

# PEI Teachers Federation Presents Federation Brief

Following is the text of the brief presented to the Select Standing Committee on Education by the Teachers Federation yesterday morning. Heading the Federation and presenting the brief was president Miss Mabel Matheson.

Gentlemen:  
We, the Executive of the Prince Edward Island Teachers' Federation, appreciate this opportunity to present, for your consideration, the views of our organization relative to the educational crisis facing our province.

The Teachers' Federation considers that the following problems require immediate attention and remedial action:

1. The small percentage of total Government expenditure presently devoted to education. For the year 1956, out of a total expenditure of \$12,840,000 (ordinary expenditure \$9,439,000, capital expenditure \$3,401,000) the outlay for education was \$1,462,000 (ordinary expenditure \$1,348,000 and capital expenditure \$114,000) or slightly more than 11 per cent of total expenditure.

2. Inequality of educational opportunity because of geographical or economic factors. Some districts are more able or more willing to provide adequate financial support for their schools than are others.

3. Scarcity of equipment essential to present-day teaching. Although many school buildings in the province have been improved, most of these have very little in the way of modern teaching aids. Throughout the Island there are still far too many dilapidated school buildings with practically no equipment.

4. Too heavy teaching load in most rural schools. There are schools where one teacher is attempting to instruct large numbers of pupils whose grades range from one to ten.

5. Unsatisfactory living conditions. Teachers in rural areas have difficulty finding suitable living accommodations.

6. Shortage of fully-qualified

teachers. There is an insufficient number of teachers of the desired calibre and training to replace the inordinately large percentage of teachers leaving the profession each year. Drop-outs average 150 whereas the Normal School enrolment is approximately 50. This leads to employment of personnel who have not sufficient academic or professional background for present-day teaching.

7. Low standards of admission to Normal School. No other profession will accept candidates who have failed in preparatory work.

8. Granting of permits or licenses to those who have not successfully completed the barest minimum requirements for such.

9. Low salaries. The tremendous lag in teachers' salaries during the last two decades has contributed to the lowering of standards, loss of prestige, and an inevitable shortage of top-flight teachers.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**  
We respectfully submit for your serious deliberation the following recommendations:

(a) Reallocation of the tax dollar. The public accounts for 1956 show that total expenditure for Highways, Bridges, Ferries was \$4,819,000 as against \$1,462,000 for education or, on a per centage basis, more than 37 per cent for Highways and 11 per cent for education. Health and Welfare (Normal Expansion) alone was \$2,132,000 of which approximately half a million is refunded. Since 1900 education has received a steadily declining per centage of the budget. We believe a much larger portion of the tax dollar should be allocated to education.

(b) The establishment of Larger Units of Administration. This would lead to: 1. reassessment of property and the striking of a realistic tax rate in each unit; 2. a more effective system of collecting school taxes; 3. provision for adequate school plants and facilities; 4. improved conditions of employment for teachers.

(c) Establishment of Regional High Schools to relieve the teaching load in one-room schools, and to provide better education opportunities for senior students.

(d) Provision of "teacherages" in certain rural areas where it is difficult for either a single or a married teacher to find suitable accommodation.

(e) Improvement in quality of teachers. This can be achieved by: 1. raising the standards of admission to Normal School. Our Federation advocates as a minimum requirement Grade XII plus one full year of Normal Training; 2. issuing no third class licenses or permits-to-teach; 3. establishment of a Certification Board. Our organization has recently requested the Minister of Education to set up such a Board comprised of two members of the Department of Education, two members of the Teachers' Federation, and fifth member chosen by these four to act as chairman of the Board; 4. and, finally, the implementation of a salary schedule based on qualifications and experience, and designed to attract and retain men and women of the best brains and character. In short, a salary scale worthy of a profession. Grants and loans, alone, are not the remedy for teacher shortage, much less for lack of quality.

**SUGGEST NEW SCALE**  
Appended hereto is a schedule which falls far short of salary scales in effect in other provinces

## 5 Cases Heard By Magistrate

For possession of intoxicating liquor in a place other than his residence, a Charlottetown resident was fined fifty dollars and costs or thirty days in default of payment, by Magistrate Gilbert A. Gaudet, in Queens County Magistrate's Court yesterday morning.

Another Charlottetown man previously remanded on a charge of care and control of a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor was further remanded for one week.

A resident of St. Peter's, charged with driving while intoxicated, entered a plea of guilty to driving while impaired and was fined sixty dollars and costs or thirty days. A speeder from Charlottetown was given a fine of ten dollars and costs or ten days and a person from Albany for a similar offence was given a similar sentence but without the costs.

## Scouters' Club Holds Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Charlottetown Scouters' Club, was held on Wednesday Night, March 13th at Birchcove with a very good attendance.

The meeting was opened by the President, Garnet Buell, who extended a welcome to all the new Leaders present, on behalf of the Club. The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting and they were approved and read. The Treasurer's report was then given, and the Correspondence was read by the Secretary.

Mrs. R.C. Parent, District Cubmaster, presented Mrs. George Chandler, with her Gilwell Certificate, Paris One and Two. A discussion concerning the various activities to be held in the future was then held. Mr. Charles Boudreau, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, presented a very interesting program for the remainder of the evening. This included an Instruction Period, Games and Dancing followed by lunch.

## ANOTHER ALEUTIAN QUAKE

WESTON, Mass. (AP) — The Boston College observatory Tuesday recorded a "very strong" earthquake in the Aleutian Islands. Rev. Francis Donohof placed the tremor 4,600 miles northwest of Boston "probably in the Fox and Anderson Islands."

but which we feel is a realistic one that could be implemented immediately by our Government and our School Districts. We believe that Prince Edward Island has the ability to pay more for education. Expenditures for tobacco, alcoholic beverages, automobiles, and amusement indicate the money is here. Further indication of our prosperity is found in the following excerpt from Premier Matheson's New Year's message: "We close the pages of the year 1956 on a note of optimism. Never before have conditions been so good in Canada. At home we have pushed our economic expansion to greater heights, abroad we have gained new prestige in the council of the nations; our status as a great nation has been more firmly established." "We in Prince Edward Island shared with the other provinces the general prosperity of the Canada. Our standard of living which has been steadily climbing, continued to advance in 1956."

If teaching is to attract and retain its share of men and women of the finest personality, the highest intelligence, the greatest knowledge, salary schedules superior to those offered in business, industry and civil service must be established.

Right across the country where salaries have been greatly increased, and standards of admission to Normal Schools have been raised, not only the number, but what is more important, the quality of applicants has markedly improved. We have complete confidence in the competence of this Select Committee on Education to carry out a thorough investigation of all phases of education in the Province, but, if pressure of time precludes an exhaustive study by the many problems confronting us, we hope your report to the Government will include the recommendation that a Royal Commission or Board of Inquiry be appointed to continue and complete the investigation so auspiciously initiated by this Committee.

The Prince Edward Island Teachers' Federation pledges its support and co-operation in any project undertaken to improve educational opportunities in this province. The welfare of the boys and girls of Prince Edward Island is our first concern.

## Death of Mrs. Eliza Campbell

The death of Mrs. Eliza Campbell occurred at the home of her grandson, Mr. Cecil Bell, Montague, on Wednesday, March 20th, in her 98th year.

The deceased (nee Eliza MacKinnon) was born at Murray Harbour North but spent the most of her life in Montague where she and her husband, the late Edward Campbell, owned and operated the Commercial Hotel for many years.

She is survived by two sons, Charles and Nathaniel, in Boston, Mass. and two daughters, Mrs. Winifred Bell, Montague and Mrs. Stephen Whitehead, Hampton, N.B. Also surviving are one sister, Mrs. Melinda Henderson, Murray Harbour North, and three grandsons, Cecil Bell and Roy Bell, of Montague and Roland Campbell, Boston, Mass. Funeral arrangements were not completed last night.

## Prayer Day Observed At Kingston Church

The World Day of Prayer was held in Kingston Baptist Church Friday, March 8th, and was well attended. The service was conducted by Mrs. Elmer Walsh, president of Baptist W.M.S.

Scripture lesson was read by Mrs. Myron Holmes. Miss Kay MacEachern presided at the organ. Mrs. Lloyd MacKinnon president of Kingston United W.M.S. took charge of the second part, assisted by Mrs. Willard Proud, Mrs. Owen Younker, and Mrs. Lorne Smith.

A short address was given by Mrs. Calvin Holmes. Offering was taken by Mrs. Clifford Holmes. A trio "Have They Own Way" was sung by the Misses Reta Green, Ruth Hanson and Bernice MacGregor. The closing part was taken by the president of Hampshire W.M.S. Mrs. Harold Younker. Prayers were offered by Mrs. George Kilson, Mrs. Hibbert Tremere and



## ISLAND TYRO CHAMPIONS

The George Nicholson rink of Montague, winners of the P.E.I. Tyro Curling Championship at Summerside on Saturday, are seen above receiving individual

awards presented by J.A. Simmonds president of Central Creameries Ltd. in Charlottetown, who made the awards available. From left to right in photo above

are A.H. Hubley, manager of perfection Dairy, a Summerside branch of Central Creameries; J.A. Simmonds, President; George Nicholson, skip; Ron Pettitt, mate; Reagh Turner, Second; and Athol "Red" Robertson, lead. Photo by Wotton

## Court Cases At Souris Yesterday

Before Magistrate Gilbert A. Gaudet at Souris yesterday afternoon four residents of Souris, one of Borden, one of East Baltic, one of Lower Rollo Bay, one of Little Harbour, one of Fortune and one of St. Catherine's were each fined \$20.00 and costs or 30 days for intoxication in a public place.

Three residents of Souris, two of North Lake, were each fined \$25.00 and costs or 30 days for possession of liquor purchased other than from a licensed vendor. Resident of Elmira for driving impaired was fined \$60.00 and costs or 30 days. His license was also automatically suspended for three months.

A resident of Red Point on one charge of intoxication in a public place was fined \$20.00 and costs or 30 days, and on another charge of damage to property at Souris \$20.00 and costs or 30 days and ordered to pay costs of repairing damage.

## PERSONALS

Friends of Mr. Daniel Brehaut, Dundas, are sorry to hear of his illness. He is in the Kings County Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Minnie Beaton and son John of Dundas were recent guests of Mrs. Beaton's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. James

Mrs. Robert Vickerson. Service closed by singing "The Day Thou Goest, Lord, is Ended," followed by the Benediction.

## MEETING

Souris Branch Fish & Game Association at MORELL Thursday, March 21 8 p.m. Showing of films Everyone welcome

## NOTICE

Weight restrictions now in force re light pavement in village of Cardigan. Anyone exceeding weight limit will be prosecuted. Citizens are asked to report overweight vehicles to chairman of commissioners. Alphonse MacPhee.

## Death Tuesday of Mrs. Edger Giddings

There passed away at the Kings County Hospital on Tuesday, March 19th, Mrs. Edger Giddings of Murray River in her 84th year.

She leaves to mourn the loss of a mother, Mrs. G.O. Whiteaway (Gertie), Murray River; Lyman, N.S.; Bessie, in U.S.A. and Dr.

MacBeth, Montague. Mr. and Mrs. John MacLeod, Strathcona, were recent visitors to Montague.

Miss Vera E. Dewar, R.N., of staff, P.E.I. hospital, has returned to the hospital after visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Beecher Dewar, Brudenell, recently.

## Airman Home From Germany

LAC. John Malcolm Melanis, R.C.A.F. returned last week from Zweibrucken, Germany where he was stationed for the past two years. Following his fourteen-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Colin MacInnis, Glen William, he will be posted to Summerside. Mr. and Mrs. McInnis have two other sons in the air force. Lloyd is now stationed at Langar, England and Donald leaves shortly to begin his basic training at St. John's, P.Q.

## Parent And Teacher Met At Spring Park

The regular monthly meeting of Spring Park Parent Teachers Group was held with a good attendance.

The vice president Mrs. E. Matheson presided. A discussion as to a music teacher for the balance of the term took place and anyone knowing of a teacher was asked to get in contact with them and bring report back to next meeting. Mrs. MacRae gave report for Brownies and Mrs. MacKinnon for Cubs. \$25 was made on a joint candy sale. Mrs. Matheson is to get in touch with Mr. Rodas to a place to keep Cubs and Brownies material. Mr. Wood thanked all who helped make the ice sports a success.

## EASTERN GUARDIAN

NOTICE: — SLABS now available at King's Mill. A full cord of half cord \$3.50. Delivered in Montague area only until road restrictions are lifted.

DOCTORS Recommend clean clothes, have yours cleaned by De Luxe Cleaners, Montague.

BUY "FAMILY Bread," baked in Kings County Daily. Be sure to order your week-end sweets early at the Montague Bakery.

REGULAR MEETING. Ladies Curling Club tonight, 8.00 p.m. in clubroom. All members requested to attend.

EASTER Beef show and Sale Banquet will be held at the Y.M.C.A. on April 4th Please Secure tickets at the Provincial Department of Agriculture, Box 2000, immediately.

BAPTISM — The sacrament of Baptism was observed at the morning service at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Montague, Sunday, March 17th. The service was conducted by the minister, Rev. D. A. Campbell, and the music was under the direction of the organist, Mrs. A. F. Campbell. The children baptised were: Patricia Marie and Harold George, daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis McHerron; Shelly Lynn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Nelson; Reagh Charles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wellington Campbell and Evelyn Darlene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Clow. In the evening, Rev. Mr. Campbell preached the first of a series of sermons on "Knowing Christ and His Cross". The anthem "Sweet The Moments Rich in Blessing" was sung by the choir.

## Former Souris Postmaster Dies

The funeral service for Wm. J. Paquet, 315 Lutz Street who died at Hotel Dieu Hospital, Moncton N.B. was held at St. Bernard's Church, Moncton, Sat. March 9th. Solemn requiem mass was celebrated by the Pastor Rev. A. McDevitt, assisted by Rev. Leo Hayes as deacon and Rev. John Morrison as sub-deacon. Mr. Paquet was born at Souris, P.E.I., a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Paquet. In 1910 he succeeded his father as postmaster of Souris. In later years he accepted a position as accountant with the Acadia Coal Company of Stellarton, N.S. He was a member of the Holy Name Society at New Glasgow, N.S., and a popular member of the New Glasgow Council of the Knights of Columbus where he served as lecturer for seven years. He is survived by his wife Angie Peters, formerly of Rusico, P.E.I., eight daughters, Mrs. T. W. Campbell (Marie); Charlottetown, Mrs. J. R. O'Hanley (Frances) also of Charlottetown; Mrs. Joan McAnany, at home; Mrs. Rine Saltermann (Bernie) Lorne Pack Estates, Ontario; Mrs. Jack Ford (Margaret), Los Angeles, California; Mrs. John March (Gertrude), Moncton; Mrs. Maurice Gaud (Gabrielle), Moncton; and Theresa at home; and a son Clarence, an employee of C.N.R. in Montreal. Two sons Billy and Alban and one daughter, Edna predeceased him. Pall bearers were Maurice Gaud, John Marsh, Bernie O'Neill, Windsor Buchanan, Gerald La Flotte and Stan Arsenault. The Road cemetery vault until interment in the spring. Prayers at the vault were delivered by Rev. Eugene Lafitte. Numerous mass cards spiritual bouquets, flowers and messages of sympathy were received by the family.

The new attendance banners were won by Miss Walker's class, the Junior banner, Mrs. Green, the senior banner. A Panel discussion will be held at the next meeting the third Wednesday in March. Those taking part will be Mr. Wood, Mr. Stirling, Mr. Rodd, Mr. Campbell, Mrs. Matheson, Mrs. Graham. The meeting closed with a film Home and School.

## TODAY ONLY — CAPITOL

THE FABULOUS STORY OF "FLAMING MAMIE"  
20th Century-Fox presents "The Revolt of Mamie Stover"  
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Rita Moreno

## PLUS NEWS — OCEANS OF LOVE

MIDNIGHT — FRIDAY — 11.15 P.M.  
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