FLIGHT CELEBRATION DINNER

A special dinner at Baddeck, N.S. Sunday opened celebrations marking the first flight of a heavier-than-air aircraft in the Commonwealth by a British subject Feb. 23, 1909. Left to right are Mrs. David A. Fairchild, daughter of Alexander Graham 'bell, an aviation pioneer; Mrs. Casey Baldwin, wife of an early Canadian pilot, J.A.D. McCurdy, pilot of the Silver Dart in the 1909 flight and his wife. (CP Wirephoto)

Douglas Urges Return Of Potato Marketing Board

A strong defence of the former potato marketing board under the chairmanship of Donald A. MacDonald was made in the Legislature yesterday.

Speaking on the draft address, Harvey Douglas (Lib. 2nd Kings) reminded the members that he did not always stick to politics when making his speech. He recalled that two plebiscites were held and the result showed that the producers wanted a marketing board although they voted out a one desk selling agency.

"Three mew members were appointed to the Board—and you know as well as I do by whom—and the chairman resigned because he could not work with these new members," said Mr. Douglas.

The Kings member stated that he strongly favored a marketing board and was glad to hear that the Minister of Agriculture favored one. He said, "The people of my district want one."

NOT A FAIR DEAL

He felt that the former Board had not been fairly dealt with. He recalled that Mr. MacDonald was accused of giving wrong advice when he told the people one year to hold their potatoes, only to find that the price dropped later in the year.

"Last year in March, potatoes were a good price and farmers held their potatoes and you know what happened.—Who told them to hold them last year? They held them because it looked like the right thing to do—Why blame Mr. MacDonald," he said.

He recalled that the former board had instituted the idea of a potato pool, which in his opinion was a sensible idea. He said "the present marketing board has no more right to be in there than I have."

Continuing on potato marketing, Mr. Douglas said the "big fellow"—the man who grows large acreages of potatoes is not interested in a marketing board. "He had the facilities to market his own potatoes and can do it on his own."

The potato and the turnip association, Mr. Douglas recalled, had said, we will look after the farmers. "What did they do—since the marketing board dropped out, you don't hear a chirp out of them," he said.

Mr. Douglas said if it were not for social security introduced by the federal Liberal Government, farmers would be having a hard time. He spoke of old age pensions, children's allowances, etc.

CAUSEWAY

"Everybody is behind a causeway," said Mr. Douglas, "but I hope the Conservatives don't leave it until another election before they start doing something about it."

In the meantime, he said, what is needed is an extra carferry. He observed that a great many potatoes remain to be shipped off the Island and the present ferry will soon have to go to dry dock while the second ferry is stuck in the ice.

Mr. Douglas hoped that farmers would be able to get a better price for their potatoes this spring and not be obliged to accept 27 cents per bushel. "The farmers lost faith in Mr. Diefenker after that disappointment. He is not quite so popular as he was." Mr. Douglas said.

UNFAIR ADVANTAGES

The Second Kings member attacked integrated farming. He said 35 percent of the hog industry had been taken over by the packing and feed houses. These people he said had the adcantage over the small farmer. He stated that a 50 cent profit on 10,000 hogs could net the packing house $5,000 but a farmer with 100 pigs would make only $50 profit.

"The small farmer cannot keep these large numbers of hogs and besides he hasn't a million dollars behind him to absorb the loss if he should have one," Mr. Douglas said.

RURAL ELECTRIFICATION

Turning to rural electrification, Mr. Douglas said his district had received good treatment last year and quite a number were to be serviced this year.

He felt a word of praise was due the Public Utility Commission who he said "always held strictly to the line but were completely fair in their dealings with the public."

He said the cost of electricity to farmers was considerably compensated by the discontinuance of the use of oil in lamps, heat for brooders and batteries for radios, etc. He asserted that nothing had ever brought so much enjoyment and comfort to rural people.

ROADS

Improvements in roads noted by Mr. Douglas included removal of the snow traps at St. Peters. The district had received 5 miles of pavement and he would like to see ten more miles next summer.

He felt that the road from St. Peters to Cardigan should be paved in line with the idea of connecting the major centres of the province. He noted the proposed road-to-resources pavement from St. Peters to Naufrage and expressed gratitude for the help from Ottawa but thought they would get the road anyway because the premier had promised it "and he never has gone back on his promise yet."

He complimented the Village of Morell for the winning of first prize in the rural beautification contest but at the same time expressed regret that the St. Peters bridge had not been paved.

He understood from engineers that this could not take place until rock had been placed on the north side of the approach.

Mr. Douglas said snow fighting this winter had not been a problem. However he emphasized the necessity of having a sufficient snow fighting force in order to keep the roads open for the school buses.

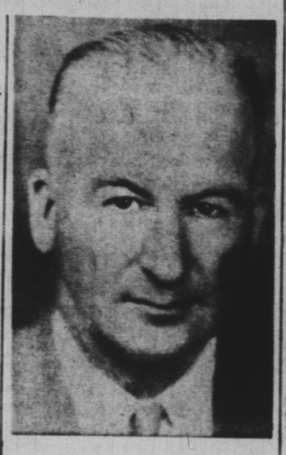
There are 30 plows now stationed in Kings county, Mr. Douglas said. Only nine years ago there were six. He would like to see one more turnadozer to replace the caterpillar tractor now in use.

FARMING

Mr. Douglas said that beef and butter were the only things for which farmers were receiving a half decent price. He noted that the Opposition Leader had advocated raising more beef, but thought there was not so much in it for farmers when the cattle had to be housed for 7 months of the year.

Mr. Douglas recalled that the Opposition leader used to "moan" about the hard times the farmers were having. "He is not moaning now and times for the farmers were never worse. Of course he is a lawyer—"

R. R. Bell: "You're not a bad lawyer yourself."



MR. DOUGLAS

Mr. Douglas: "A few years ago you were advocating a "pig hatchery" for raising young pigs. Wouldn't we look nice with a pig hatchery this year."

Still directing his remarks at the opposition leader, Mr. Douglas said, "You found fault all those years—now is your chance to improve things. It is not us that is on trial it is the government at Ottawa. You led the young people astray telling them all you were going to do for them—young people catch on awful fast," he said.

He recalled that the PC candidates had guaranteed parity prices which in the case of potatoes would be one dollar a bushel. How far short have they fallen on this promise?" he asked.

CATCHING ON

"Diefenbaker is catching on," said Mr. Douglas. "Before the election he was going to lower taxes and increase social security benefits. Just the other day he told a group of labouring men, "You can't have it two ways—you can't have lower taxes and more social security at the same time."

Mr. Douglas said the Dominion Government is finding it hard enough to finance its own program. He said their bond sale last fall made it difficult for others to obtain money because of the resulting high interest rates.

"We are paying 110 million a year more because of this bond sale. A great thing was made of Mr. Howe's statement government can go that much —what's a million—this federal government can go that much in debt before ten o'clock in the morning," he asserted.

FREIGHT INCREASE

Mr. Douglas said the 17 percent freight increase would cost the Island more than they had obtained through the Atlantic grants. He said Premier Jones and William Hughes got $2 million for the Island and this was attached to the gross national product—not on a four year basis—if you don't vote for us you won't get it—if they keep on going in debt at the rate of $800 million a year, they won't have any money to pay anything.

Mr. Bell: "Canada will always pay her bills."

The Second Kings member went on to condemn the Federal Government for selling it merchant fleet and for giving away its defence contracts to the United States. "Now we are paying out good money to have a whole lot of people walk around idle."

Mr. Douglas felt that something was very wrong when he noted that two of the defeated countries in the last war Germany and Japan were leading the world in shipbuilding. "Let us use our natural resources and give our people employment," he concluded.

MOVIE OF BUDDHA

TAIPEI, Formosa (AP) — A motion picture on the life of Buddha is planned by Buddhists in Formosa and Hong Kong. A Buddhist priest is writing the script. Production will be handled by a new Hong Kong company called the Holy Hero Movie Studios

Anti-Alcohol

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support of temperance education and widen it wherever possible.

LAUDS PRESS

Mr. Large took time out to express his appreciation of the work being done by the press in reporting the Legislature. In looking back over the years he noted the important place that the press has played. He recalled that William Lyon MacKenzie and Joseph Howe were among the first to focus the feeling of the people on what was taking place in their time.

"In this province we are fortunate in having a press which is fair and independent in its editorials and fair and factual in its reporting," he said.

He felt that the proceedings of the House were getting good coverage and remarked, "What we say in here wouldn't have very much effect without the press standing ready to bring information to the public."

Referring to Opposition Leader Bell's terming the Speech from the Throne "Gloomy", Mr. Large wondered whether the adjective usel by Mr. Bell did not reflect the view of the farmers of the country.

"Not since 1935 have we had such economic servitude," said Mr. Large.

Mr. Bell: "There were good times in 1958."

Mr. Large: "Many farmers feel they are serving out a four-year sentence and are looking forward to the time when they can rid themselves of their yoke through the use of the ballot."

Mr. Bell: "You mean the Provincial election?"

Premier: "You'll get a hold of the ballot quicker than you think."

Mr. Large stated that one of the PC members had asked him before beginning his speech to stay away from federal politics; "It is impossible to divorce federal and provincial politics," said Mr. Large "in view of what we see happening around us—Cape Breton coal miners and steel workers out of work; unemployment mounting throughout the land and farmers being asked to sell their goods below cost."

ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY

Mr. Large expressed the hope that with the opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway the 2,000-mile inland water passageway would be made available to the Maritime Provinces at reasonable rates. He felt that Maritime shipping should go through the water way without tolls.

The 1st Queens member felt that the Canadian merchant navy should now be revived so that goods carried would be transported in Canadian, not foreign vessels.

He suggested that the merchant navy might well form the nucleus of the next Canadian Navy should Canada become involved in war—a possibility which he hoped would not materialize.

The Seaway, Mr. Large observed, had been a joint Canadian-American project with Canada contributing the larger share of $335,000,000 and United States $140,000,000.

Mr. Large had high praise for the new Strathgartney Park and said, "The thanks of our people are due Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Cotton who have again so generously assisted in providing a public facility which will give a great deal of pleasure to thousands of our people."

Further referring to the park, Mr. Large said, "It is a beautiful location and the work and development has been most carefully carried out to preserve the natural beauty of the site. This development is one which the government shares with Mr. and Mrs. Cotton and which brings credit to all concerned."

The First Prince member felt the government had been generous in their treatment of this district, both in the rural electrification program and in road building.

DREAM COME TRUE

"Rural electrification on the Island has been a dream for 50 years and it was only with the energy, vision and action of our Premier and his government that this dream has become a reality."

The rural electrification completed in the first district of Queens since 1955 as reported by Mr. Large was as follows:

1955: Park Corner, Sea View, Irishtown, 8.2 miles; French River, Spring Brook, Long River, 14.6 miles; Hope River, Stanley Bridge, 9.9 miles.

1956: Argyle Shore, 5.8 miles; Rose Valley, Shamrock, 9.0 miles; Campbellton Road, 3.4 miles; South Melville, Kelly's Cross, 10.2 miles; Fountain Road, Wigmore Road, Graham's Road, 7.0 miles.

1957: Appin Road, 3.9 miles; South Shore, 3.6 miles.

1958: Cavendish, Bay View, 5.6 miles; Hartsville, 2.5 miles; Riverdale Road, 4.2 miles; Westmoreland, 2.3 miles; Dixon Road, 3.2 miles; Bonshaw-Argyle Shore, 1.7 miles.

A total for the four-year period of 95.1 miles.

ROADS

Turning to roads, Mr. Large noted the Kensington to Cavendish strip of pavement that had been laid last year. "No longer are the people in this area at the mercy of the elements, living in dread of a spring and fall breakup. They can now move their livestock to market when it is most advantageous to them," he said.

He reported that a beginning had been made on paving the road from Kensington to Irishtown and with the completion of the roads-to-resources paving from Seaview to French River and to Clifton "the prosperous farmers of this district will also have the same assurance."

Pavement to Breadalbane and Emerald from the old Town Road were noted by Mr. Large as great improvements for this busy shipping community. He said a new bridge had been built at Clifton and he was pleased to learn of the calling of tenders for the paving of the road from Canoe Cove to De-Sable.

"The widening, subgrading of roads which exist in conjunction with these paved roads have really given a lift to the spirit of the people in first Queens," said Mr. Large.

PENAL REFORMS

Referring to penal rehabilitation, Mr. Large reported that he had been a member of a committee meeting at Ottawa to discuss the matter of penal reform as recommended in the Fateaux report.

Mr. Large felt that instead of the Island participating in a program involving the three Maritime Provinces, it would be much better to have a smaller unit—a prison farm with vocational training and rehabilitation facilities.

He observed that the number of Island prisoners coming under the rehabilitation program would normally be about 15 but suggested that such an institution could easily take care of the shorter term prisoners with an eventual outlook for looking after most of these serving terms in the three Island jails.

Mr. Large said he was hopeful that the Federal Government would view this suggestion with favor. One point raised was that it would be more convenient for the relatives of offenders to keep in touch with the prisoners and not be involved in the expense of travelling to the mainland when a visit was desired.

Mr. Large told of visiting the two federal penitentiaries at Dorchester, N.B. and St. Vincent De Paul in Montreal. He was impressed with the efforts being made to rehabilitate prisoners, especially at St. Vincent De Paul where extensive facilities have been provided apart from the institution proper.

Georgetown School Holds Successful Annual Ice Sports

GEORGETOWN — The annual Georgetown High School Ice Sports were held with all events being keenly contested and the competitors really going all-out to make all the events highly interesting.

Following the sports the Georgetown School team defeated Summerville by a 11-3 score.

Judges for the sport events were: Howard MacLean, James Aitken, Rev. W.A. Paterson, Arthur MacNeill and D.A. MacCormack.

Following are the events:

Girls 7 and under: 1. Fay Llewellyn; 2. Jean MacConnell; 3. Leona Lavandier.

Boys 7 and under: 1. Douglas Aitken; 2. Daryl MacDonald.

Girls 8: 1. Claire MacDonald.

Boys 8: 1. Kimmy McQuillan.

Boys half mile: 1. Ernie Prosper; 2. Walter Arsenault; 2. Charles Fitzgerald.

Girls 9: 1. Emily DeCoste; 2. Corinne Lavers; 3. Marie Gallant

Boys 9: 1. Philip Boudreault; 2. Peter Prosper; 3. Glen MacDonald.

Couple 14 and over: 1. Walter Arsenault and Gladys David; 2. Bruce MacLean and Betty Gotell 3. Charles Fitzgerald and Francis Baker.

Girls 10: 1. Laverne Martell; 2. Karen Lavandier; 3. Marie Victor.

Boys 10: 1. Peter Walsh; 2. Jimmy MacNeill; 2. Brian MacLean.

Girls quarter mile: 1. Gladys David; 2. Francis Baker; 3. Betty Gotell.

Boys Quarter mile: 1. Charles Fitzgerald; 2. Walter Arsenault; 3. Earnie Prosper.

Girls 11: 1. Jo-Ann Prosper; 2. Joyce MacNeill; 3. Wendy Hartsman.

Boys 11: 1. Eldon Batchilder; 2. Wilfred Prosper; 3. Lestie Aitkon.

Girls 12: 1. Reatha David; 2. Daine Soloman; 3. Juanita Gotell

Boys 12: 1. Earnie Prosper; 2. Kenneth Bathchilder; 3. Newman Wight.

Potato Race, Girls: 1. Pauline Martell and Jaunita Gotell; 2. Joyce MacNeill and Paulette Burke; 3. Diane Soloman and Carol MacNeill.

Potato Race, Boys: 1. Lawrence Batchilder and David Hartman; 2. Wilfred Prosper and Bruce MacLean; 3. Newman Wight and Jimmy O'Brien.

Girls 13: 1. Doreen Gallant; 2. Mary Kay LeLacheur; 3. Pauline Martell.

Boys 13: 1. Stewart Burke; 2. Larry Henry; 3. John Allan.

Girls 14: 1. Paulette Burke; 2. Laverne David; 3. Ruth LeLacheur.

Boys 14: 1. David Hartman; 2. Dougie Martell; 3. Dannie MacLean.

Girls 15 and over: 1. Gladys David; 2. Frances Baker; 3. Betty Ann Stevens.

Boys 15 and over: 1. Freddy Myers; 2. Walter Arsenault; 2. Walter Soloman.

Girls Relay: 1. Grade 10; 2. Grade 8; 3. Grade 9.

Boys Relay: 1. Grade 10; 2. Grade 7; 3. Grade 9. A.C.

Income Tax Case Is Dismissed At Georgetown

GEORGETOWN — At Magistrate's Court, Georgetown, yesterday, before Gilbert A. Gaudet, Q.C., a resident of Murray River charged with failing to file income tax returns, pleaded not guilty. Evidence for the Crown was documentary. The defendant gave evidence as also did his father, on the completion of the evidence the Magistrate dismissed the case. S.S. Hessian, Q.C. represented the defendant.

A resident of Launching was fined $20.00 and costs or 30 days for having liquor in a place other than his residence.

A resident of Cardigan was fined $50.00 and casts or thirty days for driving a motor vehicle while he was disqualified from driving.

A resident of Brudenell was fined $10.00 and costs for driving without due care and attention.

Ian M. MacLeod, crown prosecutor for Kings, represented the crown in all cases.

Lack Of Marketing Policy Scored By Mr. Rossiter

Failure of the provincial government to adopt and promote strong and imaginative marketing policies was scored in the Legislature yesterday by Leo F. Rossiter (PC-2nd Kings), second speaker heard in the draft debate.

Mr. Rossiter declared that lack of a government-sponsored marketing program was forcing manly Island producers to accept low prices for their products.

Lack of an effective program of disease control shut Islanders out of the British potato market, he observed. Recent information he had received indicated that the British were paying $5.75 per hundred for European-produced potatoes at the present time.

Even with the high cost of transportation, a fair share of such a market would have resulted in a good return to the Island's hard pressed potato growers, Mr. Rossiter contended.

CART BEFORE HORSE

Appointing a farm economist at this time was "putting the cart before the horse", the Kings Conservative member declared. "Let us have markets first, and economists after," he said.

Traditional Island markets in Eastern Canada and the United States were shrinking every year, the Morell merchant asserted. In Newfoundland, Island shippers were encountering strong competition from American sources.

"I place the entire blame for this situation on the doorstep of this government," Mr. Rossiter said. "It is up to them to get out and dig up new business."

The member from Second Kings expressed the hope that the Minister of Agriculture would report to the Legislature on the operation of the Sherwood frosted food plant.

In Mr. Rossiter's opinion the Legislature was entitled to a full report of all activities of the plant in view of the great amount of public funds used in the venture.

FOUR COMPANIES

In this connection, he recalled that the Premier said during the 1955 election campaign that four companies had offered to sponsor the frozen food experiment here, and one of them had stated that "it wouldn't cost the Province a cent."

In spite of this latter offer, the Province had found it necessary to sink $500,000 in the project, Mr. Rossiter remarked.

Information from Ontario sources indicated that the same company were paying for peas in that Province last year a maximum of $150 per ton, and a minimum of $79 per ton, while paying Island growers a maximum of $100 per ton and a minimum of $55.

Most Island-grown peas graded fancy or choice, so quality could not account for this difference in price, he observed.

SOMETHING WRONG

There was something wrong somewhere when the same company could pay the above prices in Ontario, process and package the peas, ship them down here, and sell them at prices enabling merchants to retail them at eight 15-oz. tins for a dollar, Mr. Rossitor stated.

The Kings member wondered why the Minister of Agriculture had not seen fit to reply to questions asked recently by a peagrowers' delegation.

Mr. Rossiter asserted that such plants were to the producers of the Province but said he could see no reason why Island farmers should be asked to subsidize a firm such as this.

The commercial salmon fishing season should be extended to October 15, the representative of Second Kings asserted.

LOST ART

Since salmon no longer entered the bays of the Province until September 1, or later, salmon fishing once profitable was becoming a "lost art" in the Province he stated.

MR. ROSSITER

Extension of the season beyond its present limit, monitored by the department of fisheries, would be of great benefit to those fishermen engaged in the industry, he observed.

While admitting that the prevention of lobster poaching was primarily the duty of the federal government, Mr. Rossiter expressed the opinion that a program of education initiated by the local department would be extremely beneficial in helping to wipe out this menace to the lobster industry.

COURAGE NOTED

Mr. Rossiter paid tribute to CNR employee Lawrence Smith, a former resident of Mount Stewart.

"Had it not been for his courage at the time of the fire on the carferry Prince Edward Island, this important link with the mainland might well have been completely destroyed," he said.

With the federal government paying half the cost of the five-year paving project announced by the Premier, it was hoped that Prince and Kings counties would get a far larger share of the ordinary provincial paving program.

Neither county fared too well in either the TCH or the new roads-to-resources program, Mr. Rossiter observed.

Association For Retarded Children Meets

MONTAGUE — The Montague branch of the Association for Retarded Children welcomed two new members to their growing ranks at the monthly meeting held on Monday evening. After reading the minutes, the treasurer, Mrs. Vic. Pepler, presented a most satisfactory financial report.

Appreciation was expressed by all for the support of the people of Montague and surrounding districts. The success of the ice carnival was attributed to the support and help freely given for this worthwhile cause.

Mrs. Pepler announced the receipt of donations from the W. A. United Church and the Masons and it was decided that the collection cans placed in the local stores should be brought in.

Mrs. George Clow moved that all bills be paid and this motion was seconded by Mrs. Claude Dewar.

A general discussion followed as to ways and means of raising further funds.

It was decided that the next meeting should be held on Monday the 23rd of March, efforts to be made to obtain a guest speaker.

Mrs. Archie Hilchey and Mrs. Evelyn McsKenzie were appointed to the lunch committee.

Harness Races Draw Crowd

MONTAGUE — A large crowd witnessed the horse racing at Sturgeon and Panmure Island on Saturday afternoon.

The results were as follows:

In Class "A" — Lucky Harvester, owned by George Creed, 1, 1, 1; Margdale, owned by Harry Anstie, 2, 2, 2.

In the Class "B" — Ranida, owned by Oscar Campbell, 1, 1, 2; and Money First, owned by E. E. Murphy, 1, 2, 2.

LEGISLATURE OPENING

WINNIPEG (CP) — Premier Duff Roblin announced Monday the Manitoba legislature will open Thursday, March 12. It will be the first regular session for Mr. Raaqjo-l n's minority Progressive Conservative government. A two-week special session was held last fall after the Conservatives won power.

EASTERN GUARDIAN

AUCTION "45" Score Cards for sale at Guardian-Patriot Central Printing.

TEACHERS Meeting, Montague local in Montague High School on February 26th, at 8 p.m. Full attendance requested. D.A. MacCormack, President.

WINTER Tires Clearing at 20 per cent off! Largt sport car tumbler free with 3.50 purchase, Montague Garage. Your friendly Texaco Service Station.

MONTAGUE Rink Thursday February 26th. Intermediate C. Hockey. Play-off game 8:30 p.m. Murray Harbour Bruns vs. Summerville. Skate after game.

DIES IN RUMFORD — Mr. Lester Jay, Mt. Stewart, received a telegram on February 24th. of the death of his brother, Lee Jay, in Rumford, Maine. His death was caused by a heart attack.

AIDS HOSPITAL — Mrs. Vivian Fraser, Montague, recently played hostess to the business men in the vicinity of her home by serving doughnuts and coffee. Proceeds were in aid of the Kings County Hospital Ladies Auxiliary.

PERSONALS

Friends of little Marsha MacLeod, Murray Harbour, are sorry to know she has entered the Orthopedic Centre for further treatment. All hope to see Marsha home again real soon.

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