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—NOTICE.—Dunning's Garage, Kensington, is now open for business.

—WATCH FOR the three-act comedy "Her Step Husband", St. Paul's Hall, Summerside, April 14 and 15th.

—WILL BE CLEANING GRAIN timothy and clover seed starting April 1st. Bedeque Flour Mills.

—BEDEQUE UNITED CHURCH CHARGE. — Services Sunday March 30th. Bedeque 11 A. M. Albany 3 P. M. Borden 7 P. M. Rev. W. Burton Crowe, B. A., Minister.

—FUNDAMENTAL BAPTIST CHURCH, Central Bedeque, Rev D. M. Fraser, Pastor. Services for Sunday, March 30th. Central Bedeque 10.45 A. M. and 7.30 P. M Borden 3 P. M. Prayer Meetings and Bible Study, Borden, Wednesday. Central Bedeque., Thursday. Everyone Welcome.

—NEW CUB PACK — A new Wolf Cub Pack is being organized in Summerside, although non-denominational in its organization, this group is being sponsored by the Presbyterian Church in Summerside. There are already 12 boys in this new group which is under the direction of Cubmaster John Forbes, with Tommy MacKenzie as assistant cubmaster.

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Personals

—Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Boulter, Mrs. Harold Johnston, and Miss Ester Brooks, have returned from a pleasant trip to Moncton where they took in the show "Icicles". On the way home they visited friends in Amherst, N. S.

$2,066,645 DEBT

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ment of Health and Welfare for the fiscal year was $2,578,543 while the expenditures are forecast at $2,508,292.

The expenditures of the Department of Education are down slightly from the estimated need as it is forecast that the cost will be $1,027,477 against an estimated $1,049,575.

Administration of Justice in the Province cost more than was expected when the Attorney General estimated for $148,845 with forecast expenditures amounting to $163,295. This was also true in the field of Legislation where it had been estimated that the cost would be $77,725 but the expenditures ran to $107,168.

Falconwood Farm

Operation of Falconwood Farm cost the Department of Agriculture almost $11,000 more than expected as the estimate called for $30,545 and the expenditures amounted to $41,043. This was partially offset by the cost of field supervision which was down over $6,000 from the estimated cost of $38,900. In general the department shaded its estimates of $228,195 to hold expenditures to $225,816.

The important Department of Industry and Natural Resources spent more on its Forestry work than had been planned with the result that the total expenditures rose from an estimated $128,810 to $145,116. The Forestry work cost approximately $11,000 more than the $21,250 estimated.

Operation and maintenance of the highways, bridges, ferries, etc., cost the Government over $170,000 more than was estimated with costs of practically all sections of the Department of Public Works and Highways jumping far above what was expected. It had been estimated that snow removal would cost the Government $65,000 but the forecast of expenditures indicates that the heavy snowfall experienced by the Province this past winter has cost $160,000 instead.

Highway Maintenance

Maintenance of highways cost the department $510,000 during the year compared to an estimated amount of $450,000 while the maintenance of machinery in the operation of the garage jumped from the $195,000 planned for to $245,000. However the maintenance of bridges was considerably below the estimated cost of $80,000 as it fell to $55,000.

The biggest single item of revenue was received from the Government of Canada which shows a slight decrease from the estimated amount to the forecast receipt of $4,105,050. It had been estimated that an overall sum of $4,275,556 would be received. This amount was paid on various accounts which included the subsidy, less the Hillsboro Bridge Account, $647,182, the payment under the former tax rental agreement of $1,443,068, the amount added to the last mentioned figure as an additional payment on the basic of the increase in value of the gross national product of $960,765; Old Age Pensions, $757,450; Blind Pensions, $41,250; health grants, $187,619; and others to bring the total to the figure quoted above.

Taxes, including income tax arrears, gasoline, amusement, succession duties arrears, health—based on sales of liquor and tobacco—and real property tax arrears, brought an income for the Province of $1,738,259. All types of licenses, permits and fees charged produced revenue of $550,042.

Liquor Revenue

The Temperance Act, governing the sale of all spirituous liquors here, produced a revenue to Prince Edward Island of $850,000 which was far in excess of the estimated total of $625,000

Added to other smaller items the above brought the total ordinary revenue of the Province to $7,369,676 while the estimate had been $6,969,318. To this is added the capital and other extraordinary revenue which raised the total received to $7,921,902 which was approximately half a million dollars higher than the estimated $7,459,816.

However, the total of the capital and extraordinary expenditures ran into a deficit of nearly one million dollars over what had been estimated. The forecast shows a total of $3,390,317 while the estimate in this class was for only $2,417,996.

Greatest Increase

The greatest increase over the estimate came in the Department of Public Works and Highways where the amount planned on soared from the estimate of $1,863,000 to $2,793,066 in the work providing for highways, bridges and similar items. Local highway construction cost $1,124,000 compared to an estimated $956,000 while the Federal-Provincial Highway Projects (the Trans Canada Highway) cost this Province $200,000 more than the $600,000 estimated.

The revenue for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1952, compared with that of the previous year is as follows:

DRINK Coca-Cola SHOP REFRESHED

—COMPETENT Complete Insurance Service. W. Boyd Bearisto, Kensington.

—HOCKEY, Bedeque Rink tonight, Saturday, P.E.I. Produce, Freetown vs. Scales Hydro and Warehouse. Skate after if ice condition favourable. Admission 25 cents to all.

—RESERVE Wednesday, April 2nd, for Junior Choir concert in United Church Assembly Hall, Kensington. Part songs, solos, plays. Matinee 3.30, evening 8.00 o'clock sharp.

—KENSINGTON — BURLINGTON AND NEW LONDON Anglican Churches. 5th Sunday in Lent. March 30th, 1952. St. Thomas' Church, New London, 11 A.M. The Service. St. Stephen's Church, Burlington. 2.30 Evensong. St. Mark's Church, Kensington. 7.30 P. M. Evensong. The Rev. R. W. B. Coupland, B. A., Rector.

Alberton Regals Hockey Club Given Banquet

Members of the Alberton Regals Hockey Club were guests of honor at a banquet sponsored by the ladies of Alberton and surrounding districts at the W.I. Hall on Thursday night. Rev. J.R. McMahon, former coach of the team, presided.

Members of the team, their wives and a number of invited guests sat down to a sumptuous turkey dinner very capably arranged by the ladies in charge.

Following the banquet, Rev. Mr. McMahon addressed the gathering and congratulated the team on a tremendously interesting hockey season and thanked the ladies for the bountiful dinner, also the doctors who patched up the team on numerous occasions, without which he was doubtful if the team would have been able to finish the season.

The following toasts were proposed: To hockey, proposed by Rev. Mr. McMahon, responded to by Earl Atkinson, captain of the Regals team; to the ladies, proposed by Mr. R.E. MacDonald, responded to by Mrs. Wesley Hardy.

A very enjoyable evening of music and other entertainment followed to bring the evening to a close.

S'side Horseman's Birthday Party

For the eighth consecutive year, R.H. (Bob) Phillips, Summerside's veteran reinsman, played host on Tuesday evening to a group of his friends whose names are familiar in horse-racing circles throughout the Maritimes.

These "Monarchs of the Speedway" included Myron MacArthur, and Tyndall Semple of Kensington, Andrew Perry and Robert (Bob) Dewar, of Summerside.

This feast for his horsemen friends is staged each year by Mr. Phillips on the occasion of his birthday.

Assisting Mrs. Phillips in serving this splendid goose dinner was Mrs Clara Roake, and the theme of conversation throughout this most enjoyable evening was—as might easily be guessed—horseracing.

Summerside Y's Men's Club Annual Meeting

At the annual meeting of the Summerside Y's Men's Club held on Thursday evening, Mr. Charles Linkletter was elected president for the incoming year.

Mr Harold Rodd was named first vice president, Kenneth Callbeck, second vice president, Ralph MacFarlane, third vice president, Kenneth Walker, secretary, G.F. Cameron, treasurer. Directors are Jock Hopkirk, Ross MacKenzie, James Murphy, Harold Milligan, George Meikle and Horace MacFarlane.

Reports from the various committees were received and considered by the meeting. The retiring president, Dr. H.E. Clark, turned over the president's pin to the new holder and he in turn turned over an honorary president's pin to his predecessor.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the chairmen of the radio auction, Messrs Ralph MacFarlane and Charles Linkletter, for the splendid manner in which they had performed their duties. Y's Man Don Sear, who was married recently, was presented with a suitable gift on behalf of the club by Fred Bingham. Five new members were formally accepted into the club. This ceremony was conducted by Clarence Mercer and Dr. Clark.

The incoming members are, Rev. W.A. Harper, James Cannell, Bill Meggison, Willard Hogg and David Cornish.

A farewell presentation was made to Flight Lieutenant Keith Dibble who is leaving Summerside shortly.

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SUCCESSFUL SALE

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ers and buyers:

Rankindale Direct 2nd. Age 1½ years, owned by Leigh Brown, New London and bought by John Doyle of Hazelbrook for $380.

Limewood Edward. Age 1 year, 9 months, owned by Austin Smith, Tryon and bought by Fred Turner of Winsloe for $340.

Clearstream. Age 10 mos., bred by Ivan Bowness and bought by Keith Cudmore of Winsloe for $200.

Long Valley Air Gunner. Age 13 months, owned by John DuPasquier and bought by H.S. McEwen, Stanley Bridge, for $300.

New London Ransom. Age 1 year, owned by Leigh Brown, New London and bought by Morris Caseley, Kelvin, for $250.

Clearstream Fancy. Age 11 mos., owned by Ivan Bowness, Kensington and bought by Russell Wheatley, North River, for $245.

West River Champion. Age 1 year, owned by E.A. Currie, Fairview, and bought by Frank Watts for $215.

Long Valley Marquis. Age 1 year, owned by John DuPasquier, St. Peters Bay, and bought by Blake Wood, Southport, for $300.

Lot 12. Age 14 mos., owned by M. A. MacKenzie, Little Sands, and bought by Alex McIsaac, Fairview, for $300.

Teekaydee 6C. Owned by R. D. MacKinnon, Charlottetown, and bought by Harold Martin, Kinross for 340.

Keppock Tilly's Pride. Age 1 year, owned by Dr. J. P. Lantz, Charlottetown, and bought by Lou Roper, Charlottetown, for $300.

Count Rudolph. Age 11 mos., owned by Gordon MacLeod, Earnscliffe, and sold to James H. Andrew of Hunter River for $250.

Alderbluff Chief. Age 13 mos., owned by A.H. Mutch, Earnscliffe and sold to J. and F. Hartnett of Melrose, N. B., for $240.

Pleasant Bay View Lea. Age 14 months, owned by Mutch Bros., Earnscliffe, and sold to Ivan Turner, Winsloe, for $250.

Alderbluff Renown Count. Age nine months, owned by A. H. Mutch, Earnscliffe, and bought by John DuPasquier of St. Peters Bay for $215.

Waterlea Fortnight. Age 7½ months, owned by Kenneth MacNeill and Son, Clyde River, and sold to Donald MacQuarrie of Roseneath for $175.

Lot No. 20. Age 6½ months, owned by Earle Rankin, Mount Herbert, and bought by Leaman Caseley Kelvin for $200.

Fairgrange Snowdrop. Age 1 year, owned by Athol Roberts, Southport, and bought by Robert Roberts, Winsloe for $250.

Colonel Guard. Age 10 months, owned by W. Russell Rogers, Coleman, and bought by Clarence Murchison, North River, for $280.

Major Ranson. Age 10 months, owned by Russell Rogers, Coleman and bought by Chester Pratt, St. Peters for $200.

Kensington Male 1F. Age 13 months, owned by R. D. Walker, Kensington and bought by Harold Dunphy, Cherry Valley for $235.

Mullgate Bar. Age 13 months, owned by Redverse S. Stewart and Son, New Wiltshire, and bought by Heath Larter, Hampshire, for $275.

Eileen's Ace Lad 2F. Age 10 months, owned by Hammond Sanderson, Charlottetown R. R. 7 and bought by Wilfred Lawton, Pownal for $390.

Females

Highland Bray Ace's Lass 12F. Age nine months, owned by Miller Sanderson, North River, and bought by Gordon Matheson for $345.

Long Valley Rosewood 3rd. Age two years, owned by John DuPasquier of St. Peters and sold to Athol Roberts, Southport for $605.

Bonnylea Ranson Zipper. Age 1½ years, owned by Austin Smith, Tryon and bought by Otis MacLeod, Uigg for $240.

Kensington Jane 1E. Age 1 year, 9 mos., owned by D.R. Walker, Kensington, and sold to Tom Sanderson, North River for $280.

Tullock Ranson Linda Lou. Age 2 years, owned by H. Lyle Boswell, Marshfield, and bought by Ewen MacLeod, Kinross for $370.

Long Valley Lady's Delight. Age 1 year, 9 months, owned by John DuPasquier, St. Peters Bay, and bought by H. S. McEwen, Stanley Bridge, for $601.

Hilda Ranson. Age 1 year, owned by Stanley Hurry, Winsloe, and bought by Willard Stewart, Southport, for $235.

July Morning. Age 1 year, owned by Leigh Howard, Cornwall, and bought by Ivan Bowness, Kensington, for $148.

Lot No. 38. Age 1 year, owned by Alex McIsaac, Rocky Point, and bought by Dingwell McLeod, Vernon, for $220.

Pleasant Bay View. Age 1 year, owned by Mutch Bros., Earnscliffe and bought by Wendall MacQuinn for $280.

Princess Anne. Age 10 months, owned by W. Russell Rogers, Coleman, and sold to Elmer Wigmore, Breadalbane, for $265.

Donna Princess. Age 10 months, owned by Russell Rogers, Coleman, and bought by Elmer Wigmore for $225.

Princess Sandra. Age 10 mos., owned by Russell Rogers, Coleman, and bought by Norman MacMillan, Alberry Plans, for $245.

At Fashion Show

Mrs. Pearl Burnett. (above), one of the models at "Country Gardens", the fashion show staged at R. C. A. F. station Summerside Thursday evening and last night, is shown modelling a beautiful fur cape supplied by Canadian Farm Furs.

These furs are the same type as the Canadian Farm Furs will be showing at the International Trade Fair in Brussels, Belgium, to be held soon.

All proceeds from the showing Thursday night and last night will be donated to the children's ward of the Prince County Hospital.

—S.

O'Leary and Vicinity

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Gotelle family have left O'Leary and taken up residence at Mount Stewart P. E. I., where Mr. Gotelle is employed.

The village of Tyne Valley welcomed a new clergyman recently in the person of Mr. Williamson whose home is in Belfast, Ireland. He will be the Student Minister in charge of the Richmond Bay Presbyterian change for the summer months comprising the village of Tyne Valley, Lot 14, Victoria West and Lot 11. He is receiving a very cordial welcome from all the people in these districts who trust that his short pastorate among them may be a most successful and pleasant one. The Interim Moderator of the Charge is Rev. G.B. Cunningham of Alberton.

A number of friends gathered at the home of Mrs. Peter Smith, West Point, to commemorate her ninetieth birthday on Friday, March 14. A delicious lunch was served by her niece Mrs. James Britton, the main attraction being a large and gaily decorated birthday cake. Although this dear old lady is ninety years of age and is convalescing from a broken arm, she is still as cheerful and spry as ever and her multitude of friends wish her God's continued blessing in the eventide of her life.

On Saturday afternoon, March 22nd, about fourteen members of the First Troop of O'Leary Boy Scouts motored to the City and played a hockey match with the Charlottetown Scouts. The local Scouts lost with a score of 2-0 but it was a good game. The Scouts were accompanied to the Provincial Capital by their Scoutmaster, Douglas Adams, and A.S.M. Emmerson Smallman. Those who drove the boys to Charlottetown were Douglas Adams, Claude MacNeill and Emmerson Smallman, who drove Jack Matthew's car.

O'Leary is justly proud of its girls hockey team, the O'Leary Maroon Sisters, who have won the Prince County title. They defeated the Elmsdale girls and on Friday, March 21st, at the O'Leary Rink, defeated the Borden National Sisters team before a very large crowd to the tune of 1-0. It was a very hard fought game with no score up to the final seconds of play when Mrs. Marne Kennedy scored for O'Leary at 19.57 on a pass from Lillas Yeo to win the game and capture the County championship. The coach of the Maroon Sisters is Brent MacDonald, and Ken Matheson is manager. The following are the members of the O'Leary Maroon Sisters team: Isabel Dennis, Florence Gallant, Bessie Dennis, Helen Kennedy, Freda Smallman, Florence Turner, Betty MacKinnon, Lillas Yeo and Margaret Woodridge.

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PALATIAL HOME

PRETORIA, South Africa —(CP)—A California-style house costing £24,000 for the governor of the South African Reserve Bank is being built here. Previously the bank had bought or rented existing houses.

SAINT JOHN, N. B., March 28—(CP)—Saint John Jack's Atlantics opened their defence of the Maritime junior basketball crown tonight with a onesided 89-37 win over Halifax Comets.

S'side Legion Ladies Auxiliary Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion B.E.S.L., Summerside, was held in the Legion Home on Tuesday evening with a good attendance. The new slate of officers elected are: President, Mrs. Clifford MacGuigan; 1st vice president, Mrs. Betty Marion; 2nd vice president, Mrs. Harold MacLennan; recording secretary, Mrs. Harold Harkness; treasurer, Mrs Ivan Nicholson; executive, Mrs. R. L. Mollison, Mrs. John Watson, Mrs. Brenton Clark, Mrs. C. Bolger, Mrs. Calais Gallant.

Several new members were welcomed. A vote of thanks was tendered to the retiring president, Mrs. R. L. Mollison, and the other retiring officers for the good work done by the auxiliary during the past year due to their efforts.

PREMIER

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Montreal airport was blacked out. Finally we made a landing at Toronto."

After walking along the marble-floored corridors on five floors of the Parliament buildings, the Premier and the Charlottetown Mayor called a halt to their activities shortly before five o'clock this afternoon and dropped into the office of J. Watson MacNaught, parliamentary assistant to Fisheries Minister Mayhew and Liberal member for Prince for a talk and a rest.

Mayor Stewart was very pleased at the reception given the Premier and himself today anad yesterday. While not in the slightest detracting from the efforts of W. Chester S. McLure and J. Angus MacLean, joint members for Queens, he said it could do no harm to supplement their efforts.

Now, beyond all question, Mayor Stewart said, Ottawa authorities are crystal clear on what Charlottetown and Prince Edward Island want and precisely why they want it.

Poplar Grove And Vicinity

—Rev. Mr. Baxter, Bideford, visited with Mr. Heber and Miss Ella Craig on Sunday, March 23rd.

Master Raymond and Miss Reby Oatway spent Sunday, March 23rd with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Milligan.

Mr. Louis Ramsay, Summerside, spent a recent week-end with his wife and family here.

Mrs. Muriel Ellands was in Summerside recently where she visited her sister-in-law, Mrs. Ralph Ellands, who is a patient in the Prince County Hospital.

Their many friends are glad to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Elzie Smith, Freeland, back home again after spending the winter in Boston, Mass.

Mrs. Ivan MacLean and son Lorne, Coleman, visited her mother, Mrs. John Murphy and Mr. Murphy on Thursday evening, March 20th.

Mr. and Mrs. George Tuplin and daughter, Myrna, Charlottetown, were recent visitors at the home of Mrs. Tuplin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Smith.

Miss Georgie Ellands is spending some time at the home of her uncle Mr. Ralph Ellands, McNeills Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. George Williams were visitors at the home of Mr. William's sister, Mrs. Stanley Williams and Mr. Williams and family, Bideford, on Sunday, March 23rd.

Messrs. Charles Milligan and Cody Banks, who are employed in St. Eleanors, spent a recent week-end with their parents here.

Miss Hester MacLean, Summerside, spent a week-end with her sister, Mrs. Gerald Milligan and Mr. Milligan, returning to Summerside on Sunday evening, 23rd.

Miss Muriel Barlow, Wellington, spent a week-end with the Misses Blanche and Margaret Craig. She also visited friends in Freeland on Sunday, March 23rd.

Mr. Millar Craig spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Craig, returning by car to Charlottetown on Monday morning, March 24th.

Mrs. Eldon Grigg, spent the week-end of March 22nd very pleasantly with her sister, Mrs. Elzie Smith and Mr. Smith, Freeland.

Congratulations are being extended to Mr. and Mrs. James Wagner whose marriage took place in Summerside on March 21st.

Mr. Kenneth Wagner has gone to spend some time with his sister, Mrs. Gerald MacArthur, Birch Hill, while Mr. MacArthur is a patient in the P. E. Island Hospital, Charlottetown.

—AP

MECHANICAL GUINEA-PIG

BRISTOL, England — (CP) — Prof. George Drew of Bristol University has built a robot which he claims will show the precise effects of alcohol in relation to car driving. The robot betrays all faults by marking lines on a graph.

Red Cross Drive In Summerside

The annual Red Cross financial drive in the town of Summerside, which opened on Tuesday, concluded last evening but due to incomplete returns no estimate of the amount collected was available.

Mr. Charles Linkletter, in commenting last evening on the drive, said that all workers had cooperated splendidly throughout and expressed his sincere gratitude for the support given him as chairman of the drive in Summerside.

On Monday the drive will be held at the R.C.A.F. Station where the young ladies, who will be dressed as Red Cross nurses will solicit donations from the men in the service and all others at the port. — S.

GEN. CHIANG

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"Since then we have come to feel we have lost the friendship of Canada. Some of the unfriendliest motions introduced against us in the United Nations were proposed by Canada. Why is this?"

When this reporter suggested that a realistic attitude about a given situation need not be considered as a wavering of friendship, the Generalissimo replied:

"You say realistic. If you are realistic you will realize your business, diplomatic and missionary interests are all harmed by Communist usurpation and that your missionaries—Roman Catholic ones especially—are being maltreated.

"I do not complain. But we did have such friendly relations with your country once that it feels like having one's friends abandon one in difficult days."

Outlines Policy

Chiang said his government's policy is unreserved co-operation with the West against the Communists and it recognizes that Nationalist China's return to the mainland must be part of a co-ordinated effort by all anti-Communist countries. But he also realizes this may mean years of preparation.

"But once it is started I believe the mainland can be regained from the Communists within three years," he said.

He expressed confidence that if his forces invade Red China the people will join them in a revolt against the Communist Peiping regime.

"Once we establish a grip and hold it for six months—which will inspire confidence among the people there—the rot worked by Communism will work as a self-liquidating process, helping us as effectively as our armies themselves. I am sure that 90 per cent of the people, once they see we are back to stay, will rise up to help us."

Chiang is so confident of his 360,000-man army that he believes he can launch an invasion of the mainland and help out on the Communist front elsewhere—if he is given the weapons and munitions.

"A limited offensive assault against the mainland" would draw off much Communist manpower "and keep them too much occupied either to resume hostilities in Korea or to increase activities in Southeast Asia."

"We could undertake such operations anytime," he said. "Otherwise, the only way to handle the situation will be to meet increased force with increased force."

Ottawa's Reaction

OTTAWA, March 28—(CP)—Canada's stand on recognition of Red China was seen today as a possible explanation for Chiang Kai Shek's contention that Canada has become unfriendly to him since he was driven to Formosa from the Chinese mainland.

Chiang's statement to Canadian press correspondent Bill Boss that Canada has proposed "some of the unfriendliest motions introduced against us in the United Nations" only puzzled officials of the External Affairs Department.

One official said he knows of not a single motion by Canada that would fall under that heading.

But, it was suggested, Chiang might be irked because Canada has not joined the United States in saying flatly that recognition of Red China is out. Canada's stand has been that the question should be discussed as part of a general conference on Far Eastern questions once the Korean war is stopped.

There are strong indications, too, that Canada was just about set to recognize Red China herself when the Korean war came along. Reports to that effect have not been denied.

As to Chiang's reference to earlier Canadian-Chinese friendship, one source recalled that this country loaned Chiang $60,000,000 in 1946 for arms and other aid and has pretty well given up any hopes of getting the money back.

ZOO WHO'S WHO

COPENHAGEN — (CP)— A 19-year-old apprentice, Bent Jorgensen, edits and publishes an international periodical for the world's zoological gardens. From correspondents all over the world he gets such items as the birth of a tiger in Rio De Janeiro or an elephant at Munich.

GREAT FLOOD

Estimates of the toll of the Hoang-go floods in China in 1887 placed the death toll at 900,000.

KING COLE COFFEE
Your Favourite Blend

Act Re Blind Persons Clarified By Amendment

Several bills were given first or second reading yesterday when the Legislature convened in the morning. Heard in first readings were amendments to the Workmen's Compensation Act, the Highway Traffic Act and the Probate Act. Two of the bills on the order paper were given third reading. They were amendments to the Legislative Act and the Statute Law.

The session yesterday morning was shortened due to the visit of His Honor Lieutenant Governor T.W.L. Prowse who attended the House to receive the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne and to give his assent to several bills to which the Legislature had previously given third reading.

During the abbreviated legislative meeting several of the bills under consideration were moved into committee to be given second reading. Regarding the Act for Raising Money on the Credit of the Consolidated Fund Mr. R.R. Bell, Leader of the Opposition, said it was very evident that our income is not sufficient at all and that local income sources have been tapped to the fullest. He thought the only hope lie in more money being received from Ottawa.

Distressing Situation

Mr. Bell told the promoter of the bill, Hon. W.E. Darby, Provincial Treasurer, that Federal authorities must be shown the really distressing situation here where the Government had to go behind to the extent of $2,000,000 last year. He said that unless we get additional revenue from an outside source he did not know what the financial future of the Province would be.

In piloting an amendment to the P.E.I. Corporation Income Tax Act through committee, Hon. Mr. Darby said it was first passed pursuant to the 1947 tax agreement with the Dominion. However, in the succeeding years there had been so many suggested amendments sent down from Ottawa another new act was necessary. He stated that actually the Corporation Income Tax Act will not apply under the new agreement and the action taken yesterday was only to clear up some "of the tail ends."

Blind Persons Act

Hon. A.W. Matheson, in acting as promoter of the amendment to the Blind Persons Act said the only reason for its existence was the fact that in going through the Act and the Old Age Pensions Act it had been found that there were several transpositions of the words "assistance" and "allowance" and the former did not apply to Blind Persons. The amendments was simply to remove it from the Act and avoid misunderstanding.

Mr. George Saville, Fifth Kings, recalled the recent instance of a woman from Launching who got lost outside her own home and was later found dead. He asked if there were any authority to permit a welfare officer to visit the homes of blind people and make sure they were living alright. There was a danger that they might by mishap, when they were living alone, set fire to their home and thus endanger not only their own lives but the lives and property of people living nearby. He thought something should be done even if it entailed the boarding up of their homes so they could not enter.

Hon. Mr. Matheson said he fully realized the difficulty of the situation, but pointed out that it was practically impossible to remove a person from their own home and send them to an institution when they did not wish to go.

He mentioned that one of the changes involving Section 4 of the Act was a material one in that it put the Welfare Board in a purely advisory capacity and made the director of Blind Person's Allowances responsible to the Minister of the Department of Health and Welfare.

Only One Board

He also suggested to the members of the House that there should be only one board to handle all matters concerned with welfare. He thought that perhaps Section 13, which states how the Welfare Board administering the Act shall be constituted, might be deleted. But in any event it would be changed to eliminate from the membership of the Board the three members of the Executive Council required under the original Act. In the amendment is inserted the change and such other persons not exceeding three as the Lieutenant Governor-in-Council may appoint".

He also stated that the proposed amendment stating that such blind persons receiving allowances shall not be barred from voting did not really concern this Province, but a Federal provision made its inclusion obligatory.

Magistrate's Court In S'side

In County Magistrate's Court yesterday morning in Summerside before Magistrate R.S. Hinton, a party from Alberton was fined $5 and costs for failing to report an accident involving a motor vehicle in which damages estimated between $50 and $75 resulted to the vehicle.

Another party from Coleman was charged with failing to report an accident that occured near Bloomfield Hill.

This case was the result of an accident in a narrow cutting, when cars returning from a hockey match were temporarily held up in the cutting. Apparently another car came along and crashed into the back of the Coleman car causing damage in excess of $200. For not properly reporting the accident to the R.C.M.P. this man was fined $5.

A party from Campbellton, P.E.I., charged under the Temperance Act with having liquor in a place other than his residence, was fined $20 and costs. This same man was also convicted of unlawfully creating a disturbance by swearing and using foul language, and for this offence, which occured at or near Northam, was fined $5 and costs.

A party from Elmsdale charged with operating a motor vehicle on the highway at or near Woodstock, P.E.I., with a loaded weight in excess of that allowed by the Department of Public Works and Highways, was fined $20 and costs.

Two parties from Summerside, one charged with selling and the other charged with buying an automatic pistol without first having secured a permit, were each fined for this infraction of the law, and the weapon in question was confiscated by the crown. —S

RICHMOND C. W. L.

—The monthly meeting of the Richmond C. W. L. was held on the evening of March 18 at the home of Mrs. J. J. DesRoches with an attendance of 15 members and three visitors.

The meeting opened with the League Prayer by the president followed by the roll call. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted and the Treasurer gave her report.

The sick committee reported and it was voted that an Easter treat be sent to six shut-in members, also that a message of sympathy be sent Mrs. Maurice Gaudet. Correspondence re Red Cross National Scholarship Missionaries of Mary, Precious Blood Sisters and League magazine were read and donations were voted for Red Cross and Missionaries of Mary.

It was moved and seconded that the League Magazine subscriptions be renewed this month and that a box be sent the Precious Blood Sisters for Easter. A delicious treat was then passed around and a guessing contest followed in which Mrs. Emmett McNeill was the winner.

The next meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. Linus McDonald. The meeting adjourned with prayer.

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