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K. L. Waite in Kensington.

WEST PRINCE OFFICE
Alberton: Frank Weeks, Representative. Phone: 68-2 Office and 68-3 House.

HEAR DOUGLAS MacFARLANE, Provincial President, C.C.F., tonight at 8.25 over C.F.C.Y.

CLEAN AND PAINT up the interior for the short "two-month" mild Island winter.

NOTICE - All kinds of carpenter work and odd jobs done at reasonable rates. Alfred Stavert, Margate.

BUYING live chicken and fowl daily at my home. Paying highest market price. If you want service give us a call. Eddie MacDonald, Kensington.

J. S. TAYLOR, Optometrist of Charlottetown will be in Alberton office this Saturday, December 23rd.

AID MEETING AT ALBERTON - The Ladies Aid of the Western Hospital held their monthly meeting in the hospital on Friday evening, Dec. 14th. Due to weather conditions there was a small attendance. The president, Mrs. C. R. Profit, was in the chair. Meeting opened with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, which were adopted. Financial report showed a balance of \$201.45. It was decided to purchase a turkey for the Sisters at Christmas. Also to send a sympathy card to a bereaved member. -BW.

FUNERAL YESTERDAY - The funeral of the late Edith Cavell Gallant was held yesterday afternoon from the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Williams, Granville Street, where a short service was held at 1.30 followed by service in Saint Mary's Anglican Church at 2.00 o'clock conducted by Ven. Archdeacon G. R. Harrison who also performed the last rites at the grave in the People's Cemetery. Hymns sung were "There is No Night in Heaven" and "Abide With Me" and the choir chanted the Nunc Dimittis. The pall-bearers were Messrs. Roland Sheen, Bruce Johnstone, Ralph MacQuarrie, George Cameron, J. P. McInnis, Mark Gaudet, Jr. -S.

Minimum Standards

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er, making a total of 150,000 cords. The annual growth for Prince Edward Island he gave as one half cord per acre year, or a total of approximately 100,000 cords. This annual average growth is above the national average.

resent market conditions, where by mills have been accepting substandard logs, have helped in the deterioration of quality, he said, but by culling and discouraging the cutting of small wood, the market can be maintained and the woodlots preserved. A big advance in cutting mature wood above the minimum was that far less sticks were required to make a cord. With three inch sticks over 500 were needed, while this figure dropped to between 280-300 for four inch sticks.

The opinion expressed by the buyers was that much of the small size of logs cut and shipped was due to people buying a woodlot and cutting everything in it.

Criticism was also voiced at the meeting against the demurrage charges made by the railroad, particularly at flag stops where a car could be placed days ahead of any notification to the shipper. Whether conditions also delay the loading of a car, thus adding to demurrage charges, and it was felt that some consideration should be given in circumstances over which the shipper had no control. For this reason, it was decided that a number of buyers would meet with Mr. C. T. Montgomery, Superintendent P.E.I. Division, C.N.R. and Mr. B. Graham Rogers, Director of Transport, to discuss the situation.

MOOSE JEWELLERS are prepared for last minute shoppers. Give Gifts that last from Moose Jewellers.

JIFFY EASY-ON TIRE CHAINS in stock at Brace's.

BRIGHTER YOUR KITCHEN with Revere copper clad stainless steel kitchen utensils; shipment including 2 1/2 quart and 3 quart tea kettles just received at Brace's.

BEDEQUE SKATING RINK opens Wednesday night, December 19th. Skating 8.00 to 10.00. Admission 20 and 30 cents. Promenade 10 cents.

PROBATE COURT - Hon. H. L. Palmer held a Probate Court in Summerside on Thursday last, when three estates were closed, and accounts passed. Mr. E. H. Strong, K.C., appeared for the executors in the Crafer estate; and Mr. R. S. Hinton, K.C., appeared for the executors in the estate of Spurgeon T. Clark, and the estate of Arthur F. MacNeill. -S.

Northam

The many friends of Mr. Stanley Maynard will regret to learn of his present illness.

The regular meeting of the Presbyterian Ladies Aid was held at the home of Mrs. D.N. Forbes on Thursday evening, Dec. 13th.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Barker Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Folland, and Mrs. Thomas Cotton, returned to their homes on Friday, Dec. 14th after a two weeks' motor trip to Portland, Maine, and Boston, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred McKinnon and family spent Sunday, Dec. 9th with Mrs. McKinnon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred McDougall.

The regular meeting of the Northern Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Herman Dymont on Thursday evening, Dec. 13th. A large number of members were present.

Mount Pleasant and Vicinity

Messrs. James and Vernon MacLeod, Ira Green and Claude MacArthur have left for New Brunswick where they will be employed.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Ballum will be sorry to know their baby is a patient in the Prince County Hospital.

Mrs. Earle Cotton returned home from the Prince County Hospital where she underwent a successful tonsil operation.

The December meeting of the Presbyterian Ladies Aid of the Victoria West Church was held at the home of Mrs. Angus Enman. Next meeting at the home of Mrs. David Enman.

Many old friends here were very sorry to learn of the sudden passing of Mr. John Ladner at Rumford, Maine and are extending sincere sympathy to the bereaved family. Mr. Ladner was a former resident of Mount Pleasant. -AR.

EARLY POSTMARK

The first dated postmark on a letter was used in 1829, when recipients still paid cash for delivery.

FARM DOMINION

Directly or indirectly, about 80 per cent of the population of Pakistan depends on agriculture for a livelihood.

Magistrate's Court At Summerside

In County Magistrate's Court before Magistrate R. S. Hinton, on Friday, a party from Alberton charged with having liquor at a place other than his residence, was fined twenty dollars and costs, or one month in jail.

In the case of a party from Roseville charged with selling intoxicating liquor, further evidence was taken, and the case adjourned to a later date.

A party from Springhill charged with failing to produce an operator's licence was fined one dollar and costs.

Evidence was completed in the case of a party from Summerside charged with shipping oysters without having had them inspected. This party was found guilty and fined fifty dollars and costs, or one month. -S.

Inquest Held

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Robert Hickox, of Breadalbane, said that he was at home that night when he received a call and as a result he went to his father's home. He was told there had been an accident and when he arrived he saw Dr. Murchison who told him his mother was dead. He thought it might have been shock which caused it.

Marks On Car

He had seen the car which apparently struck his mother and said there was a dent in the bonnet. He also noticed some "rubs" along the car and on the rear right tender. It looked as though it had been brushed. When he saw his mother lying on the couch he thought her knee looked as though it had been bent from being hit on the left side.

Mr. Henry W. Keating, Springfield, told the jury he had gone out of his house with a lantern on his way to the barn when he heard shouts. He had gone down the road and someone had told him to phone for a doctor so he ran to the home of neighbors and called Dr. Murchison. He said he had not needed the lantern on the highway as it was a clear moonlight night. He also said that Mr. Stevenson had made the call to the police from the same telephone.

Police Evidence

Constable Donald Sweet, R. C. M. P., stated he had received notice of the accident after 6 p. m. that night and with Cnst. Grant MacLean had arrived at the scene of the accident about 7 p.m. The body had been moved before their arrival. He saw the car involved. It was checked by the two officers and the R. C. M. P. office in Charlottetown was notified by radio from the police car. He tested the car involved and found it in good mechanical condition. Mr. Stevenson was in an "excitable" condition, but no liquor was found in the car.

Constable Grant MacLean said he had gone from the local barracks to Springfield that night and by looking at his watch he knew it was 7 p.m. when he arrived. Mr. Stevenson had come to him and identified himself as the driver of the car and told him that Mrs. Hickox was dead. He, too, had examined the car and there was no liquor whatever. The car was in good condition. Because there was considerable other traffic that evening it was difficult to notice specific tire marks.

The spot where the body had been was pointed out to him and he had been on the scene for approximately three hours until the arrival of Dr. L. E. Prowse, the coroner for Queen's County.

Corporal Alan Johnson, R.C. M.P. Charlottetown, also told of going to the scene of the accident that evening and taking the official photographs which were produced in evidence. There were numerous tire marks but none connected with the car were visible to the naked eye. Some showed up in the pictures. Briefly recalled to the stand, Constable MacLean said that all four wheels of the 1951 Dodge driven by Mr. Stevenson were on the pavement.

Driver Makes Statement

Taking the stand himself Mr. Stevenson stated that he wished to make a statement although told by Mr. John Nicholson, Crown Prosecutor, that he did not have to. He said he was a commercial traveller and that day he had been working in Kinkora, Bedouque and FreeTown. He had left the latter place for his home in Charlottetown after dark. While proceeding along the highway he suddenly saw a woman appearing on the left hand side. She seemed to fling herself into the path of the car with her hands upraised.

He put on the brakes immediately. Mr. Stevenson said that he knew he had hit her and after stopping his car he had run to her. After seeing her he had gone for help and then had telephoned for the police.

On the completion of his testimony the jury was told what was required of them, by Coroner Prowse while Mr. Nicholson added some legal advice as to what they might do. The one-room hall was cleared on orders of the coroner to permit the jury free discussion and their verdict was reached about a half hour after they retired.

EARLY LIGHT

Whale oil was used for illuminating lamps before the development of oil and kerosene.



Santa Sees That Kiddies Remembered

There seems to be nothing that Jolly Old Santa Claus will not do to insure that the kiddies in Summerside will not be in any way disappointed this year.

Saturday afternoon, before taking his place on his throne at Smallmans Limited, he found time to peruse the many letters received during his visit to Summerside and one in particular appealed to his kindly heart for he learned from it that one little girl who had planned to visit him on Saturday was unable to do so due to the storm. Knowing how disappointed she would be he decided that if she could not come to him he would pay a surprise visit to her at her home at 287 Convent Street and so in a very few minutes he appeared at the door of Miss Mary Clow and after renewing his acquaintance with the other children he presented his compliments to Miss Mary and assured her that her letter had been received and would receive his very special attention on Christmas eve.

With a chery Merry Christmas he waved good bye and before returning to his throne at Smallmans Ltd. he decided to pay a visit to Saint Mary's Convent just across the way. There were no children there but the good Sisters gave him welcome and for a few minutes he recaptured their childhood and realized no doubt a dream of long ago, that of really seeing St. Nicholas and receiving from him his personal greeting for a joyous Christmas. -S.

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S'side Legion Branch Elects New Officers

At the regular monthly meeting of the Summerside branch of the Canadian Legion, held in the Legion Home at Summerside last evening, the election of officers for the ensuing year took place.

These officers will take office at the first regular meeting which will be held in January. The result of the balloting was as follows: President, E. W. Campbell; 1st vice-president, Clarence Steele; 2nd vice-president, Charles Hogan; sergeant-at-arms, Arthur Corney.

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Bad Year For Catholic Church In China

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 17.-(Reuters) - The year 1951 will go down in history as one of the worst for the Roman Catholic Church in Communist China, the Vatican Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith said today.

It declared the Communists there are systematically destroying the church, its hierarchy, schools and charitable institutions.

The Congregation said that from the beginning of this year, more than 1,200 foreign missionaries have been expelled and over 300 are in jail accused of sabotaging the new Communist-sponsored Schismatic Church.

Of those expelled, 18 were bishops, 530 priests, 40 teaching lay brothers and 650 sisters. Those in jail include 22 bishops.

The number of foreign Catholic missionaries in China has thus been reduced to 2,200, comprising 1,500 priests, 100 lay brothers and 600 sisters, the statement added.

FAMOUS SCENT - Rose petals have been the source of perfume since the days of the ancient Egyptians.

GRIM ORIGIN - Brisbane, the capital of Queensland, Australia, was first settled as a penal station by Sir Thomas Brisbane in 1825.

William Shakespeare and Cervantes, famous Spanish writer, both died in 1616.

Insurance Company's Appeal Allowed

OTTAWA, Dec. 17.-(CP)-The Supreme Court of Canada today allowed an appeal by the World Marine and General Insurance Company of Saint John, N. B., exempting it from payment of a claim of \$7,000 for fire loss of a sawmill owned by Yvon Leger of St. Anthony, N. B.

The insurance was placed with an agent on May 30, 1947, and the mill was destroyed by fire next day. The insurance company argued that the application did not reach its office until June 2 after the property had burned. The trial judge dismissed the claim but it was ordered to be paid by the New Brunswick Appeal Court. Today's judgment restored the ruling of the trial judge.

Plan Memorial To Famous Heroine

EDINBURGH, Dec. 17.-(AP)-MacDonalds and Donalds throughout the world are being asked to contribute to a memorial to one of their clan who was Scotland's most famous heroine - Flora MacDonald.

Flora helped Prince Charles Edward Stuart, "Bonny Prince Charlie," escape to the Isle of Skye after the Scots' unsuccessful rebellion against English rule in 1745.

Flora MacDonald married another MacDonald and went to live in America, but returned to Scotland to die.

Her only memorial in Scotland, apart from her gravestone at Kilmuir, Skye, stands on a hill at Inverness Castle.

The proposed memorial would be erected at Milton, on the Hebridean Island of South Uist where Flora was living when she first met "The lad who was born to be king."

All that remains of her cottage home is a mass of stones. It is intended to restore the walls to a height of about three feet and place a commemorative cairn in the center.

Red Proposal Catches West By Surprise

PARIS, Dec. 17.-(AP)-Catching the Western Powers by surprise, the Soviet bloc proposed today creation of a disarmament commission which should make a new start on the whole issue of atomic control and arms reduction.

Western spokesmen commented privately that the United States, France and Britain would fight the Soviet bloc resolution when a vote is taken, perhaps tomorrow or Wednesday, in the U. N. political committee.

The West favors creation of a disarmament commission but opposes the new move on the grounds that it would not give proper instructions to the commission. It would mean cancelling the work of five years during which the U.N. has chiselled out the principles of atomic control.

Little Change In Canadian Dollar

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.-(CP)-The Canadian dollar was at a discount of 2 3/8 per cent in terms of United States funds at the close of trading on the New York open market today, showing little effect of the Canadian Government's move Friday in sweeping away all artificial controls over the dollar.

Actually, the Canadian dollar has been under few restrictions since October, 1950, when it was virtually set free to find its own level.

In recent weeks the Canadian dollar has shown a steady rise at New York and this has been attributed to a demand for Dominion currency to purchase Canadian securities. Banking circles said earlier this month the demand was created especially by purchase of Canadian dollars to buy subscription rights or securities of Imperial Oil Company and Canadian Pacific Railway.

The Canadian dollar closed today at 97.62 1/2 U. S. cents. This

Fish Stocks Decline

OTTAWA, Dec. 17.-(CP)-Stocks of Fish have declined, amounting to 50,200,000 pounds Dec. 1, against 57,394,000 on Nov. 1, and 54,964,000 on the corresponding date last year, the Bureau of Statistics reported today. Holdings of cod fell to 6,062,000 pounds from 9,222,000 on Dec. 1 last year, salmon to 13,750,000 pounds from 14,430,000, sea herring to 6,043,000 pounds from 10,878,000, while stocks of haddock rose to 1,632,000 pounds from 1,400,000.

compares with a fixed rate, prior to October, 1950, of 90.9 cents and a closing price at New York of 94.3 cents the first day of trading after the dollar was set free 14 months ago.

ACADIAN MIXED CHOIR

Listen to the Acadian mixed choir over CJRW tonight at 7.30. Sponsored by the White Star Laundry Ltd., Summerside.

NOTICE

Our store will be open on Wednesday afternoon, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Monday evenings. Ask for coupon on each \$2.00 purchase. You may be the winner of the \$29.95 talking doll drawn Christmas Eve.

W. S. McLEAN, General Merchant, Kensington

North Pole December, 1951

Dear Falls - At this time of year I just never write letters - Haven't time you know! But this year it's different - I need some help --- I've had so many, many requests for the wearables that the "bigger girls" see in HOLMAN'S - I think I'll pass the word on to you, so that, when you do your Christmas shopping you will be sure to visit HOLMAN'S and get the gifts the "big girls" really want. For instance: they ask me for gay party frocks, for glamorous Housecoats, for romantic Lingerie, for the new 66 gauge Nylons and for all the accessories they need to make this a really festive Christmas! You'll find that HOLMAN'S has the perfect gift for a perfect Christmas - Take a tip from an old fellow in the know and shop in the store where I hang my hat - HOLMAN'S!

Merry Christmas to all your old friend Santa

The Neighbors By George Clark



"But it's late, dear, and Mother's too tired to make a trip to the moon."