

THE EASTERN GUARDIAN

AGENTS—MONTAGUE: Harold F. Landry, Mrs. Byron Stewart, Mrs. Bruce MacPhee, Miss Joyce Wigginton, Pius McKinnon. AGENT GEORGETOWN: Waldon Lavers.

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FOR PLYWOOD, Masonite, chrome mouldings and cabinet hardware, Hilchey & Vanderstine's, Montague.

NO MORE wood accepted at Anderson's pulp yard, Montague, until roads are open.

Mr. Leigh Donald Charlottetown, was a business visitor to Montague yesterday.

The many friends of Mr. Bruce Clair, Montague, are sorry to hear he is ill at his home. All wish him a speedy recovery.

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Friends of Mr. Richard Collings, Montague, are sorry to hear he is ill at home. All wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. Chester A. MacLeod, who has been training in R.C.A.F. at Camp Borden, Ontario, since last May, arrived in Montague on a two weeks' visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M.A. MacLeod, East Valleyfield. MacLeod has been transferred to Greenwood, N.S., where he will continue his training etc. his holidays.

LODGE MEETS—There was a large attendance at the regular meeting of Acme Rebekah Lodge, Montague, Thursday evening. The Noble Grand, Mrs. Leroy White, presided. The meeting opened in regular form, followed by the roll call and minutes of the last meeting. Correspondence included a letter from Mrs. Jean Crockett, president of the Rebekah Assembly, of the Maritime Provinces. Plans were discussed for receiving Mrs. Crockett when she makes her official visit to the lodge. One sister was reported ill at her home. Final arrangements were made for presenting the Irish concert. At the close of the meeting, with Mrs. J. M. Fraser as pianist, the members enjoyed an hour of singing.

HOCKEY

TONIGHT

GEORGETOWN RINK

Georgetown Eagles vs. Summerside Crystals

Game Time 8:30

Skate After Game

HOCKEY

MONTAGUE RINK—TONIGHT

—7:30—

Summerville Beavers vs. Sturgeon Bone Crushers

—9:00—

Dunstaffnage vs. Bison Bombers

Final games in Montague Rink

Skate after

Admission 40c and 20c

King's County Native Dies At Belmont, Mass.

Mr. T. W. Mellish, Union Road, King's County, received word of the death of his half-brother, George A. Martin, who passed away in Belmont, Massachusetts, on March 16th. The deceased was eighty-two years old and was born in Union Road, son of the late Captain and Mrs. Angus Martin. At the age of seventeen he moved to the United States where he has since resided.

Mr. Martin was well known for his ability as a bagpipe player, having for many years taught in Boston. During the First World War as pipe major he accompanied Sir Harry Lauder on his tour of Canada and the United States. He also played before large audiences in England and France. He is survived by two daughters, Georgina, Mrs. J. C. Ladd, Belmont, Mass., with whom he resided, and Anne, Mrs. Earl Sweet, Wrentham, Mass., and two brothers, Dr. Herbert Martin, Tucson, Arizona, A. R. Martin, Forest Hills, Mass., and a sister, Margaret, Mrs. Rufus MacLean, Seattle, Washington. Two half brothers also survive, T. W. Mellish, Union Road and Leslie Mellish, Ottawa.

Magistrate's Court At Georgetown

For obstructing the police in the performance of their duty, a resident of Point Pleasant, and another from Charlottetown were each sentenced to one month in jail without option by stipendiary Magistrate Joseph W. MacDonald at Georgetown yesterday. Together with the above jail sentence, the resident from Point Pleasant was fined \$50.00 and costs or one month to run consecutively and the loss of his driver's license for three months, for operating a vehicle while his ability was impaired by alcohol, and the resident of Charlottetown was fined \$20.00 and costs or one month to run consecutively for intoxication in a public place.

The case arose near the cross roads at Montague when the officers in the performance of their duty were obstructed by the two accused. A resident of Little Sands was also fined \$50.00 and costs or one month, and the loss of his licence for three months for operating a vehicle while his ability was impaired by alcohol. For a similar offense a resident of Cardigan received the same sentence. Another resident of Cardigan was fined \$20.00 and costs for intoxication in a public place.

Suspended Sentence For Possession Of Offensive Weapon

Before Magistrate Joseph W. MacDonald at Souris, on March 12th, a resident of Annandale charged with possession of an offensive weapon received a one-year suspended sentence. A resident of Bristol charged with driving while impaired was fined \$50 and costs. A resident of Bear River was also fined \$50 and costs for driving while his ability was impaired. A resident of Charlottetown was fined \$20 and costs under the Temperance Act for intoxication in a public place. A resident of Souris River Road was fined \$20 and costs for being intoxicated in a public place. The same man was fined \$10 and costs for obstructing a police officer. A resident of Souris was fined \$20 and costs for being intoxicated.

Political Address By King's County Member

The following political address by Mr. T. J. Kiockham, M. P. for King's, is scheduled for broadcast this evening in the "Reports from Parliament Hill" series: "The Conservative Opposition believing that the year 1953 will bring on a Federal General Election, are trying desperately to convince the rural areas that the present Liberal administration is doing badly for the farmers and they emphasize that the reduction of 2 1/2 points in living costs during the past year has been accounted for in lower prices to farmers generally. They base this contention on returns received in 1951, which year showed the highest agricultural returns ever reached in the history of this country, reaching an unprecedented peak of total cash income of \$2,800,000,000. They draw conclusions based on this high figure that best suits their purpose. The facts are that the high level of prices obtained in 1951 boosted the cost of living index by two and one half points, but the Opposition takes good care not to mention this as it would indicate the high returns the farmers received. In computing costs of living, food ranks highest, 31 per cent, rent 19 per cent, and clothing, 12 per cent. The remaining items—fuel, lighting and furnishings, etc., supply the remaining costs, so that the 2 1/2 points reduction in living costs during the last twelve months is attributed to the unprecedented prices obtained for agricultural products in 1951. To present a fair picture, we must compare average farm returns over a period of normal years. Citing some comparisons in farm prices for products: for the years 1943 to 1945, inclusive, the average for butter fat per year was 187 millions per annum and 237 millions per annum for the years 1949 to 1951, inclusive; then for hogs, 1943 to 1945, the average farm price was \$18.84 per dressed hundredweight and in 1949 to 1951 the average was \$30.11 per cwt. For cattle during the same periods there was a much greater increase. From 1943 to 1945 the average per annum was 187 millions and from 1949 to 1951 the average per annum was 385 millions.

Another Comparison To make another comparison, taking the six years before the War and the six years following the last War—as it would not be a fair yard stick to include war years, because in times of war conditions are not normal—during the six year period we have produced an average of 360 million in a public place. A resident of Kingsboro, one of Greenvale, one of Black Pond and one of East Baltic, were each fined \$25 and costs for possession of illegal spirits under the Temperance Act. A resident of Souris was given a 6-months suspended sentence on a charge of breaking, entering and theft. A resident of Chepstow was fined \$20 and costs for being intoxicated in a public place. A resident of Souris River Road was fined \$10 and costs for obstructing a police officer. A resident of Souris River Road charged with operating a vehicle while his ability was impaired had his case adjourned till March 26th. A resident of Souris charged with possession of illegal spirits had his case adjourned till March 26th.

NO. 1 WOLF KILLER TORONTO, (CP)—Al Simmons, outdoor writer with the Cleveland News, is recognized as Canada's Wolf Killer No. 1 for shooting and killing four timber wolves from a plane in the Killarney-Tyson Lake area southwest of Sudbury. He will be presented with a wolf-killer badge by the Canadian tourist Association.

were going to blast their way into the world's markets and when they got finished with their blasting Canadian exports had fallen from 1,364 million in 1928 to 498 million in 1932. When the Liberals came into office, after the debilitating period of the Tories, trade experts were immediately sent to Washington to again renew and revise our trade with our best trading nation and customer. Three separate trade agreements were negotiated with the United States and over thirty with other nations. These trade agreements have opened up tremendous new opportunities for our industries and the result is there for all of us to see, in the record level of our exports and our prosperity, which has never been equalled in our history, nor have Canada's exports ever before reached the level that now prevails. Our gross national production in 1952 reached 23 billion dollars and it is expected to reach a still higher figure in this present year. Does this prosperity reflect any truth in the stories of gloom and ruin of the Tory leaders who are seeking control in office?

Export Markets "In reply to Opposition charges that we are losing our export markets, I wish to submit the following statistics: "Canada's total external trade increased from \$5,761,000,000 in 1948 to \$8,943,000,000 in 1951. Exports rose from \$3,135,000,000 in 1948 to \$3,960,000,000 in 1951, an increase of \$835,000,000. The national income rose from \$12,560,000,000 in 1948 to \$17,229,000,000 in 1951. "Naming a few of the benefits accruing to farmers in our province from Liberal legislation: since the Feed Grains Freight Assistance Act became effective in October of 1941, the total tonnage up to the end of 1950 was 393,498 tons and the amount of freight paid by the Federal Government was \$3,461,387. Subsidies paid by the federal Department of Agriculture in Prince Edward Island for the calendar years 1942 to 1950 totalled \$6,639,000. To name some items separately: for the ten year period ending March 31st, 1952, subsidy paid on ground lime was \$192,000; potatoes \$654,000, plus \$1,400 cost of Co-operative Marketing Act; fox furs \$935,000; butter \$1,257,000; fluid milk \$206,000. "I have not time at my disposal to name the many acts of Parliament placed in the Statutes of the farmers of the country by Liberal governments. It is interesting to note in passing that for the years 1946 to 1951, inclusive, \$13,243,851 has been paid by the Federal Government to our province in Family Allowances.

Depression Prices "I well remember the prices at which I sold farm produce when we last had a Conservative Government: finished beef on the hoof 3 1/2c, pork 4 1/2c dressed, eggs 8c per dozen, potatoes 8c per bushel. I was lucky. Many farmers sold for 6c and others got bills back for the freight charges, lost bags and all. Many of the new voters in the coming election are fortunate enough not to have had the sad experience of doing business and trying to make a living under a Tory government, and I trust they will be spared any like affliction. "I also remember the Tory campaign of 1911, when the people voted against the Liberal policies of Sir Wilfred Laurier. The Tory cry at that time was "No truck or trade with the Yankees. History has proved that the people voted wrongly. Were it not for our wealthy neighbors to the South, Canada could not have reached the tremendous expansion and industrial development we now enjoy. Had the Laurier Government been returned in 1911, I firmly believe Canada's development would have been much farther advanced. The Conservatives, by their high tariff policies to protect the wealthy, neutralized our economic progress. The Budget "The Conservatives claim that the Budget of this session is a wealthy man's budget, because some relief in taxes has been afforded to those engaged in industry. The taxes which those people were subjected to were very high, owing to the large amounts the Government had to meet in defence expenditures. Now that we have passed the most difficult period in this respect, I believe it was a very wise move of the Government to ease the burden of taxes somewhat. This will lend itself to greater encouragement of investment in Canadian industries and increased development of our natural resources, thereby creating an expansive field for labour with full employment. The tax relief in the final analysis will reflect itself in larger domestic markets for the agricultural producers, inasmuch as the labour force will be continually enlarged, with money in their pockets to purchase goods. "When taxes on earnings from investment are too high initiative in investment is discouraged and all groups suffer as a result. The Government is continually striving to encourage investment. What happens if business does not stay buoyant? Where will the money come from to pay the Social Security Bill that already has soared past the billion dollar mark. There are, for example, in our Social Security program, 1,852,000 receiving monthly cheques for family allowances, amounting to over 320 million dollars per annum. With the personal income tax reductions granted in the 1952-53 budget, we are now back to the 1949 level, contrary to the much publicized criticism by the Conservative Opposition of the Sales Tax. I wish to quote from a statement made by the Minister of Finance in his delivery of the 1952 budget: "Contrary to much that has been said in this House and elsewhere about our Sales Tax, it does not discriminate against low income groups. The figures which I presented before the House last Spring shows that in the lower ranges of incomes, the tax is progressive rather than regressive. What is frequently overlooked is that all foods are exempt from Sales Tax. All fuel and building materials are exempt and through income ranges more than one third of consumer expenditure on goods is subject to Sales Tax. "This statement of the Minister of Finance shows conclusively that the Sales Tax does not bear heavily on the lower income groups in Canada. For those who believe the Tory propaganda that Canadians are overburdened with taxes and that the Canadian Government is destroying the business life of the people with intolerable taxes, we would do well to look around and see how our taxes compare with the United States and Great Britain, who live in an economic realm similar to our own. "The new income tax dates announced by Finance Minister Abbott indicate these comparative figures for income taxes in Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States:

Table with 4 columns: Income, Single, Married Childless, Married Two Children. Rows for CANADIAN, UNITED KINGDOM, UNITED STATES.

"The figures I have just mentioned should silence the Conservative stories of intolerable taxation and at the same time our earnings are much higher than they are in Britain and our taxes measurably less."

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PRINCE EDWARD TODAY TYRONE POWER in "PONY SOLDIER" A THRILLING ADVENTURE STORY OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE. NEWS - CARTOON — Shows 2:30 - 7 - 9 MONDAY — THEATRE RENTED TO "LADIES' AID" OF THE P. E. I. HOSPITAL FOR THE "SPRING FASHION PARADE"

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