

Queries Re Birthplace Of Noted Island Author



In the Legislature yesterday the following answers to questions placed on the order paper by Mr. D. L. Matheson were tabled by Premier Jones: 1. Did the Government own a dwelling (pictured above) and lands at Clifton, Queen's County, known as the birthplace of Lucy Maud Montgomery? 2. Was it sold by the Government? (a) If sold, to whom, and for what price? (b) If sold, what was the date of sale? (c) How was it advertised for sale and for how long? 3. Before sale or advertising for sale, was it not made available to the public as a place of interest to admirers of Lucy Maud Montgomery, and as a tourist attraction? 4. Did the Government appoint a custodian or caretaker of the premises? (a) If so, who was he and how long did he act? (b) What salary or wages did he receive? (c) Did the Government receive any rent from the said custodian during his occupancy? 5. Why did not the Government retain the premises as a place of interest to tourists, as well as residents of the Province? ANSWERS: 1. Yes. (a) Harlan Found, Clifton, P.E.I. \$2750.00. (b) January 9th, 1950. (c) Advertised in Guardian Newspaper in a space advertisement appearing weekly for three weeks before the sale. 2. This house was rented to Mr. Harlan Found since 1946. He showed visitors over the property on occasion. 3. No. (a) See above. (b) See above. (c) Yes, \$60.00 per year rental. 4. The main point of interest to admirers of Lucy Maud Montgomery is the Green Gables property in the National Park. A monument to the late Miss Montgomery was placed on the Green Gables property by the National Board.

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HEAR MRS. H. L. PALMER speak on the Red Cross over Station C. F. C. Y. today at one o'clock.

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JUST ARRIVED - The Blazers you have been waiting for. Kennedy's Ladies' Wear.

LEGION CARD PARTY - The regular weekly card party was held last evening in the Canadian Legion Hall. Prize winners were as follows: ladies' first, Mrs. L. Stewart; ladies' second, Mrs. Wm. Lee; ladies' consolation, Mrs. M. Walker; gent's first, John MacMillan; gent's second, J. E. Weatherly; gent's consolation, E. S. MacPherson. The door prize was won by Mrs. V. Gay, and the freeze-out by Mrs. Ernest Farley and Mrs. Ray Garnham.

ENJOYABLE SMOKER - Approximately sixty members of the 28 L.A.A. Regiment, R.C.A., were entertained last evening at a smoker at the Charlottetown Armouries. Captain L. E. Wellner, Commanding Officer of the 14th Battalion gave a short address on the programme for the coming year, and mentioned the pre-camp course which will commence in April. It was announced that only recruits who join before April 30 will have the privilege of taking the course. Entertainment was provided by Duke Neilson and by various members of the Regiment.

FUNERAL AT NEW WILTSHIRE - The funeral of the late Charles Larier of New Wiltshire was held yesterday afternoon from his late residence. The services at the home and grave were conducted by the Rev. Howard Christie, assisted by the Rev. Donald Nicholson. The pallbearers were Cecil Stewart, Redvers Stewart, John Watts, Windloe Watts, George Kitson and Hibbert Tremere. Interment was in Hampshire cemetery. Bugler Frank Smith sounded The Last Post and Reveille at the grave.

Y. P. S. MEETING - The regular meeting of the Central Christian Church Young People's Society was held last night with a fine attendance. The evening was spent in the showing of educational films through the courtesy of the National Film Board. Miss Olga Forsyth called upon the Secretary to call the roll and business was dispensed with in fine manner. The sympathy of the Society was extended to Miss Christie Bigger, who at the moment is in the P. E. Island Hospital, Paris for the forthcoming play were given out to the cast. Norman Bruce led the sing song of familiar hymns and Cathryn Buchanan read the responsive reading selection. A variety concert is being planned for the 25th of April. The meeting dismissed with prayer.

PERSONALS Mr. E. T. Higgs, Charlottetown, has returned from a holiday at St. Petersburg, Florida.

Miss Mary Hazard left Tuesday morning to visit her sister Mrs. Leigh Spencer in Ganges, British Columbia.

ready to lead, H. H. Hatfield, Progressive Conservative member for Victoria-Carleton said there had been a reffer car shortage in New Brunswick from October 1949 until today.

Mr. Hatfield scored the C. N. R.'s method of handling its refrigerator cars, charging that the railway did not seem to have as good control of its rolling stock as it did some years ago.

When the C. N. R. president said any shortage of reffer cars in P. E. I. was "spotty", that in general the situation was excellent and that Mr. McLure's charges were "unfair", the Queen's member jumped to his feet.

"Just mention any part of my report on this situation that can be called unfair," he challenged. He added that if any facts he offered the committee were not of the highest order, he would be ready to apologize. He insisted however, that the complaints in his hands were not only genuine but very serious and should be remedied.

When Mr. Gordon offered to buy him a lunch if he could prove his case, Mr. McLure said the C. N. R. president would certainly have to foot the bill.

I wish to thank kind friends and neighbors who assisted in any way in the recent sad death of my mother, Mrs. James Connolly; also those who sent Mass Cards, letters and messages of sympathy. I wish also to express my heartfelt thanks to all who helped brighten her days in the Prince County Hospital by sending her letters, cards and treats; also her doctors, Dr. Simpson and Dr. Auld, Miss Adams and all her nurses; and to Mr. and Mrs. John R. McCabe for their kindness during my bereavement.

Mrs. Walter Hughes,

Health Centre Will Have Joint Laboratory Service

The new health centre to be opened shortly on the site of the old Polyclinic building, Prince Street, will have provision for both public health and agricultural laboratories, where testing will be done under the supervision of Dr. J. J. J. It was announced in the Legislature yesterday by Hon. A. W. Matheson, Minister of Health and Welfare. "This is something new in Canada," Mr. Matheson stated, "and it has been highly approved." He explained that the laboratory technicians will be trained to work in both capacities, and the dual functions of the laboratory should make for efficient and economical service. Hon. Dr. MacMillan, leader of the Opposition, agreed that the innovation was a good one. The Health Minister also announced that it was hoped shortly to obtain a director of dental hygiene and to have this department staffed and in working order in a short time.

Heavy Relief Demands

Speaking during committee discussion of his estimates, Hon. Mr. Matheson said he would welcome expressions of opinion as to whether some of the welfare grants should be reduced. He conceded that estimates in this department were being exceeded every year and that the demands for relief seemed inexhaustible. Consideration was being given to cutting out relief grants during the summer months except in rare cases, and making a backlog of payments during the winter months when the need was greater. He intimated that it was intended next month to have a complete investigation of all relief cases.

The question of whether the relative members should be consulted in the matter of welfare and payments came in for considerable discussion. It was generally agreed that they should be consulted, but that they should not accompany the inspector in making his rounds at any time.

The Minister said he regarded this proviso as very important, in order to prevent abuses. He agreed with Mr. R. B. Bell, who maintained that abuses had happened in the past and that this was one department which should be kept absolutely clear of political influence.

More Sanatorium Beds

Dr. MacMillan said he did not agree with criticisms which had been voiced respecting the new health centre. "You have to house all those officials somewhere," he said, "and this is the logical place to do it. You are vacating space in the Sanatorium which will provide for between 25 and 30 extra beds. That will mean a great improvement, because if we are going to eradicate tuberculosis in this Province—and it can be done—the only way is to hospitalize every open case."

Hon. Mr. Matheson explained that by providing the extra accommodation at the Sanatorium, the Province will receive \$1,500 per bed from Ottawa, a sum in the vicinity of \$50,000.

In the estimates for mental health the Minister stated that many of the salaries had been left blank because the personnel is not available to fill the positions. Grants to the amount of \$77,640 were available at Ottawa this year under this heading, but not much of this money can be taken up. Post-graduate training is being taken by a number of workers, but the course is a long one and it will be some time before the trainees are available.

In reply to a query by Mr. Stewart, he said the department had no one in sight for undertaking occupational therapy. In reply to Mr. Bell, he said it is intended to provide office space for veterinarians in the new health centre.

Physical Fitness

Speaking on the appropriation for physical fitness (\$12,025) Premier Jones said this was something which his Government had initiated and which he took special satisfaction. "Sports have become so popular now," he added, "that I hear that some of the women at O'Leary are getting into the hockey game." (Laughter). "I hope the people don't go hockey crazy altogether. Perhaps we started something we can't stop, but in any case Mr. Reid has been quite a success."

In reply to a question by the Premier said the Province receives only \$1,860 under the Federal grant for physical fitness.

Dr. MacMillan: "A niggardly sum!" Premier Jones said the grant is made on a straight per capita basis and they had been protesting against this principle all along.

In discussing education, Dr. MacMillan said he could not see why the Federal Government should be so generous with health grants and refuse to give assistance to education in the same way.

Mr. D. L. Matheson stressed the importance of paying adequate salaries to teachers, and agreed with his leader that every effort should be made to obtain Federal aid for education.

Under Justice Administration estimates, Mr. R. B. Bell protested at the cost of R. C. M. F. services (\$51,800) and said the force of forty-seven men was far too large for this Province.

In discussion on agriculture Mr. Burge urged more adequate salaries for the Dairy Superintendent and his assistant.

Mr. Saville proposed that good practical farmers could be employed as field men for the department, a matter which the Minister, Hon. C. C. Baker, promised to look into.

There was considerable discussion on the allocation of the grant for cattle breeding organizations, which this year has been increased from \$5,000 to \$8,000.

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Mr. Ley Honored At Farewell Party

Members of the Maritime Electric Company gathered from all parts of the Province in St. Avard's Hall Monday night to make a presentation to A. G. Ley, Distribution Superintendent of the company, who leaves this week to take up position as Assistant Superintendent of the Avon Power Company Ltd. in Windsor, N.S. Mr. Ernie MacKay presented Mr. Ley with a wrist watch on behalf of the Company. Speaking for the employees association, president A. L. Ward stated that the members extended good wishes to Mr. Ley and family. The Employees Association presented Mr. Ley with two fine English briar pipes, and the Company's employees presented him with a substantial purse of money, and a Ronson lighter for Mrs. Ley.

In a brief address Mr. V. A. Ainsworth, Company manager, spoke highly of Mr. Ley and greatly regretted that he was leaving. Replying to the brief speeches by his fellow employees, Mr. Ley said, "In all sincerity I am glad I had the opportunity of working with such a grand bunch of fellows." On behalf of Mrs. Ley and himself he thanked the members sincerely for their kindness.

Entertainment was provided at the outset of the gathering by Ernie MacKay Jr., who, accompanied by his mother on the piano, sang two solos.

Several members of the Company provided more entertainment as the evening progressed. In fact there was singing, dancing, violin playing, piano playing and a wide variety of jokes. Two brothers also cut a mean rug as a step-dancing team.

HEAVY

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The corporation tax on income received by a trustee for holders of oil royalties will be repealed.

The tax law will be amended to make it clear that gains made by bona fide prospectors and developers in discovering and proving up mining properties are not taxable.

Farmers and fishermen will be allowed to adopt the new system of depreciation allowances provided for them last year or to continue under the old system. However, once they elect to adopt the new system they cannot return to the old.

Mr. Abbott said he was extending to a wider group of firms the reduction—from 33 to 10 per cent—granted last year in the corporation tax on businesses earning less than \$10,000 a year. This is retroactive to Jan. 1, 1949.

Changes proposed generally were aimed at bringing British preferential tariffs into line with those negotiated at Geneva. A major feature was the placing of a 15-per-cent tariff on imports of tin plate, previously on the free list, effective June 1, 1950.

Sensitive To Employment

Mr. Abbott emphasized that the country's tax structure now is "such that it is very sensitive to changes in employment and incomes, and relatively modest changes in these can have a more than proportionate effect upon our revenue."

The Government had tried to keep down its estimates, but there still were heavy expenditures, including those for social security and defence. If the international situation improved, defence costs would go down, but "it would be a bold man who would predict this with any confidence now."

The union with Newfoundland had imposed and would continue to impose a "considerable" net burden on the Federal Treasury.

Mr. Abbott noted that there was to be another conference with the Provinces this fall and said he thought it "fair to assume that it will not result in a lessening of the net burden on the Federal budget."

The Government naturally hoped to save money by improved efficiency in government administration,



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Princess Margaret Sets Precedent

WARRINGTON, Lancashire, England, March 28 (AP)—Princess Margaret smoked an after-luncheon cigarette today and a new precedent.

The occasion was a reception by Mayor H. Higham at the Warrington town hall. It was the first time the lively, 19-year-old Princess had lighted up at an official function, although she has smoked in public before.

Property stolen in the United States in 1948 was valued at \$22,000,000.

HOLMAN STORE NEWS

Reviews Tax Changes His totals of revenue and expenditures—leaving only a surplus of \$20,000,000—led him to conclude "that no major changes in taxation would be wise this year."

Therefore, he was proposing "a number of minor or technical changes in the tax laws, to remove anomalies, to secure greater equity, to clarify obscure points, or to meet special circumstances."

The dropping of the sales tax on purchases by orphanages and similar institutions, he felt, would be welcomed by those responsible for maintaining them. Hospitals had been exempt from that tax for many years.

He said the removal of that tax from ice cream, whipping cream and dairy drinks was aimed at giving encouragement to the consumption of those commodities at a time when sales of certain other milk products were declining. The concession stemmed from representations from the dairy interests.

Removal of the five-per-cent excise tax on toilet soaps resulted chiefly from the difficulty of drawing a clear line between toilet and laundry soaps. The tax

This is the TIME to check on your CLOTHES DRYING EQUIPMENT! Maybe this Equipment got into a sorry state during the Winter—the first day of Spring is past and gone so we can say that Spring is here. . . . And you'll want to get your Washing outdoors to dry. CHECK—your LINES—the Hardware Departments of Both Stores have Galvanized, and Aluminum Wire Lines as well as Manila Lines. CHECK—your JOINERS AND TIGHTENERS—The Hardware Departments of Both Stores have Joiners and Tighteners to make your Lines tight and firm. CHECK—your LINE PULLEYS—The Hardware Departments of Both Stores have Line Pulleys of wood, Galvanized Iron and Aluminum. CHECK—your CLOTHES BASKET—The Hardware Departments of Both Stores have Woven Clothes Baskets that are sturdy and well made. CHECK—your supply of CLOTHES PINS—the Hardware Departments of Both Stores have a good stock of the old reliable Spring Clothes Pins. IN SO MANY WORDS . . . CHECK YOUR CLOTHES DRYING EQUIPMENT AND SHOP FOR REPLACEMENTS IN THE HARDWARE DEPARTMENT OF EITHER THE CHARLOTTETOWN OR THE SUMMERSIDE STORE.

This is the TIME to have an "Old Fashioned Quilting Bee" . . . The Dry Goods Department has a stock of fresh, new QUILT PATTERNS. These are in 1 and 5 pound bundles, the pieces of print cotton are from 14 to 1 yard in length and the patterns are really very, very nice. Priced at 98 cents a pound—you can make a smart new bed-covering for a reasonable price. Buy the Quilt Patches you need in the NEW DRY GOODS DEPARTMENT.

This is the TIME to dress your young Son and Heir in his Spring outfit. . . . The Youth Centre has dear little FRAM COATS AND BERETS just for boys. They are made of fine wale Corduroy in blue or gold colors. The coats are double breasted style, fully lined with silk. The Berets are smartly shaped. These little Fram Coats are real pets—they're available in sizes 1-3 and 2—priced 6.95 a set. Come see them and the other children's clothing in the Youth Centre.

A shipment of delicious CHEESE has just been received in the Grocery Department—Included in the shipment is Pasteurized and creamed Limburger Cheese in 8 ounce jars. Deliciously different Smoked, a new smoked cheese by Kraft, in glasses. Kraft Olive and Pimento Cheese Spread in glasses. Dyson's Horseshard Relish in jars. Add Cheese to your order from the Grocery Department today!

Local Red Cross Drive At One-quarter Mark

Despite the inclement weather, about one-quarter of the city's objective in the Red Cross drive was reported by the general canvassers last night. The total reported by the teams was approximately \$2,000, and since many of the canvassers were unable to complete their calls due to the bad weather it was decided to extend the drive for an additional three days. All canvassers are requested to make their final reports at Red Cross House, 62 Prince Street, on Friday between 5:00 and 5:30 p.m.

Local Composers Receive Publicity

Carving their own places in the Canadian music world are Messrs Walter T. MacNutt, son of Major T. Edgar MacNutt, and William Keith Rogers, son of Keith S. Rogers, both formerly of Charlottetown. Both of these local composers are listed in the March issue of "International Musician" among the foremost composers of the day. Mr. MacNutt's music is in the English traditional style and the best known of his works are his "Two Songs from William Blake". Music in the modern trend is the style adopted by Mr. Rogers and he is especially known for his "String Quartet".

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES DEATHS

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GALLANT - At the Charlottetown Hospital on Saturday, March 25th, 1950, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Gallant of this city, a son, Francis Baron.

PURSEY - At the P. E. I. Hospital, Tuesday, March 28 to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pursey (nee Noreen Newsom, Brackley, a son (weight 7 lbs. 9 oz.)

WHITE - At Montague Memorial Hospital on March 27th, 1950, to Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy White, Montague, twin girls.

JENKINS - At the P. E. Island Hospital on March 26th, 1950, to Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Jenkins, Mt. Herbert, a son.

JUNOPE - At Woman's College Hospital, Toronto, Ont., on March 24th, 1950, to Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Junope (nee Phyllis Saunders) a son, David Christopher.

McAVINN - At the Charlottetown Hospital, March 28th, 1950, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McAvinn, City, a daughter.

MILLER - At the Prince County Hospital on Tuesday, March 28, 1950, to Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Miller, Central Lot 16, a son, Douglas Wayne.

DEATHS L'ESTRANGE - In San Diego, California, on March 1st, 1950, John L'Estrange, formerly of Orwell Cove in this Province, aged 56.

MacISAAC - At the Charlottetown Hospital on March 28th, Miss Eunice MacIsaac, aged 69 years. Her funeral will take place Thursday morning at 8:30 from the Frank Hennessey Funeral Home to Saint Joachim's Church, Vernon River for Requiem High Mass at 9:30. Burial in the Church cemetery.

N. D. MacLean

UNDERTAKE EMBALMERS Charlottetown and North Wiltshire PHONE 149

The Queen's member pointed out that statistics of the number of reffer cars sent to P. E. I. this season had no significance in the light of the fact that farmers and shippers this year were exporting 1,000 more carloads of potatoes and 500 more of turnips than in the 1948-49 season. When Mr. Gordon said the C. N. R. had more cars ready than Prince Edward Island dealers were