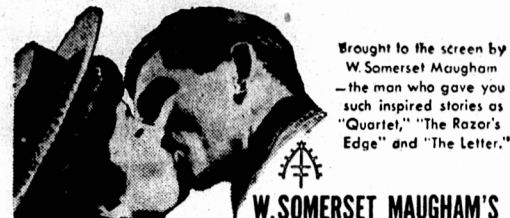


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—CONSERVATIVE MEETING, of the Montague West Poll, will be held at 8 P. M. Monday, April 16th. All interested are urged to attend.

Mrs. Frank Vuozzo, Halifax, is spending a few days in Montague, guest of her son Mr. Joseph Vuozzo.

Mrs. Winnifred Bell, who spent the past few months in Saint John, N. B., has returned to her home in Montague.

Mr. John Young, who spent the past few months in Toronto, returned to Montague Thursday and is the guest of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Llewellyn.

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—ALLISTON SEWING CLUB —The final meeting until fall of the Alliston Sewing Club was held recently at the home of Mrs. Barbara Campbell, president. Roll call was responded to by the names of nine members and one visitor attended. After the meeting, a delicious lunch was served by the hostess, Mrs. Hicken.

—FIRE DESTROYS CHURCH—The following extract from "The Decatur Herald" will be of interest to many friends of Rev. Archibald Sutherland who was formerly pastor in Murray Harbour North and Peter's Road Presbyterian Church, Mount Zion, Illinois, was completely destroyed by fire on Sunday morning, March 11. Rev. Mr. Sutherland has been pastor of the Mt. Zion Congregation for several years.

Motor Vessels Load Produce At Montague

The motor vessel "Garland Trader" arrived in Montague yesterday afternoon just twenty-four hours after the arrival of the "General Bursfall," first vessel of the season. The "Garland Trader" is from Gaultois, Newfoundland, and is under the command of Captain James Lively. Both vessels are loading produce from local exporters for Newfoundland markets. Also arriving last night was the "Ulna" from Cape Breton on the regular weekly run from Montague to Sydney. Each vessel is taking on a large cargo of potatoes along with other produce, and it was learned that seven carloads of potatoes are leaving Montague today for various destinations in Canada and the U. S. A. It is expected that the movement of potatoes will be accelerated during the next few weeks, as the hold-over stockpile is moved out to take advantage of spring markets.

—WOMEN with a sense of style, prefer suits designed by Joselli, the master craftsman, and sold at the Jo Anna Dress Shoppe.

—LARGE assortment of new summer styles, crepes, nylons, wondrousilk, waffle piques, chambrays, linen, broadcloths, at the Jo Anna, Montague.

Her many friends are pleased to learn that Mrs. Neil Shaw, Martinevale, is convalescing satisfactorily from her recent illness at the home of her brother-in-law, and sister, Mr. and Mrs. James Shaw, Montague.

Mrs. James Trainor, Ottawa, spent a few days in Montague, where she attended the funeral of her mother, Mrs. J. Harry MacLean. She was accompanied by her son, Raymond, who also lives in Ottawa.

—REBEKAH LODGE MEETING—The regular meeting of the Acme Rebekah Lodge, Montague, was held in I.O.O.F. Hall, Thursday evening, conducted by the Noble Grand, Mrs. Archie Hildey. In the absence of the secretary, the minutes of the previous session were read by Mrs. Douglas MacLaren, P.N.G., secretary pro tem. Business of the meeting included final arrangements for the annual banquet which is to be held next Thursday, Mrs. H. E. Nelson reported for the food committee and Miss Thelma Larter for the program committee. At the close of lodge a number of the members remained for a sing-song.

Montague Liberal Women's Club

The Montague Women's Liberal Club held a meeting yesterday afternoon at the Pool Hotel. After the minutes of the previous meeting were read by Mrs. W. L. Beer, secretary, the Club president, Mrs. L. H. Poole, introduced the guest speaker, Hon. A. W. Matheson, Minister of Health and Welfare. Mr. Matheson addressed the meeting on various political issues, with particular importance reference to the work of his department. Other speakers were Mr. Keir Clark, Montague, Dr. Lorne Bonnell, of Murray River, Mr. Joseph Campbell, Poplar Point, each of whom spoke briefly on political topics.

Mrs. G. S. Inman, Provincial President of the Women's Liberal Association and hostess for the occasion, moved a vote of thanks to the speakers.

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MILDRED PAYNTER, Secretary.

Mr. David L. Matheson (Continued from page 5)

persons in power during the past few years.

Mr. Darby's Answer

The Attorney General's answer to this criticism is quoted from two Charlottetown papers of March 10th and 11th and confirmed by my own ears. He said: "Responsible Government means that the executive branch of the Government is responsible to Parliament," which of course is true, but he continued, "and submits its actions to the people at a general election. Only if it falls therein can it properly be accused of failing to carry out the system of Responsible Government."

Now if this be so we can sling all our history of the British system of Government and all our Constitutional authorities out the window, and we can rest the future conduct of our affairs on snap elections in seas of mud, the more snap and mud the better.

If this be so, we can for instance foresee a forceful and popular leader slipping in no-elected persons as Ministers of the Crown; and carrying on by Order-in-Council with a subservient Legislature of overwhelming party strength; and we can foresee these lawless acts being "legalized," if you please, by elections on confused issues.

Let it be remembered that the Constitution of Germany was voted out by the popular will influenced by an able demagogue named Hitler. Thereafter the people marched to the polls.

Let us be alert against such dangerous doctrines. The price of freedom is eternal vigilance. It can happen here and it will happen here. It now appears that our Provincial Liberal Government is dedicated to the principle that if you can humbug the people, what was wrong is right, and a successful end will always justify the means. Such is the cynical theory behind the pretended practice of Liberalism.

From consideration of principles of Government I direct your attention to certain facts and circumstances in the conduct of our affairs. I shall first refer to the statement of the Provincial Treasurer and Attorney General about the Provincial Sales Tax. In his reported radio speech of April 9th he said: "The Leader of the Opposition and his newly selected candidates are proposing as a fact that the Liberal Government intends to impose a 3 per cent sales tax if re-elected. As a member of the Government and Provincial Treasurer I most emphatically deny that such a step has ever been contemplated or even discussed."

In commenting on this statement I do suggest that indeed it was not contemplated for the eve of a Provincial election. That it is being contemplated if the Government is re-elected is surely a matter of comment. The Premier has contemplated it sufficiently to say in a reported in the Patriot of March 9th: "We do not need to impose any such tax, but in some times comes when this Province should need it the tax could bring in up to 1-2 million dollars."

I submit the Government's extravagant methods will provide the need within the next few months. Further I suggest, that if the imposition of a sales tax was never contemplated or discussed the leading hand of the executive should let the other hands of the Government know just what goes on.

Quotes Correspondence

Consider the following interesting correspondence. On January 2nd, 1951, the Minister of Justice wrote to the Premier of all the Provinces enclosing two proposed amendments to the B.N.A. Act, one concerning Old Age Pensions and the other concerning Provincial Sales Taxes. Back comes our Premier's reply on Friday, January 5th, a clear, short letter as follows: "Dear Mr. Garson: "The Government of Prince Edward Island approves the two proposed amendments to the B.N.A. Act respecting Old Age Pensions and a Provincial Sales Tax which were forwarded in your letter of January 2nd."

Our Premier was the very first to agree. Surely he discussed what it meant with his Government. Does our Government mean to say that the Premier answered this vitally important letter, no doubt one of the most vitally important letters the Government received for many years, without consulting his Cabinet? If so, all our allegations of one-man control have been demonstrated beyond our gravest suspicions. If not, were referred to the other Ministers in Cabinet, did they all sit around without speaking, or even thinking what it meant. "Mums the word" indeed.

Incredible Scenario: Cabinet Councils are secret and we may never know, but one's imagination boggles at such an incredible scene. They must have looked like the three Japanese monkeys, one of whom claps his ears, one his eyes and one his mouth, so they hear no evil, see no evil, speak no evil.

Since the approval of the Sales Tax proposition was done without a thought in anyone's head, we can appreciate the speed with which it was passed so remarkably with the replies of those other Premiers who were polite enough to answer, and all of whom said they wanted time to consult their colleagues and officials. The Premier of Nova Scotia made the first considered reply, seventeen days later on January 19th, when he forwarded a lengthy discussion on proposed amendments. Up to this time our Premier alone had agreed. On January 20th the Minister of Justice sends out another omnibus letter, very frank and revealing, pointing out as to the sales tax, "it has become clear that such a proposal will be subject to the most powerful opposition of the retailing industry throughout the country." He suggested an amendment to the sales tax proposal.

The very first man to reply to Ottawa's letter of January 20th was our Premier. This time he telegraphs a reply that the Government concurs in the sales tax amendment on January 24th, and confirms it by letter the next day, specifically referring to the sales tax. Now the Ottawa letter was written on Saturday and could not have reached here before Monday, so either they held a special Cabinet meeting on Tuesday, January 23rd or they didn't hold one at all. This places our Ministers in an awkward dilemma, for either the Premier dismissed the powers of an absolute monarch or the Government did consider the problem. And if the power to impose a sales tax was the question, it is possible to suppose that no one discussed the possibility of the prospect of imposing the tax, or even thinking about it?

Extraordinary Haste: Whoever was actually responsible on behalf of the Province, there was a breathless anxiety about this head-over-heels approval which is quite extraordinary because all other Governmental matters were still taking time out to consider. The Progressive Conservative Premier of Ontario replied after three weeks and discussed Old Age Pensions only. The correspondence ends as far as present information goes by another eager-beaver letter from Premier Jones on March 2nd reaffirming his original approval, while a number of other Governments were still pondering this vital problem.

Our Premier and his Attorney General had this proposed amendment extending Provincial taxation powers as a great constitutional victory for the Province. On the contrary, I contend that this is the patchwork quilt sort of Constitution which will tend to disrupt the Nation. The Old Age Pension extension to age 65, which is a proposal universally agreed upon, has been cleverly tied in by both Liberal Governments with the Provincial Sales Tax. It gives a plausible issue for its imposition. But Old Age is not peculiar to any Province. It is a National responsibility. The greater percentage of old people in Prince Edward Island is directly caused by the policy of centralization which is well illustrated by the present war industry centralization so assiduously cultivated by the Liberal Federal Government. Why should we not only lose our young people who must seek employment in Ontario or Quebec, and also pay double for their loss by increased Provincial taxation?

perience to any person or group who wished to consider it. That attitude is the proper and statesmanlike approach to the problems. We on our side regret that a hurried session prevented a full discussion. This matter of Provincial claims should not be a political football. Each party should weigh with the other only to see which can work out the best solution but obviously should co-operate for the common good. Our criticism of the party so long in power is that they are ready to rest content with and crow over a portion, whereas if they receive a portion they should fight vigorously for the balance claimed. We submit their attitude has materially weakened our position with the present Federal Administration.

I heard, and I hope you heard the Provincial Treasurer and Attorney General earlier this week when he sent millions of dollars whistling about our ears. I don't doubt one of his figures; I consider we spent every cent of them, and to a very large extent for worthy objects. But I still can't get it out of my head that we now owe, as of February 28th this year \$16,885,000. Call it \$17 million for the end of March, and in 1947 we owed \$10,634,000. A difference of six million in four years means going behind at 1-2 million per year. The Government budgets for a deficit of 1-3 million next year, and past experience of estimates tells us there will be an increase in the actual loss.

Now our Liberal friends tell us that we must credit against this present enormous debt, and this rapidly increasing debt, certain assets. Buildings, such as Beach Grove Infirmary, Public Health Centre, Falconwood Barn, Garage, Schools, road machinery, improved roads, Prince Street warehouse and the Eskimo.

We say most of these assets, not all by any means, were beneficial.

But our criticism is that all of them were purchased or built at extravagant cost. One must have political blinkers of the very largest type to avoid even casual observation of waste of money on unnecessary road building and improvements; take a look at the Commission paid on road machinery and parts, and particularly do consider the gross extravagance in Government contracts, particularly for roads and the new buildings.

I charge dreadful waste. If you really want a detailed opinion of the effect of Government building on the pocket of the taxpayer, I wish every elector could visit School Unit No. 1 which includes Charlottetown Royalty.

Gross Extravagance: I favoured the larger school unit and still consider it a good idea, but, under Government guidance the cost of new buildings and the method of contracting and building, on a cost-plus basis, and the lack of information to the people concerned who are obliged to pay fantastic taxes in consequence is a tragic picture of dictatorial methods and administrative waste. To my mind it is an example of a good theory being destroyed by poor administration.

I see in yesterday's report of the Minister of Agriculture's speech that we the Opposition do not charge the Government with waste, that our sole criticism is spending too much money. Well our Leader, Mr. Bell, has repeatedly charged that the Agricultural Department was not spending enough money; and he and all our party have repeatedly charged scandalous waste. There is a great example of folly and waste right under his own administrative nose at Falconwood Farm. The Agricultural Department was not responsible for it. It was some other Minister's day dream, the Premier's.

This is what the former Minister of Agriculture, I mean the contemptuously discharged Minister of Agriculture had to say about this extravagance last year. He said the barn was built by "the powers that be" of the Public Works Department. He said it was "cold damp, inconvenient and costly." What was required was an addition to the old barn to cost some four or five thousand dollars.

According to the Government's answer to the Opposition's question, the barn cost over twenty-one thousand dollars, although Mr. Stewart mentioned thirty thousand, and of this the contractor received over fifteen thousand. To illustrate his opinion of this example of folly and waste, but of course, not as a serious medical opinion, he said that the man responsible for placing and building the new barn at Falconwood should be taken into one of the other buildings out there and kept there.

Department of Industry: If you are interested in these examples of extravagance let's take a look at the new Department of Industry and Natural Resources. Incidentally according to the Liberal Platform of 1947, this was to include a Department of Labour, which we haven't heard of since.

The idea behind the formation of this Department was good, but again we criticize the method which involved waste and extravagance. We opposed the Industrial Corporation Act and the powers given to the Company, and the management by Government servants only, because it appeared to us pure socialism. If they must have Crown Companies, which we doubted, let them at least be directed by a board of independent men who know the business to be developed, and comparable to the C. N. Railway Company and the Bank of Canada. However the Government formed a purely political socialist Company against our vote and

Mr. Hughes' Criticism: Mr. Hughes criticized the failure of the Government in preparing a proper statement for the 1950 Inter-Provincial Conference. Mr. Hughes said the statement prepared for the previous conference of 1946 was imperfectly prepared, as his own study of the problems has since shown. He offered his information and the result of long study and ex-

the vote of several of their own men. At the cost of the Province the Crown Company purchased the Yarmouth for some \$78,000. Experienced shippers said at the time she was not suitable for the trade. Experienced shippers, now say, and the financial statements and reports of the Department now show that she was definitely not suited for the trade with Newfoundland. Each year's loss was over \$30,000.

The methods of management were weird and wonderful—five salaries totalling \$8,349 being paid to the shore staff of four all the year round. A crew of 15 or 16 was used. They shifted so rapidly that 44 were hired during 1950, of whom only 11 were Islanders, while 14 were from Nova Scotia and 21 from Newfoundland.

Never mind the waste and foolishness, some will say, if she increased our trade and the goodwill of our Newfoundland customers. But the point is that experienced shippers say she did not increase our trade but in fact decreased it, and Newfoundlanders were exasperated with our methods.

No Reliable Reports: There are no reliable reports of shipments to and from other ports in Canada only vague estimates. Trade the only way to route out not increased. If she were the only ship on the sea she would indeed be valuable. But she isn't, and she cannot compete economically because, for instance, she is quite unsuited for livestock and hay. She has no refrigeration worth talking about.

But, private shipping companies which must make profits do not propose to compete with a ship which is indifferently about profits. We need a larger ship calling here at least every two weeks, which can carry cattle and pigs and poultry and assorted and bulky cargoes. Such ships are available.

Shippers are becoming alarmed but a satisfactory service this year is not established because of the Eskimo ship's interference. Certain ships did not call here late last Fall because of this interference. Our producers lost money in consequence, and will lose more. Newfoundland wants our products, they want our livestock; they want chilled meats, animals killed in a local abattoir and shipped there in refrigerated boats.

It is not a new idea, the Liberals have advocated it themselves. The Federation of Agriculture recommended it strongly last year; shippers say it will materially increase our trade. The Progressive Conservative Party will promote any feasible proposition for the development of trade under competent management by persons who have actual business and experience in the business. We propose to ensure however that when a Conservative Government invests public money it comes back with a profit to producers and does not go sliding down the drain.

Fishermen's Loan: Pursuing further this matter of extravagance, I remind you of the External Auditor's Report about the administration of Fishermen's Loans. They reported that "there has been serious inefficiency in the maintenance of proper records relating to loans made by the Government" and amounts due to the Government. No reliable records have been maintained. Her was another good example subject to the familiar waste and bad administration of your money. It culminated in criminal charges and finally to the appointment of a Commission to inquire into the situation because evidence in Court had made it appear that monies provided for aid to fishermen had been improperly directed. The report should have been before the Legislature this year.

The Opposition repeatedly asked and were repeatedly put off. Finally it appeared on the last day, March 29th, when it was late for discussion, but it was actually submitted to the Government on March 1st.

We should have liked to discuss the report, particularly the method of obtaining evidence by polite invitations. That was only one example of repeated failure of the Government to provide prompt and full information to which the people are entitled. We are therefore left to suspicions as to what goes on behind the iron curtain.

I like the Provincial Treasurer's comparison of the Provincial debt and assets with a farmer's debt and assets. Pursuing this comparison further and using Liberal Government methods I question whether it would profit a farmer to build a barn worth \$2,000 for \$8,000, to buy two expensive tractors where one smaller one would do. He would be sunk long before his sinking fund could pull him out. He could speed the sinking process if he bought a small boat and hired a big crew to market his produce. No individual would be so silly. Another comparison is that with a debt of 17 million, each farmer owing 100 acres can estimate his farm is subject to a \$1700 mortgage.

Teacher's Salaries: The Minister of Education and the Premier are so happy about the teachers' salaries that you would think the teachers are happy too. But they are not. They point out that though the income is relatively adequate there is no incentive for them to remain in the profession. A married teacher or a single teacher with dependents finds the salary quite inadequate and the recent increases in the cost of living leaves

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