WINNERS OF CURLING TROPHY

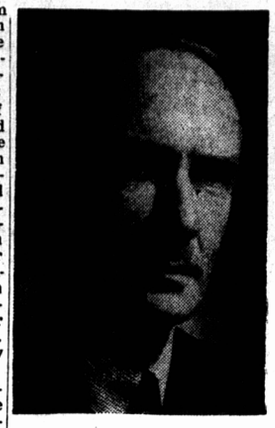
Winners of the Tip Top Trophy in local competition at the Montague curling rink. Left to right: William MacLean (skip); Atwood MacDonald (mate); Ivor Phillips (second); Richard Knox (first).

New Approach To Maritime Problems Urged In House

The following excerpts are from the Hansard report of a speech given on March 23 in the House of Commons by Mr. J. M. Macdonnell, Q.C., (Prog. Con. Toronto-Greenwood) in the budget debate:

"I come next to the question of the Maritimes, or, as we should now more properly call them, the Atlantic Provinces. So far as I can see, we have got to make an entirely new approach to this old question. People from the Maritimes — leaders from the Maritimes — have recently used such language as, that they felt after talking with other people in Canada they had "received a slap in the face," or that they were regarded as merely tiresome poor relatives, or words to that effect. It is not surprising that they should have this feeling.

"The Maritime problem has become part of the landscape. One wonders sometimes if the Government has just decided that it will not really grapple with the question, but that it will merely push them off as tiresome people with whatever subsidy at the moment will keep them quiet. We have had many years of this and the last fifteen have been years of great activity when much could have been done.



J. M. MACDONNELL

A NEW LOOK

"I believe that we have got to take a new look at this problem, that we have got to get away from palliatives. So far we have nothing but palliatives - Commissions piled on Commissions, here a little railway rate concession and there a little help of some other kind, just bits and pieces. What we have to face is nothing more nor less than an entirely new approach to this whole question. That great act of faith and imagination, the Confederation of the British North American Provinces, did not of itself, as the Sirois Report makes clear, assure the balance which an effective Federal system requires. It was clear from the outset that the Maritimes were taking more risk than the central provinces. They were risking their north-south trade to a far greater extent than Ontario and Quebec were. Mercifully in the early years of Confederation there was prosperity, optimism and buoyancy which set the Confederation off to a great start. In Great Britain trade was booming, in the United States there was tremendous railway expansion. In these circumstances for a few years the Maritime Provinces were able to prosper and the promise of Confederation seemed assured.

FAR AWAY

"To those now living in the Maritimes these golden days are far away and for many years they have felt, particularly when prosperous times visited the rest of Canada, that they had not had a fair deal.

"Remarks made recently in the House of Commons have, I confess, startled me by the new light which they have cast on the situation. The Member for Queen's, who has had wide experience both in war and peace, used language which startled me. He said at page 378 of Hansard "For more than 80 years Confederation has hung like a killing blight over the economy of the Maritimes."

"And more recently we have had it brought to our attention that only two years ago many men left the Maritimes to go to New Zealand because there was no place in Canada where they could get work. Sadly enough their venture was unsuccessful but what a commentary on things here at home.

"Particularly in these last few years when the Federal Government has been spending many hundreds of millions on defence expenditures, much could have been done in the Maritimes if there had been any will to do it.

"Small wonder that people from the Maritimes feel that they are getting the brush-off. Small wonder someone remarked the other day, after conference with people from the central provinces, that he felt like a man who had received a slap in the face.

GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITY

"The truth is that there is no reason whatever to believe that this government has taken the matter really to heart. What indication has there been of any real acceptance of the attitude of the member from Inverness-Richmond, when he said that he believed that we are really following a great historical tradition when we talk about policies which may serve to build up areas of Canada which up to the present have not participated in our prosperity in the manner that we all desire.

"The same member also said "It is through acceleration, with present Government services directed with greater intensity to what might be called special areas that much can be done."

"How true. How much could be done if there was only intensity brought to bear.

"I was delighted the other evening when there was a debate on this with much more than usual freedom of expression. I was happy to hear the report that Premier Frost had expressed strong desire that further assistance should be given to the Maritime provinces, but let us remember that the historical tradition I referred to above does not mean that we merely dole out money to the Maritime legislatures in order to keep the provincial services on a parity with other provinces. What we need is far more vital than that. The Member for Digby-Annapolis has pointed out the advantageous position of the provinces for overseas trade, particularly in steel. The Member for Inverness-Richmond has pointed out other remedies which could be applied.

THE REAL NEED

"But the real need is here in Ottawa. The Government simply has not grappled with the problem. It has not seemed to them important enough. It is for this House and I hope this debate to convince them that this is a top priority problem. I hope Maritime members from all sides of the House will express themselves in this debate, following up the one of the other evening. That will be the way, and the only way, to cure the lethargy, to inspire the indifference, and to show the Government the way to action.

I cannot do better than end by quoting the Canadian Press Report on March 10th as to the attitude of the Prime Minister of Ontario in this matter.

" 'Mr. Frost was particularly concerned about the future of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. For these two provinces Mr. Frost had earlier urged an annual Federal subsidy of $10,000.000 each.'

And the Premier of Ontario is quoted in this report as saying:-

" 'This amount, really very little by comparison with what the Federal Government takes out of the provinces, spells the difference between prosperity and depression for these Maritime provinces.

" 'It will not be too long before the Federal Government regrets the action it took today."

NAVAL AIRMAN

A new member of the Naval Air Service is Eric Laird MacKinnon, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen MacKinnon of Murray River, who was enrolled at H.M.C.S. Queen Charlote Friday as an Ordinary Seaman Naval Airmen. Ord. Smn. MacKinnon was formerly a member of the Murray Rver Mayfair hockey club filling the position of goalkeeper.

The new recuit left by train Saturday morning for H.M.C.S. Cornwallis, the huge New Entry training base at Cornwallis, Nova Scotia, where he will unergo an indoctrination course of twenty weeks.

Halifax Sealer Has Big Year

HALIFAX (CP) — The Halifax sealing vessel Arctic Prowler headed for St. John's, Nfld., Sunday, her holds overflowing with 30,000 seal pelts, called "the best take in years" by her skipper.

Captain Jim Gillis of St. John's said he is returning to port after only two weeks on the front off the northeast coast of Newfoundland. He recalled his crew of seal hunters while they were in the middle of a seal herd and sailed for St. John's with holds packed and decks loaded to capacity.

"If we load any more, they'll fall overboard," he radioed.

Seatraders Ltd., of Halifax, owners of the 880-ton ship, said she will unload in St. John's, where most of her Newfoundland seal hunters will be paid off. The big catch means big cheques for her crew who are paid on a share basis.

Teh Arctic Prowler is the first of nine east coast sealing vessels to return to port. Usually they stay out up to six weeks.

Last year four vessels returned to St. John's with only 54,000 pelts. In 1954 the catch was only half that and three ships were lost to the ice floes.

MURRAY HARBOR NORTH

Miss Mae MacLeod, Cambridge left recently for Oshawa, Ontario, where she will remain for some time with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Howard MacLeod.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Johnston accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Murray, and young son Paul, Montague were visitors to Murray Harbor North on Sunday, the guest of Mrs. Johnston's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Kennedy.

Miss Myrtle Miller, Charlottetown spent the recent weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Millar.

Mrs. Harry Reid was a visitor to Charlottetown on Tuesday where she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Diamond.

Mrs. Lena MacKillop, Kenneth and Gregory who spent several months in Peterborough, Ontario, have returned to Murray Harbor North and are spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Llewellyn.

Mr. and Mrs. George Livingstone High Bank, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Llewellyn.

Mr. and Mrs. John MacKenzie, Kenneth and Winston, Montague, were Sunday guests of Mrs. MacKenzie's brother and sister-in-law Mr. and Mrs. John Clow.

Mrs. Grant Graham and family, Gaspereaux spent the recent weekend at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Glover, Geurnsey Cove.

Mrs. Marvyn Johnston was hostess to the womens Institute at her home on Tuesday evening, March 6 with fourteen members present. The monthly "Penny Auction" was held with Mrs. Harry Reid donating the prize which was won by Mrs. Harry Millar. An interesting contest was put on by Master Ralph Johnston with Miss Lorraine Jamieson winning the prize for the highest score. Following the business period a social time was enjoyed and refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. George Clow, Mrs. James MacLure and Mrs. Webster Clow. Mrs. Harry Millar invited the members to her home for the April meeting. Roll call to be answered with an article for an auction.

On Thursday evening March 1, members of the Murray Harbor North choir motored to Little Sands and presented their variety concert in the community hall before an appreciative audience. Lunches and fudge were sold by members of the Little Sands Womens Institute.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Millar were recent Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Beck, Alliston.

Mr. Gavin Hicken, Oak Valley, was a recent visitor to Charlottetown.

Sympathy is extended to the relatives of the late Perle Cairns of Gaspereaux formerly of Greenfield whose death occurred as the result of an accident.

Rev. M.C. Currie, moderator of the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island attended the March meeting held in Zion Presbyterian church, Charlottetown on Tuesday March 6.

Mrs. Alice Hicken, Oak Valley motored to Charlottetown on Tuesday, March 6, and visited her father, Mr. Oswald Graham who is a patient in the P.E. Island hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Irving and baby, Montague were recent Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Newton Hicken.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Brown, Peterborough, Ont., were recent overnight guests of Mrs. Brown's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Llewellyn while enroute to Moncton, N.B. where Mr. Brown has been transferred. AO

FOX LOSER

NORTH BAY (CP)—A fox Monday lost its bout with a high-speed snow plow at the nearby RCAF station. RCAF personnel said the fox charged the snowplow while the airport's main runway was being cleared.

EASTERN GUARDIAN

SEE THE new 1956 wallpaper patterns now in stock at Hilchey and Vanderstine, Montague.

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ANNUAL EASTER Conference at Georgetown Baptist Church Good Friday March 30th. Meetings 10.-30 a.m. 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Visiting speakers and special singing A warm welcome extended to all.

BIRTHDAY PARTY — Mrs. James Shaw, Montague, entertained on March 10 in honor of her daughter, Barbara, who celebrated her eighth birthday. There were fourteen guests present and a delightful afternoon was spent in games and contests. The contests were won by Mary MacPherson and Lorraine Matheson. at he supper hour a beautifully decorated birthday cake was cut and served with ice cream.

GUEST PREACHER — Rev. L.S. Woolfrey, Murray Harbour, was the guest speaker at the pre-Easter service in the Baptist Church, Montague, last evening. He chose as his text St. Paul's letter to the Galatians, chapter 6, verse 14, "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." Rev. Mr. Woolfrey, who will be the special speaker throughout the week, has chosen as the subject for his sermons the meaning of the cross and last evening preached an inspiring message on the three-fold aspect of the cross. The meeting was conducted by the Minister of the church, Rev. A. M. Rogerson. The Scripture lesson, Isaiah 53, was read by Rev. D. A. Campbell, and Rev. J. M. Fraser led in prayer. Miss Clemmie McLean presided at the organ and for the offertory the choir sang "It Is Well With My Soul", a solo "In The Garden" was beautifully rendered by Mrs. Douglas Coffin. The service this evening will again be held in the Baptist Church, preceded at 7:45 by a sacred song service.

SPECIAL SERVICES tonight 8 p.m. in Baptist Church. Speaker Rev. L. S. Woolfrey.

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IN HOSPITAL — Miss Betty McLure, Murray Harbour North, is a patient in the Kings County Hospital, and her many friends are pleased to hear that she is convalescing nicely after her recent operation.

GUEST SPEAKER — Miss Margaret MacDougall, New Glasgow, N.S., Regional secretary of young people's work in the Presbyterian Church in Canada, was the guest speaker at a meeting of Sunday School teachers and others interested in young people's work held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Montague, Wednesday evening. Representatives were present from Montague, Murray Harbour North and Peters Road. The meeting opened with a brief devotional and instructive film strips were shown during Miss MacDougall's address dealing especially with Sunday School work, and a panel discussion followed.

ST. COLUMBA

The members of St. Columbia staged a St. Patrick variety concert on Friday night last week. Although the Baltic road was not opened up and the participants from East Baltic could not get there, the affair was a decided success.

Sympathy of this community goes out to the bereaved family of Mr. Pius J. Campbell who passed away at his home at Priest Pond in his 90th. year. His funeral took place on Friday morning March 16. Requiem Mass was celebrated by his pastor Rev. W.D. MacDonald, who also held the services at the grave.

Messrs. Pius and Bernard Campbell, twin sons of the late Pius J. Campbell, returned to Nova Scotia, where they are employed on Saturday, having been called home due to the death of their father at Priest Pond.

Mr. Arthur Dixon was a business visitor to Charlottetown on Tuesday, March 20.

Mrs. D. A. MacEachern, Priest Pond, returned to her home on Tuesday, having spent three weeks with her mother and sister, Mrs. U.B. Seaman, O'Leary.

Mr. John A. Ryan, employee at Falconwood Hospital is now spending a ten day vacation with his wife and children at Bayfield.

The funeral of the late Katherine McDonald, who passed away in the Sacred Heart Home, was held on Tuesday morning at St. Mary's Church, Souris. Sympathy is extended to her bereaved relatives.

Mr. Angus McEachern was a business visitor to Charlottetown.

Friends of Mrs. Clinton Stewart are glad to know she is making steady improvement in Souris Hospital.

Mr. J.A. MacPhee, East Baltic, was a business visitor to Souris.

Friends of Miss Mary Strahan, who underwent surgery in City Hospital, are pleased to hear she is much improved. DG

LORNE VALLEY

Mrs. Francis MacIntyre, spent the past weekend with friends in Charlottetown.

Mr. Lauren MacLeod was a visitor to Montague.

Miss Shirley Jay of Moncton, N. B., was a visitor to Lorne Valley on Monday. While here she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Earle MacDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hatton and son John, were recent visitors to Charlottetown.

Mr. Russell McAulay spent the past weekend in Charlottetown, where he visited his brothers, Mr. John McAulay and Mr. George McAulay.

Mrs. Harold Jay, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jay and son Merlin, Pisquid, motored to Lorne Valley. They were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. MacDonald.

Mr. George McAulay, Charlottetown, is spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. Mae McAulay.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Myers with children Brian, Keith and Marlene of Cardigan, were recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Shaw.

Messrs. Peter MacLeod, Johnnie Nicholson and Bennett Crane were visitors to Montague on Monday.

Miss Rena MacNeill and Mr. Cecil MacNeill, spent a few days in Charlottetown visiting friends and relatives. They were guests of their grandmother, Mrs. Isabell MacNeill.

The Busy Bees held their Junior Red Cross meeting in the school on Friday with a good attendance. A.M.

Tonight's Curling Draw At Montague

7 P. M.

East ice — J. A. MacLean vs At. MacDonald.

West ice — Dr. L. A. Johnston vs P. Sinclair.

9 P. M. — Ladies.

East ice — Vera MacDonald vs Lillian MacDonald.

West ice — Blanch Smith vs Jean MacDonald.

A Farmer Takes A Wife

PART TEN

LENA VESSEY

Hannah's presence in this home
Soon dispelled the hovering gloom
Father felt much less alone
Brightness seemed to fill each room.

Despite the joy that Hannah brought
Again Death made its solemn call
Father dear this time it sought
And placed on them the mourning pall.

One year had scarcely passed away
When a baby boy was born to them
But with them long he did not stay
For Heaven called their little Ben.

As years went by more bairns came
And now a boy to helper grew
So to take a trip was Laddie's aim
O'er Scottish hills his father knew.

His purpose was to look around
To find his forbears old domain
Business with this pleasure bound
Allowed so little time to there remain.

It did not take him very long
This information to obtain
The returning vessel was the same
On which he to Scotland came.

His quick return caused great commotion
In his family's greeting, which was proof
Of home and true devotion
Maintained beneath his humble roof.

When the sandman came around
He coaxed the wee ones off to bed
Happy bairns sleep so sound
When with love and kindness fed.

Now it seemed his great ambition
In Scottish style a home to build
Copied while upon his mission
On the homeland his forbears tilled.

Two Red Clay Birds Create Some Interest

TORONTO (CP) — Two small birds fashioned of red clay and possibly more than 150 years old are getting attention this week at the Royal Ontario Museum.

The two birds were unearthed 19 years ago on the site of a long-since destroyed pioneer cabin near Peeterborough.

Kenneth E. Kidd, curator of ethnology, says the two clay bits may be the work of either the Mayan Indians of Central America or the Pueblos of the southwestern United States.

"I've never seen any specimens like these in Canada but I think we've established that they have no connection with Mediterranean or Near Eastern cultures," Mr. Kidd said Monday.

MAY BE FLUTE

One of the birds is shaped like a goose with three holes in it. Mr. Kidd says it may have been some sort of flute because of three openings which suggest finger holes. The other specimen is two-headed and is painted in an intricate pattern.

Mr. Kidd said the paint work rules out any possibility the model may be the work of Canadian Indians, whom he says never used paint. But the bird might have been done by the Hopewellian or mound-building Indians south of the Great Lakes.

The models sat for years in the home of a workman who found them on the cabin site.

OTTAWA (CP)—Twenty fellowships and bursaries will be awarded this year by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation for study in community planning and housing, the corporation announced Monday. Graduates of universities in social sciences, architecture and civil engineering about to take professional training in community planning are eligible for 15 fellowships of $1,200 each. Three bursaries of $800 each will be offered to students for special studies of housing or urban development.

New Signs of Unrest Seen From Stalin's Home Republic

MOSCOW (AP)—Tiflis University's Communist party secretary has been dismissed for failure to indoctrinate students with communism. Officials and teachers at the university are under criticism for failure to enforce "rules of Socialist order."

These fresh indications of widespread disaffection among the youth of Georgia, Stalin's home republic, were disclosed in news papers received here from Georgia Monday.

S. Djorbenadze, secretary of the Communist committee at the university, has been dismissed and reprimanded for "failure in party and political work," the Georgian newspaper Zarya Vostoka reported.

Two girl students also were expelled for "violating public order in a most flagrant manner and displaying lack of discipline," the newspaper said. The girls were identified as Zinaida Shiukashvil and Kegevana Arabdze.

The paper said university official ignored many warnings about the "sorry state" of affairs at the university, which has about 5,000 students, including 4,469 members of the Young Communist League and 630 full members of the Communist party.

DUCKED LECTURES

The newspaper said entire groups of students missed lectures to make "collective" visits to the movies and teachers sometime had to lecture to empty halls.

About 50 per cent of students missed seminars on dialectical materialism, a study of Communist philosophy which is obligatory in Soviet universities.

Absenteeism had become particularly serious in the current term, the newspaper said.

Saturday's issue of the Tiflis newspaper Dawn of the East, which reached Moscow Monday, said the students have been cutting classes wholesale for more than a year, many have had to be punished at the university or arrested and some have been guilty of hooliganism (the Soviet term for anti-social activity).

Previously Dawn of the East had told of Communist party moves against the university administrators and said the rector, V. Kupradze, had been charged with failure to maintain discipline.

Hockey

MONTAGUE RINK
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

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9:15—Bombers vs. MacKinnon's All Stars Skate after

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