

# OUR NEWS BUDGET FOR OUR SATURDAY SUBSCRIBERS

## MONDAY

Almost \$200 was stolen from the home of Mr. Oliver Duncan, 12 Kensington Road some time Saturday night or Sunday morning. The loss was discovered about eight o'clock yesterday morning.

The thief or thieves stole two purses, one containing \$185 and the other \$3. Entrance and exit were made by the west cellar window which was unfastened on the inside. City Police are investigating the theft.

Fire, yesterday morning, completely destroyed the 76-year-old Roman Catholic Church of Wellington parish which was located on the main highway about two miles east of Richmond Village. Only the sacred vessels and a few of the vestments were saved from the wooden building which burned very quickly.

The blaze was discovered about eight o'clock by Mr. Clifford Cameron who was tending the furnace fire which had been lit earlier for the ten o'clock mass. He immediately called the pastor, the Rev. Leonard MacDonell, who endeavored to quench the fire with an extinguisher and it looked for a moment as if he might be successful, but the fire had spread to the upper floor and it was soon evident that their efforts were futile.

People did not gather very fast due to the early hour and when they did arrive the fire had advanced to such a stage that nothing could be done to save the building and they could only watch the sacred edifice that had stood there longer than the oldest of them could remember, succumb to the flames.

The new system of training of the P. E. I. Regiment (17th Recce) was commenced yesterday with approximately 200 officers and men participating.

After training since 1946 as troops and squadrons, the training yesterday was as an entire regiment, and men from Kings and Prince Consort were brought in to Charlotteville by buses to participate. The afternoon opened with an inspection of the band and a march past of the entire regiment with the salute taken by Lt.-Col. A. W. Rogers, E.D., Commanding Officer of the P. E. I. Regiment, at the Armouries.

Moving off to the Ordnance Compound on Brighton Road, they headed into schools for instruction in wireless, gunnery, and driving and maintenance. Eight new recruits were on hand to take part in the new system.

Plans were formulated to carry on this type of training on Sunday, January 28, when tactical exercises will be conducted in the Beach Grove Inn area. After that date the training will be carried on every other Sunday.

A widely known Charlottetown man, Mr. Royal (Roy) Stuart MacBeath, former Chief Engineer of the Provincial Department of Public Works died yesterday afternoon in the Prince Edward Island Hospital following an illness of several months. He was 62 years of age.

Mr. MacBeath had been suffering from leukemia, a blood condition, since early last summer. He was confined to his home in November and entered the hospital shortly before Christmas.

A native of Marshfield, Mr. MacBeath was well and favourably known in engineering and athletic circles and his many friends will learn of his passing with regret.

He had been employed in the service of the Provincial Government since 1925, first as resident engineer and later as Kings County engineer. In 1942 he was appointed Chief Engineer for the province.

A fire at Morell Saturday evening at 6 p. m. took the lives of a mother and her young son. Those dead are Mrs. George Robbins, about 39 years old, and Haldane, 18 months.

It is understood a kitchen stove exploded, causing a flash fire which consumed the one-storey house in a matter of minutes.

Mrs. Robbins rushed outside, a flaming torch. Her brother, Wilfred McEwen, tried to extinguish the flames in her clothing but she was critically burned and died at 3:30 a. m. Sunday in hospital at Souris.

Two other children were in the house, a son, Allison and a daughter, Wendie. Both escaped, but Allison's hands were severely burned when he tried to get back in to rescue his baby brother.

The body of the little boy was found several hours later. Dr. Malcolm Beck, coroner, ordered an inquest. The hearing was adjourned until Feb. 6 at St. Peter's.

Neighbors gathered quickly at the scene of the fire and the Morell Fire Department responded, but nothing could be done to save the house.

It was believed that Mrs. Robbins was in the kitchen when the explosion occurred.

Mr. Robbins and two older sons, Garfield and Garnet, were not at home at the time.

The death occurred at the Prince Edward Island Hospital yesterday of Hon. Horace Wright, chairman of the Workmen's Compensation Board and a former President of the Executive Council and Liberal representative for many years in the Legislature for the Fourth District of Prince. He was stricken with a heart attack on Dec. 7 last, and his condition since that time had been critical.

The late Mr. Wright was born at Bedouque on Jan. 7, 1875, a son of the late Thomas Wright and Mary Alice Hooper, both of Empire Loyalist descent.

Defeated as a Progressive candidate for the House of Commons in the general election of 1921, and also in a provincial contest for St. John's, he returned to the island.

Wright returned to the political arena in 1927 and was elected to the Legislature as a Liberal colleague of the late Hon. Walter Lea in Fourth Prince. In 1930 he became a member without portfolio in the Lea Government, and was defeated along with the Government in the following election of 1931.

A fitting finale to the spiritual rejoicing of friends, students and members of the Congregation of Notre Dame in this diocese for the signal favour which the Roman Catholic Church bestowed when she placed Canada's pioneer teacher and founder of the Order, took place at St. Dunstan's Basilica on Friday morning.

The formal ceremony and pomp which is part of the exterior worship of the Catholic Church was present in its plenitude. From the opening solemn procession of the richly robed Bishop and his retinue, the sanctuary until His Excellency's worthy tribute before leaving the sanctuary, all told of how lavish the Church is in bestowing honour and praise on her faithful servants.

His Excellency Bishop Boyle pontificated with Right Rev. Monsignor R. V. MacKenzie acting as High Priest, and the Rev. Fathers, Ernie Roblin and P. F. MacDonald as Deacons of Honour. Father James Kelly was Deacon and Father Frank Corcoran sub-Deacon. Rev. Dr. McMahon was Master of Ceremonies.

In the sanctuary were Rev. Bernard Gillis, Rev. Edred Doyle, C.S.S.R. and Rev. William Simpson.

With Mrs. Dougan at the organ, the choir under the direction of Mr. Leo Chaisson rendered the various parts of the proper of the Mass in a manner worthy of such an occasion.

Rev. Dr. McMahon gave a very eloquent and beautiful word-pictorial of Blessed Marguerite Bourgeoys from her death on April 17, 1620, until her recent Beatification on November 12th.

## TUESDAY

**WINS MEDAL**—Miss Marjorie A. Smith of Charlottetown won the American Spirit Honor Medal and received this award at a recent graduation exercise at the U. S. Naval Training Centre at Great Lakes, Illinois. The award is presented to those who show outstanding leadership qualities during recruit training. Miss Smith is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morton G. Smith, 145 Great George St.

Recently organized in Boston was the St. Dunstan's Alumni Association, comprising former students of St. Dunstan's University, P. E. I., now residing in Massachusetts. The officers are: President, Ben McInnis, Cambridge, Mass.; Vice President, Dr. William H. Fisher, Malden; Secretary and Treasurer, Harry Ellsworth, Boston.

Among the active members of the Association are Attorney Richard B. Johnston of Boston, (a son of the late Mr. J. J. Johnston, K.C., of Charlottetown); Dr. William McLellan, West Roxbury; Dr. James St. Clair Smith, Boston; Dr. James McCane, Somerville; Dr. Cecil E. Hynes, Brockton; Dr. J. C. McLellan, Milford; Frank Mooney, Winchester.

Boston papers of this week carry an announcement of the Association, intimating that they are holding a benefit and whist party on Jan. 28, the proceeds of which will be donated to St. Dunstan's University for its building fund.

Three Holsteins owned by Lewis Bros., York, P. E. I. have received honorable mention for All-Canadian, Lewisdale Monty was given Honorable Mention as All-Canadian Junior Yearling Bull. He was Junior Champion at Charlottetown Exhibition and third at the Maritime Winter Fair. Lewisdale Amie received Honorable Mention for All-Canadian Junior Yearling Heifer. She was first prize and Junior Champion at the Maritime Winter Fair and first at Charlottetown Exhibition. The Honorable Mention went to Lewisdale Mediation in the Heifer Class. She was first prize Senior Calf at Maritime Winter Fair and Charlottetown Exhibition.

Abegweit Curlew, senior and grand champion at Charlottetown Exhibition for Premier J. Walter Jones was one of the six animals nominated for All-Canadian exhibition in the four-year-old Heifer class.

Hon. R. W. Mayhew, Federal Minister of Fisheries, will be unable to attend the Annual East Coast Fisheries Conference which opens here tomorrow, due to an important meeting of the Dominion Cabinet Thursday conference officials met yesterday.

Mr. Mayhew yesterday cabled his regrets at being unable to attend the conference. He was scheduled to speak Wednesday at the Co-fervee dinner sponsored by the P. E. I. Provincial Government.

About 70 members of the "shining industry" arrived in the City last night for the East Coast Conference which will open Monday at 10 o'clock. Approximately 130 of the shining industry leaders are expected to arrive tonight at 7 p. m.

Members of the oyster fishing industry will hold a conference at the Charlottetown today. Representatives from the oyster fishing industry will attend. Chartered will be Mr. R. R. Logie of the P. E. I. Biological Station at Ellerslie.

Most widely discussed question will be that of oyster grading. Oyster graders will be constituted to include the control of oyster grading and improvement of inspection marks on packages.

The annual congregational meeting of Saint Peter's Cathedral was held Monday evening January 27. There was a fine attendance of all age groups of the congregation. Without exception the various reports showed a year of enthusiastic church work and good augury for the future. In particular the financial reports gave promise that if congregational support is continued the church can through time relieve itself of its present indebtedness.

The following were elected to the vestry: H. M. Simpson, Victor Williams, and G. Cosh, W. A. Smith, F. N. Kays, C. A. Binmore, H. L. Sear, W. E. Cotton.

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The following were also elected: Scout and Cubs Committee: Harry Morris, G. K. Brady and J. B. Peake; Guide and Brownie Committee: Mrs. A. G. MacMillan, Mrs. W. A. Smith, Mrs. James Brady.

In his opening remarks the incumbent made reference to the fact that the loss to the church in Canada, Canon Malone also expressed the appreciation of the congregation for the contributions of the Women's Guild.

A vote of thanks was extended to the Incumbent and Mrs. Malone, the choir, the organist, the sexton, the vestry and vestry clerk and the envelope clerk, also to H. R. Doane and Co. for their services.

Residents of the village of Parkdale decided last evening to forward a resolution to Premier J. Walter Jones, asking the Provincial Government for assistance in obtaining a suitable water supply.

The meeting was called by the acting Commissioners of Parkdale at the request of the Parkdale firemen. Mrs. E. H. Cook was chairman for the meeting, and lively discussions took place regarding the need of water, sewerage and sidewalks in the area estimated 1,500 residents in the area.

The resolution, which was signed by the three acting Commissioners, outlined the very definite need of a water supply, and stated that no satisfaction had been obtained from negotiations with the City of Charlottetown.

Mr. F. Burke reported for the firemen, and spoke briefly on the equipment on hand and the water shortage which his department has experienced. It was also stated a maintenance fund of approximately \$230 annually be required in order to maintain present equipment, and it was suggested this be obtained by taxation.

Mr. J. F. Connolly director of the town planning division of the Provincial Department of Reconstruction, gave a brief talk on the water and sewerage systems, and answered questions asked by the meeting.

The need of a sidewalk along the highway in Parkdale was also briefly discussed. It was announced that the Government would not be available until the village arrives at a sum necessary for its maintenance, and taxes accordingly. It was suggested that steps in regard to taxing residents of Parkdale be started at the annual meeting which is to be held on February 6.

The chairman nominated the following committee to bring in a slate of five names for that meeting from which three Commissioners may be elected: Lester Hickox, Ivan Vessey, and Frank Burke.

## WEDNESDAY

**EX-RAI MEMBERS' CLUB**—About 30 ex-RAI men attended their first organization meeting at the Legion Hall last evening. Chairman Ray Hughes outlined the idea of forming a Club to organize social gatherings for Old Country servicemen of World War II. This plan was adopted and a committee was formed to inquire into the possibilities of obtaining suitable premises for future social functions. At the next meeting to be held on Jan. 30 it is hoped that arrangements for a re-union dinner will be settled.

Mr. J. Watson MacNaught, Parliamentary Assistant to the Federal Minister of Fisheries will be guest speaker at the Provincial Government sponsored banquet at the East Coast Fisheries Conference tonight.

He will be speaking in place of Hon. R. W. Mayhew, Federal Minister of Fisheries originally scheduled to address the delegates at the dinner. Mr. Mayhew, due to an important meeting, will be unable to attend the conference which opens tomorrow.

Over 100 delegates from four of the five eastern Provinces had registered last night and nearly 50 more are expected to register this morning before the official opening at ten o'clock.

Yesterday an oyster grading conference attended by representatives of oyster packers from every producing area in the Maritimes and wholesalers from Montreal was held at the Charlottetown.

representatives at Ellerslie, G. A. C. Wilson and L. A. England.

The delegates will be officially welcomed this morning by His Honor, Lieut.-Gov. T. W. L. Prowse, Premier J. Walter Jones, His Worship Mayor B. Earle MacDonell and Mr. Paul Gallan, President of the P. E. I. Fisheries Federation. Mr. J. E. Burden, conference chairman will preside at the opening.

Mr. T. Roy Cudmore was re-elected President of the Charlottetown V.M.C.A. last night at the 55th annual meeting of the Association held in the Y.

Magistrate K.M. Martin was re-elected vice president and the duties of secretary will again be taken care of by Mr. T.D. DeBlais. Mr. G.M. Avarad was re-elected treasurer.

Following are the Board of Directors appointed: For an unexpired one year term, Mr. J. Haslam; for an unexpired two year term, Mr. R.R. Carr.

For three year terms, Messrs. G.M. Avarad, T.D. DeBlais, W. Scantlebury, F.J. Storey, B.F. Tinney, M.J. Barkhouse, D. Wonnacott and Hon. F.A. Large, Minister of Education.

Highlights of the meeting were the reports of President Cudmore, the general secretary, Mr. F.B. Gambell and the treasurer, Mr. Gordon Avarad.

The financial statement, read by the latter, showed the Association to be in a much better position than at this time a year ago. Operations for the year showed a net surplus of \$232.82. The current liabilities were reduced during the year \$8,134.96 and now stand at \$13,639.71. This will largely be liquidated by payment of club pledges, \$9,275.

Plans for an entire week of festivities in Charlottetown are now being formulated as a result of a meeting held last evening at the City Hall.

The meeting was called by the Retail Merchants Division of the Charlottetown Board of Trade and was attended by His Worship Mayor B. Earle MacDonell, members of the City Council, representatives of service clubs and other organizations, and other interested parties.

Chairman for the meeting was Brig. W. W. Reid, who in explaining the purpose of the festival week stated that the 100 more tourists had visited the Province last year than ever before, but it was thought by the planning committee that a week earlier in the season would help the tourist industry tremendously, thus benefiting the entire community.

The first week of July is the time during which the greatest number of tourists visit the Province. Brig. Reid suggested this would be a good year to start in order to lay the ground work for a huge celebration in 1956 which is the 100th anniversary of the City of Charlottetown.

The program for the week which had been suggested by the original planning committee, included such features as street dancing every evening from Monday to Saturday, the decoration of streets and stores, an air exhibition, and a display of old historical relics of this Province.

Features for each day were suggested, including: Sunday, Drumhead service in Victoria Park in the morning, and a massed band concert in the evening after Church; Monday, parade of men of All Services and athletic track meet; Tuesday, parade of floats; Wednesday, Aquatic exhibition; Thursday, Firemen's day, including parade in the evening; Friday, Rural day; Saturday, crowning of the Queen of the Carnival.

It was suggested by the meeting that a contest be held by the two local newspapers requesting residents of this district to send in a suitable name for the week of festivities. Two suggestions which were made by the meeting were "Charlottetown Mardi Gras" and "Welcome Tourist Week." It was thought, however, that these could be moved upon and it should be left to the public to forward suggestions. The forwarder of the accepted name will be suitably recognized by the committee in charge. (Coupon for this contest is on page 5).

It was thought by the meeting that all residents would cooperate fully in making the week an outstanding success, and Mayor MacDonell stated he was quite sure the City would do all in its power to assist the committee in charge.

The meeting passed a motion requesting all service clubs and organizations to have at least one representative on the planning committee, and that they endeavor to be present at the next meeting which will be held in the City Hall at 8 p. m. on January 28.

Nominations under the Act passed in 1948 to provide uniform legislation for the incorporated towns of Prince Edward Island were held at St. Dunstan's on Tuesday afternoon. Included: Commander R. Hennessey, D.B.C., chairman of the Eastern Region U.N.T.D. Selection Board at Halifax; Commander (E) F. Harley, Lt.-Commander D. M. MacDonald and Lt.-Commander (S. B.) T. H. Cron.

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Evidence "all across Canada" of a significant revolution in the fishing industry were cited by Mr. J. Watson MacNaught, M.P., Parliamentary Assistant to the Federal Minister of Fisheries, in addressing the East Coast Fisheries Conference delegates last evening at a banquet tendered them by the Provincial Government.

Mr. MacNaught instanced new types of draggers and boats which have been developed on both coasts, suited to the special local fisheries.

"On the Atlantic coast," he said, "your trawlers will move into the use of radar to test its value for fishing in fog. We have seen in Ottawa in the last few weeks the new small marine diesel engine designed by the National Research Council which may continue the revolution and help to improve the small boat fishery."

"In your plants, in handling fresh and frozen fish, in canning, salting, smoking and drying, a technical revolution is also under way. Improvements in packaging and in distribution methods are going on apace and I, for one, see no reason for the fishing industry to enter the second half of the Twentieth Century with anything but confidence."

Fourteen local U.N.T.D. men passed the Selection Board here on Monday and Tuesday of this week and are now Naval Officer Cadets.

Six of these were chosen from the eleven P.W.G. students who appeared before the Board, and the other eight were chosen from the eleven candidates at St. Dunstan's University.

The successful candidates are: (P.W.C.) George S. MacMillan, David T. Wood, John A. McDonald, William J. McDonald, Donald R. Campbell, William A. Day (St. Dunstan's), Thomas C. Pendergast, Gerald F. Kilbride, Mark McQuaid, Gerald F. Coady, Charles A. Morrison, Lorne B. Murphy, James R. Johnston and Arnold J. W. Allan.

The Selection Board which interviewed P. W. C. students at H.M.C.S. "Queen Charlotte" on Monday night and at St. Dunstan's on Tuesday afternoon, included: Commander R. Hennessey, D.B.C., chairman of the Eastern Region U.N.T.D. Selection Board at Halifax; Commander (E) F. Harley, Lt.-Commander D. M. MacDonald and Lt.-Commander (S. B.) T. H. Cron.

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Increases in the New Brunswick fish catch, money earnings of the fishermen and employment of shore net were attributed to the use of draggers by Mr. H. J. Robichaud, Director of Fisheries, at the concluding conference of East Coast Fisheries Conference.

Mr. Robichaud noted that the draggers had proved so popular with the deep sea fishermen that no applications for fishing boats other than draggers have been received for over a year. On Dec. 31, 1950 he had 62 applications for the construction of more draggers, he added.

With regard to money earnings, he stated there was no comparison with the amount previously attained by the fishermen. He noted that dragger fishermen were averaging twice as much money as those who used long liners.

The off-shore fishermen, after the first year, did not say that they were losing out in their catches due to draggers, he stated. They say they are not getting as much as draggers and he recounted where one shore fisherman told him his catch had increased due to the use of draggers in deep water.

Asked to compare the catches of draggers and ordinary fishing boats he stated that the dragger catches per week were around 60, 70 to 80,000 lbs. against 15 or 20,000 pounds for ordinary boats.

If we were to stay in the fishing business we had to get draggers, he stated. New Brunswick fishermen now operate 23 draggers. Last year they experimented with a 45 foot dragger, which they liked and next year they plan to put a 47-footer into operation.

The East Coast Fisheries Conference concluded last evening with a Fisheries Ball at the Hotel Charlottetown. A huge crowd was in attendance at the gala affair, and dancing to Don Messer and his Islanders proved a fitting finish to the highly successful two-day conference.

While the dance was going on in the main dining room of the Hotel, another crowd of visitors and Islanders gathered around the piano in the lounge and enjoyed a hearty and lengthy sing-song.

From comments heard by delegates and their wives who have travelled hundreds of miles to join in the three day meeting, it would seem they are carrying home with them very pleasant memories of their short stay in this Island province.

Egg production in Prince Edward Island is increasing steadily, reports Mr. F. M. Nash, District Inspector, Poultry Products, Quality Control. The market is active but largely speculative. Paying prices are unsteady. Quotations are moving up and down but gradually seeking lower levels. Generally supplies appear plentiful for Maritime Consumption with the result a surplus is accumulating on dealers' floors.

The prices quoted are those being paid generally throughout the Province. Producer price is the price poultrymen can expect to receive for the product when it is taken to grading stations. Paying prices to operators of grading stations for the graded product, is the price the operators receive for the product for the work entailed in grading, packing in new cases and trays, cost of light, heat, etc., plus a nominal profit. Wholesale and dealers buy this graded fully processed pack of eggs from grading stations distributing same to retailers, therefore the price wholesale to retail is the wholesale cost of distributing the product. Retail to consumers is the price retailers or grocery men are selling eggs to the consumer or housewife.

Prices are quoted on a quality basis which quality is distinguished by the grade name. There is a difference in quality or weight between each grade therefore there should be a difference in the price of each grade—the top price being for Grade A Large, and the price being lowered for each grade until the low price is based on Grade C, the lowest quality egg offered for sale. The grades in order of quality and weight are as follows: Grade A Large, Grade A Medium, Grade A Pullet, Grade B and Grade C.

There are the prices prevailing presently in Prince Edward Island: Station operators are quoting producers for ungraded eggs, delivered: Grade A Large 34.5, A Medium 33, A Pullet 28, Grade B 28, C 19.

Dealers are quoting station operators for the graded pack: A Large 40, A Medium 38, A Pullet 33, B 33, C 24.

Wholesalers are quoting retailers: A Large 42, A Medium 40, A Pullet 36, B 36, C 27.

Eggs retailing to consumers in cartons: A Large 35, A Medium 31, A Pullet 43, Grade B, loose, 43-7, C 35.

Increases in minimum potato prices, to become effective on midday Saturday, January 27, were announced in an order issued yesterday by the Provincial Potato Marketing Board and released last night by Mr. E. D. Reid, manager of the Board.

The minimum price of Irish Cobbler seed will be 50 cents a bushel and all other varieties of seed and tablestock will sell no lower than 44 cents a bushel.

The previous minimum price for cobbler seed was 45 cents a bushel, and for tablestock 36 cents. The difference in the two price levels show an increase of five cents a bushel for Cobbler seed and eight cents a bushel for tablestock.

Similar action is being taken by the New Brunswick Board and their prices will become effective at the same time. At the present time the seed potato prices above the minimum prices set by the Provincial Board.

The total potato shipments for January this year may set an all-time January export record the Guardian was informed by Mr. Reid. Shipments to date this month number 1170 cars with six more shipping days remaining. January shipments last year were slightly less than 950 carloads.

Mr. Reid told the Guardian that the market was very firm with a heavy export of seed. He expects that the heavy movement will be sustained for the next two or three weeks and that the seed potato quota to the U. S. A. will likely be filled by Feb. 15 or Feb. 20.

Canada's seed potato quota to the United States is two and one half million bushels. These potatoes are admitted at the regular duty rate of 7 1/2 cents a cwt. and double duty must be paid on any additional potatoes. Last year the seed quota was filled on Dec. 3.

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