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—ICE CREAM SOCIAL at Malpeque Hall, Tuesday, Aug. 21st. Sponsored by Ladies Aid Kelt Memorial Church.

—ICE CREAM SOCIAL — Come one come all to the Ice Cream Social at Irishtown Community Hall, Monday, August 20th. Irish-town W. I.

—AT THE New Hospital Opening Tuesday, August 21st, tea will be served under the auspices of the Okto Club. Silver collection. Drawing for the hand hooked rug will take place at the closing of the official ceremony.

Personals

—Rev. E.R. Woodside of Bathurst, N.B. is visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Woodside, Kensington. — S.

—Miss Margaret A. Sennott of Summerside accompanied by her father and mother, her uncle, Mr. Lemuel Arsenault and Mr. and Mrs. Archie Arsenault have left to visit relatives in Rogersville, N. S.

—Miss Georgie Driscoll, Summerside, has returned after spending a month with her sister, Mrs. Alex McSorley, Toronto and visiting friends in Montreal.

—Mr. Ted Forbes has returned to Mont Joli, Que. after spending a week with his wife in Summerside, the former Katherine Driscoll who is visiting her mother, Mrs. M. P. Driscoll.

—Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Green, Halifax, and two children have been visiting her sisters, Mrs. Lenora Driscoll and Mrs. George Cameron Summerside.

—Miss Nellie C. MacDonald of Montreal is spending her holidays at her old home in North Bedouque. She was a recent visitor to Charlottetown the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Gillis.

—Mr. and Mrs. Archie Arsenault of Maine are visiting in Summerside at present with his mother and his brothers, Messrs. Frank and Matthew Arsenault.

—Miss Lillian Donald, R.N., of Montreal accompanied by her niece Miss Sandra Donald of Calgary, Alberta, who have been visiting the former's mother, Mrs. James Donald, Kensington, left on Friday afternoon by plane on return. — S

—Mrs. Loran Spencer, accompanied by her children, David Edward and Dolores have returned to their home in Summerside from Picton, N.S., where they were the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David H. Heighston. — S

—Mr. Merle J. Ellsworth, Salisbury, Mass., his brother, Clarence Ellsworth, Allston, Mass., and Mr. Arthur Fraser, Somerville, Mass., were called to Michael Ellsworth's home at Skippers Pond where their mother is seriously ill.

—Mr. and Mrs. Ois French of Weymouth, Mass. are visiting friends at Emerald and Kensington. Mrs. French, whose maiden name was Mary Blood and whose mother was born at Hope River, is a frequent visitor, but last year was Mr. French's first visit. The glamour of Old Home Week, excursions, races and midway, and the provincial friendship of the island people is the lure that made him return again this year. — K

New Secretary Of Baseball League

At a special meeting of the West Prince Suburban Baseball League held on Saturday evening at St. Roch, Rev. L. B. Dooley, curate of the Tignish Catholic Church, tendered his resignation as secretary of the league effective Sept. 1st. He will be replaced by the Brae parish to take charge as administrator. After a vote of thanks was extended him for his valuable services in that office for the last two years, his resignation was accepted and Mr. Earl McDonald of Tignish was elected to succeed him.

The people of West Prince, especially the baseball teams of St. Roch, St. Louis, Tignish Shore school districts and Tignish High School making up the Suburban League, are losing a staunch supporter of the physical development of the younger boys in this part of the province. Father Dooley was untiring in his efforts to promote the sport of baseball as a recreation.

Tryon United Baptist Church

is holding the annual PICNIC Wednesday Afternoon August 22 on the Church Grounds

Here For Convention



Miss Isabel Hutton of Ottawa, (above), national President of the Catholic Women's League arrived in Summerside by plane on Saturday evening to attend the Provincial C. W. L. Convention which opens here this evening. She was met at the airport by Mrs. James Pendergast, provincial president. Mrs. Carrol Delaney, President of Summerside sub-division and Mrs. Leo Wood, Vice-President.

Greatest Gathering Of Scottish Clans

EDINBURGH, Aug. 19 — (Special) — Greatest clan gathering in Scotland's history ends here today when the flags and marquee of 30 clans disappear from Murrayfield in this capital city.

Hundreds of Canadians, including the Argyll and Sutherland regimental pipe and drum band from Hamilton, joined others of Scottish descent from all over the world to help make this Scotland's greatest contribution to the Festival of Britain.

Last gathering was in 1922 in honor of George IV. Only 10 clans appeared. The one before that was for Bonnie Prince Charlie who sought England's throne. The country was divided in its support for Prince Charlie, and the warm Highland blood became so stirred that the meeting turned into a bloody fight.

Though a gathering the size of the present one indicated a more peaceful trend, there was still enough friction to enliven proceedings.

The big parade of the clans down Princes Street had to be called off because the clansmen could not agree on the order of the march. The age-old debate on privilege and precedence for a moment threatened to disrupt proceedings but the clans decided instead to work off their rivalry on the playing fields of Edinburgh. There they tossed the caber, which is simply seeing how far you can throw a small telegraph pole. They also wrestled, which could be described as seeing how far you can throw a Scot.

Chiefs of the Scottish clans were divided in their opinion whether they should parade their kilted, knobby knees before "overseas visitors." The dispute petered out when it was learned that many of the Americans would arrive in kilts, bejeweled dirks and buckled shoes, looking like a dress rehearsal for the production of "Brigadoon."

Clans participating at Murrayfield are: Cameron, Campbell, Chaitan, Chisholm, Donald, Davidson, Donnacaldh, Farquharson, Gordon, Grant, Hay, Lamont, MacBean, MacCallum, Mackay, MacKinnon, MacKintosh, Maclean, MacLeod, MacNab, Macneil, Macpherson, MacRae, MacQueen, Morrison, Munro, Rose, Ross, Shaw, and Sinclair.

Christmas Parcels Go Early To North

LONDON, Aug. 19 — (CP) — It may be a long time until Christmas but crates loaded with gifts from Britain are already on their way to the children of northern Newfoundland and Labrador. The presents, mainly from Sunday school children in the United Kingdom, are being shipped early to reach the northern areas before winter ice-packs close in. Shortly before Christmas the gifts will be hauled by dog teams for distribution at distant settlements.

Collection of the presents is under the supervision of the Grenfell Association of Great Britain, which has these isolated areas under its special care.

ceed St. Laurent when the 69-year-old P.M. retires, Harris often has been mentioned as a dark horse. If he applies to the mantle of Laurier and King, he'll face tough competition from Cabinet colleagues like Foreign Minister Pearson and Health Minister Martin.

But the success of this Western Ontario M.P. as Minister of Immigration will do much to enhance his prestige and promote him out of the dark horse class.

LARGE OWL The horned owl, which is nearly two feet long, is the largest of Canada species.

Lightning Starts Fire But Hard Work Saves Barn

The cooperation of the Summerside Fire Department and the hard work of a group of neighbors saved a large barn owned by Mr. Ernest Calbeck, Linkletter Road from destruction after it had been struck by lightning about 6:30 Saturday evening. A member of the bucket brigade, Earl Coe, had overcome by smoke in the left and was taken to the Prince County Hospital where he was reported as resting comfortably last evening.

The lightning struck the peak of the building at one end and followed down to the floor where it set fire to a quantity of straw. A few boards and shingles were dislodged by the bolt but it was a few minutes before it was noted that a fire had been started. The same bolt blew out a transformer on the electric line causing the lights to go out.

When it was noted that the straw was on fire a call was sent in for the Summerside Fire Department which sent a pump and bucket brigade was hastily organized and it took the combined efforts of all concerned till after midnight before it was considered that the building was safe.

It was necessary to remove the straw and ten tons of it was forked from the building. The other end of the barn was filled with hay but it was not damaged. The fight against the stubborn blaze was a splendid example of cooperation on the part of about 100 people including many boys and girls who worked hard in various capacities to save the building.

The same bolt of lightning apparently struck the driver of a truck that was passing at the time but his name is not known. On the previous evening, Mr. Calbeck's son, Marshall, was injured when thrown by a cow and he is a patient in the hospital suffering from bruises and shock. — S

Worst Conflagration

Continued from page 1 The orchestra which regularly played there lost most of their instruments when the large dance hall was destroyed.

The loss to Horne Motors was estimated at \$150,000 while that of Batt and McRae is estimated at \$70,000. Both are partially covered by insurance as was the business of F. R. McLaine.

There were many anxious moments shortly before two o'clock, when flames on nearby blocks as the racing flames for a time threatened to leapfrog over Kent Street and set in flames the block to the north.

Wary firemen got a welcome relief when hot coffee and lunches were graciously provided them by Milton's Old Spain.

Rain Helps But their biggest relief came from the heavy rain which started shortly before two o'clock. A slight drizzle at first promised little help, but suddenly a torrential downpour came to aid in quenching the flames. An almost total lack of wind made it easier for the firemen to keep the fire under control. Had there been a wind which blew it entirely possible that a large part of the city might have been consumed in what easily could have become the worst fire in the history of the Province.

All along Kent Street most of the business houses had been emptied out of hand. Stocks of goods were removed as proprietors and clerks worked in semi-darkness as the power was shut off all over the area. It was off for nearly two hours over a wide section of the city.

Small Buildings Lost

Many smaller buildings in the block were badly scorched and for a time it appeared as if the whole block would be razed. The McConnell Building housing the Yellow Cab taxi stand and other establishments on Great George Street were threatened as sparks landed on the roof. Mr. McConnell stuffed an old mattress into the drain on the roof and flooded the top of the building as the rain came. His action successfully prevented the fire from getting a start.

All around the neighborhood residents were frantically soaking their garages and homes with garden hose while friends helped carry furniture and other possessions to the safety of other nearby places.

Firemen were concentrating much of their efforts on stopping the fire from reaching Zion Church, on the corner of Great and Prince Streets, the largest and most valuable building in the threatened area. To this end they kept a steady stream of water on the building housing the Gloria and Adella's Millinery which acted as a buffer between the big blaze and the church.

Several small buildings in the heart of the block caught fire. Many of them were lost. Many of them used as garages or storages were saved by the action of the owners in soaking them with water.

Tons Of Water Nearly one million gallons of water were pumped into the raging inferno as firemen poured 2,500 gallons a minute from the equipment.

City Police ordered all children from the area as it was feared there would be several explosions as drums of gasoline and oil were stored in the burning buildings. Fear was felt for a time that the street on Prince Street might be set on fire. Had it started the fire might have raged almost unchecked through the many wooden buildings in that block. However, the rainstorm came in time to hold the blaze to the first scene.

City firemen laid hoses from hydrants on the corner of Kent and Prince Streets, Grafton and Great George streets, Kent

Annual C. W. L. Diocesan Convention Opens This Evening At Summerside

The stage is set for the annual convention of the Catholic Women's League of Prince Edward Island which opens in Summerside this evening with a dinner meeting at Robson's Restaurant.

A recent writer has this to say of Summerside: "For beauty of situation and surroundings, purity of drinking water, excellence of food products, invigorating air, hospitality and friendliness of its people and many other advantages Summerside enjoys a unique position of distinction."

Summerside is also unique by reason of becoming the chief town of Prince County although it was not designed to be the chief town in the original plan of Prince Edward Island, which goes to prove that you can't keep a good place down. Princetown, on the north side of the Island was designed to be the capital of Prince County.

In Father MacMillan's "History of the Catholic Church in Prince Edward Island", he describes the beginning of Summerside in these words: "The southern portion of the Island seemed more attractive and for this reason the missions in that section had materially increased in population." A settlement had been formed on the south side of the neck of the Island that separates the waters of Bedouque and Richmond Bays at a place called Green's Shore, Lot 17. Here was laid the foundation of the present town of Summerside which in a short time grew to be a place of considerable importance.

Father MacMillan goes on to tell how the first Catholic Church in Summerside was moved from Indian River, set and repaired and dedicated on October 19, 1853.

Thus we see that it is nearly one hundred years since the first Catholic Church was opened in Summerside, and Summerside is still attracting people just as it did one hundred years ago.

The official opening of the convention will be in the form of a dinner meeting at Robson's Restaurant when a welcome will be extended by Mrs. Carrol Delaney, hostess president, who will preside. Delegates and visitors are assured of an evening of exceptional interest and entertainment as a splendid programme has been arranged.

The guest speaker will be Rt. Rev. Mgr. G. J. McLellan, V.G. Summerside. The occasion will be honored by the attendance of Most Rev. James Boyle, Bishop of Charlottetown.

The "goli" community, to which these girls belong, regard this reform as marking its formal liberation from centuries of serfdom. The goli system has actually been cut of vogue since the beginning of Rajasthan's transition from feudalism to democracy. Its official abolition, just announced, is regarded as a natural corollary to the liquidation of feudal landlordism to be carried out by the state government shortly.

From Hardy Stock The golis of Rajasthan are of hardy peasant stock. They are attached to the land and to the thakur (the chieftain) to whom the land belongs. The golis cultivate the thakur's land and work as domestic servants at the thakur's residence.

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In the same building practically all the equipment including the swivel chairs were saved from the barber shop operated by Mr. Albert Wilson.

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Mrs. Carrol Delaney, President of the Catholic Women's League, Summerside Sub-Division.

Drop Old Custom Of Giving Groom Indian Servants

JAIPUR, India, Aug. 19 — (Reuters) — The age-old custom among Indian nobility, presenting servants girls to the groom as part of the bride's marriage dowry, has been abolished in Rajasthan, home of India's Rajput princes and chieftains.

The state government, which has enforced a series of reforms since the integration of the numerous principalities in this part of India, decreed that giving away human beings as marriage dowry constituted a violation of the sanctity of person, guaranteed by the constitution.

The young nobleman of Rajasthan now will miss the large retinue of "dowry girls" accompanying his bride.

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His Excellency Bishop Boyle



Mgr. G. J. McLellan, V. G.

Diocese and the National President of the Catholic Women's League, Miss Isabel Hutton of Ottawa who will be introduced by the Provincial President, Mrs. James Pendergast.

Fraternal greetings will be extended by past Grand Knight Carrol Delaney while civic greetings will be extended by His Worship Henry W. Wedge, Miss Iphigenie Arsenault will express appreciation and a musical programme will add to the enjoyment of the evening. — S

Mrs. White left for Georgetown where they will visit relatives.

Mr. Charles McKenna, C.N.R. section foreman at Borden is confined to his home with an injured hand which was crushed while at work a few days ago. He expects to return to work in a few days.

Cst. Jack Nightingale, R.C.M.P. who has been a patient in the P.E.I. Hospital for the past few weeks, has returned to Borden and taken up his police duties again.

Congratulations are being extended to Miss Elva McKenna of Borden on successfully passing the Maritime Board Exams for Grade XI. Elva not only passed her exams but came first in her class at Kinkora Convent, receiving a prize for her good work.

The regular auction party of the Borden Women's Institute was held in the town hall on Thursday evening with four tables playing. Ladies prize was won by Mrs. Camille Arsenault, gents by Mr. Mannie Gallant with consolation prizes going to Mrs. Bobbie MacMaster and Mr. George Tombs. The freezout prize was also won by Mrs. Camille Arsenault.

EARLY ROMAN TOWN CAISTER-ON-SEA, Norfolk, Eng. — (CP) — University students are helping evacuate an ancient town believed to have been built on the present site of Caister in the 1st to 4th centuries. A.D. Discovery of pottery and other relics have given evidence of early Roman settlement.

Napoleon and Uncle Elby By Clifford McBride

