AVAST YOU landlubbers! Hoist the main sail! and other nautical terms echoed through the halls of Prince of Wales College last night as the college chorus presented "HMS Pinafore." The operetta in two acts was under the direction of Christopher Gledhill. A scene from the Gilbert and Sullivan production shows cast members, left to right, Nancy White, (Mrs. Crippa) Kenneth Hodge, Brookes Diamond, Carole Cook, all members of the PWC Choral Society; Zoe Hyndman, (Josephine); and Brian Wonnacott, (Ralph Rackstraw).

Colorful, Tuneful Pinafore Has Spectacular Opening

"H.M.S. Pinafore," one of the most colorful and tuneful shows to be seen in Charlottetown for a long time, was staged last night by the Prince of Wales College Chorus in the first of three performances. A large and enthusiastic house packed the college auditorium and obviously enjoyed the familiar music of Gilbert and Sullivan's comic masterpiece.

The curtain rose on a magnificent stage setting which instantly drew applause. A new set of lighting equipment illuminated the good ship Pinafore and her crew. A full set of professional costumes from Mabbars was used. The boys were trim in their sailor outfits, and the girls were spectacular in their beautiful and colorful gowns and bonnets.

The story of the lass who loved a sailor was sung with skill and obvious enjoyment. The chorus blended very well and some of the special numbers were sung with great beauty and sensitivity. The stage movements and acting were well handled. Pinafore is built around a tale of young people and young love, and, as in this production, a young cast brings to it a special joy and feeling.

The principals, well trained and well costumed, carried their roles with obvious competence. If their volume was a bit weak at times, it was more than made up by their musicianship and their acting.

The lead role, that of Sir Joseph Porter, K.C.B., was masterfully handled by Lewis Newman. He has both the voice and the acting ability of a true Gilbert and Sullivan "patter" singer.

ONE OF HIGHLIGHTS

He sang all his lines well, but his "When I was a Lad" was one of the highlights of the show.

Brian Wonnacott, who sang Ralph Rackshaw, has one of those rare and beautiful voices, a counter tenor. Its characteristics is a soft etherial one. Wonnacott sang with great skill and indicated much promise.

Captain Corcoran was sung by Alan Rodd with gusto and competence. This role is not an easy one for it can easily be spoiled by ham acting. Rodd never overdrid it and gave it just the right touch of the feeling that one would expect of a captain with a spirited crew who welcome a flock of unusual visitors and ended up a common sailor.

The female leads were superb. Gilbert and Sulliva, relied heavily on sweet and dainty ladies and this cast had them in abundance.

LEAD ROLE

Zoe Hyndman handled the lead role like a veteran. She has a lovely voice and it soared through the auditorium like that of a bird. Her performance was a highlight.

Nancy White sang Buttercup, the bumboat girl who gets every body mixed up. Her singing and acting contributed greatly to the action and her rendition of "Little Buttercup" started everything off well.

Sylvia Phillips as Cousin Hebe, Paul Whelan as Dick Deadeye and Jim Matheson as Boatswain were the supporting principals. Each sang and acted will and what was particularly noticeable was how well they blended with the others in ensembles and choruses.

WELL TRAINED

The performance was directed by Christopher Gledhill who had obviously trained his charges well. Elizabeth MacGowan was stage director and her experience was obvious in the action. Roberta Full, distinguished contributor to all Prince of Wales productions, was at the piano, and a 10-man orchestra of experienced musicians completed the artistic staff.

The stage manager was R.G. White who transformed the college auditorium into an opera house for the occasion. The fine scenery was the work of Kleastow Lowe, art director at the college. Production was under the general direction of Dr. Frank MacKinnon.

The show will be repeated tonight and tomorrow night.

Ch'town Chorale Elects Officers

The eleventh annual meeting of the Charlottetown Chorale was held recently when the new director, Christopher Gledhill was warmly welcomed and thanks were expressed to Mrs. G.E. Full for her valued assistance during the past two years.

Plans are underway and the group is practicing for the presentation of a musicale in the Charlottetown Hotel under the sponsorship of the University Women's Club. The proceeds will go towards a Music Festival scholarship.

A radio program to be presented on Good Friday; special numbers to be sung at the National IODE convention when it convenes here in May; and festival pieces for the P.E.I. Music Festival to be held in the latter part of April, are being practiced.

The following slate of officers was elected: president, Hilda Sterns; vice-president, Alice Sutherland; secretary, P Johnston; treasurer, Barbara Rogers; entertainment, Lillian Scales; telephone committee, Fern Johnston, Helen Arsenault; publicity, Lillian Duchemin; librarian, Ruth Enman; director, Christopher Gledhill; accompanist, Mrs. G.E. Full.

FOUR OF the 25 student nurses who were promoted to juniors in a promotion ceremony at the Charlottetown Hospital School of Nursing last night are shown above. The students have successfully completed their first year course. Left to right are Mary MacIsaac, Rock Barra; Dorothy McNeill, Alberton; Myrna Nicholson, Charlottetown; Mary Power, Miscouche; Paula Rodin, Southport; Eileen Walsh, Nine Mile Creek; Sylvia Poirier, Miscouche; Elizabeth MacKenzie, Charlottetown; Geraldine McCarville, Kinkora.

Spring Arrived Tuesday Night

Spring officially arrived at 10.30 last night amid temperatures of 16 degrees above zero but with considerable snow on the ground in the country.

Today, the first full day of Spring, a high temperature of 32 degrees is forecast.

Last year its arrival was heralded by a savage surprise snowstorm that battered the Island with winds that reached 78 miles per hour stopping all highway travel.

The storm blocked all the province's highways and forced people to stay in hotels, motels, or any other accomodation that was available. Some 67 people were forced to spend approximately two days in a Cherry Valley service station.

Sealing Parties Report Success

ST PETERS—The Alberton Seal hunters continued their operations yesterday from their headquarters at St. Peters and were reported to have good hunting.

The group headed by Glen Matthews was reported to have landed 165 pelts with an unestimated number left on the ice.

Two other hunters, Major Gaudet and Arnold Gaudet from Tignish are also based at St. Peters and using a light plane killed 141 seals yesterday. Ninety were taken ashore.

The large herd is reported to be about 45 miles off Goose River, which is six miles northeast of St. Peters and is estimated to cover about 30 square miles of ice in the gulf.

Two sealing vessels, "East Star" and the "North Star" are also taking pelts in the large herd. Reports indicated that one of the vessels had 7,000 pelts on board while the other had 1,500.

Also taking pelts in the herd are a Magdalen Islands group, headed by Dr. Marc Arsenault. The group is reported to be using nine helicopters and 60 men in the hunt.

had jumped from $551,000 in 1956-56 to more than $1,914,000 last year.

Mothers allowances jumped from $78,600 to $124,000, Blind pensions from $43,000 to $53,000, disabled persons allowances from $115,972 to $464,351, Old Age Assistance from $201,743 to $437,281 and hospital insurance premiums from nothing to $100,952.

Illustrating the large section of the population covered by cheques sent out in welfare or social security payments he said that 7,000 Old Age Security cheques are sent out. There are 14,174 Family Allowance cheques. Canadian Pension Commission cheques total 1,700, there are 959 War Veterans Allowance cheques, 570 to disabled persons, some 800 Old Age Assistance cheques and 255 in Mothers Allowances.

The rapid growth of the winter works projects was shown by the fact there were 39 projects underway this winter compared to only one in 1959, and four in 1960. Broadening of the program to include projects in rural areas was praised.

More than 580 men had been employed this winter and this had helped greatly to improve the employment picture, he said.

HOUSING FOR AGED

Noting it was impossible to take care of all the old people who are looking for housing accommodation, the minister reviewed at length the plans made for housing for senior citizens.

P.E.I. has the largest concentration of people 65 years and over, with more than fourteen percent of the population in that category. Approximately half of them have no income apart from the pensions and small benefits they receive.

Indication that accomodation will be needed for a minimum of 300 people in the province, he said, in addition to those accommodated now in public and private institutions.

The idea is to have homes situated not far from the home sites of the people who will be accommodated, said the minister who reviewed the several types of housing it is hoped to provide.

The housing would not be a financial burden on the province, he explained and rentals elsewhere were kept at a figure not exceeding fifty dollars per month.

Board provided in hostels will be kept at a figure to enable all pensioners to pay their own board and "allow them sufficient from their income to provide their other necessities."

The minister noted that the fair in his district has been receiving far too small a grant in the past in relation to other fairs, and declared optimistically he has written the president and requested him for much larger sums. Already, he said, the grant had been raised last year but he's looking for another increase.

PRAISES FISHERMEN

He praised fishermen in his district and referred to the amalgamation of groups of fishermen into one co-operative unit with excellent results.

A holding unit for lobsters established at Fishermen's Cove had resulted in an extra $10,000 income to the fishermen for the same quantity of lobsters.

They had received a $15,000 loan for this building and had been able to pay fifty percent of the principal after the first year of operation, he said.

Mr. Wedge sharply criticized the policies of Liberal Leader Lester Pearson who was "advocating a different policy for every place he visited."

Inclosing he recalled a great churchman who had said "give me in each section of your country a group of men alert, well informed and dedicated and I will change the face of the earth."

And, observed Mr. Wedge, "the Shaw government has all these qualities. We have made great progress under our leader in the past two years, and we look forward to an expanded economy and more services for our people in the future."

Council Says Full Publicity Given Proposed Changes

By RALPH CAMERON
Guardian-Patriot Staff Writer

As representatives of city council prepared to appear before the legislature, sitting as a committee of the whole house to deal with proposed changes in the Charlottetown Act of Incorporation, members of the council were emphatic yesterday in pointing out that full publicity had been given in advance of the changes being requested.

Last week, when the amendments to the Act were under discussion in the legislature, they were temporarily shelved until, as Attorney-General Melvin McQuaid stated, the committee was assured that the people of the city had known the plans of the council.

The important changes involved are in extensions of the terms in office of the mayor and half the council for three years, instead of two, and an upward revision in salaries paid councillors and the mayor.

'WELL PUBLICIZED'

The first of the two was introduced in council last December by H.E. Hyndman, chairman of the finance committee, who said yesterday: "These matters were properly aired in open council meetings, and there could be no doubt in anyone's mind that they were well publicized in the press in advance of action being taken."

A quick review shows that the city proposals under question in the legislature were laid before the public in Charlottetown in great detail, and frequently in news reports.

At a recent council meeting, City Recorder K.M. Martin declared: "The newspaper is the ordinary avenue of notice and you can read it at any time."

DETAILED REPORTS

In keeping with this view, supporters of Charlottetown's proposals point out that both newspapers in the city, in publishing a report of proceedings of the city council meeting of Dec. 11, discussed in detail the proposals regarding suggested changes, both council salaries and new terms of office.

On Dec. 12, The Patriot paper gave a large amount of space to the suggested changes under a two-column heading "Council talks electoral reform.'

That news story, in telling of the council meeting, said "a proposal was introduced at the city council meeting last night to have the mayor and five of the councillors elected next February to serve for three years instead of two years as at present."

This was proposed as it "would prevent the city having a new mayor and 10 councillors with no experience in city business."

Mayor A. Walthen Gaudet suggested he would like to see editorial comment in the newspapers dealing with the matter.

The next day's story also dealt with the proposal that salaries be increased. It was advanced by Coun. Arthur Wright who noted it was no longer possible for busy citizens to give their time "and still earn their bread and butter."

Just four days later a contributor to the Public Forum in The Guardian (Dec. 16, 1961) said, "I read with interest your report of last Monday's regular monthly meeting of the city council. I note the several proposals to come up in the near future. One is the extension of term of office and another is of pay increases from $400 to $1,200 per annum."

In a front page story under a three-column heading "City council ponders legislative action," The Evening Patriot on Jan. 18 said: "Legislative action necessary on matters which have come up before city council in the past year will be outlined tonight at a meeting of the council sitting as a committee to consider such changes."

CHANGE IN ACT

The story continued with "heading the discussion is expected to be the necessity of a change in the Act of Incorporation, permitting election of half the council members each year.

A short time prior to this, Jan. 5, The Guardian, in its lead editorial, said "The proposal to change the civic electoral system in Charlottetown, in keeping with the system followed by many municipalities across Canada, would seem to be a move in the right direction."

The editorial went on to discuss the proposal at length and in general indicated approval of the plan.

That the city council proposals received widespread publicity is witnessed by the many remarks it engendered. Action on them was taken by the 'old' council. It was done in the face of a coming election and far enough in advance to give citizens a chance to approve or disapprove by showing their feelings at the polls on election day.

LITTLE OPPOSITION

However, it was noted that despite the proposal there was little opposition to the then, and out-going council, as nomination day approached.

Following the annual meeting of city council Jan. 31 both local papers editorially commended the council for its work over the previous two years.

On Tuesday, Feb. 6, The Patriot, in a front page, three-column story, noted "No contest seen in civic election - 24 hours to go".

The following day the entire out-going council was re-elected by acclamation to fill the vacancy due to the resignation of former Coun. James Haslam.

WELFARE

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fied limits on liquid assets, removing a number of irritating clauses and the simplification of administrative processes, he suggested.

Illustrating one completely unreliable measure which Ottawa insists on, the Minister cited the case of an elderly couple who are credited with $75 of the income side of their means test report, because they have firewood on their property. But, he explained, they cannot cut the wood to fuel, and are unable to hire help to get the wood out, not to mention having to pay for the help if it were available.

MORE ELIGIBLE

The minister said that the recent increase of $10 in old age assistance, blind and disabled pensions, made more helpful by the fact that the income ceilings allowable have also been raised substantially, and he expected that new applications for pensions will be received and many will be approved as a result.

The low income income of $960 for a single pensioner has been increased to $1,140. The limit for a married couple has been increased from $1,620 to $1,980 and for a married man with a blind spouse from $1,980 to $2,340, he instanced.

The higher income ceilings will make more people eligible and in many cases the increase in pensions will go far beyond the $10, he explained.

In one case, he cited, the pensioner would get $61.31 or an increase of more than $20 over what he got formerly. Another, who is getting $28 will be increased by $15. Those who were getting less than the former maximum of $55 will get more than the stated increase of $10 where the pension is on a means test basis, he explained.

Up to now, Mr. Wedge added, we have been the only province that did not assist diabetic patients to get their insulin supply. Now those who need help will be able to get their supply at their nearest drug store for which the department will pay the costs.

AID INCREASES

Comparing welfare aid increases in the past five years he said the total expenditure

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Clothing Store Opens Thursday

The clothing business will not be a new adventure to George Dow, when he opens his new men's and boys' wear store on Great George Street Thursday morning.

Mr. Dow has nine years of experience behind him having entered the clothing field when he was 16 years old. He began his career travelling Prince Edward Island selling from door to door.

The new business will be known as "Dow's Men's and Boys Wear" and is located on the same site as the former Greendal Company Limited.

The store will feature clothes for the male members of the family and will be stocked with only brand name materials.

A special sale will mark the opening at 9 a.m. Thursday and each person attending the opening event will be given a chance for a brand new complete Easter outfit.

Habs Change Starting Time

MONTREAL (CP) — Montreal Canadiens have changed the starting time of their home games in the upcoming National Hockey League playoffs to 9:30 p.m. AST from 9 p.m., the league said Tuesday.

The Canadiens open their best-of-seven semi-finals against Chicago Black Hawks in Montreal Tuesday, March 27.

LOCAL BRIEFS

DIES IN CALIFORNIA

Mrs. Heath Montgomery, Park Corner, received word recently of the death of her sister, Mrs. Frank Gillespie on March 19 in San Diago, Calif. Mrs. Gillespie was formerly of Long River, P.E.I.

CHIMNEY FIRE

City firemen were called to 234 Sydney Street about 8:30 yesterday to quell a chimney fire. No damage was reported although the fire was accompanied by heavy smoke.

LONGAPHIE FUNERAL

The funeral for Mrs. John Longaphie took place Tuesday morning, March 20, from the Hennessey Funeral Home to St. Dunstan's Basilica where Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Preston Hammill, who also conducted the service at the grave. The pallbearers were Augustus Longaphie, James Molyneaux, Earle MacFarlane, Ronald Shephard, Louis Hughes and John Arsenault. Interment took place in the Roman Catholic cemetery.

MURNAGHAN FUNERAL — The funeral for Allan Lee Murnaghan took place Tuesday morning from the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Murghan, Bunbury, to St. Dunstan's Basilica where Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Gerald Steele. Rev. T.F. Butler, Rev. Puis Murnaghan and Rev. Vincent Murnaghan were present in the sanctuary. The boys' choir of which Lee was a member, under the direction of Rev. Denis Gallant sang the Requiem. The pupils of Bunbury School and Notre Dame Academy grades 7, were in attendance, as were also representatives of the postal department. Pallbearers were Albert Reddin, Brian Dillon, Garry MacDonald, Wayne Gallant, Gerard Murnaghan and Billy Titcher. Interment took place in the Roman Catholic cemetery, the service being conducted by Father Steele.

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