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—BUYING potatoes daily, Dugald MacNutt, Kensington.
—Mr. Earle Campbell, Summerside, is a patient in the Prince County Hospital.—S.

—INSTITUTE FOR BLIND CANVASS— A committee meeting for the drive for the Canadian Institute for the Blind for the town hall on Tuesday night, with the chairman, Mr. J. A. Gallant, presiding. Cards were allotted to the canvassers and the drive started Wednesday morning. Mr. J. F. Arnett, a member of the Advisory Board for Prince Edward Island, was present and outlined the splendid work being carried on for the one hundred and sixty blind people in the province. Contributions to this worthy cause will be received at the office of Rogers and Arnett Ltd., 34 Summer Street.—S.

—FAREWELL PARTY — Mrs. Edgar Forsythe and Mrs. John K. Clark entertained at the home of Mrs. Howard Clark Tuesday evening in honor of Mrs. Eva Tugwell, who has spent several months in Alberton and during that time has made many friends. Early in November Mrs. Tugwell will be leaving for her home in Cardiff, Wales. Remembering the food ration which still exists in Wales, her friends presented Mrs. Tugwell with gifts of canned goods, the presentation being made by Mrs. Forsythe and Mrs. Clark and the accompanying verses being read by Mrs. W. Lawson. Mrs. Tugwell graciously expressed her thanks, after which all joined in singing "For She's a Jolly Good Fellow." Games, directed by Mrs. G. B. Cunningham and Miss Margaret Forsythe, were enjoyed by all, as was a singing led by Mrs. John H. Wells. Delicious refreshments were served and during this hour Mrs. Forsythe presented the guest of honor with an attractively decorated cake, topped with a beautiful corsage. The evening was brought to a close with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

—FURNAL AT MONTROSE— The funeral service for Miss Gladys M. Campbell of Worcester, Mass., whose death occurred in the New England Baptist Hospital, Boston, on October 21, was held from Montrose United Church yesterday afternoon. The service was conducted by Rev. J. M. Sheen, minister of the church, assisted by Rev. A. R. Wallis of Alberton, who read the scripture. A solo, "Face To Face" was rendered by Mr. Gordon Coffin of Alberton. The service closed with the singing of the twenty-third psalm, "The Lord's My Shepherd." Many beautiful flowers brought messages of sympathy to the family and the casket was draped with the flag of the United States in honor of the service rendered her adopted country by Miss Campbell during World War II. Pallbearers were Messrs. Raymond Hardy, John Clark, Vernon Campbell, Heber Ramsay, Reginald Travis and Henry Clarke. Interment was in Montrose Cemetery.

Auckland - Smallman Wedding
Trinity United Church, Summerside, was the scene of a pretty wedding yesterday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, when Rev. K. G. Sullivan, M.A., B.D., united in marriage, Edith Irene, daughter of Mrs. Oliver Smallman and the late Mr. Smallman of Knutsford, and Donald Edgar Auckland, son of Mr. James V. Auckland and the late Mrs. Auckland of Saskatchewan. The church was artistically decorated with baskets of chrysanthemums. Miss Mary Geldhart, organist, was in charge of the wedding music and P-O Ralph Emery, was soloist singing "O Perfect Love" prior to the bride's entering the church, and "I'll Walk Beside You" during the signing of the register. The bride, given in marriage by her uncle, Mr. Willard Smallman of Forest View, was charmingly dressed in a gown of white slipper satin featuring a high neckline with pointed collar, lily point sleeves, fitted bodice with lace inserts and matching lace inserts in her full skirt which fell into a short train. Her finger-tips were held in place with a headpiece of white mums corresponding to a shower nosegay which she carried. Miss Edith Palmer, as bridesmaid, was attired in leaf green taffeta. Her headpiece was a matching bandeau of ribbon with flowers corresponding to a nosegay of bronze mums which she carried. Little Donna Smallman of Lock Road, as junior bridesmaid, was gowned in rose pink taffeta and carried a nosegay of yellow mums. The groomsmen were LAC James Lockety and the ushers were LAC Earl Kilpatrick and LAC Jack Beswick. Following the ceremony a reception for fifty guests was held at Birch Hill Tourist Lodge where the bride's table with its attractive arrangement of autumn flowers and lighted tapers, was centered with a three-tier wedding cake, topped with a miniature bride and groom under an arch. The bridal couple, left on a wedding trip through the Eastern United States, the bride traveling in a suit of silver mist gabbard with steel grey top coat. Her corsage was of red carnations. On return they will reside in Summerside where the groom is a LAC with the R.C.A.F. Prior to her marriage the bride was on staff of R. T. Holman Ltd.

Alberton and Vicinity
Mr. and Mrs. Edwin McDonald have taken up residence in the Larkin apartments.
Mrs. Raymond Shea, Montrose has left for Toronto to visit members of her family.
Mrs. H. J. Larkin has returned to her home from the Western Hospital much-improved in health.
Mrs. Lorne Cahill and daughter,

Prince County Merchants Plan Wholesale Firm
At a dinner held last evening in Robson's Restaurant, Summerside, by the Retail Merchants Association Ltd., a decision was taken to investigate the possibility of organizing a wholesale business among the members of the Association. The present membership is composed mainly of merchants from West Prince with some from the eastern section of the county and Summerside. Mr. P. M. MacCaull of Ellerslie, president, was in the chair and explained that this meeting was a continuation of the annual meeting held recently in O'Leary and he expressed regret that there was no larger attendance. He explained that last year the Association had a purchasing committee which saved considerable money for the members of the group by purchasing in carload quantities. He said that at the annual meeting a new purchasing committee was not appointed as the meeting felt that a wholesale organization should be formed. It would be separate but would consist of members of the Retail Merchants Association Ltd. He said he personally felt that the time is not ripe for a wholesale set-up. Mr. J. J. Moran of Alberton, secretary-treasurer, explained the information he had received from the attorney-general as to the steps necessary to form a wholesale company and obtain a charter as an incorporated organization. He said that 49 merchants now have paid their dues in the association. There was a great deal of general discussion on the matter and it was finally decided to appoint a provisional group of directors to take the preliminary steps towards forming a wholesale company. The board met after the meeting and appointed Mr. J. J. Moran as a field man who will contact all the merchants of the county to obtain their reaction to the idea and endeavor to raise sufficient capital to obtain a charter.—S.

Kensington Girl Joins R.C.A.F.



—Shown above is Miss Marion J. Pike of Kensington, P.E.I., who has joined the R.C.A.F., being sworn in by F/Lt. M. N. Scott, Commanding Officer of R.C.A.F. Recruiting Unit at Moncton. Miss Pike who has been working for the past two and one-half years at the T. Eaton Co. in Moncton, will proceed with other recruits in the R.C.A.F. Manning Depot at St. John's, Quebec, and from there to other stations for trade training.

Group Capt. Kenyon Guest Speaker At R.C.A.F. Ass'n

Group Captain A.G. Kenyon, commanding officer R.C.A.F. Station, Summerside, was the guest speaker last evening at the regular monthly meeting of the Summerside Wing R.C.A.F. Association. The meeting was held in the club rooms with president Gregory Mulholland presiding and considerable business in connection with the wing was discussed and disposed of. Reports of the various committees were received and dealt with, and all indicated that the association was in a good sound flourishing condition. It was announced that the wing would form a separate unit and take part in the Remembrance Day parade. In the address to the members, Group Captain Kenyon first complimented them on their sponsorship of the air cadets which he said he understood were in splendid hands and that they were making excellent progress. He chose for his subject and dealt in detail with matters pertaining to "Search and Rescue". Mayor Henry W. Wedge was received as honorary member of the wing and presented by the president with his membership pin. Two other honorary members who were unable to be present, Hon. W.E. Darby and Reginald Hope will receive theirs at a future meeting.—S.

Prayer For The King
Premier Jones then offered a resolution as follows: "That the members of this Legislative Assembly have learned with feelings of profound sorrow of the serious illness of His Majesty the King, and are desirous of giving expression to their sentiments of affection and devotion to our Gracious Sovereign; and the members of this Legislature do humbly pray that it may please the Almighty to restore His Majesty to health and strength and that he may long be spared to give guidance to his people and the nation." The Speaker of the House, F. W. Phillips, then offered a prayer for the King as all members and spectators stood in respectful silence.

ASSISTANCE BILLS
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reference to the recent decision of the Supreme Court of Canada taking away from the Provinces the control of interprovincial highway traffic, and the effect of this decision on our Public Vehicle Act. Premier Jones replied that he had heard nothing officially about the decision and only knew what he had read in the newspapers. Electric Power Rates Mr. Bell then asked the Premier if he had received any complaints from country users of electric power against "the exorbitant and excessive" charges now being made by the Maritime Electric Company, and if the Government intended to take any action. The Premier said the Government had received no complaints and all he had seen was newspaper reports regarding schools and churches objecting to higher charges. He thought the charges levied were proper in view of the fact the company received only 7 per cent on its investment here while elsewhere in Canada it received 8 per cent. The low rate allowed here meant that it would not try any expansion. In any event the Premier said he had heard that the charges were no higher than formerly. Maj. John A. MacDonald, Cardigan District, stated that charges were twice as high in the country as formerly. Premier Jones then said the rates were based on a valuation rendered by as good a firm of engineers as could be found in Canada. He added that if anything developed where there seems to be unjust discrimination the Government would take notice of it. The Premier then announced that due to the fact that a private bill had been introduced it was necessary to appoint two committees. On the committee on Private Bills he named Hon. W. E. Darby, Messrs. J. G. MacKay and John A. MacDonald. On the committee for engrossing bills were named Messrs. George Saville, E. P. Foley and Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan. Opposition Urges Increase Mr. Bell stated that his side of the House offered support for the bill to the fullest, as it is impossible to estimate the value of such aid here. Few people, he said, were able to get enough of the world's goods while they were under 70 to carry them the rest of their days. His only objection was that there would not be enough money paid, \$40, he stated, would not go far as on the basis of 1939 living costs that money was only worth about \$20 today. He said that the new plan would mean a big saving to this Province and he thought that money should be used to pay higher amounts. An extra \$10, he said, would only cost the Province be-

tween \$30,000 and \$40,000. Mr. Bell's figures were questioned by several members with Mr. Dougald MacKinnon pointing out that the Leader of the Opposition had based his rise in total cost on the amount payable for one month instead of for a year. Mr. George Saville, Fifth King's, thought it would be unreasonable to give people aged 65 to 69 a greater amount than the \$40 limit on the old age pension. Mr. Hughes' Warning Mr. William Hughes, Fifth King's, stated that where there is a stationary or declining population the cost of such aid would be much greater than in other provinces as the percentage of old people increases. He said that the people of Prince Edward Island have only one-third the tax paying ability of the average of all the people of Canada and termed it a fallacious argument to state because we got \$100 spent here we can put up 50 per cent of it. "That way lies bankruptcy," he said. He added and went on to say that the maximum we will be paying will not be reached for a decade yet and that if we paid out \$200,000 in 1953 it would reach a figure of four or five hundred thousand dollars in 10 years. "With only one-third the tax-paying ability of the rest of Canada," he said, "we cannot give our people the services other provinces can offer. The only way in which we can bring ourselves to parity with the rest of Canada is to have the result of future Dominion-Provincial financial conferences supply us with a proper income based on real fiscal need."

He added that the Family Allowances and the Old Age Pensions (paid entirely by the Dominion) were satisfactory because the wealth of the country as a whole goes to the youth and old age of the country. Mr. Bell maintained the Province should still raise the amount paid as there was agitation in the country for increases in all pensions. Cost To Province Hon. W. E. Darby, Provincial Treasurer, said that the new pension and allowances system would cost the Province \$387,000 under present estimates, while the old system, cost \$399,000. He said we may save \$12,000, according to those figures, but if the number of people between ages 65 and 69 proved higher than the estimated 1,300 we will be paying out more money than at present instead of saving.

The Provincial Treasurer thought that by increasing the amount to be paid we would be going so far that it would be dangerous. "We must limit our assistance to the extent of our financial resources." Mr. John A. MacDonald noted that though we had a high percentage of old age people there was less light work they might do here than elsewhere. "The man who earns a living in this Province usually has to do it the hard way." He agreed that patients in hospitals should be moved to homes and stated he favored increased accommodations for older people. Expressing the belief that we were not getting enough from the Dominion on the basis of fiscal need, he urged the local Government to try to get more.

Supplementary Payments In reply to a question by Mr. MacDonald as to the amounts of supplementary payments in Old Age Assistance by other Provinces, Hon. Mr. Matheson said that some of them were paying additional amounts up to \$10 monthly. He said that when the Legislature next met in regular session early next year he would have some suggestions to make on the subject of light work for old or handicapped people. He thought certain handicrafts could be developed which would aid the people and the Province as well. Questioned by Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan as to whether there were people in Beach Grove who should not really be there, Mr. Matheson said that was probably true and the Government would have to do something. They were investigating now.

Questions Opposition View Premier Jones questioned the views of the Opposition on the payment of a \$50 assistance amount instead of the proposed \$40. He said that too many people had crowded into the towns and cities and that if they moved to the country they could live comfortably on \$40 as board and rent were cheap. He thought the bringing up of the \$50 payment was a political move and asked why the Opposition had not held a caucus to arrange their views prior to coming into the House. Mr. Frank Myers said it was true his party had not held a caucus, but the reason was that the Bill had only come to them yesterday morning an hour before the House opened. Hon. Dougald MacKinnon said the Province could not finance an increase of \$10 a month in the payments and in noting the difference in opinion between Dr. MacMillan and other members of the Opposition said that he thought the Doctor was "a better politician than the rest". The makeup of the Welfare Board which will administer the Act was under question with Mr. J. A. MacDonald asking if the three appointive members of the Executive Council would be chosen on a County basis. Mr. Matheson said he could not answer at present.

Members of the Welfare Board who will administer both the old age Assistance Act and the allowances to blind persons will be formed from the Minister of Health and Welfare, the Deputy Minister, the Chief Welfare Officer, the Director of Old Age Assistance, the Director of Mother's Allowances, the Director of Social Assistance, the Director of Child Welfare and three members of the Executive Council. In discussing the Act for Allowances to Blind Persons Mr. Matheson told the House it was almost the same even to wording as the act relating to Old Age Assistance. He said that the number of blind pensioners was almost constant with 124 on the rolls now. The same question of the members of the Executive Council being on the Welfare Board was raised with Mr. MacDonald maintaining that it should be an entirely impartial board. Mr. Matheson said that they wanted to try the proposed system for the few months of operation prior to the next meeting of the Legislature and that if it were not found satisfactory he was prepared to come into the House and agree to changes.

When the bill relating to a change in the Summerside Act of Incorporation came up for discussion Dr. MacMillan said he was very interested in the second clause which authorized the Town to give the Prince County Hospital an outright grant of \$50,000. He congratulated the Town and expressed the wish that Charlottetown could do as much for the two hospitals here. He asked the Government to give in the higher priced private rooms. Mr. Matheson proposed that Rule 51 be suspended in order to permit the third reading of the bills the same day. This was done and the Legislature ended the special session in the afternoon.

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3. Gladys Barlow*, Wellington English School, Grade V, reading.
4. Anne Nicholson, Summerside Elementary School, Grade VI, vocal solo.
5. Shirley Marlene Rayner, North St. Eleanors School, Grade IV, reading.
6. Jean Murphy*, Cape Traverse School, Grade VIII, vocal solo.
7. Marie Murray, St. Eleanors School, Grade VII, reading.
8. Barbara Barlow*, Wellington English School, Grade V, reading.
9. Shirley Green*, Malpeque School, Grade VIII, piano solo.
10. Leonard O'Holloran*, Cape Traverse School, Grade X, public speaking.

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