Recalls Work of Late Col. Rogers In Radio Field

"Out of the thin air came forth the miracle of sound . . . the dream of the boy and the man was realized." These words, spoken quietly by Mrs. Flora Rogers, climaxed an inspiring address given before the regular monthly meeting of Trinity United Church Men's Association.

With president, Ches Cooper in the chair the large meeting was treated first of all to a fine supper following by some excellent musical entertainment provided by Miss Thelma Teed and her violin.

Mrs. Rogers, the guest speaker of the evening, was introduced by Dr. C. D. Steel who spoke of his long friendship with both Mrs. Rogers' family and that of her late husband, Col. Keith Rogers.

"The story of the life of the late Col. Rogers is the story of the progress of radio from its very early inception with clumsy, noisy equipment to the present day of expensive, efficient machinery.

"The towers," said Mrs. Rogers, "symbolise the efforts of Keith Rogers to bring his boyhood dream to fruition, and many towers were to be built only to be cut down again. Each successive tower was greater than the one before and each setback only served as an incentive to strive even harder to attain the goal."

Mrs. Rogers stressed the help Col. Rogers received from his family, from Tony Shelfoon (now Group Capt. Shelfoon, with the R. A.F.) and from the very many friends on P.E.I. and elsewhere who knew and appreciated the tremendous efforts being made to bring radio to this part of the world.

Even as far back as 1931, when the charter of The Island Radio Broadcasting Company was drawn up a clause was inserted which read, in part . . . "to transmit pictures . . . ." and today there is every prospect of seeing another tower erected to carry the "pictures" envisioned by Col. Rogers twenty-five years ago.

Mrs. Rogers was thanked by Dr. L. W. Shaw.

The meeting closed with the benediction by Rev. Mr. MacLean.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS
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BIRTHS

CONNOLLY—At the Charlottetown Hospital, Friday, March 11th, 1955, to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Connolly, a daughter. 8 lbs.

LLOYD—At the P. E. I. Hospital on March 15, 1955, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Harold Lloyd, Charlottetown, a son, Harold Gordon.

MURPHY—At the P. E. I. Hospital on March 14, 1955, to Mr. and Mrs. James E. Murphy, a son, Lee Irwin.

MARSHALL — At the Charlottetown Hospital on March 10, to Mr. and Mrs. George Marshall, (nee Shirley Buchanan) a son, 6 lbs, 12 ozs.

MARRIAGES

JEWELL — MacKINNON — At the Parsonage, Cornwall, March 12th, 1955, by the Rev. A .S. Weir, Velda Dorothy Jewell, North River, to Kenneth Winston MacKinnon, Churchill.

PALKA-MacVITTIE—At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Barrie, Ont., by Rev. J. Ferguson, on December 24, 1954, Lois Vivian MacVittie and Edward Palka, both of Barrie, Ont.

DEATHS

HEMPHILL—At Georgetown on March 15, 1955, Henry C. Hemphill in his 75th year. Funeral from his late residence on Thursday, March 17, at 2 p.m. Interment in the United Church cemetery, Georgetown.

GALLANT—At the Sacred Heart Home, Charlottetown, on Tuesday, March 15th, Mary Gallant, wife of late Peter Gallant in her 93rd year. Remains are resting at the Compton Funeral Home from where the funeral will take place on Thursday morning to St. Paul's Church for Requiem High Mass at 9:00 o'clock. Interment in the St. Paul's Cemetery.

BUCHANAN—Suddenly at Dixon Road Bradalbane on March 14, 1955, Malcolm Gordon Buchanan, aged 71 years. The funeral will take place on Thursday, March 17th with a short service at the home at 1:30, followed by a service in Hartsville Church at 2:30. Burial in the church cemetery.

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COME AND SEE Zion Y.P.S. Variety Concert in the church hall, Tuesday evening, March 29th at 8:30 p.m.

FREE CHURCH of Scotland service Thursday, March 17, Charlottetown 8 p.m. Rev. William MacKay, guest speaker. Rev. J. H. Bishop, minister.

ENGAGEMENT—Mr. and Mrs. Truelove Taylor, Upton, wish to announce the engagement of their oldest daughter, Mona Kathryn to John Claude Matheson son of Mr. Norman Matheson and the late Mrs. Matheson, Forest Hill, marriage to take place in the near future.

PRIZE WINNERS— Prize winners at the weekly card party held in Spring Park Hall on Monday night were: Ladies' first, Mrs. Lloyd Archer; second, Miss Florence Kelly; consolation, Mrs. Gordon Rodd; men's first, Jack MacKinnon; second, Henry MacLeod; consolation, J. Cheverie. Freezeout, Mrs. Lloyd Archer and Mrs. Nelson Whitlock.

CARS COLLIDE — Two cars received extensive damage when they collided at the corner of Prince and Grafton Streets at ten o'clock last night. An Oldsmobile proceeding south on Prince ended the run with front wheels to the curb and front bumper crushing a telephone pole. The other car, a Morris, heading West on Grafton was badly damaged at the front right fender and bumper and other damage to lights.

ORATORICAL CONTEST — Tonight the St. Dunstan's High School oratorical contest will be held in the Alumni auditorium. Sponsored by the St. Dunstan's Debating Society, both senior and junior contests will be held. The winner of each will receive trophies. Richard A. Wedge will be chairman and judges will be Rev. W. V. MacDonald, Rev. George MacDonald and Rev. W. A. Keefe. The public is welcome to attend.

ZION Y. P. S. — A Bible discussion led by Mr. Malcolm MacKenzie began the weekly meeting of Zion Y.P.S. A worship period under the leadership of Davida MacEachern and Ishbel Farquharson followed after which the president conducted a business meeting. Plans for the variety concert were finalized. Lloyd Farquharson then directed a round of games and relays. The singing of "Blest be the Tie that Binds" brought the meeting to a close.

FUNERAL TUESDAY — The funeral of Mrs. Jeremiah Gallant was held Tuesday morning from the Charlottetown Funeral Home to the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer where Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Edward Doyle, C.Ss.R., who also conducted the service at the grave. The pall bearers were: Hubert Blanchard, Reginald Cronin, Raymond Campbell, Joseph Tierney, Maurice Hughes and William Mullins. Interment was in the Roman Catholic Cemetery.

TRINITY Y. P. U. — The regular meeting of Trinity Y. P. U. was held last evening in the social hall, opening with a lively recreation led by the recreation conveners. This was followed by a very interesting address on "Modern Manners and Popularity" by Mr. T. M. Lothian. A short business meeting was led by Charlie Frizzell. The evening closed with a short period of Bible study followed by "Auld Lang Syne". Pianist for the evening were Norma Jean Gay and Nancy Lee.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Warren, Mr. Ern Bevins, Annie Burke Diamond, Mr. Albert Diamond and Miss Violet MacNeil, spent Sunday in Sea View, visiting Mr. Wm. Burke who is ill and Mrs. Burke.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of Creelman Dickieson who passed away March 16, 1954.

Just a tribute of love and remembrance
To someone who was one of the best,
The joys that he missed on life's highway,
May he find in God's heaven of rest.
Ever remembered by Phyllis MacLaren.

Cards of Thanks

I wish to express my sincere thanks to Dr. Irwin and Dr. A. MacLeod, nurses and staff of the P. E. I. Hospital, also Mrs. Coffin for their kind treatment to me whilst a patient, also to all those who sent cards, treats and letters and visited me.

Mrs. Frank Gillespie,
Clyde River.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to Dr. R. W. Auld and Dr. J. K. Beer, also the nurses and their aides who were so kind and attentive to me during my recent illness in Prince County Hospital. I also wish to thank those who visited me, those who brought me flowers and treats and those who sent me cards, while I was a patient there.

Lloyd Howard,
Kensington.

I wish to thank the members of the Summerside Fire Department for the quick response made last evening to the alarm of fire at my residence. Their arrival within a few minutes was the means of preventing what might have been a disastrous fire and I would like to commend them for their fine efficiency.

Oscar Keefe,
Duke Street, Summerside.

Minister Stresses Vital Importance Of Developing Highway Transportation

"I believe that this Government would be justified in going in debt to have roads built that would adequately provide a highway for tourists, and carry our agricultural and fishery products of this Province," said Hon. Eugene Cullen, speaking on the Budget debate in the Legislature on Monday night.

"I believe that the future of those industries will be determined by the system of roads that this Government is able to provide", Mr. Cullen said, "We talk about it, but if we are not willing to take a chance or give a penny to someone who is willing to take a chance, who is going to do it? Have we the courage to take a calculated risk?"

He went on to say that the House has approved the spending of $200,000 a year in health grants. "What could this mean in the way of additional development each year?" he asked.

Mr. Cullen said that the sum of $8,600 had been spent last year in the Government's industrial development program. This included investigation into the processing of certain products, provision for a course at M.I.T. for a horticultural economist, advertising and other things.

Mr. Bell: "Would you be prepared to spend some money investigating the processing of Irish moss?"

Mr. Cullen: "There have been a number of people looking into this matter, but I believe that our people who gather Irish moss have a great little product and if greater care were exercised in picking and grading the price could be raised so that it would be more profitable than it is now".

Mr. Bell: "Apparently it is used in everything from tooth paste to shoe polish".

Mr. Cullen thought that a Department of Labour would be a good thing since, as 35 per cent of the Island population live in the city, towns or villages. They are interested in legislation that will look after their needs and it is only right that the Government should have someone who can oversee such matters.

FORESTRY PROGRAM

The Minister explained the institution of the Federal-Provincial forestry program and told how the original grant made in 1951 has been successively raised until it now stands at $15,000 a year. He said that the regenerated growth in this Province was not equalled in any other part of the world.

Large numbers of trees of several varieties have been planted in the nurseries and transplanted in various parts of the Province. One of the greatest obstacles encountered in re-forestation is the alder trees which spring up quickly in de-forested areas.

Speaking of the spruce bud worm, Mr. Cullen said there was heavy infestation in certain parts but that a spraying program such as was undertaken in New Brunswick would be impractical here. The only hope, he felt, was to try to grow trees that would not be infected by this pest and in this connection felt that a start had been made. He was of the opinion that the prolific regenerated growth of Island forests would be a deterrent against a serious depletion of woodland lots.

NEWFOUNDLAND TRADE

Refuting the argument of the Opposition that trade with Newfoundland had fallen off the Minister gave detailed figures for 1943, 1948 and 1954 which indicated that with the exception of cheese and eggs the shipments of all agricultural products and livestock had shown a marked increase. The decrease in cheese export he said was due to the fact that Prince Edward Island could not or did not meet the competition of the Province of Quebec. In regard to eggs, Mr. Cullen said, there were two factors involved: First, Newfoundland is producing eggs in large quantities itself and second, they want their eggs put up in cartons and we are not doing that as most of our eggs are shipped to Newfoundland, packed in trays, thirty dozen to the case.

PUBLIC SERVANTS

Mr. Cullen noted that the British Civil Service takes pride in the reputation for integrity which its organization is reported to have and said that it was not equalled in the world. "The same", he said was true of Ottawa and although there may be remote cases of dereliction of duty, other countries look upon us with envy."

"We have in this Province, a group of civil servants who not only work from nine till five in the evening but spend two and three nights a week in the interests of their Department. It is true of the Department of Agriculture and I know it is true in my Department. You cannot blame them for leaving the Province if they receive an offer of more pay and shorter hours.

Dealing with the Opposition criticism regarding money spent on conventions and travelling outside the Province. Mr. Cullen said he did know of an occasional such trip where the delegate was able to enjoy himself, but in most instances the trips were made at great inconvenience to the party concerned and sometimes at his personal expense.

LOBSTER FISHING

"It is true that lobsters form the largest portion of our income from the fishing industry and I believe there is something that the lobster fishermen need, but whether this Government is sufficiently socialistic to supply that need, I am not prepared to say" continued Mr. Cullen. "They need a frozen fresh marketing plant but for some reason or other, buyers from New Brunswick have come to the Island and are able to pay a price with which our Island canneries cannot compete. I agree with Mr. Gaudet from First Prince, that this is a short sighted policy because by selling their lobsters alive the fishermen are eliminating a great deal of employment in the Province which in the long run would be a more economically sound procedure."

Speaking about the new plants at Souris, Mr. Cullen said "I predict that they will be successful". He also told of a smoked fish plant at Egmont Bay which was meeting with considerable success and expected better things when the fishermen acquired more experience in this form of processing.

In rising to speak Mr. Cullen said it was a difficult matter to decide which of the Opposition members to answer. "They were given a nice new room to discuss their problems but they didn't seem to make very good use of it", he added "One member says we should put the electric line right in the farmer's yard; another says it is costing far too much; One member praises the Department of Health and Welfare while another says we are not doing enough. One member says that light pavement is no good; the other says it makes a good road and will last for years".

DRAGGER FISHERY

The Minister again reviewed the history of the dragger fishing industry giving praise to the Fisheries Director (Mr. Eugene Gorman) for his foresight and perseverance in bringing the industry to the position it enjoys today. He also paid tribute to those who were willing to invest their money in the first dragger. They were required to mortgage their homes, assign their life and fire insurance or in other words offer all that they owned to see the thing started. "They showed great courage and faith in the future of the Province" said Mr. Cullen, "they have met all their payments promptly and in eight years from the time of starting will have the loan all paid off"

"It was stated that a man from North Rustico was refused a loan to build a dragger", continued the Minister". One man from North Rustico made application for a loan but when he would not fish according to regulations, the loan was withdrawn." Another instance brought up by the Opposition and dealt with by Mr. Cullen was the case of a man who was a native of Nova Scotia. Mr. Cullen said, "We all agree that Nova Scotia is a part of Canada and the man in question came to live in Prince Erward Island. He had been living here for four years before he made application for a loan and he got it", he added "I have great confidence in the Fishermen's Loan Board, they have done a great deal for this Province."

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Frozen Food

swer to the problem. Under this system they can have both," said the Premier. "This Government is fully conscious of the importance of the frozen food market; what farmers can produce and the future there is for the farmer in this field of operations and I feel sure that we can go forward to great things."

OPPOSITION CRITICISM

The Premier in an affable manner dealt separately with the Opposition criticism occasioned in the budget speeches. In referring to John A. MacDonald's criticism of matching grants, he said, "We all know that matching grants can become dangerous but we must consider some of the benefits that have been enjoyed by this Province for a number of years." He listed welfare grants such as Old Age Assistance, Disabled Persons Act, the Blind Act, Federal Health Grant, Venerial Disease Control, and hospital construction. The last nemed, he said, would soon be all used up and there would be no further need for it.

In dealing with Mr. MacDonald's criticism regarding the delay in completing the Health Centre, the Premier pointed out that the architect who was in charge of this work died and a young man took over the plans after him, necessitating considerable delay. "Had we continued on a cost-plus basis I am sure that the building would not have been completed as cheaply as by tender," he said.

"Dr. MacMillan said we should give more to hospitals and in his speech, he stated, "I would not advise this Government to do anything which I did not believe to be right"—The question of hospitalization is not an easy matter —what the solution will be I cannot say; it may be state medicine but we see from a report made by a former Islander now living in Nova Scotia that the cost for such would almost equal the provincial budget," said the Premier.

Replying to Mr. Bell's criticism regarding the Budget debate being hard to understand, Mr. Matheson indicated by figures that when Mr. Darby brought down the budget which predicted a surplus it always showed a surplus and when he budgeted for a deficit he got a deficit. "It is possible that next year our over-all deficit will not be the $890,000 budgeted for, but nearer to five or six hundred thousand." As an explanation for the debt increase last year the Premier said that $600,000 had been accounted for by loans all of which are repayable. In addition to this there was $375,000 spent at the Treatment Centre and $200,000 for rural electrification.

Speaking of the Opposition Leader's criticism of the Government in failing to build an all weather road to the Wood Islands Ferry, Mr. Matheson quoted from the platform of the Government as it appeared in the press: "An all weather road will be gradually completed etc." To point out that the Government had not reneged on its promises, the Premier said that this was being done and made note of the fact that the road from Murray River to Montague is hard surfaced leaving only the road between Montague and Wood Islands to be done." This program will continue to be implemented to its fulfillment," he added.

AGRICULTURE

The Premier made reference to remarks in the House "that agriculture was going to the dogs" and the comparisons made by the Opposition Leader with the Province of Quebec. Reading from a couple of well known publications the Premier showed from these reports that the farm income in Canada, with the exception of the Prairie Provinces was up. Referring further to the Province of Quebec he said that statistics show that the farm population in that Province had decreased from 880,000 to 702,000. "I don't say for a moment that the situation is 100 per cent good, but it is not as gloomy as the Opposition is trying to paint it."

Mr. Bell: "I was just going by the Federation of Agriculture Brief."

Continuing his answers to Opposition criticism, the Premier next dealt with the question of providing a dormitory for Prince of Wales College.

Mr. Bell: "The Women's Institute are asking for it now."

Mr. Matheson: "Yes, the Women's Institutes did ask for it and when they were before us, we questioned them and as a result had a check made relative to 1947. We find that the picture has changed greatly since that time and due to the number of students who now take grade eleven and twelve in their home communities. The survey shows as follows:

School Year 1946-47, Total number of students enrolled in first and second year, 468; Number whose home address is Charlottetown, 154 or 32%; Number from outside Charlottetown, but within 15 miles, 102 or 22% total from Charlottetown and within 15 miles, 256 or 54%; number from 15 to 25 miles outside Charlottetown and within 25 miles 302 or 64%.

School year 1954-55, Total number of students enrolled in first and second years, 377; number whose home address is Charlottetown, 115 or 31%; number from outside the City but within 15 miles, 129 or 34%; total from Charlottetown and within 15 miles, 244 or 64%; number from 15 to 25 miles outside the City, 36 or 10%; grand total from Charlottetown and within 25 miles, 280 or 74%.

These figures, said the Premier indicated that only a very small percentage of the students attending P.W.C. require such accommodation and that since that time a fine boarding home for students at Notre Dame Convent had been made available.

RURAL ELECTRIFICATION

Premier Matheson said that the cost of rural electrification in this Province was below that of any other Province. In giving comparative figures he showed that while the cost to Prince Edward Island is $1,810.71, with five transformers to the mile, in New Brunswick, with three transformers it is $2,000; in Nova Scotia with five transformers $2,500 and in Alberta the cost is $915 with a cost of $250 for each transformer.

He said that the company carrying out the work in the Province was doing a good job and the quality of their work was first class. He denied the statement that there was no government assistance and said that with the experience gained during the past year there was a possibility of a decrease in the cost. He also said that the program as it is outlined is expected to be completed much sooner than was originally planned.

The following is a list of the places approved, interviewed, recommended and applied for with mileages in brackets: Approved for construction, Not commenced, Cape Wolfe (1.7) Greenhill (5.9), Northam (12.81), Peakes (4.7), South Lake, (5.2), Springfield West (3.6), West Devon (0.55).

Interviewed and pending approval: Line Road (1.15), Milo (2.3), New Glasgow Mills-Settlement Road (2.1), North Wiltshire-Darlington (2.5), Royalty Road (0.5).

Approved for survey but not yet interviewed: Brackley Beach (1.1), Savage Harbour (3.5).

Recommended for 1955: French River, (10), Fort Augustus-Glenfinnan, (8.5), Argyle Shore Road (5.0), Seven Mile Road (8.0), Point Prim-Mount Buchanan (6.0), New Glasgow-Hope River-Stanley Bridge (9.9), St. Chrysostome-Victoria West (7.5), Vernon River Road South (0.5), Wood Islands (5.4) Alberton-Kildare Road (1.0), Each Baltic (4.7).

Outstanding applications: Anderson Road, Middleton (1.4), Cape Egmont (4.6), County Line Road (2.0), Cumberland Road (5.8), Ebbsfleet-Mimenegash (10.5), Gespereaux-Sturgeon (5.0) Greenwich (6.5), Harmony, Souris Line Road (3.3), Head of Hillsboro - Cherry Hill (5.0), Mount Tryon (2.8), Nine Mile Creek-Rice Point (2.4), Riverdale (2.0), St. Theresas-Baldwin Road (8.0), Victoria Cross (1.5).

TENDERS

In reference to tenders, the Premier said it was not an easy subject for him to refer to. However, he said that when he became Premier all tenders of any size dealing with the Trans Canada Highway had been opened in the presence of the Minister and enough members of the Government to constitute a treasury board; the contractors concerned and invariably the press. A representative of the Dominoin engineers as well as the Provincial engineers were also present.

Premier Matheson said that the idea that the contractors were in collusion with each other was just idle gossip "and if the Leader of the Opposition or anyone else can present evidence to the contrary I will be very glad to look into it." From the figures given in connection with some of last year's contracts the Premier said there was nothing to indicate collusion and in a large majority showed that the tenders were below the Department's estimate.

Mention was made of the penalty clause which is included in road contracts. The Premier said it was necessary, because some contractors would do the job whenever it suited them and present all kinds of excuses as to why it was not done. "When a contractor takes a job, he takes the good with the bad," he said. In regard to the Montague Bridge the Premier stated that it had been given to an outside firm because their contract was much below all the other tenders. He said the highest was $134,000 and the one which was awarded was for $55,000.

Dealing with the cost of the Trans Canada Highway the Premier said that the Government was able to save $248,000 over the route originally planned by way of the South Shore. With this money, he said, the West River Bridge would be built.

TOURIST TRADE

That the tourist trade had shown an increase during the past year was noted by the Premier. He said the Government had done a great deal more advertising this year and with the Charlottetown Centennial being observed a larger influx of tourists could be expected.

One of the contributing factors in attracting people to the Province, he said, was the absence of ragweed and in this connection praised the work of Francis Blanchard who was in charge of this control program. The Premier made reference to the Bird Sanctuary operated by Mr. Harvey Moore on the Commercial Road. He said that Mr. Moore had gone one step further than Jack Miner —he was able to band birds without caging them. He suggested that in the near future Mr. Moore would be given recognition and that some form of assistance would be forthcoming in this worthy venture.

CANADIAN PRESIDES

LONDON (Reuters)—The United Nations disarmament sub-committee resumed Tuesday its conference aimed at resolving east-west differences on the timing of a ban on atomic weapons. Norman Robertson, Canadian high commissioner to Britain, presided.

Baptist W. A.

Mrs. P. J. Sentner presided at the regular monthly meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of the Charlottetown Baptist Church held on March 14th. Mrs. Louis Simmons conducted the devotional period reading Psalm 112, and taking for her topic "The Trusting Heart". Using passages of Scripture and some excerpts from the book "The Man Called Peter", Mrs. Simmons brought to her listeners a very interesting talk.

The business portion of the meeting followed with the minutes of the previous meeting being read and approved; also the treasurer's report was approved. This report showed that various groups had been very successful financially. Correspondence was read and arrangements were made for the choir banquet to be held in April.

The Mizpah benediction brought the meeting to a close, after which a pleasant social hour was spent with the Princess Elizabeth Group serving delicious refreshments and Miss Florence McDonald providing piano music.

Hon. Mr. Clark On A Question Of Privilege

In the Legislature yesterday, on a question of privilege, Hon. Keir Clark, Provincial Secretary, said he had found it necessary to leave the House on Monday evening before the Premier began his speech in the Budget debate. The Guardian quoted the Premier as saying in reference to his Budget: "The speech was his but the facts and figures those of another man."

"This statement, as reported," said Mr. Clark, "in my opinion is giving an entirely wrong impression to the public and one not fair to me. Unodubtedly, the Premier meant by the other man the former Provincial Treasurer. I gratefully acknowledged in my budget address the preparation of the estimates by the former Treasurer before leaving office, and stated that his work was of inestimable value to me in completing the work which he so carefully prepared. I also now acknowledge the valuable assistance given me by the Deputy Provincial Treasurer, Mr. Massey. However, Mr. Speaker, I do want to point out that the final figures were mine. There were slight revisions in the estimates of expenditure and considerable revision in the estimates of revenue in the final preparation of the budget, since I had the advantage of more recent information. The facts in my speech I obtained from the responsible ministers in each department and these I edited and arranged in an attempt to bring out the salient features. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I am stating to you, sir, that both the final figures and the facts presented in my budget were mine and mine only, and there were no ghost writers or ghost mathematicians involved."

In referring to the question of privilege raised by Hon. Mr. Clark, Premier Matheson said he hoped the honourable member was not too sensitive. In all fairness, he would say that the reporter had probably quoted him correctly, but not for a moment had he suggested that the Minister had a "ghost writer." What he had tried to imply was that it was difficult to "pick up a string in the middle — it is always easier to pick it up at either end."

Fourth Flight Made In Annual Ice Survey

Captain Angus Brown now in his seventh year on the annual spring ice patrol for the Department of Transport, made his fourth flight survey for the season yesterday under excellent conditions for observing which covered a distance in excess of a thousand miles.

Capt. Brown, who makes his report to Captain J. Rose, ice information officer at Halifax, with Capt. Ray Murnaghan as pilot and Elmer Bulman, navigating officer, took off from Charlottetown at 8.55 a.m. and flew up the straits to Cape Egmont, West Point and over to Shippigan Island and Bonaventure Island, terminating the run up the St. Lawrence at Seven Islands to observe the possibilities of a tanker now in Halifax, reaching there.

Heavy packed ice was observed between Charlottetown and West Point, North side of Baie Chaleur is open, South side close pack. North and East of North Point, P. E.I., heavy pack. Pictou Island to Cape George, close pack, Pictou, inner harbour is open. Wood Islands to Point Prim along the Island coast is solid pack, Charlottetown harbour is breaking up fast.

From the North side of George Bay across to Georgetown and Souris, there is open water, from Sea Wolf Island off west Cape Breton coast to East Point on the Island there is close packed ice extending along the North coast of the Island to Shipwreck Point.

Over the steamer track up the gulf, conditions are very good for the time of year.

There is an ice strip off Sydney harbour five miles wide and nine miles long. Five sealers are working along the West Coast of Cape Breton between Cape St. Lawrence and Cheticamp Island.

The next ice patrol flight will be made on Friday, weather permitting and after April first, the flights will be made daily.

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Stresses Mutual

carrying oil to many new areas and with the development of the St. Lawrence Seaway, empty carriers coming from U.S.A. terminals will add to the difficulty of getting a market for our coal.

"A very welcome and important coal tonnage, which totalled 76,000 tons last year, was shipped to Prince Edward Island, where a very steady market has been available for the past few years," the speaker said. "With the new stoker pea coal and a newly developed house furnace going into production, an upsurge in coal consumption is looked for. The stoker pea coal washed and oil treated, will be available for domestic furnace use in unlimited quantities next year and eliminate the bottle-neck requests for different types of coal usually developing on the Island during the winter months."

There was a large attendance of members and guests at last night's meeting, including members of the Legislative Assembly now in session.

Dr. Howland was introduced by Hon. Eugene Cullen, Minister of Industries and Resources, who described the speaker's qualifications and experience following his training and degree of Ph.D. (Econ.) from the London School of Economics. Following the war, Dr. Howland returned to Canada and was appointed special assistant to the Deputy Minister of Labour in Ottawa. He has also served on several Royal Commissions and for the past five years as chairman of the Coal Policy Committee of the Mines Minister's Conference.

PREMIER MATHESON

Following the address, Premier A. W. Matheson expressed his pleasure at being present and hearing the impressive message of Dr. Howland. "If we can trade Nova Scotia coal for P. E. Island products we must readily recognize a splendid market near home. I am sure all the members present will return to their constituents with new ideas to support the need so clearly explained. The situation in Nova Scotia is not so serious as we are sometimes led to think. We should do everything to help the Nova Scotia coal industry and at the same time help ourselves," the Premier said.

Mr. Alan Holman, president of the Maritime Board of Trade, in moving a vote of thanks, stressed the mutual advantages of the exchange of Nova Scotia coal for our agricultural products. "While improved conditions are vital to Nova Scotia, we must remember that a substained market for our agricultural products is also vital to us."

Mayor J. D. Stewart heartily endorsed the opinion of Premier Matheson and congratulated both the mining industry and the workers that they were making an effort to improve themselves. He felt that the address of Dr. Howland would be effective in what it was designed to achieve.

The address was followed by the film showing the C.N.R. museum train, with comment by B. Graham Rogers. Mr. Stan McInnis arranged with the National Film Board for the showing.

House Committee Urges Further Consideration Of Latin In The Schools

A recommendation that the Department of Education "give further consideration and study in regard to the Latin courses in the schools of this Province" is contained in the report of the Legislative Committee on Education tabled in the Legislature yesterday.

The report notes that the Committee has given "careful consideration to the difficulties experienced by pupils from the one-room schools, where Latin is not taught, when faced with the present Latin course in First Year of Prince of Wales College or Grade Eleven." Its recommendation to the Department is based on the Committee's conviction that "the present course is too difficult for beginners."

The Committee expressed satisfaction with the work being carried on by the Home and School Associations in the Province, and, recommended that encouragement be given to the expansion of this work in order that greater co-ordination between home and school be achieved.

It voiced approval of the work of the Summer School at Prince of Wales College and the number of teachers taking teacher training work outside the Province, and recommended the present policy of financial assistance be continued.

It also expressed satisfaction with the work done in the field of visual education in the Province and the growth of the film library, and recommended that further publicity be given to this important phase of departmental activity.

Members of the committee on Education are Hon. George McKay, (chairman), Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan, Hon. Keir Clark, Messrs. John A. MacDonald, M. L. Bonnell, and J. W. D. Campbell.

B.I.S. Route Of March Tomorrow

The Benevolent Irish Society of Charlottetown will again this year stage their Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade, Thursday, March 17th. This year the Society celebrates its 130th year as an organized Society, and it is expected a record number of members will take part.

The parade will line up at the Whelan Memorial Building, Grafton Street, and move off at 9.30 a.m., headed by the Chief Marshal, Fred Steele, and the band of the Prince Edward Island Regiment, by kind permission of the Commanding Officer of the unit.

The route of march will be the same as in other years, namely, Grafton to the World War Memorial where a wreath in behalf of former members of the Society killed in two World Wars will be laid by Mr. Alovsius Dowling and Mr. John W. Hogan, veterans of the First and Second Great War respectively. The parade will then continue along Grafton to Pownal, thence to Kent to Queen to Richmond, along Richmond to Great George and thence to St. Dunstan's Basilica where a High Mass will be celebrated in honour of the Feast of St. Patrick at 10.00 a.m.

After Mass the parade will reform and continue along Great George to Richmond to Prince to Kent, to Great George and down to the Whelan Memorial Building, where the parade will disperse.

REPLACEMENTS FOR CREW

LONDON (Reuters) — Thirty British seamen will be flown to New York Thursday to replace striking members of the crew of the liner Queen of Bermuda. More than 200 of the crew of the 22,500-ton British liner walked ashore there last week following a pay dispute and were stranded when she sailed without them. Most have since rejoined her.

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