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PWC President Deplores 'Wet Blanket' Attitude

SUMMERSIDE BUREAU OF THE GUARDIAN
"There are more wet blankets in this area than in any other part of Canada", Dr. Frank MacKinnon told the Presbyterian Men's supper meeting in Summerside last evening in describing the economic aspects of the Maritime Provinces as they apply to P.E.I. Surveys have indicated there are many opportunities in the Atlantic region, he said, and named well known men in each province who had achieved success in business through their own initiative and effort. Dr. MacKinnon chided Maritime "Penny stock speculators" whose money is invested in central Canadian mines while overlooking the

possibilities of local investment in developing the economy of the area. He said surveys have indicated we have many opportunities in P.E.I. and the other Atlantic provinces, but he said optimism and initiative were needed in promoting and using them. Dr. MacKinnon attributed the success of many local businesses to some enterprising persons connected with these companies, and said the success of enterprise in these areas is going to depend on the number of able young people associated in this work. As head of Prince of Wales College, Dr. MacKinnon said he regarded his work as one of the biggest business concerns in the

Atlantic provinces, producing its most important commodity, without which the future of the area would not be very bright. Expressing pride in the product with which he is associated, he said he was not pleased with the knowledge that many of them are being exported, and it was very disconcerting to see this trend. Urging interest and action by local business and professional men, he envisioned a more successful Maritime economy by bucking the "it can't be done attitude" prevalent among many Maritime residents, and cited an example of a \$4,000 expenditure in investigating the northern markets which had resulted in two and a half million dollars of new business for the Atlantic provinces.

Dr. MacKinnon was critical of lack of Island interest in this market, and reported that on the first two boat trips there had been five tons of Island products, but on the last trip the ship made for the year, there were only two tons of produce when the ship called at Charlottetown, and he said if any Island business man should ask in the next few years why P.E.I. is not selling its products in this market, the answer will be because they are not taking advantage of it at this time when the opportunity exists.

Dr. MacKinnon was introduced by J. Watson MacNaught, OC, and thanked by Ron Whidden. Dave Millar, president of the Presbyterian Men's Association, presided. The meeting enjoyed a vocal solo by Robert Schurman, with piano accompaniment by Mrs. Cleve Whelan, and a flute solo by Ray Pleau with piano accompaniment by Mrs. William Forbes.

Rainfall Heavy Over Province

The rainfall has been heavy for the last two days over much of the Maritimes with Prince Edward Island getting its share. The heaviest recorded rainfall at noon yesterday was at Big Falls, N.S., where more than 4.56 inches fell in the previous 24-hour period. Summerside recorded 3.19 inches for a 30-hour period beginning Sunday at 2 p.m. while the airport at Charlottetown reported 2.63 inches last evening as having fallen between Monday morning at 2 a.m. to Monday evening at 8 p.m. The meteorological office at Charlottetown says more rain

and showers is forecast for today. The "met" section of the RCAF Station at Summerside indicates that the more than three-inches which fell in the 30-hour period in the western area of the Island may be a record, although no records have been kept from year for specific periods. The rain has further delayed potato picking on the Island and the warm weather which has accompanied the heavy downpour is expected to damage that part of the crop which may have been affected by frost last week.

Young Peoples Societies Plan Rally For Kensington

KENSINGTON—An executive meeting of the Prince Edward Island Presbyterian Young Peoples Societies was held on Thursday evening, Oct. 22nd, in the Presbyterian Church Hall Kensington. Representatives were present from Charlottetown, Summerside, Alberton and Kensington. The president of the Island Young Peoples Society, Lorne Moase, presided over the meeting. Plans were finalized for the Island rally which is going to be held on Nov. 11th. This year's fall

rally will be held in Kensington. As it is centrally located, the hope was expressed that the attendance at this rally would be greater than usual. Registration is to commence at 1:30 p.m. and the theme address will be given at 8:15 p.m. bringing the rally to a close.

Stolen Car Is Recovered

SUMMERSIDE—A 1953 Austin owned by Miss Jean MacFadyen which was stolen Saturday evening whole parked in front of St. Mary's Hall in Summerside was recovered yesterday morning on Granville Street. The vehicle was out of gas but had sustained only very slight damage. It was believed the car had been driven for a long distance before being returned.

Funeral Announcement

Members of Mount Zion Lodge No. 12 A.F. and A.M. Kensington are requested to meet at the lodge room at 1.00 p.m. Wednesday, October 28th, 1959, for the purpose of attending in a body the funeral of our late Brother Harold Laird. All members of the sister lodges welcome.

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Educational Problem Probed At Kensington

Suggestions that one-third of rural teachers should be fired and the rest re-organized to high schools for everyone in the province were heard last night in a panel discussion on education at the semi-annual meeting of the Prince Edward Island Home and School Association at Kensington. It was held in the High School auditorium.

The panel discussion was chaired by Kenneth A. Parker, Charlottetown, eastern vice-president of the national association of home and school federations. Panelists were Rev. Foster Hall, Hunter River; Wilson Ross, Charlottetown, school supervisor; Rev. W.W. Simpson, extension department, St. Dunstan's University; Miss Mabel O'Brien, principal of the Morell high school and Mr. Gallant of Tignish, a rural school trustee who was invited to join the panel from the audience.

The panel discussed several questions. One was "If finances were not a determining factor what would you like to see added to the educational system?" Miss O'Brien suggested high schools for everyone and many improvements to the present system. Mr. Ross suggested larger units of administration and free school text books, a broader curriculum and better trained teachers.

It was here that Father Simpson suggested five one-third of the teachers and reorganize the rest on a better system. Father Simpson questioned that the province has rural education. "We educate our rural children but do we educate our people for rural living?" he asked.

Rev. Mr. Hall suggested that instruction in machines used in the basic Island industries of farming and fishing should be provided as well as other high school education. Mr. Gallant concurred with the other opinions expressed and suggested that trades should be taught to those who could not

benefit from other forms of education. The panel also wondered if the best use is being made of the money that is available. Miss O'Brien felt that a good general education should be provided for all boys and girls and the importance of agriculture should be taught to all. Father Simpson suggested that a rural philosophy of life should be taught, not merely rural education.

Mr. Ross suggested more good teachers, widely read and travelled with a working knowledge of many subjects was a desirable end. Mr. Hall emphasized what he called "bridging the gap" and felt that many people are ignorant of the grants and other aids that are available from the provincial government.

MINISTER HEARD
Hon. G. L. Dewar, minister of education, spoke briefly to the meeting which heard reports from the president, Mrs. Basil Donald of Tracadie Cross who presided; Mrs. Edward Warren, secretary; Mrs. Janet Baker, treasurer.

Committee reports heard were from Mrs. Earl Lavers, public relations; Mrs. Thomas Lothian, literature; Judge J. S. Des-

Roche, constitution; audio visual education, Mrs. Allan J. MacDonald. St. Eleanors and Grand Tracadie were two new groups welcomed to the meeting.

U.S. BLACKSMITHS
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VICTORIA WEST SCHOOL WINS PRIZE

Mrs. Sterling Inman, Victoria West and R. E. Sellar, manager of Holman's Charlottetown store hold one of the Holman Shields awarded annually to rural competitions sponsored by the Rural Beautification Society. Victoria West School was the 1959 Prince County winner.

Glover Shore Residents Facing Sanitation Problem

SUMMERSIDE BUREAU OF THE GUARDIAN
Whether to move all the houses in the Glover's Shore area, just east of the Town line, to provide larger lots capable of supporting both sewage and water systems on a private basis, or find some other means of solving the water contamination problem, is a decision property owners and householders will have to face at a coming meeting to be held soon. Unless something is done quickly property owners face the prospect of having the houses declared uninhabitable. This may be done under a new regulation of the Town Planning Board which may take action on the recommendation of the department of health.

The regulation, latest in a series of similar ones now being consolidated, provides for the giving of 30 days notice of intention to declare houses uninhabitable. Originally 33 housing units in the area were inspected with nine of them being found satisfactory both in regards to water and sewage. Of the 24 found unsatisfactory it was learned that there are 100 people residing in them who are affected by the new regulation. Due to soil conditions in the area just east of Summerside Town line the minimum size lot to permit individual sewage and water system operation is considered to be 100 x 120 feet. However, if a common sewage system were installed individual lots would need be only 7,500 square feet to handle private water systems. Present lots in the area are reported in some cases to be only half the latter required minimum. Located in the Wilmot School District, Glover's Shore came in for recent government health investigations due to contaminated water. Sanitary engineering surveys are believed to indicate the desirability of a complete sewage system common to all lots. This it is believed was objected to by the town of Summerside on the grounds of further contamination of Summerside Harbor as a result of this extra sewage. However, it is not believed addition of the extra sewage would

have any effect on harbor waters as contamination there is already considered heavy. Frequent surveys of the Summerside Harbor waters were made up to 1954 at which time the town council was warned of the condition and the town chief of police advertised that the public was warned certain areas of the harbor were considered unsafe for bathing. No further action was taken by the town and until this year no further surveys were made by the sanitary engineering branch of the department of health. This month another series of surveys was undertaken and they indicate no improvement in five years in contamination of the waters. Because of the degree of contamination authorities feel addition of sewage from the Glover's Shore area would make little difference.

ISLAND BRIEFS

VISITING PARENTS
Mrs. Sam Fraser, Alberton, is visiting briefly with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Denzil Smith, Dartmouth, N.S.

RETURNS HOME
Amos Ramsay, Jr., has returned from Toronto to his home in Alberton South.

AT MISCOUCHE
Mrs. Joseph Gaudet left Alberton on Saturday to spend a week in Miscouche before proceeding to Pawkucket, R.I., where she will spend the winter with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Camire.

RETURNS TO ALBERTON
Roy Leard returned to his home in Alberton during the weekend following a six-day course at the Civil Defence College at Arrnprior, Ont. Mr. Leard is civil defense co-ordinator for the Alberton area.

MacFAYDEN FUNERAL—The funeral of the late Mrs. Norman MacFayden of Crapaud was held yesterday afternoon from her late residence to Crapaud United Church where service was conducted by Rev. A. D. C. Earle. During the service Norman MacFayden sang as a solo "Beyond the Sunset". The pallbearers were Wendell MacFayden, Wallace Bradshaw, George Nicholson, Roy Cutcliffe, Ralph Myers, Max Thompson. Interment was in the Crapaud cemetery.

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