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Open Verdict Is Returned By Jury In Double Fatality

A coroner's jury returned an open verdict and found that Mrs. John Walter Cann, 56, died Nov. 10 of injuries received in an automobile collision near Corwall or on route to the Charlottetown Hospital. It also found that John Walter Cann died eight days later at the P.E.I. Hospital of injuries received in the same accident.

The inquest, presided over by Chief Coroner Dr. L.E. Prowse, called Dr. Malcolm Putman as the first witness.

Dr. Putman said that Mr. Cann although conscious upon arrival at the hospital had considerable trouble breathing and his blood pressure was very low. Air found in the tissues over the left chest was removed and drugs were administered to bring up the blood pressure. He suffered a relapse on Nov. 14. Corrective steps were taken and his condition improved slightly but on Nov. 18 he again suffered a relapse and died within 20 minutes.

OTHER DRIVER
George Miller Campbell, the driver of the second car involved in the crash, was the last of the three victims to be taken to hospital, where it was found that he suffered multiple facial lacerations, head wounds, a compound fracture of the right knee and a dislocated right ankle, as well as two fractures of the jaw. Mr. Campbell, although in a state of shock, was conscious on arrival at hospital.

A subsequent operation fused the right ankle so that it is no longer movable.

Dr. Putman said that he saw no direct evidence of Campbell's having consumed alcohol.

DIED IN MINUTES
Dr. John Craig, provincial pathologist, told the court that his examination of Ruth Cann, who was declared dead on arrival at the hospital, showed the fifth vertebrae to be dislocated and the spinal cord severed. Her left arm and both legs were broken and she had several fractured ribs. She probably died minutes after the crash, he said.

Melvin N. Hyde of Corwall told the hearing that he had just entered his house, located near the accident scene, when he heard what he described as a "dull thud" and looking out of the window saw the two cars. He said he ran to the cars and seeing the occupants to be in need of medical attention, ran back to his house to call an ambulance and Mounted Police. Up to that time he had seen no other cars on the highway.

Two witnesses, Stephen A. Smith of Carnac Construction and George Marchison of Rogers Hardware had respectively seen Mr. Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. Cann shortly before the accident.

and they all appeared to be sober and in good health. A check of the day's sales at the Liquor Commission showed that none of them had made purchases there that day.

PASSING TRAFFIC
Mr. Campbell, giving his version of the accident, said that he had rounded a sharp curve and created a hill when he pulled out to pass a slow moving car ahead of him. When he was across the center line of the highway, the parking lights being turned on in the Cann car were the first indication to him that an oncoming car was in his path. He braked his vehicle but found it was too late to get back into his own lane. He said he was travelling at between 40 and 50 mph at the time.

Const. Paul A. Davis, first RCMP officer to arrive at the scene, said he immediately called for three ambulances and another patrol car. Const. R. E. Maitman, second officer to reach the scene told how he had seen Campbell's arm move and an object fly through the air. He called to Const. Davis who recovered an empty, blood stained vodka bottle near Campbell's 1957 Dodge car.

FOUND BOTTLE
A subsequent search of the Dodge by the two officers turned up an empty whiskey bottle in the glove compartment. Mr. Campbell explained that he saved these bottles for the Camac tractor operators who used them in the maintenance of their machines. Both bottles smelled strongly of the alcohol that they had previously contained. Other than in the bottles, there was no smell of alcohol at the scene but it was noted that the smell of gasoline and antifreeze predominated.

ROMP Const. W.J.R. MacDonald, who took over the investigation, said that he tried to open the driver's door of the Cann car with a crow bar but was unable to get it open. He found the park light switches of both cars to be on. He also gave details of his investigation and conversation with Cann. He could get very little from Cann, due to the man's condition.

Walter Burhoe and Walter MacDonald, two service station operators said that the cars involved were both in good mechanical condition. Const. MacDonald

pointed out that a flat tire on Campbell's car was a result of the accident.

Const. R. MacKenzie, RCMP, submitted evidence in the form of pictures and sketches to supplement the evidence of the other constables. His measurement of the skid marks made by Campbell's car showed them to be 29 feet, one inch in length.

Members of the jury were Daniel Lee Taylor, foreman; Arthur Hazen Howard, John Samuel Gamble, Hugh John MacLean, Ivan R. Clow, R.R. Lyle McNevin and Allison L. Wood.

Fish Catch Shows Drop

Following the lead of the previous month, November brought bad weather to the coastal areas of the Maritimes which reduced fishing effort and yielded diminished returns to fishermen.

The fish landings recorded for November amounted to 30.6 million pounds valued at 1.4 million dollars, the lowest quantity and value reported for this month in three years. This information was released jointly by the department of fisheries and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics Tuesday.

The decline in landings from October to November was in excess of 30 million pounds, partly a seasonal phenomenon. However, the declines this year were of greater magnitude than occurred in recent years and was evident in all species with the exception of smelts and scallops.

THIS WEEK AT CIVIC STADIUM

WEDNESDAY—
2:30-3:30 p.m.—Skating
THURSDAY—
8:00-10:00 p.m.—Skating
FRIDAY—
1:30-3:00 p.m.—Pre School Skate (Free)
9:15 p.m.—Parkdale Royals vs. P.E.I. Aces
SATURDAY—
2:00-4:00 p.m.—Skating
8:00-10:00 p.m.—Skating
SUNDAY—
8:30-10:30—Skating Club

Alberton Group Plans Project

ALBERTON—Carol singing with Mrs. J. R. Bonyman as accompanist, preceded the December meeting of Alberton Men's Association.

The meeting opened in the usual manner and prayer by G. R. Leard. Theme of the devotional period led by J. R. Bonyman was "Sharing." Frank Bryan gave a brief talk, bringing the thought of keeping Christ in Christmas.

President Wesley Hardy conducted the business meeting.

A committee appointed to investigate the possibilities of remodeling the church hall and kitchen reported and there was a lengthy discussion of various aspects of this proposed project.

Reports of the organization's

standing committees were heard and England Trevers was appointed to assist Elmer MacLean in giving leadership to the two groups.

A film depicting police work in Metropolitan Toronto was shown by Dean Carpenter.

The next meeting on the third Monday in January, will take the form of a father and son banquet.

DENIES RUMORS

ROME (AP)—Princess Soraya's secretary said Saturday she is authorized to issue a "categorical denial" of reports that the former Queen of Iran is about to announce her engagement and become a convert to Roman Catholicism. Newspaper reports said the princess planned to become engaged either to Harold Krupp, of the German industrialist family, or to Italian Prince Ramondo Orsini.

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Hotel Employees Local Holds Annual Meeting

Lorne Casford of Charlottetown last night was elected president of Local 279, Canadian Brotherhood of Railway, Transport and General Workers representing employees of the Charlottetown Hotel.

The newly-elected officers will assume their duties on Jan. 1 and will serve for one year. Local meetings will be held monthly throughout the year except for July and August.

Local 279 was chartered by the Brotherhood Oct. 8, 1946. Founded in Moncton in 1906, the Brotherhood is Canada's largest transportation union and the nation's largest national union. It has 40,000 members including railway workers, city and inter-city bus employees, airline pilots, seamen, marine officers, truckers, canal employees and hotel workers.

Other officers elected include Mary Doucette, recording secretary; Georgina Collins, treasurer; Gilbert Smith, local chairman; Mary Doucette, recording secretary, and John Auliffe, education chairman.

Held in the recreation hall, the meeting was attended by 40 members of the local.

Lot 16 Resident Is Awarded Scholarship For Study In UK

Lawrence Boyd Yeo, 35-year-old Central Lot 16 farmer has received word that he is one of two Canadian farmers who have been awarded the Nuffield scholarship which entitles him to six months of study and travel in the United Kingdom at the expense of the Nuffield Foundation.

The scholarship, awarded annually to two Canadian farmers, has been won previously by two Island farmers. They were William C. Cairns of Freetown in 1953 and Archie Johnstone of Burlington in 1955.

The Lot 16 farmer, who is a veteran of the RCAF, where he flew as a flight engineer, operates a 175-acre mixed farm, specializing in the growing of LaSalle clover seed. He is a member of the P.E.I. Federation of Agriculture. A brother, Charles

Yeo, is a former president of the federation.

Larry, as he is best known by his friends, is a graduate of Macdonald College. He holds a bachelor's degree in agriculture. He is married and is the father of two young children.

The other candidate for the Nuffield scholarship is another Larry. He is Larry Edwards of Five Hills, Alberta and operates a 2,500-acre farm.

When the two Larrys get together for their trip to the old country in February they will find they have much in common. They are about the same age—Edwards is 34. They are both ex-members of the RCAF where they served in the same capacity of flight engineer. Both Yeo and Edwards are married with two children in the same age group. Their church affiliations are the same. They are members of the United Church of Canada.

Kingston Legion Branch Admits 5 New Members

KINGSTON—Five new members were admitted to the Kingston branch of the Canadian Legion at the regular meeting held here Dec. 10.

The new members are George MacLean, Clyde River; Charles T. Strang, New Dominion; Morgan McGaughey, Charlottetown and George E. Monaghan and Alfred MacPhail of Bonshaw.

The members decided to hold a card party this week after it was reported by Mr. MacKenzie that the new addition to the home would be ready for such activities in a few days. Paul MacKinnon was named to look after prizes and A. C. MacEachern is to look after advertising.

It was noted that 41 members had paid their dues.

One of the features of the meeting was the presentation of a past president's pin to honorary president H. W. F. MacKinnon.

QUEEN'S COUNSELS APPOINTED



J. B. JOHNSTON



HON. M. J. McQUAID

G. R. FOSTER

Three members of the Island bar were named Queen's Counsel at a meeting of the executive council yesterday afternoon was announced by Premier Walker R. Shaw last night. Honored yesterday were Hon. Melvin J. McQuaid, QC, provincial treasurer; James B. Johnston, QC, Queens County magistrate; and Gerald R. Foster, QC, Crown prosecutor. In the top picture magistrate Johnston is shown (right) being congratulated by Mrs. Justice George Tweedy at the time of his appointment as provincial treasurer; James B.

Road
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Prince Edward Island into the program.

The agreement with Newfoundland provides for cost-sharing in a nine-year program to build 304 miles of road in areas of rich natural resources.

Highways Minister Rowe, who signed for Newfoundland, said a section of highway, on the north-east coast along the strait of Belle Isle will "have an important application to the great territory of Labrador." With the opening of roads, a ferry to link the mainland province with Labrador will be feasible.

Another section is earmarked for the Baie Verte area considered by engineers the richest in minerals, forest and fisheries in the province. A road linking Gander Bay and the international airport at Gander passes through

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Daniel A. Acorn, has been appointed by the Unemployment Insurance Commission, to assist applicants for unemployment insurance benefits, to file claims. Mr. Acorn will serve the area of Cardigan and vicinity.

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