

Bills Given Third Reading At Night Sitting Of House

Eight bills were given third reading and passed just prior to the conclusion of last evening's sitting of the Legislature. They were: An Act to Amend the Audit Act, An Act to Amend

the Deposit Receipt Act and An Act to Amend the Registry Act, all promoted by Hon. M. Alban Farmer, provincial treasurer.

An Act to Amend the New Glasgow Hall Company Act, An Act to Amend the Industrial and Cost Accountants of Prince Edward Island Act, and an Act to Amend for the Incorporation of the Island Telephones Company, promoted by Lloyd MacPhail (P.C. Queens).

An Act to Amend an Act to Incorporate the Governors of St. Dunstan's Universities, promoted by J. Russell Driscoll (P.C. Queens), and an Act to Amend the Workmen's Compensation Act, promoted by Hon. Henry Wedge, minister of welfare and labor.

CONSERVATIVE

(Continued from page 1) of four per cent in the year 2015. Any of these increases could be deferred if they proved to be unnecessary, financially.

FULL LEVEL IN 1975
Benefits would first be paid in January 1975. It would take until 1975 for them to reach their full level.

The benefits in these two forms—though both would arrive on the same cheque.

First, the present annual old-age pension of \$75 monthly if claimed at age 70—the age at which it most is paid. This would be reduced if claimed before that age. The reduction is 40 cents for each month over 70 which it is not claimed. The person claims it, after reaching 65, and his 65th birthday. This if it was claimed at age 65 the reduction would be 40 cents a month for 60 months or \$24 leaving that portion of the benefit at \$51 a month for life.

Second, the earnings-related benefit would be 20 per cent of the contributor's average annual life earnings up to \$4,500. This is payable either at age 65 or any time between 65 and 69 on retirement. Hence that portion of the benefit which is not paid for 60 months or \$24 leaving that portion of the benefit at \$51 a month for life for anyone whose salary has been at the \$4,500 level.

It would work out this way: A person retiring at age 65 could get a maximum earnings-related pension of \$75, if his earnings have always been up to \$4,500. If he retires at age 69 another \$31 in the form of the reduced flat-rate universal old-age pension which is earned from tax revenues. Total: \$106.

\$130 A MONTH
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While both types of benefits would start going out in 1966, that year they would go only to those aged 69 or over. The program would be phased in one year at a time, to 65 in 1970.

The task of the treasury board should be to work out first of all the preparation of a budget for final consideration of the cabinet and, secondly, to ensure that the government is permitted to overspend the sum allocated for that particular year.

The "sights" of the board should always be set at least five years in advance in general terms, of both revenue and expenditure. Over-all planning should be done in advance and it is now—just for tomorrow.

CABINET TOO LARGE
Mr. Stewart suggested that the size of the present provincial cabinet is too large. The task of the cabinet, he said, is "governing a population of some 17,000 people—not more than an average size city. And when do we have? We have a cabinet of eight members, plus a presiding officer—too large—too cumbersome—too vulnerable to squabbling votes to be agreed."

Let us see something like a workable size—six or seven members and a presiding officer. But not more members who will be paid in keeping with their responsibilities and who will, I am sure, give this little province the type of government it deserves."

Referring to education, Mr. Stewart said "for many years, education has been down the line when the dollars were being spread around at budget time. The Government changed all that."

"We now have a modern system of education for our pupils, both in elementary and high school. The standard of teaching staff is ever-increasing."

"Our new vocational institutes will prove to be a tremendous help in providing trained personnel for our growing industries."

"Now to complete this picture, our own provincial college, Prince of Wales, will be devoted to degree-granting status."

Mr. Stewart closed his speech by saying that he has "no qualms about the future" of the province.

"We'll go ahead," he said. "We'll make it."

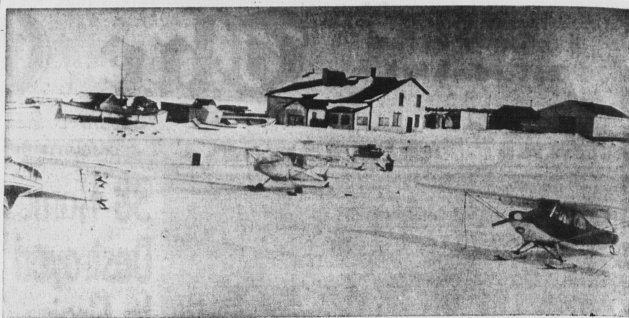
Mr. Stewart said that although he has "no qualms about the wilderness" that what he had said was something that had been "in my heart and mind for many years."

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A CONSIDERABLE fleet of light planes is building up at Alberton as the search for a seal herd continues. Seven planes were there yesterday after three arrived from the

Magdalen Islands. One plane was damaged yesterday when it broke through the harbor ice but it was later salvaged with only light damage.

MINISTER

(Continued from page 1) been seeking for years." He said the establishment of plants is helping solve the problem of people moving from farms to towns and villages. He said that people finding jobs in towns and villages usually enter the service industries. He pointed out that dollars made from the processing plants are "new dollars to the economy."

Referring to the liabilities of the province, Mr. Matheson said he put "great blame" for the low prices on "two packing houses" who failed to "meet their responsibility in the matter."

Plane Is Salvaged From Icy Water

ALBERTON — A pilot and three seal hunters scrambled to safety as their light plane cracked through the ice of Alberton harbor yesterday. The wings of the plane supported it after it broke through the ice over 15 feet of water.

After more than 10 hours of strenuous work by 10 to 15 men from Alberton South, the plane, a Cessna 180, was salvaged from the icy water. Although slightly damaged, the plane is reported in fairly good shape.

The plane was just completing its turn into the wind in readiness to take off, when it broke through the ice.

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ed by Urban Murphy of Charlottetown. Also on board were William Hutt and Halie Matthews of Alberton South, and Ernest Gaudet, P.E.I.

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ALBERTON PAROCHIAL HOUSE IN USE



Western R.C. Parish. Had closed retreat

Oil Truck Turns Over

SOURIS — A 1961 three-ton truck owned by Irving Oil Ltd. went out of control and overturned yesterday on Route 1, between Lake Harbor and East Point.

The truck, driven by Wendal Gerald McLaren of Souris, hit an icy patch on the road, went out of control and overturned, its rear wheels in the air.

Damage to the truck was moderate and the driver was unhurt. Souris detachment of the RCMP investigated the accident.

the economy of the province. This can be done in a number of ways—increase our population, more industry based on agriculture and fisheries, bring in more tourists and keep them here, and produce larger and higher quality dairy and beef herds.

Mr. Stewart said a long, hard and realistic look should be taken at health and welfare expenditures. He asked "can we really afford all the reduced programs?" Can we really keep up with the wealthy provinces in these fields, at the expense of holding back our own overall development?

Mr. Stewart said he was "afraid that our approach to a provincial budget over the years has been an emotional one rather than a businesslike one."

His opinion on the present situation in the church nearby are available for worship and conferences.

He said retreats for laity are not new to the area but it is the first time they can benefit large numbers. The present initiative was made by the laity of Sacred Heart Parish with Father Steed as pastor, and is now supported actively by the clergy and lay members in the parishes of the western deanery.

When more of the rooms are available, the retreats will accommodate 20 persons. Retreats are planned for young people, couples, groups, and individuals. They can also be used by groups for seminars, study and social rallies.

Mr. Stewart said "once a total estimate of our revenue figures has been arrived at and the fixed charges subtracted, along with marketing plans, we can consider the amount of time and money that will be available for social priorities on how the balance should be divided."

He suggested by Mr. Stewart that this province, in many cases, cannot afford to do anything but "make good" on the amount of revenue available.

Mr. Stewart said "as a business man, I would give a high priority to those things that are revenue producing. In other words, to do everything possible to increase our economic growth and in turn create more revenue which will then be spent on education, health, services and educational facilities."

"But we have not been doing this," he said. "We are spending, from a \$23,500 budget, \$20,000 in health and welfare, while for agriculture, industry, fisheries and tourism we are spending \$1,700,000."

"If we consider this trend and I see no sign of any immediate deviation, we will end up with only those who are people in the world—all on relief!"

Mr. Stewart said "once our mind is made up as to the available balance of funds has been established and then, if we have any surplus, it should be the responsibility of the minister of finance to determine any increase in subsidies from the department."

He said that the province has two sources of revenue—local taxes and subsidies from the federal government. He said "any sign of any increase in revenue from Ottawa in the foreseeable future, I have no doubt will be used to decrease provincial conferences and feel that I can speak with a slight degree of knowledge."

"There is not a possible formula that can ever benefit people, other than straight charity, and charity today, in dominion - provincial relations, goes only to those with the largest number of available federal seats—Quebec. There is little hope of our gaining any increase in subsidies from Ottawa."

THE ALTERNATIVE
"The alternative is that we must increase our revenue from provincial sources. The only way we do this is to increase

ALBERTON BUREAU OF THE GUARDIAN
A closed retreat for 13 men from the parishes of Blomidon, Palmer Road, Timmins and Alberton initiated the use of the parochial house in Alberton Friday to Sunday regular retreats.

At the present time 10 can be accommodated in comfort. A retreat for ladies will be held this weekend with a full attendance expected.

In the first retreat, Rev. Gerald Steele was assisted in giving conferences by Rev. Charles MacNeill.

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LIBERAL MLA

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"Is there any reason you can't give us a 'yes' or 'no' to my question?" Mr. D. Bennett asked Dr. MacNeill. Dr. MacNeill said he had taken the matter up but had not been able to get a definite answer.

"This bill goes in here," said Dr. Bennett, without the minister's approval. He said he would like to see the bill go through the House. Dr. MacNeill said he would like to see the bill go through the House.

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WEATHER

TORONTO (CP) — Observed temperatures.

Location	Min.	Max.
Sawson	-14	0
Saga	-14	0
Yamouville	-14	0
Edmonton	-11	45
Regina	-11	45
Winnipeg	-11	45
Montreal	-11	45
Quebec	-11	45
St. John's	-11	45
Moncton	-11	45
Halifax	-11	45
Sydney	-11	45
St. John's, Nfld.	-11	45

HALIFAX (CP) — The weather office says a complex but light snow storm is moving into the district from the west while bringing light intermittent snow to most regions during the early part of today. Clearing conditions are expected to return to the district early this evening.

One or two inches of snow may accumulate in the southern regions as a result of this week's system.

Regional forecasts:
Case Breton, Prince Edward Island, Eastern N.B. Counties: Light intermittent snow changing to light showers in the afternoon; clearing late in the evening; not much change in temperature.

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