

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS TABLED IN LEGISLATURE

The following questions and answers were tabled in the Legislature yesterday:

Mr. R.R. Bell asked the Provincial Treasurer:

(1) What was the total overdraft at the Bank of Montreal previous to the sale of recent bonds of \$2,500,000?

(2) What was the net receipts to Province of the sale of the \$2,500,000?

(3) What is the present overdraft at the Bank of Montreal and what is the rate of interest chargeable as of March 1, 1957?

(4) What payment will be coming to Prince Edward Island under old tax rental agreement on March 31, 1957?

ANSWERS.

(1) \$5,386,094.51.

(2) \$2,452,250.00.

(3) \$132,907.34 — 4% per cent.

(4) \$1,040,900.00.

Mr. Leo Rossiter asked the Provincial Treasurer:

(1) What was the salary paid to W.W. Reid (Income Tax included) from each of the following sources during the month of January, 1957? (a) Deputy Minister of Welfare and Labour; (b) Chairman - Workmen's Compensation Board; (c) Director - Physical Fitness Branch; (d) Co-Ordinator - Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons.

(2) State the total amount of travelling expenses paid W.W. Reid from all sources of Government mentioned in Question No. 1, for the period January 1, 1956 to January 31, 1957, inclusive.

ANSWERS.

(1) (a) \$375.00; (b) \$291.65; (c) Nil; (d) \$125.00.

(2) \$3,809.25.

Barry Gallant Wins Saw Draw

Barry Gallant of Rusticville has won a D-44 direct-drive chain saw in the McCulloch Saw Draw contest. It was announced today by Keith Carmichael, Charlottetown McCulloch chain saw dealer in this area. Twenty-five winners were selected at the last drawing on Feb. 8.

To enter the Saw Draw, a contestant needed only to secure an official entry blank from his local McCulloch dealer, fill it out, and mail to McCulloch's home office. For each drawing period, a contestant could submit one entry blank.

Each winner received a D-44, the most powerful lightweight direct-drive chain saw on the market. No purchase was necessary for entry into the contest. But if a winner had purchased a new McCulloch saw during the contest period, he was awarded the advertised list price of the saw he purchased. The contest was open to all persons over 18 years of age, except in areas in which such contests were taxed or prohibited.

Musical Festival Executive Meets

The executive of the Prince Edward Island Musical Festival Association met in Charlottetown on Friday evening, March 8th. The president, Mr. Gordon Bennett, presided over the well-attended meeting.

It was learned from the secretary, Mrs. Wendell Wood, that approximately 2300 entries have been received for this year's Festival. This is a substantial increase over last year's record of 1876 entries.

Considerable discussion took place regarding the preparation of the syllabus for the 1958 Festival. The nominating committee was asked to prepare a 1957-58 syllabus committee for consideration at the next executive meeting.

The convenor of the Dance Committee reported that Miss Dorenda Turner of Halifax has been selected as adjudicator of both the Ballet and Highland dancing in this year's Festival.

Mrs. Lorne Callbeck of the Membership Committee announced that she has received new memberships from eighteen Women's Institutes and from several Home

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PREVIEW CINDERELLA O'REILLY

LEFT—playing the title role in (Centre) who sang two numbers in St. Patrick's Play "Cinderella" at the Rotary Luncheon at the Charlottetown Hotel. She is flanked by Pius Callaghan, C.D.A., President B.I.S. right and William Smith, play producer.

RIGHT—Electa and Millie Roberts, tap and clog dancers with their accompanist Aeneas Curley.

Girl Geologists Find Jobs Are Not Easy To Come By

By FORBES RHUDE
Canadian Press Business Editor

This is about four attractive girls who are second-year students in geology at the University of Toronto.

This coming summer they wish to get outdoor geological experience, but mining companies seem scared of them. In other words, they are having difficulty in lining up jobs.

The girls are Jean Castleden of Sudbury, Ont., and Ruth Hetherington, Rhoda Fesenko and Jane Graydon of Toronto.

They took their problem to Mrs. Viola MacMillan, because Mrs. MacMillan went prospecting as a girl and now heads several mines. She told them:

"You have to be ready to meet a bear!" She expanded, this by adding:

"You have to carry your own load; don't expect favors just because you are girls; and if called upon to do a job a mile across some wilds and there is a bear in the way, well you must still get there."

THEY CAN COOK, TOO!
So, hearing about this, I asked the girls if they were ready to meet a bear? They didn't go into heroics about it, but they seemed better prepared for it than most people.

For one thing, all have had outdoor experience. Miss Castleden has done "lots of camping, mostly with Girl Guides;" Miss Hetherington "skis all the time;" Miss

Graydon likes canoeing and Miss Fesenko favors canoeing, swimming and hiking. All were emphatic that they "can cook."

As to the specific problem of a bear, here are their comments: Miss Hetherington: "My reaction would be instantaneous but I don't know what it would be."

Miss Fesenko: "It would be a matter of who could climb the fastest."

Miss Graydon: "I wish I had a nickel for every bear I have met in Algonquin Park."

Miss Castleden: "I'll wait and see."

These seemed fair enough answers as even Mrs. MacMillan had indicated that the best thing to do was to give the bear a chance to go his own way.

WHAT EMPLOYERS SAY?
Asked what sort of replies they get when they apply for jobs, the girls summed it up as follows:

get a "big kick" out of our applicants.

have been referred back to the same person several times. We get lots of letters but most of them are polite "nos."

They indicated they realize they pose a problem that it would mean separate facilities which probably only big companies could afford. Perhaps a compromise might be reached in jobs near enough to towns that they could get back at night.

Barring such complexities, they were sure they could "carry their own load without favors" and do

the work.

ALL ARE KEEN
Asked why they had chosen geology, here are their replies:

Miss Castleden: "I wanted a science course and after talking to people at home in Sudbury, I decided on geology."

Miss Graydon: "It is a booming field with room for everybody."

Miss Fesenko: "At first I was taking only an hour a week in geology as part of my science course, but I became so interested I wanted to know more. What goes on under the surface of the earth fascinates me."

Miss Hetherington: "I was always interested in science in high school and after talking with my teachers I decided on science and geology. The way Canada is expanding in mineral developments is a real challenge."

WOULD BE PROSPECTORS?
As to this summer, they all agreed:

"If no one takes us on we'll get prospecting permits, pack up and go out on our own."

As one who interviewed the girls I'd like to say to mining or other companies which employ geologists:

"If girls are a problem you may as well start to learn to live with it because, sure as shooting, you can expect more and more girls to come after you."

"And, whether or not they spend their lives at geology, their households and communities will be better informed and more intelligent places because of them."

Premier Raps Speech Readers

The Premier yesterday gave a mild rebuke to members of the House who have read their speeches.

"When a member reads a speech, we are not always sure that he prepared it," said Mr. Matheson, "and if he hasn't prepared it, he is not speaking as an elected member of this Legislature."

Premier Matheson said he was not necessarily inferring that any speech was not prepared by the member who delivered it but at the same time reminded the House that in future the practice of reading speeches would have to be discontinued.

Before adjournment of the House, Premier Matheson announced that the motion dealing with the appointment of an educational committee would come before the Legislature today.

According to the Order Paper, the committee will hear representations from persons interested in presenting their ideas and opinions for educational changes and will be asked to report with all convenient speed its findings and recommendations.

The House meets at 3:00 o'clock this afternoon.

too, appreciate the assurance received, at first hand, that their problems have been somewhat eased.

"I am sure we are anxious — each and every one of us in the Department to do everything possible to lessen the problems of our people, and we shall continue, as a Department, to dedicate ourselves to this task."

"Many people look to our Department for services. In fact a goodly number of elderly people, disabled people and others such as members of our staff as advisors and friends. I feel our staff accomplishes much in giving recognition to special needs of many of our cases."

"I trust that you realize, as I do, the invaluable services our staff is giving. As a final word I wish to express my sincere thanks to all who share the work in our Department, with a special word of thanks to our Social Assistance, Mothers' Allowance, Disabled Persons and Old Age Assistance Committees who are all doing such a conscientious job for the people of this Province."

AGRICULTURE
Turning to Agriculture, Mr. Phillips noted that the Island had enjoyed an excellent crop with excellent harvest weather during 1956. The grain and hay crop he said were the best in years. He also noted that the potato crop had a big yield and prices were fairly good which means cash for farmers to look after bills in the Fall of the year.

The only criticism offered by the Minister was the price of poultry and eggs. He said housewives depend upon the egg money to buy the groceries and at 18 and 20 cents a dozen she couldn't buy a great deal.

Mr. Phillips said he could not understand where United States turkeys, reportedly served in an O'Leary restaurant had come from. "What store was selling them? Surely it was not the Co-operative which is owned and backed by farmers," he said.

"This is something that cannot be thrown back at the Government" said Mr. Phillips. "The Government cannot stop anyone from importing turkeys into the Province but I hope our own people will see that it does not happen again. Things like this have a tendency to drive our young people off the farm," he added.

The Minister wondered whether the importation of American turkeys was due to the lack of an eviscerating plant and suggested that if it was the case, something should be done soon to avoid a repetition.

Mr. Phillips refuted the statements of Opposition members who indicated that young people were leaving the farms of P.E.I. in large numbers. He referred to recent figures which indicated that while the national average of those leaving the farm was 25 that of Prince Edward Island was only 7 1/2 per cent.

"Everyone likes good roads and on the other hand everyone despises a bad road," said Mr. Phillips. "Our Government has gone a long way in its road building program. It is a long term policy and I wish at this time to congratulate our Minister of Highways. I believe he is equal to any we have ever had."

R.R. Bell: "Second Prince will get the roads this year."

Mr. Phillips: "Second Prince has always had its share."

The Minister said he would like to call the attention of the Highways Department to one thing, namely the cutting of bushes and

Charlottetown Red Cross Campaign Off To Good Start

Brig. G.G.K. Peake, Chairman of the Red Cross Campaign organization in Charlottetown said last evening that he was pleased with the response to date in the returns being received from the Advance Committee which started to work last week contacting the dif-

ferent business houses. He also said that the General Canvass was all set to get underway today with many former, and some new, canvassers having agreed to take up the challenge of raising the \$12,800 needed as Charlottetown's share this year. The names of those who will be out canvassing this week appear elsewhere in this issue.

Brig. Peake urged that all canvassers get at the task right away and make their returns either to their Team Captains, or Red Cross Headquarters by Friday of this week if at all possible.

The Charlottetown Chairman explained that a Ladies' Committee composed of some 70 representatives of 20 women's organizations would do a house-to-house canvass the last week-end in March to be sure that everyone has an opportunity of contributing to and sharing in Red Cross services.



ROTARY CHOICE

Alan MacKenzie, 18 year old son of Dr. and Mrs. W.J. MacKenzie and a third year student of Prince of Wales College was chosen yesterday by the Youth Committee of Rotary to represent the Charlottetown club in the "Adventure of Citizenship" to be held in Ottawa May 21-28.

Alan engages in a variety of college activities including basketball, football, tennis and swimming. He is a member of Gamma Phi Hi Y. Club, a former Queen's Scout from Trinity Church and a member of P.E. Island Recce Band.

He also studies music and is a member of the case "Trial by Jury" now under rehearsal by the players of P.W.C. Alan was also in the cast of the "Mikado" so successfully staged last year.

He plans to take up engineering at Dalhousie University next year.

Baptist CGIT Meeting Held

The Baptist C.G.I.T. met in the lower hall on Monday night. The meeting was opened by the President, Dianne Jenkins, who led in the opening ceremony, the C.G.I.T. purpose, hymn and the Lord's prayer. Business was then discussed. The worship period was conducted by Mrs. Richard Welton, the theme being "Onward Christian Soldiers". Mrs. Lea Walker led in the Mission study on Bolivia. Many interesting and educational matters were learned about this country in South America. Gail Currie led the group in some interesting and lively games. The meeting closed with Taps.

Short Course Not Yet Filled

Due to the difficulty of traveling, the majority of those slated to commence yesterday afternoon the Agricultural Short Course at Prince of Wales College failed to arrive at the time scheduled for the official opening exercises. Those who did turn up were introduced to the various subjects making up the course by Dr. George C. Fisher.

The official ceremonies marking the inauguration of this course have been deferred until the class is fully assembled. This course is sponsored by the P.E.I. Junior Farmers, and the P.E.I. Department of Agriculture.

REAL ANGLER

NORTH BAY, Ont. (CP)—It's not everybody who can catch a fish as long as himself. Tommy Haight, 5, pulled a 33 1/2-inch lake trout from Trout Lake near here, hauling the 13-pound catch through an ice hole.

weeds along the right of way. He noted that for a time after a road was made bushes and weeds presented no problem but if allowed to grow became snow traps.

Mr. Phillips made a strong plea for the return of split log drags in keeping roads in shape, especially in the early, spring of the year. He suggested that a split log drag be left in each school district and each farmer could from time to time hook his tractor onto it and keep the road from drying into hard ruts. "There are most always enough public spirited citizens who would do it for little or nothing," he said. "No maintenance can take the place of the split log drag."

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Coming Events

Variety Concert New London Hall Wednesday, March 13.

Bingo, Morell Parish Hall, Wed. 8 p.m. Jackpot \$50.00 Freezeouts \$5.00

Variety Concert, Victoria Hall Friday, March 15. Sponsored by Victoria Women's Institute.

Rummage Sale, L.M. Montgomery Chapter I.O.G.E. Kirk Basement, Friday, 22. 7 p.m.

Variety Concert Hampton Hall Wednesday evening, March 20th. Washington pies for sale. Auspices Melville and Lorne Lodges.

Come to the United Church Men's Association Variety concert on Friday, March 15, in Mt. Stewart Memorial Hall starting time 7.30 p.m.

The annual meeting of New Glasgow Dairying Company will be held in the New Glasgow Hall on Wednesday, March 13th, at 2 p.m. Elaine Bulman, Secretary.

Hockey North River Rink to fight Nine Mile Creek Bulldogs vs. Winslow Heatbreakers. This should be the deciding game in the semi-finals. Game time 8.30. Skate 10 a.m.

1,783 People

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"If a single applicant has personal property, income, etc. totaling over \$720.00 he does not qualify for assistance under these Dominion Provincial Benefits. Should he have an income, etc. of \$360.00 in the year previous to date of application he would be entitled to \$360.00 or \$30.00 per month etc."

"In the case of one of a married couple applying if his and his spouse's personal property and income total over \$1200.00 there can be no pension. If, on the other hand, the income, etc. in the year previous to application totaled \$720.00 the pension would be \$480.00 or \$40.00 per month, etc."

AUTOMATIC ENTITLEMENT
When a person reaches the age of 70 years he or she automatically can apply for Old Age Security, or if he or she has been an Old Age Assistance they will be automatically transferred to Old Age Security and receive the present standard pension of \$40.00 per month. This pension is financed by a Federal Government tax levied on the whole population of Canada and is administered solely by the Government of Canada.

MOTHERS' ALLOWANCES
"Mothers' Allowances are provided through the Department of Social Services on the basis of Provincial Legislation. Cases which come under this programme are those of widowed mothers with children under 1 year of age, the mother, with children and an unemployed husband, the deserted mother with children, etc."

"We have a very good Mothers' Allowance Act in this Province. It is being amended from time to time to keep pace with changing conditions and I feel is certainly

fulfilling a big need in helping keep many families together. Our Child Welfare Division is a very important branch of our overall Welfare Programme in this Province. I am pleased to report that during the past year 189 wards were cared for by the Division. Juvenile delinquency was no problem in the Province.

"During the year we were fortunate enough to have a well-qualified Social Worker, Mr. Eugene A. MacDonald assume the post of Director of this Division and I am sure we can expect increased efficiency under his leadership and as we secure more much-needed trained help to assist him in this busy and important Division."

WELFARE BUREAU
"At this time, I would like to express the thanks of my Department to the Charlottetown Catholic Social Bureau, the Charlottetown Protestant Welfare Bureau, and the Prince County Catholic Social Welfare Bureau for the grand job they are doing in all forms of Welfare Work and particularly in Child Welfare. The co-operation they are giving all branches of our Department leaves nothing to be desired."

"It is our wish this strong bond of co-operation may continue to be strengthened and that we and they can combine our efforts to do a better job in the future. We must continually strive to develop whole some family life and a healthy society in which our children have every opportunity to reach emotional and physical maturity and it is certainly heartening to have such fine workers in the field in this Province as those of the three bureaux I have just mentioned."

DISABLED PERSONS
"At present in this Province 310 persons are receiving Disabled Persons Allowances. As already mentioned this is a Federal — Provincial scheme and is a most difficult one to administer. The main qualifications relate to the degree of physical or mental disability of the applicant."

"In the first year of this programme completed in March 1956, there were a large number of cases handled and due to meagre information in many cases assessment was not easy so we have found some persons were rejected who should have been granted allowances."

"When additional clarifying evidence is presented, however, these cases are soon adjusted. We fell our Disabled Persons Allowances ministering the legislative requirements pertaining to granting Disabled Allowances. Medical evidence in these applications is reviewed for a pension solely by the findings of this Board — no other factors enter into the decisions in this programme."

PUBLIC WELFARE
"Our Division of Public Welfare administers two types of Assistance which during the past year benefited 469 families. These types of assistance are Social Assistance and Tuberculosis Assistance."

"Social Assistance is given to help those in dire need secure necessities, and Tuberculosis Assistance is to help families which may be in need while the breadwinner is hospitalized with tuber-

culosis or to help the patient while he needs extra moral treatment after returning home to his or her family.

"A misunderstanding which currently arises is that Social Assistance can be granted to help in paying hospital, medical, etc. bills. The legislation under which this type of assistance is administered does not permit such grants."

"I trust that at this time simply to clarify the matter in the minds of some of us who may have questioned some of the Committee's decisions in this regard."

LABOUR
"I wish to say a few words about Labour. As you are all aware, when I assumed the duties of a Minister of the Crown I assumed a dual Portfolio — Welfare and Labour."

"While possibly it may appear to some very little has been done in this very important section of my Department I personally feel much has been accomplished. We have had several conferences during the past months with local and visiting labour leaders, several locals have been certified as bargaining agents, very satisfactory contracts have been negotiated."

"We are getting to know and understand labour and we hope they are getting to know and trust us as fair and impartial contacts between them and management. We have had considerable contact with management of various firms of the Province and on the whole appreciate their fine co-operation."

Legislative Committees of the International Railway Brotherhood and Charlottetown and District Labour Council have presented very well-prepared, constructive Briefs to the Government of our Province. These briefs, I am sure will doubtless have an effect on new legislation from time to time and should provide much valuable material for the Standing Committee on Labour appointed at the last Session of the House."

CORDIAL RELATIONS
"I want to congratulate Labour Leaders and members of the Various Locals of this Province for their gentlemanly and sound approach to all problems which have arisen. The cordial relations we have established are priceless to me."

"I only hope that we, they and employers of the Province can continue to work in harmony for the betterment of conditions both for Labour and management and continue to build on the solid foundation I feel we have already established."

"I feel it is safe to say we are all here because we are interested in this grand little Province of ours and particularly in the well-being of our people. We are of course interested in the public at large but have particular concern for those who must rely on Public Welfare in some form for their support."

"I know, too, we all have had a diversity of problems presented us by individuals, and in some instances their cases almost defied a solution. We are, however, aware there are many appreciative persons receiving benefits and they are the ones who make all our work seem worthwhile."

"You all know persons who qualified for assistance under one of our programmes or other. They