for the Morell Company, Mrs. Ambrose Steele said that the Guides there had enjoyed a supper on Thinking Day, and they plan on holding a Pantry Sale on Saturday, March 11th at Dingwell & Rossiter's store.

All will be interested in learning that an article written by our own Miss Carrie Holman, Summerside, entitled "The Grand Source" (a legend of Indian and French origin in Prince Edward Island) will be printed in one of the early editions of The Canadian Guide.

At the conclusion of the meeting tea was served by the hostess, Miss Wilson, who was assisted by members of the Executive.

## GRANTED CITIZENSHIP

TORONTO, March 6 — (CP) — Canadian citizenship was granted today to a one-time German consulate employee and Nazi Party member. Otto Gebauer, 47, had been turned down twice previously. His third application, accompanied by a statement that he has renounced Nazism, was approved. Gebauer, a former German army officer, came here in 1937. He was interned during the war.

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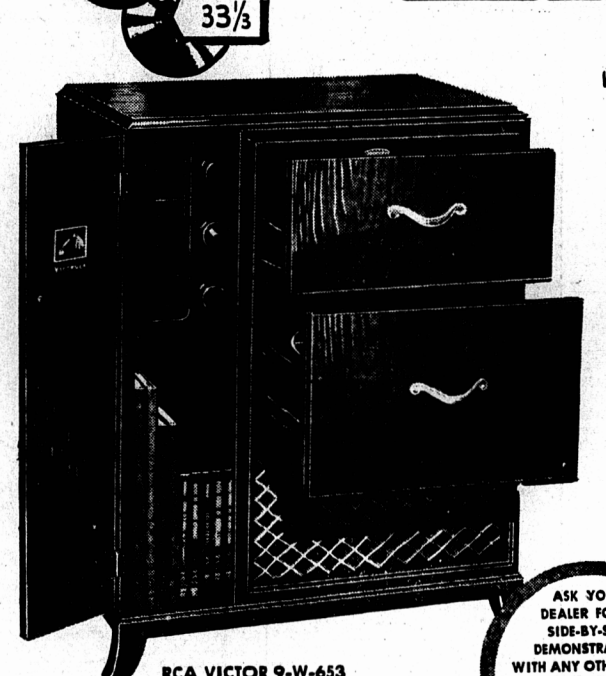
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