



### Award Winners In Canadian Literature

TORONTO (CP)—Lionel Shapiro, Montreal-born newspaper man and novelist, has been named winner of the Governor-General's Award for fiction for 1955. The winning book is "The Sixth of June," his third novel. Two former winners repeat in the list of five announced by H. D. Hilton Smith, chairman of the awards board.

#### OTHER WINNERS

The medal for academic non-fiction goes to Prof. Donald Creighton of Toronto for "The Old Chieftain," the second volume of his biography of Sir John A. Macdonald. He also won the same award in 1953. Prof. N. J. Berrill of Montreal wins in the creative non-fiction category with "Man's Emerging Mind." His "Sex and the Nature of Things" was judged best in the same class three years ago.

The award in poetry goes to Wilfred Watson, a teacher of Canadian and American literature at the University of Alberta, Edmonton, for "Friday's Child." Kerry Wood, free-lance writer of Red Deer, Alta., wins the award for books written for juveniles with "The Map-Maker." Lionel Shapiro, born in Montreal in 1908, worked for the Montreal Gazette after graduating from McGill. After a time as correspondent in New York, Washington and Hollywood, he went overseas as a war correspondent. He had planned "The Sixth of June" ever since the D-Day landings. It was preceded by "The Sealed Verdict" and "Torch For a Dark Journey," a play, and several television dramas. Background of the story is England in the blitz and the D-Day invasion, a setting familiar to Mr. Shapiro who reported combat in the Sicilian, Italian and western European campaigns.

### POINT DE ROCHE

Mr. Vincent Shea of Charlottetown was a recent visitor to Point de Roche. While here Vince was a guest at the home of Mr. Peter Doyle.

Mr. Francis McKay of Charlottetown is spending a few days in Savage Harbour at the home of his sister and brother, Miss Thelma McKay and Mr. Joseph S. McKay.

Mrs. Ernest Doyle returned home after spending a few days in Charlottetown at the home of her father, Mr. Edward Donnelly.

The many friends and relatives in this area of Miss Kathleen Feehan of Mount Stewart, regret to learn she has been confined to her home through illness.

Mr. Reuben McInnis of Little Harbour and Mr. John McInnis of Point de Roche were business visitors to Rustico recently.

Mrs. Elwood Donnelly of Charlottetown is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kelly of St. Andrews.

It is pleasing to note that the condition of Mrs. Don Shrean of Point de Roche, who is a patient in the Charlottetown Hospital, is very much improved.

Mr. Richard Doyle and Mr. Alvin Doyle spent the past weekend at the home of their mother, Mrs. Catherine Doyle of St. Andrews.

The many friends of Jim McKay, son of Mr. and Mrs. James McKay of Savage Harbour, regret to hear that he had the misfortune of falling and breaking a bone in his right hand.

The district of Point de Roche was shocked on February 9th when they learned of the sudden passing of Mr. John Joseph McCormac of West St. Peter's. His funeral was held from his late residence to St. Andrew's Church, where Requiem High Mass was

### Labor And Materials Shortage May Slow Down Construction

OTTAWA (CP) — Shortages of materials and labor may prevent realization of plans this year for the biggest expansion of construction activity Canada has seen in a decade. Trade Minister Howe warned Thursday. He issued an annual forecast showing Canadian business, institutions, governments and householders plan to spend a record \$7,529,000,000 in 1956 on construction machinery and equipment—a 21-per-cent jump from the \$6,230,000,000 spent last year. The report predicted, however, that builders will find a tight market for steel, cement, oil and materials and labor. Investment in the money also might be more difficult and expensive to obtain than last year.

It is questionable whether the scale of expansion indicated by the survey will be physically attainable within the current year, Mr. Howe said in a statement. The report, based on a survey at the end of 1955, showed Canada is entering the third distinct period of rapid buildup of its productive machine since the Second World War.

It also indicates businessmen have an optimistic outlook about the future state of the economy. "Heavy investment in new productive facilities is planned, as a rule, only when conditions are favorable for marketing the increase in production or services for which the facilities are being provided," the report said.

Heading the increases in capital spending plans are export industries, like paper products and metals, and manufacturers of industrial materials. And a 50-per-cent boost is planned in utilities investments, chiefly power developments, pipelines and rolling stock for railways. Not included in the proposed west-east natural gas pipeline from Alberta.

But for the first time since war capital expansion in the Korean War year of 1952, shortages will play a major role this year in determining whether the annual spending plan will be fulfilled.

### Hold Reception For S.A. War Veterans

The Charlottetown branch of the Canadian Legion B. E. S. L. played host to veterans of the South African Campaign of 1898-1901 on Thursday evening. As far as is known only six Islanders who served in that campaign survive to the present day. Of these only two, Messrs. Harry Hyde and Wm. C. Cook, were able to be present as guests of the Legion on this occasion. Comrade Charlie Hyne is a patient in the P. E. Island Hospital while Mr. Edward Macdonald is ill at his home in Kensington. Mr. Ambrose Rodd was unavoidably absent and Mr. Stewart is at present away from the Province.

Comrade Leo Bradley LEFT very capably acted as master of ceremonies for the occasion. He is assisted by Vic Bowler, branch president; "Bill" Cook, Harry Hyde and Vern Larter, Chairman of House Committee. After introducing the honored guests to a large number of comrades present he went on to tell the purpose of the occasion and gave some of the historical highlights of the South African campaign.

He then called upon the president Comrade V. J. Bowler who then presented Messrs. Hyde and Cook with a gift as a small token of remembrance the occasion. He also said that he had similar gifts on hand which would be sent to those who were not able to be present. Comrade Cook in his reply told of several humorous incidents which he had experienced in the far off days and which he still clearly remembered. He thanked the members for having remembered the South African veterans on this occasion and said they

greatly appreciated the large number of veterans who gathered at the monument on that Sunday to commemorate Paardeberg Day. Comrade Hyde also in a few well chosen words expressed his appreciation on behalf of himself and other South African veterans. A tasty lunch of crackers, cheese pickles and olives was then enjoyed by all and a very enjoyable and social hour spent. The guests left carrying with them many good wishes for health and many years of reunion.

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### WIDENING EDUCATIONAL HORIZONS

Do you know that the amount of money spent on per pupil education per year across Canada varies from \$88 to \$199. Education Week, March 4-10 is a time to look at our schools to see what sort of education we are giving our boys and girls in Prince Edward Island. Knowledge is not for youth only; Life-long learning is needed. Knowledge is not to be hoarded or kept for an elite; it is to be shared with all men and all conditions of men. Knowledge must not be impeded or forbidden; there must be free access to it. Knowledge is not enough; it must lead to understanding and wisdom. Knowledge is not an end in itself; it is an essential part of, and an introduction to responsible citizenship.

CAAE Anniversary folder. LET'S LOOK AT OUR SCHOOLS (By Mr. Clarence Mercer, M.A., M. Ed., Supervisor Summerside High School.) We take our schools for granted. Sometimes we should look at them with a critical eye and see whether or not they are meeting our present day needs. Education is not as good as it once was. It is a different school from the school many of you attended and it should be if the school is keeping pace with our times and needs. In what respect is it different? Well, for one thing we are trying to educate more boys and girls of varying abilities, especially on the high school level. In your day, students who had no particular interest or aptitude for studies academical dropped out in Grade 6. Their counterparts now try to continue into Grade 10, 11, or maybe 12. In your day only the brightest and best stayed in school for these grades. They were uninterested in the work at the store, or just wandered off. Today, even the uninterested boy remains in school as long as he can, is forced to remain there for three reasons: 1. Because he is not needed on the labour market; 2. because he qualifies for Family Allowance; 3. because there is a keen interest on the part of parents for the child to get all the learning he can.

an intelligent understanding of political problems and economics. It would teach them the art of thought and the fundamentals that would lead them to earn a living in Agriculture, Fishing, Mechanical Work, or in Business. I would have them instructed in the art of music, in drama, in the social graces, and in good citizenship. Specifically speaking these would appear on the General Course as follows: English Literature, English (Grammar, composition, spelling, public speaking, dramatics), Practical mathematics or Business Arithmetic, History, General Science, Three of: Home Economics or Farm Mechanics (drafting, welding, sheet metal work), Shorthand and typing or Accounting, Agriculture or Fishing or Woodworking, Music.

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of school life. But to expect all boys and girls to follow the same course that is especially designed to prepare some for the professions is not being realistic. Today we have a wonderful opportunity for doing something worthwhile for all, but we do very little about it. At the same time we are not too proud of what we do for those who intend going to college because we spend so much time attempting the impossible, forcing all to cover the same course at the same time. On either side we do a poor job because we ignore the important factor of individual differences. We must no longer assume that every boy and every girl who enters high school is on his way to college, and therefore requires a set course laid down by the universities. Only a few will enter the professions through the universities or through university matriculation. For the most part, our youth should be educated to take an effective part in the life of the community as ordinary folk; they should be encouraged to stay in the community. High school education should not be tied solely to university requirements; it should also be associated with the life of the community. Accordingly, there should be modifications in our course of study to meet the needs of the many who do not go to college and who intend to live in our communities, growing our crops, catching our fish, and raising our families. At this moment there is no chance. I would suggest two streams of education beyond Grade 9. (1) The academical one leading into the university. (2) The general one leading directly into community life, or a combination of both. I would have every student follow the first eight grades alike. This would hold true on the Grade 9 level but here would be testing ground for aptitude and interest, or aptitudes warrant such change. In order to put this program into effect, Grade 9 would have to be taken out of the one and two room classrooms, and central high school established. The present high school should be utilized for the present to initiate the program so that a general course be placed now on the course of study as an option to the present academic course. Whatever your thoughts on the matter, I would suggest that you look at your school during Education Week. Look at it with a critical eye if you will, but visit it at any rate. This department is conducted by the Prince Edward Island Teachers' Federation. Contributions are welcomed and should be sent to Estelle Bowness, General Secretary, 98 Prince St., Charlottetown.

ACADEMIC COURSE For the Academic Course I would not attempt to water it down as we attempt to do at times. For the benefit of my readers I will set down the course of study as it appears in Grade XI in our Academic Course now in use in our schools. The course for Grade XI shall consist of the following subjects: English Literature, English Composition, Algebra, Geometry, French, Three of Latin or German; Physics; Chemistry; Biology; H Economics, The Grade XII course follows along with the same subjects. GUIDANCE For both I would institute a guidance and counselling for parents and students not only on the Grade 9 level but also throughout the high school course so as to facilitate changes from one course to the other where conditions, interests, or aptitudes warrant such change. In order to put this program into effect, Grade 9 would have to be taken out of the one and two room classrooms, and central high school established. The present high school should be utilized for the present to initiate the program so that a general course be placed now on the course of study as an option to the present academic course. Whatever your thoughts on the matter, I would suggest that you look at your school during Education Week. Look at it with a critical eye if you will, but visit it at any rate. This department is conducted by the Prince Edward Island Teachers' Federation. Contributions are welcomed and should be sent to Estelle Bowness, General Secretary, 98 Prince St., Charlottetown.

### YORK

Mrs. Will Cooke was a recent visitor to Charlottetown.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Vessey, York, were recent visitors to the C. G. I. T. at the home of Mrs. Vessey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins.

Mr. Eddison Hardy, Halifax, spent the weekend at his home in York, with his wife and family.

Miss Deborah MacDonald spent the weekend with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Crockett.

Miss Aletha Brown was the weekend guest at her home in York, the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leith Brown.

Miss Elaine Cook, City, spent the weekend at her home in York, the guest of her mother, Mrs. W. D. Cooke.

Miss Annabell Hardy was a visitor to Charlottetown on Saturday.

The many friends of Rev. J. M. Sproule are glad to see him out again after convalescing at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Leith Brown, York, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cook on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Coles and two children, Milton, were the guests of Mrs. Coles' sister, Mrs. Lloyd Vessey, York, on Saturday evening.

Mr. George Proude spent the weekend at his home in York with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Proude.

Mr. Lowell Watts, Charlottetown, spent the weekend at his home in York, the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Watts.

The many friends of Mr. Arthur Wyatt, York, are sorry to hear he is a patient in the P. E. Island Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Chandler and family, York, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Vessey on Saturday evening.

Mr. Merrill MacDonald, Charlottetown, was the weekend guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe MacDonald.

Miss Christine Proud, teacher at Brackley, was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Proud.

Miss Carol Hardy, student at P. W. C. was the weekend guest at her home in York.

Mr. Norman Brown was the weekend guest at his home in York.

The C. G. I. T. girls held their meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Lewis on Thursday evening.

Mrs. Frank Watts, York, spent Monday in Charlottetown. B.O.

### HAMPTON

Nine Mile Creek Bull Dogs defeated Albany St. Pats 5-1 in an exciting game of hockey at Crapaud rink, on Feb. 13. On February 14, at Crapaud Rink, Cape Traverse defeated Hampshire by the score of 5-3, many fans from this district being present.

Master Everett MacPadyen, one of the twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm MacPadyen, was rushed to the P. E. I. Hospital on Feb. 15, for an Appendix Operation.

Friends of Mrs. Frank Dixon are pleased to learn that she is convalescing following a period of treatment received while a patient in the P. E. I. Hospital.

Friends of Mr. George Pratt are pleased to learn that he has returned to his home following treatment in the P. C. Hospital.

Mr. A. D. Inman of Hampton, left on an extended visit to relatives and friends residing in California.

Friends of Mr. F. A. Merrill are pleased to learn of his improvement in health, following a period of illness requiring medical treatment.

Sympathy is being extended to the surviving relatives of the late Frank D. Webster whose death occurred at his late residence 9 King Square on February 20. Many relatives and friends were present to convey final tributes of respect at the funeral services at the MacLean Funeral Home on February 22, and at the Peoples Cemetery where interment was made.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Boulter, and three children, have returned from an enjoyable visit to Scotland, former home of Mrs. Boulter. They were met at Halifax by their friends Messrs Lyman Wood and Bill Cameron, from where they motored to their home at Victoria, where a sincere "Welcome Home" by their many friends awaited them.

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### Soviets Developing Farm Production In The Arctic

OTTAWA (CP) — The Russians are acquiring a green thumb in their Arctic territory, according to the Soviet News Bulletin published by the Russian Embassy here.

The bulletin says an agricultural experimental station above the Arctic circle—the Russians call it the polar circle—is cultivating 24 varieties of vegetables, though the growing season is short and temperatures generally low.

The northern shore of this area, between the Urals and the Kanine peninsula, is washed by the chill waters of the Barents sea. Frost occurs even in August, the warmest month, and Arctic ocean winds blow across the treeless tundra.

Twenty years ago, says the report, the people of this inhospitable district had no idea of agriculture. They bred deer, fished and hunted sea animals and the polar fox. Fresh vegetables were imported from the South with great difficulty.

LONG EXPERIENCE A research station of Arctic agriculture was founded in the district in 1932 and played an important part in the introduction of vegetable growing in the north. The period of vegetation lasts an

average of 96 days, only half of which have a temperature of 50 degrees or more. During even this short period temperatures sometimes fall below freezing at night. The summers are dry with little rain. The short growing period forces growers to use only conditioned seeds for most crops. Seedlings or sprouts are planted for cabbage, peas, cucumbers, and tomatoes. But onions, turnips, horse-radish, lettuce and fennel are sown in the usual way. Barley and oats are often sown between vegetable rows, particularly rows of potatoes, to protect them from summer winds. Fertilizers are important in the poor soil.

KINGSTON SCHOOL JANUARY REPORT Senior Dept.— Grade X—1. Elwyn Willis; 2. Margaret Campbell. Grade IX—1. Rena Yeo; 2. Milton Docherty. Grade VIII—1. Reta Green; 2. George Dixon; 3. Donna Yeo. Grade VII—1. Ruth Hansen; 2. Carl Docherty; 3. Arnold Stone. Grade VI—1. Ann Hansen; 2.

Joan Hansen; 3. Marion Ann Newson. Grade V—1. Allan MacRae; 2. Clifford Green; 3. Ralph Walsh. Perfect attendance for first term: Marion Ann Newson. Highest average, Ann Hansen; 88%. Principal: Wendell Willis. Junior Dept.— Grade IV—1. Lillian Willis; 2. Judy Holmes; 3. Helen MacGregor. Grade III—1. Donnie Holmes; 2. Miriam Holmes; 3. Wayne Newson. Grade II—1. Wilma Stone; 2. Ariene Docherty; 3. Mervin Holmes. Grade 1—1. Lowell Holmes; 2. Vaunda Green; 3. June Holmes. Perfect attendance for first term: Miriam Holmes and Lillian Willis. Highest average: Wilma Stone and Evelyn Newson, 98%. Assistant: Mrs. Neil Campbell.

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