

ACROSS THE ISLAND

Navy Suggested For This Island

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CHARLES DOUGLAS SMITH who became Governor of this Island in 1913 recommended to England that a navy of 12 boats be made available for its defence.

Information from the Archives at Ottawa, Major MacNutt has learned, indicates that Governor Smith wrote on September 18, 1912 requesting the following naval units for the defence of this Island.

There were three "Guard Boats" and these were to be either Clinkers, or Carvel built. The former will row and sail better, the latter will board better.

CLINKER was the name applied to "ships and boats the external planks of which overlap each other below, and are fastened clinched with copper nails."

The term "Carvel built" has reference to "a small, light and fast ship" our dictionary says without giving further details.

There was a request for three gun boats each of which would carry one 24-pounder (Long gun), to be of such size and scantling as to be capable of carrying the gun well, with sufficient storage for ammunition, provisions and water.

There was also a request for six gun boats each of which would carry one 32-pounder Cannonade. These may be of lighter draft of water than the foregoing.

Brother Of Sir Sydney

MAJOR MACNUTT notes that Governor Smith was a brother of Sir Sydney Smith, who was a famous British admiral and the hero of Acre.

Their grandfather, he adds, was Captain Edwin Smith, R.N. 1892 to 1743 of whom the Island Historical Society has a large oil portrait now hanging in the Board Room of the Province Building.

A Mr. Samuel Smith and a Captain J. Smith, R.N. were awarded "for services rendered" Lot 57 during the balloting away of the Island in London in July 1767, Maj. MacNutt adds.

Whether or not either of them was the father of Governor Smith, Major MacNutt "is not aware."

Election Results Confusing

MONDAY'S VOTING succeeded in confusing the political situation so much that it may be several months before we'll know just who will head our next provincial government.

The election night results, received over the telephone from various Island localities, gave Alex Campbell's Liberals a 16-14 margin. But with one vote separating Dr. J.C. Sinnot, PC and Arthur MacDonald, Liberal in Fifth Kings, and only two votes separating Horace Willis, Liberal and Lloyd MacPhail, PC in Second Queens almost anything can happen on either side.

Declaration Day—I believe the new act calls it "Determination Day"—could change the results in either or both seats. If that does not change them, there's the likelihood of a recount in both districts.

There's a long standing belief that a recount rarely improves the position of a candidate on the government side. The idea is that the returning officers are all from the party which has the government at the time, and the benefit of the doubt would naturally go to the government candidates.

I WOULD expect a tremendous drive to be made by both parties for the two remaining seats in First Kings. Normally one would expect this district to favor Liberal candidates. I say that because the Liberals held both seats prior to the election, and with an apparent edge in the results from election day, I would expect the Grits to have an edge in this deferred election which is to come on July 11.

But anything can happen when elections are held. The political situation here is still interesting.

Was 16 To 14 Back In 1908

ONLY ONCE previously since Confederation was there an election result so close as that of Monday. An election on November 18, 1908 gave the Liberals 16 seats to the Conservatives 14. Hon. F. L. Hazzard was the Liberal leader at the time.

There must have been some close voting recorded in the legislature through the next few years, but the parliament lasted through approximately four years, as the next election was on January 3, 1912. The roof fell in on the Liberals that time, though, and the score was 27 Conservatives, two Liberals and one Independent Conservative.

The successful Conservative leader was Hon. John A. Matheson, who went on to become Chief Justice of the Province a little more than six years later.

It's still too early to pass out congratulations but to Alex Campbell, the freshman leader who emerged with the apparent lead on Monday night must go congratulations. This young man set a tremendous pace in his campaign and held it until the end.

Friendships Are Valued

NATURALLY THERE'S a warm spot in my heart for Mr. Campbell as his parents, Chief Justice Thane A. Campbell and Cecilia (Cec) Campbell, are warm friends.

I hope I am not being inconsistent when I say that there was more than a slight tinge of regret when I saw the returns apparently turning against Premier Shaw. I have come to know Walter Shaw and his charming lady, Margaret, in recent years. The fact Margaret Shaw was born in the farm across from my Rose Valley home adds an extra touch, perhaps. For these and other personal reasons there was some good cause why I, a Liberal, did not feel exactly like gloating over the apparent defeat of a man whose party politics do not agree with my own.

In addition some of his ministers are long-time friends. I realize my statements may alarm some ardent Liberals, but one of the compensations of advancing years is the realization that friendship does really count for something, even when political party feelings are taken into account.

Collective Bargaining Due For Federal Civil Service

OTTAWA (CP) — The Commons debated and has given second reading to a bill to bring collective bargaining to the civil service.

The 116 main sections and 1,000-odd subsections of the legislation drew general approval from both sides of the house on second reading, approval in principle.

But there was also ample evidence the bill will get a real currying by MPs when it gets to clause-by-clause study under the committee stage next step for it.

MPs took more than two hours during second reading to outline some of the problems they foresee for the Public Service Staff Relations Act, the formal title of the bill.

Revenue Minister Benson said it will probably be about two years before the provisions of the bill become law.

The bill was sent to the Commons Senate public relations committee for study.

The Commons then turned to the Public Service Employment Act which changes functions of the Civil Service Commission. It would rename the Public Service Commission and make it strictly a recruiting and train-

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Stanley Knowles (NDP-Winnipeg North Centre) said the bill has some "restricted" conditional clauses. Restricted means the right to strike and grievance procedures could be improved. Some provisions seemed to open the way for union raiding.

Delay In Conference Suggested

LONDON (CP) — Six countries have formally replied so far to Britain's request for a postponement of the planned July Commonwealth prime ministers' conference on Rhodesia.

While names of the six were not disclosed, an informant said most of them showed no objection to Prime Minister Wilson's suggestion that the conference be put off until September.

The Commonwealth secretary, which circulated Wilson's request, is a waiting reply from other leaders of the 23-country association. The informant said that unless there is a sharp and sustained protest from Africa, there is "a good chance" the Wilson suggestion will be accepted.

Commonwealth leaders agreed at Lagos last January to meet again in July if Rhodesia's white-minority Ian Smith regime was not eliminated by that time.

However, British and Rhodesian officials have been exploring the possibility of an Anglo-Rhodesian settlement through negotiations. A second exploratory session is to open in Salisbury Thursday.

Wilson has argued there is little point in holding a prime ministers' meeting while the exploration is under way. Zambia, a Negro-ruled neighbor of Rhodesia, has argued Wilson is merely trying to reach a compromise with Smith at the expense of non-white Rhodesians.

Minister Fired Following Wreck

BUCHAREST (AP) — A train wreck killed 36 persons Tuesday and has cost the Romanian railway minister his job.

Two passenger trains collided head on five miles east of Bucharest. In addition, 85 persons were injured in the crash, Romanian worst train disaster in recent years.

After the collision of the express and local, the government announced that Railway Minister Dumitru Simulescu had been fired. He was blamed for "repeated cases of indiscipline."

New news agency Agerpress announced the number of dead and injured, but there were few details of the crash.

FEDERATION NEWS LETTER

Crops Showing Excellent Growth After Rainfall

By J. LINCOLN DEWAR GOOD MOISTURE

Last Saturday evening and Sunday morning produced what has probably been our best rainfall for almost two years. Up to this point grass and grain had been making very good progress.

Where fertilizer was applied the results seem to be excellent and this is particularly true of mixtures with a higher nitrogen content.

For farmers in the forage business the prospect of manna falling in the form of fertilizer subsidies, equipment subsidies and silo subsidies seem to be very good indeed.

At the moment there appears to be something more than a remote possibility that the province might have a new government with a new set of cabinet ministers.

The Federation of Agriculture would, of course, be primarily interested in the gentleman who fills the portfolio of agriculture. The Federation has always realized that its value to the farmers depends to a considerable degree on good working relationship with the government and in particular with the Minister of Agriculture.

The Federation of Agriculture exists because farmers see the need for a united means of expressing their ideas on matters of farm policy and because the more progressive ones see the need of doing their own thinking.

Even though Prince Edward Island is not a very large puddle there is certainly room in it for an aggressive Department of Agriculture and an equally aggressive Federation. Their areas of interest and endeavours are not the same but the aims of each can certainly be furthered by the support and co-operation of each.

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On Thursday evening May 25 the Cornwall and district AI Breeding Club celebrated its tenth year of operation with the annual meeting and banquet. The retiring President, Hector MacNevin, complimented the members on their support and use of the club. During the business session a new President, Aris DeHann was named.

The Cornwall Club operates in one of the better livestock areas of the province and has been making a significant contribution to cattle improvement.

ROADSIDES Travellers along our highway and visitors in particular are exposed continuously to some generally very unattractive road-sides. To some extent the traveller is himself responsible for this condition.

The next culprit is the land owner who repairs his fences leaving old stakes, posts and wire to add to the jungle.

Newcomers to the scene of desolating are plastic fertilizer bags and finally an assortment of discarded mufflers, tires, hub caps, fenders, etc. in far too many cases the roadside is a no-man's land.

Generally very little care or attention is applied to pastures. Grass grows by itself and the animal grazes, nibbles and simplifies. However, for top pasture a great deal of work is involved. Six weeks ago the pasture would have been harrowed to spread the past year's droppings and loosen up old growth. For some early grazing a high nitrogen fertilizer would have been applied.

Throughout the growing season milk cows particularly will be rotated from field to field.

Indian, Eskimo Proposals Are Adopted

FREDERICTON (CP) — Five recommendations affecting Canada's Eskimos and Indians and their educational, environmental, cultural and social conditions were adopted here by the Canadian Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation.

The federation was in the second day of its five-day annual convention in Fredericton.

One recommendation said the Indian is entitled to leave or stay on the reserve. If he left, he had the right to maintain his cultural heritage, but should in the main accept the value sys-

generally a cow starts to lose interest after about two days and looks for fresh pastures where she will graze more actively thus increasing production.

After the middle of June a program of manuring and fertilizing can be carried out on a rotational basis and the mowers will be used to prevent the grass and clover growing to maturity.

June promises to be a banner month for agricultural surveys and questionnaires. A number of farmers will have received the large questionnaire on agriculture associated with the census. Operators are expected to have this questionnaire filled out before the enumerator arrives early in June.

Another questionnaire which always gives us a great deal of puzzlement is the one on livestock values. Sample question is, what is the value per head of bulls one year old or older, there

can really be with variations here. Our opinion is that it may be some bother filling out these questionnaires but in the long run the interest of agriculture is served by so doing; in addition, the mental exercise probably has some value.

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Another proposal that the Indian had the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and his family.

Still another said the Indian had the right to an education which would be directed to the full development of his personality, whether he elected to live on or off the reserve in the fulfilment of this right, the Indian was entitled to the same privileges and responsibilities as other Canadians and, in pursuit of this aim, the determining principle was to be found in the fundamental rights of parents as to the education of their children.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP) — One city bakery has announced an increase in the price of a 24-ounce loaf of bread will be made effective June 7, bringing the retail cost to 28 cents after the retail hike in three years. An-

other firm said it also planned such an increase in the immediate future.

Bread Prices Up In Nfld.

Walsh's bakery, said his company will increase its price by one cent a loaf in a week's time because of rising costs of ingredients. He said other bakery products will rise in price in the near future.

There had been three increases in the price of flour, shortening and lard since December and milk powder had increased in price about eight cents a pound since October, he said.

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