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SKATING Bedeque rink tonight is cancelled on account of soft ice.

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SKATING - Bedeque rink, Saturday, 8 to 10 p.m. Junior hockey meeting after skate. All hockey wishing to enter Bedeque Junior League are requested to hand in their list of players to the undersigned, Leo Duvar, president, Junior League.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Perry of Tignish left last Saturday morning for Toronto, where they will spend their Christmas holidays with their five sons and one daughter. Accompanying them is their daughter, Mrs. George Jeffrey of St. Louis. They will also visit the latter's son, Stephen Jeffrey, who is employed in a factory in Toronto.

Freetown Wins Exhibition Game

In an exhibition hockey game at Bedeque Rink last night—the first of the season—last year's South and North Shore Leagues champions, the Freetown Royals defeated the Albany St. Pats 11-6. Despite the warm weather, the ice was good and there was a good turnout of fans. Clayton Mill was the top scorer for the Royals, collecting three goals and two assists. Robert Murdoch and Edgar Taylor each got two goals and two assists while Vernon Paynter accounted for two goals and assisted on another. Brewer Auld and Des Roberts with singletons completed the tally.

For Albany Doug MacLeod was the standout, scoring three goals and assisting on another. David MacLean tallied one and assisted on two others, while Fred DesRoches and Doug Crossman each scored once.

Arrangements are being made to get the South Shore Hockey League started shortly, and prospects are excellent for a good season.

Safe Christmas

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house, Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse. When down through the chimney, all covered with soot, Came the "Spirit of Fire", an ugly galoot. His eyes glowed like embers, his features were stern. As he looked all around for something to burn. What he saw made him grumble, his anger grew higher, For there wasn't a thing that would start a good fire. No doors had been blocked by the big Christmas tree. It stood in the corner leaving passageways free. The lights that glowed brightly for Betty and Tim Had been hung with precaution so that none touched a limb. All wiring was new, not a break could be seen, And wet sand at its base kept the tree nice and green. The tree had been trimmed by a mother insistent That the ornaments used must be fire resistant. And mother had known the things to avoid, Like cotton, and paper, and plain celluloid. Rock wool, metal icicles, and tinklets of glass, Gave life to the tree; it really had class. And would you believe it, right next to the tree, Was a suitably box for holding debris. A place to throw wrappings of paper and string, From all the gifts that Santa might bring. The ugly galoot was so mad he could bust. As he climbed up the chimney in utter disgust, For all the folks in this home had paid close attention To all the rules of good Fire Prevention."

Fire Destroys Dwelling At South Freetown

Fire on Thursday morning completely destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Abbie Perry, of South Freetown. The fire was discovered about 10 a. m. by Mrs. Perry, who was alone at home at the time.

Several of the telephone lines were out of order, which made it difficult to summon help around the community. Those who gathered were unable to save the house but managed to remove the furniture from all the rooms.

It is understood that there was some insurance on the house, which, although one of the oldest in the Freetown district, had recently been renovated.

The fire is believed to have started from an overheated stove pipe in an outside kitchen.

McOrmond-Dye Wedding

A quiet but pretty wedding was solemnized by Rev. J.W. MacKay at the Presbyterian Manse, Summerside, yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, when Miss Manson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dye, and Edward Roy McOrmond, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy McOrmond, of Sudbury, Ontario, were united in marriage.

The bride chose for her wedding a suit of coffee brown gabardine with pink and rust accessories, and a corsage of pink and white roses.

Miss Joan Compton was bridesmaid, and was attired in a suit of silver grey gabardine with navy accessories, and a corsage of Better Time roses.

Mr. Harry Dye, brother of the bride, was groomsmen.

Following the ceremony a reception for the immediate friends and relatives was held at the home of the bride's parents.

The three-tier wedding cake, topped with miniature bride and groom, centered the bride's table, and was flanked by lighted tapers and Christmas decorations.

Mrs. Roy Tanton presided over the tea cups, and Miss Joan Compton, Mrs. Garth Gay, and Mrs. John Mungall assisted in serving.

The bridal couple left on a short honeymoon trip through the Province. For travelling the bride donned a top coat of milk candy.

Independent retailers "to the wolves of big competition."

Magistrate's Court

In county magistrate's court before Magistrate R.S. Hinton, in Summerside yesterday, a party from Roseville charged with selling "moonshine" was found guilty, and the case was adjourned one week for sentence. A party from Summerside charged with having liquor in a place other than his residence was fined twenty dollars and costs or one month. Two parties from Borden charged with being intoxicated in a public place were fined twenty dollars and costs or fifteen days. A party from West Prince charged with having liquor in a place other than his residence was fined twenty dollars and costs or one month. A truck driver from Lake Verde charged with speeding at Portage was fined five dollars and costs.

Session Will

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launched a turbulent debate on procedure, Mr. St. Laurent said he would apply the rule Dec. 27, but today he said he would not take that immediate step if enough progress was made to make it unnecessary.

The nub of the bitter parliamentary battle is a government bill which would make it illegal for manufacturers to fix the price retailers may charge for their goods.

The Progressive Conservatives claim the legislation will set off predatory price wars and drive small merchants out of business; the Liberal, Social Credit and C.C.F. Parties generally agree it will benefit the man who pays—the consumer.

Meantime, royal assent was given by Chief Justice Thibodeau Rinfret, as acting governor-general, to a series of bills already passed, including that bringing universal old-age pensions of \$40 a month into effect Jan. 1. This means the pensions now are law.

Progress Negligible

Despite a buoyant mood in today's opening stages, progress in the Commons was virtually negligible.

The chamber came to a vote on only one of three amendments before it at various stages.

It rejected by a count of 82 to 22 a Progressive Conservative motion, introduced four days ago by E. D. Fulton (PC-Kamloops), to kill the legislation outright. Liberal, C.C.F. and Social Credit members voted against it.

M. J. Coldwell, C.C.F. leader, then introduced a motion that the bill be shelved and consideration be given to the regulation of price maintenance by a public board. However, he said he would not press the motion to a recorded vote.

It became apparent that the debate would bog down when Mrs. Ellen Fairclough (PC-Hamilton West), threw in an amendment calling for the establishment of a "fair-trade" commission.

Mr. Drew topped off the day with a 90-minute speech reviewing much of what his party already had said and charging that the government's bill simply would assist monopolies. It was "stupid" legislation that would wreck small business and throw

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JURORS REPORT

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mony was brief. He was followed on the stand by Sgt. James Gallant, her husband, who is a member of the 79th Field Regiment of the 27th Brigade. He was on a train proceeding overseas to Germany when he heard of his wife's death.

They had been married in 1940 and had two children. He had previously been home in August on compassionate leave due to his wife's illness at that time. He stayed a month and just before his return to Camp Shilo, Man., where he was stationed here and his wife had come to Charlotte, town from Summerside and lived together at a house on King Street.

He said his wife was high-strung and had twice been in hospital with virus pneumonia. They were on good terms, he said, and added that she would "take a drink." He told the coroner that he knew the people in whose home she had died. They were personal friends and he had been to their home.

Uncle By Marriage

George Furze, 9 Alley Street, in whose home Mrs. Gallant died, said he was a smelt and oyster fisherman. He knew the deceased as he was her uncle by marriage. She often visited them and had come to stay with them about the first of that week. She died two days later, but till then had appeared in good health although she was thin.

When he left the house that Wednesday night about dark she was sitting in the kitchen reading. He could not say if she had

Had Bowl of Soup

They stopped drinking about 11 p.m. when they went to bed. Mrs. Gallant did not get up Wednesday until nearly four in the afternoon and then had a bowl of vegetable soup. She sat by the stove reading until a knock came on the door about 8:30 p.m. She got up and said "I'll go in the room that is probably him now."

The reference was to her father. The witness went to the door and let Mr. Binns in and then went to open the door to the other room to tell Mrs. Gallant who the visitor was. She found her lying on the floor by the stairs and shook her and asked what the matter was. There was no reply. She thought deceased had taken a weak turn and went to a neighbor's to telephone for a doctor. She tried three or four times to see if Mrs. Gallant had come out of it.

Mr. Binns told her he thought she was dead so she tried again to get a doctor without success. She then telephoned the City Police to get one for her and the Police patrol arrived within a few minutes. They then went and came back with Dr. Prowse.

The deceased had not complained of feeling ill while they were drinking Monday and Tuesday. She did not know what brand of bay rum they had and did not know if there were different brands. They were just small bottles and she did not know where they came from.

Russell Binns, carpenter of Beach Grove, said he had just arrived at the Furze house that night and was shaking snow from himself when he heard a thump from the other room. Mrs. Furze opened the door and asked his help in getting Mrs. Gallant on the couch. He saw her on the floor and did not think she was alive as she was not breathing. He said there was no drinking while he was there and there was no one else in the house.

Mrs. Seymour Dunn, Alley Street, told of Mrs. Furze coming to her house to use the telephone to get a doctor.

Constable James Howatt, City

Police, said he was in the patrol when he got the call on the radio to go to the Furze home. Constable R. Burns was with him and they got there in about three minutes. They went to the Forum and got Dr. Prowse.

Medical Report

Dr. Thomas Laidlaw, North River Road, surgeon, said he performed a post mortem examination on the deceased the next day at the McLean Funeral Home. Dr. Prowse assisted. The deceased was five feet two inches tall and weighed 90 pounds. He sent several sections from her body to the Provincial Pathologist. There was no sign of external violence, but her heart was contracted. He testified that no conclusion as to the cause of death could be added by him from the examination. He had found the left coronary artery considerably smaller than the other but was unable to say if that was sufficient to cause death. He could not detect the presence of alcohol in the stomach, from smelling the contents.

Dr. Harold Shaw, Provincial Pathologist, said he had examined the various parts sent to him by Dr. Laidlaw. He had been out of town at the time of Mrs. Gallant's death and on his return he found these waiting in the laboratory. There was evidence of disease in several organs with the lungs indicating a slight degree of tuberculosis. The kidneys were diseased and there was a slight gastritis in the lining of the stomach, it was chronic but not extensive.

The stomach contents and blood findings were essentially similar. They revealed a slight amount of alcohol which he did not think

sufficient to cause intoxication. There was no evidence of methyl alcohol. Tests made for various poisons were all negative. Examination of the heart showed one artery considerably smaller than the other and this was compatible with death being due to coronary heart disease. In the latter disease death is sudden as the disease "is a notorious killer." A person could have the disease and not know it.

Asked by Mr. Nicholson if immediate medical attention would have helped her, he did not think so. He told the jury that if an attending doctor had as much trouble diagnosing as he had in determining the cause of death he did not believe he could help.

Members of the jury were Vernon Currie, foreman, Olive Ross, John Berrigan, Roland Diamond, George McInnis, William Hughes and Percy Manuel.

Storms Cause Heavy Loss To Fishermen

OTTAWA, Dec. 21 (CP) — Fisheries Minister Mayhew said today the government is aware that storms have caused havoc among fishing fleets in Southwest Nova Scotia, but no reports have been received as yet about extent of the damage.

The Minister was replying to a question in the Commons by Thomas Kirk (L—Digby-Yarmouth). Mr. Kirk said storms with winds up to 85 miles an hour had caused much damage to fishing gear and asked if the government was giving any thought to assisting the fishermen.

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