



**HARBOR FULL OF SHIPS**

Battle of the Atlantic Sunday, May 3, will bring to mind the convoys made up of ships such as these awaiting orders in Bedford Basin. The Royal Canadian Navy successfully escorted 25,343 of these merchant ships carrying 181,643,190 tons of vital supplies from North America to the United Kingdom. In this continuous battle for the protection of merchant shipping lay the major contribution of the Navy in the Battle of the Atlantic. (National Defence Photo)

**TIMELY NOTES ON FUR FARMING**

Every state in the United States — Alaska included — boasts a mink ranching industry, according to statistics released by the National Board of Fur Farm Organizations. The National Board survey indicates a total of 6,203 mink farms in the U.S., with no state having less than three ranches. Wisconsin has a clear numerical superiority, both in terms of number of ranches and production of pelts. Far out in front in number of farms, Wisconsin has a total of 1,450 of a 1957 survey; these ranches produced 1,580,000 pelts last year, much more than all of our Canadian provinces combined. The total production of mink pelts for the whole United States last year was 4,500,000. Wisconsin also boasts one of the highest yields-per-farm among the twelve main mink-producing states. Its average, however, is a shade lower than that of Oregon, which has an average production per farm of 1,100 pelts. Minnesota comes next with an average of 740; this state has 502 mink farms, and last year they pelted 372,000 mink. The heartland of mink production is generally considered to be the Midwestern United States, with Wisconsin, Minnesota and Utah. The East is represented by three states — New York, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts. From the above, one can see the tremendous strides made in mink farming since the mid-1940's, when mink first became a profitable feature of fur farming. Our breeders did not take to the production of mink, because over the years we had perfected the breeding of silver fox and its mutations, and on this island, there were hundreds of small, medium and large ranches that were producing the bulk of Canada's silver fox and its mutations, and also the top quality furs in all categories. It wasn't until 1950 that we realized the handwriting on the wall. That is to say that women of fashion were changing to the shorter, flatter furs, probably because the closed automobile made the bulky silver fox a bit out of place. We have often wondered what filled the void left by the near-

extinction of silver fox farming, and we believe, perhaps, it was potato farming which has now grown to be a very large part of agricultural activities here. Ed Gold, writing in the latest issue of "Women's Wear Daily", has the following good news for mink farmers: "Dressed EMBA autumn hazes soared yesterday at the jammed New York Auction Company salesroom here. When all the bids had been taken, the official results indicated a 100 percent sale for all pasted types, with a price rise of ten percent." "The official report stated: 'The audience was excellent, with buyers flowing over into the rancher's section. Prices advanced a strong ten percent, compared with February. Buying was widespread, with dealers, better manufacturers, and out-of-town buyers attending!' "The collection was rated as ordinary to average in quality. Here are some of the figures: Autumn Haze (standard) 24,082 pelts — 100 percent sold; top males at \$47.50 and females at \$26.50. Stewarts, 12,035 pelts — 100 percent sold; top males at \$50 and females at \$27. Breath of Spring, 158 pelts — 100 percent sold; top males at \$47 and females at \$20.50. Homozygous, 2,370 pelts — 100 percent sold. "The sale continued strong all through, and they considered the collection a 'good, average' one with a few better strings. Another reason given for the tremendous strength of the sale is that the dealers had cleared their pastels from their stores; they had used the whole month of March to move this stock and were successful in doing so. Distribution is tremendous in pastel, with dealers and big name manufacturers having competition from smaller manufacturers to produce continual competition." Another reason is one we have mentioned previously, and that is the tremendous rise in the stock market. Just take one stock — U. S. Steel, which sold for \$50 in December, 1958, and reached \$100 a short time ago. And all other stocks, with prospects of good production and demand, have increased tremendously in value.

**WELLINGTON**

Young members of Wellington United Church Mission Band, met at the home of Beverly Barlow Saturday afternoon, April 11th, with 12 members answering roll call. Next meeting to be held at the home of Sharon MacCarville. Misses Frances Barlow and Beatrice Ferguson spent the weekend at their respective homes. Mr. Gerald Gallant spent a few days with his parents. On Tuesday, April 14th, little Miss Darlene Ward, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Ward, celebrated her second birthday. Sincere sympathy is extended to the Misses Laurenda and Alice Gallant in the recent passing of their mother, Mrs. Frank I. Gallant. Funeral was held on Wednesday morning from her late residence to Immaculate Conception Church where Requiem High Mass was celebrated. Pallbearers were Messrs Sylvère Perry, John E. Cameron, Bertram Ayers, Ronald MacNeill, John S. Barlow and Keith MacDonald. Miss Mary Ann Arsenault of Moncton, is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. Sylvère Arsenault and family. On Friday evening, April 17th, ladies of the United Church sponsored a pantry sale at Smallmans in Summerside. LAC Ernest Arsenault, Chatham, N.B. spent some time visiting his parents. He was accompanied by LAC Eric Hill, formerly of England. Mr. and Mrs. Antoine Arsenault had as guests, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McInnis and son Eldon of Borden. They were accompanied by Mrs. Sophie Gaudet. Mr. Leroy Gamble, R.C.A.F. has returned to his duties in Quebec after visiting with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Linus Gamble. Miss Thelma Baglole, who has been spending some time in

Moncton, spent a brief visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Baglole, Southwest and was accompanied by Miss Linda Matthews, Moncton, N. B. Miss Darlene Baglole was the guest of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Birch, where friends and relatives gathered to celebrate her 13th birthday. An address was read, and Darlene received many tokens of love and remembrance and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed. Mrs. Minnie Campbell and Mrs. Wilson MacPhee, who have been visiting relatives and friends in Summerside, have returned to their homes in Southwest. Mr. Reid Baglole of Moncton, was a recent visitor to Southwest and Summerside. Mr. Andrew J. Baglole was a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Birch. A whist party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Aylre C. Arsenault, St. Raphael. Proceeds were for St. Thomas Aquinas Society. Mr. and Mrs. Donat M. Arsenault, accompanied by son Edward, recently visited for a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Doljar Gallant of Piusville. Clarence and Wilfred Arsenault sons of Mr. and Mrs. Donat M. Arsenault spent a recent weekend at their home. Mr. Pius Condon has returned to his home in Western Canada after spending the past few months with his sister, Mrs. J. P. Gaudet. The many friends of Mr. Gill Arsenault are pleased to see him home from the Prince County Hospital, much improved in health. The death occurred at her home on North Market St., Summerside, of Mrs. Roseanna Gallant, wife of Alphonse Gallant in her 66th year. She was formerly of Most Carmel. Besides her

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her home in O'Leary after spending the winter months in Quincy, Mass. guest of her sister, Mrs. Annie MacPherson. The "Princess Margaret" Sewing Club met for their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. van MacLean under the leadership of Mrs. Pearl Millman. The class was instructed in the different stitches used in embroidery work. Place of next meeting was undecided. Congratulations are being extended to Mrs. Janie Brewer, Springfield West, who celebrated her 92nd birthday on Tuesday, March 22nd, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Cooke, Cape Wolfe. Mr. Everett Boulter, who spent the winter months in Dartmouth, N.S., has returned to his home in Carleton Place, Ont. Mr. Thomas Howard, Lot 7 received word that his son Errol who is employed in "Baffin Islands, met with an accident and is now a patient in the hospital at Montreal, where he underwent surgery. His many friends wish for his speedy and complete recovery. Mrs. William Ford has returned to her home in Charlottetown, after spending holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Boulter, Carleton, Lot 6. Bible study group met at the home of Mr. William Fish on Wednesday evening. Appropriate hymns were used and the 20th. Chapter of John verses 1-19 was read and discussed. Mr. and Mrs. Dermot MacLean, Milo, were recent visitors to Charlottetown, guests of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Euse MacLean.

**DEATH NOTICE**

**MISS CLARA E. DONALD**  
The death occurred at the Prince Edward Island Hospital of Miss Clara E. Donald, on April 1st, 1958. The deceased, who was 80 years of age, was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thomas Donald of Malpeque, P. E. I. and was a member of a family of ten-sons and two daughters. She received her education in Baltic School and grew to womanhood in her father's home. In early life she became a faithful member of Princetown Presbyterian Church and was always

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a regular attendant at Divine services. After the death of her parents, and later her brother James, she usually made her home with her brother Melville. During her life-time it was her lot to be the victim of ill health. Through all her sickness she had the sympathy of her many friends. For a considerable time, before her fatal illness she had been in failing health. On March 29th, she suffered a stroke and passed away three days later without regaining consciousness. The surviving members of the family are her sister Minnie, (Mrs. Nelson Ramsay); Melville, Alberton and Dr. Stanley K. Donald, Moncton. The funeral service was held in Princetown United Church and was conducted by Rev. L. M. Murray, Kensington, assisted by Dr. A. S. Weir. The pallbearers: Keith Donald, William E. Donald, James A. Ramsay, Waldon Davison, Horace Glover and Everett Donald. Interment was in the People's Cemetery, Malpeque.

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**FREEMAN R. GARRETT**  
On Easter Sunday, March 29, 1958, as people gathered to once again commemorate the most important event mankind has ever known, "the victorious resurrection of our Lord, over sin and the grave." Death came to Freeman Richard Garrett an aged and respected citizen of North Lake. Freeman was the youngest and last member of a family of 12 children, born to Richard Garrett and Hepzibeth Rose. He was born at Fairfield, April 14th, 1877. Freeman spent the greater part of his life farming on the

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old homestead, and was known in the Community as the handyman to 'those who had sick animals, and was ever ready to answer a call' whether night or day. His first wife was Ella Mae Rose, who passed away Marcy 11, 1939, leaving him with a family of eight. In 1946 he married Mrs. Joshua Garrett, the former Isabelle MacKinnon of Strathcona. For several years he made his home in that community. After the death of his second wife he lived with his oldest daughter Minnie, till she and her family moved to Hamilton, Ontario. For the past four years he made his home with his youngest daughter Doreen, where he was lovingly cared for and visited often by other members of the family. Although the last several months were spent in bed, his mind was still alert and he was interested in events far and near. There are left to mourn his passing, Russell, Red Point; Stanley, Hamilton, Ontario; Minnie, (Mrs. Gerald Bruce) Hamilton, Ont.; Lola (Mrs. Robert Ross), Sunny Corner, N.B.; Hilda, (Mrs. Edward Smith) Saugus Mass.; Lydia, (Mrs. Albert Browning) Kitchener, Ont.; Pansy (Mrs. Kenneth MacLean) Vancouver, B.C.; Doreen (Mrs. Harold Hunter) North Lake, P.E.I. The funeral was from the home of his daughter, Doreen, where a short service was held April 1st, thence to East Point Baptist Church of which he was a member. The pastor Rev. Frank Molins assisted by Rev. H.R. Bell officiated at the Service. Scripture 90 II Cor 5: 1-8. The hymns sung by the choir were "Twenty-Third Psalm", "The Sweet Bye and Bye", and "Good Night Here But Good Morning Up There." Interment was in the Church Cemetery. The funeral was largely attended and courteously and efficiently conducted by Dingwell

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**Brothers, Sours:**  
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who so kindly assisted in any way during his illness and their bereavement, and especially to the host of friends who sent cards and messages of sympathy. A "special thanks" to Mrs. Hudson Morrow whose daily kindness and helpfulness brightened his last days.

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