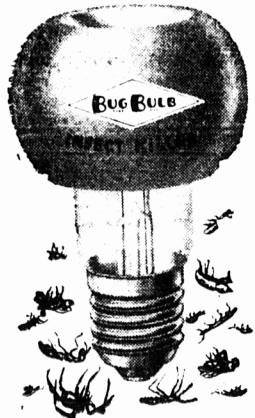




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CHAPTER XIV  
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At the end of a fortnight, however, he felt he no longer had any excuse, and as the Residency was ready for occupation he moved in. It was a simple process, for he had no personal belongings, but he marked the end of his period as Strang's guest and the beginning of his official life as Resident. The trader, indeed, had suggested more than once that it would have been more convenient all round if he had remained on in his bungalow, but he turned the suggestion down firmly. He was already beholden to him quite sufficiently, and he had a shrewd idea that Strang's motive was not entirely a disinterested wish for his companionship. He had already dropped one or two hints as to the eminent desirability of their "working together," and Thurlow had no intention of allowing himself to be committed to any particular course of action till he knew more of the circumstances. It would have been impossible to retain any kind of independence if he had consented to become a permanent guest in the other's house, and that, he suspected, was what Strang was aiming at. Apart from that, he welcomed the opportunity of getting away from the man of an evening, for he had arrived at the conclusion that he neither trusted nor liked him overmuch, and the constant necessity for keeping a guard on himself when in his company imposed a strain upon him which he was very glad to be relieved.

His new quarters were decidedly less comfortable than those he had been occupying, but he was prepared for that. Apparently Porson had lived with the trader and used the Residency merely as an office, and, in consequence, only two of the rooms had been properly furnished. One was a small bedroom in the rear, and the other was the living room. This latter contained a huge, ugly roll-top desk, in addition to a table, three chairs, and a small sideboard, but though it lacked the refinements of Strang's rooms, it contained all that he needed. His meals were brought into him by one of the house-boys whom Strang had provided, and he had settled down to his new life comfortably enough. In the course of the next week he began to make a tentative examination of the dusty files of official documents, with a view to gaining a general idea of a Resident's duties, and it was in the course of these researches that he first found definite grounds for thinking that all was not as well with Arafal as might have been supposed.

This was the more remarkable in that the documents chiefly consisted of duplicates of reports and statistical returns which had been forwarded to the Colonial Department at Auckland during the last fifteen years; and, taken altogether, they told a story of slow but consistent progress in the affairs of the island which must have warmed the official hearts of their recipients. Far removed from the stress of world events, it would seem that Arafal enjoyed prosperity in every respect. The population figures had remained fairly constant over the whole period; general health conditions had been good; the records of attendance at the native school had been regular; and crime appeared to be practically non-existent. Trade had certainly increased, and the list of imports showed that the islanders purchased considerably more than the average amount of cotton goods, tinned fruits and such like refinements of civilization — all of which argued a higher standard of living than prevailed in most native communities.

The late Resident's semi-annual reports confirmed this impression. They spoke of contentment and happy industry under a mild and enlightened rule, and what references there were to the trader depicted him as a fair and just-minded man, with a proper regard for constituted authority and a generous interest in the public weal. On the whole, the records went to show that the isolated community might have compared favourably with many native populations nearer to civilized centres, and but for one fact it would have been difficult to account for his increasing dissatisfaction with them. The fact was one that changed the situation completely, however, for even with his limited experience of the island's affairs he could see that the actual conditions bore no resemblance to the picture thus painted.

To be continued

**Social Workers Meet In Ch'town**

The New Brunswick-Prince Edward Island Branch of the Canadian Association of Social Workers met on Saturday morning, May 9th at the Health Centre in Charlottetown. Sister Mary Eugene of the Catholic Welfare Bureau in Charlottetown chaired the meeting. In the absence of the president. A business meeting was held and mention was made of the Maritime Conference on Social Work to be held in Fredericton in June, and the National Conference on Social Work to be held in Toronto in June, 1954. After the business meeting a panel discussion on "Welfare Services on P. E. I." was led by Sister

**Tracadie Notes**

Congratulations are extended to the children of Glenaladale school and also to their music teacher for the fine showing they gave in the Island Musical Festival.

The many friends of Mr. Fred J. Mullen, Tracadie, will regret to hear that he is a patient in the Charlottetown Hospital.

Mr. Roddy MacDonald, teacher at West St. Peter's School, spent the week-end of May 10th at his home in Blooming Point.

Mr. James MacInnis, Tracadie, is at present employed with the Coastal Construction Co. at Savage Harbor.

The many friends of Rev. K. C. MacPherson, Parish Priest at Tracadie, will regret to hear that he has entered the Charlottetown Hospital for treatment. Father MacPherson is suffering from an attack of the flu.

Miss Freda Mullen, teacher at Savage Harbor, spent the week-end of May 10th at her home in Tracadie.

A very successful fiddling and step-dancing contest was held in Tracadie Hall on May 6th. There was a good turn-out and everyone enjoyed a fine program.

Mrs. Peter MacDougall, Donaldson, was a visitor to Charlottetown on May 7th.

The many friends of Mr. James Arling, Donaldson, will be sorry to learn of his continued illness.

The Tracadie Dramatic Club are to be commended for their fine performance of their play, "Room No. 13".

Mary Eugene, and speakers included Mrs. Helen Morrison, Miss Ethel Trainor, Mr. Eugene MacDonald and John Eldon Green.

Those present at the meeting were: Sister Mary Eugene, Mrs. Helen Morrison, Miss Ethel Trainor, Mr. Eugene MacDonald, and John Eldon Green, all of Charlottetown; Mrs. Carol Proctor and Miss Edna Smith from Moncton; Mrs. Dorothy Bishop from Sackville; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. MacDonald, and Mr. E. S. Matheson from Saint John; and Mrs. Freda Vickery from Fredericton.

**Drew Asks Explanations In Awarding Of Contracts**

OTTAWA, (CP) — George Drew says the Canadian subsidiary of a British firm was refused the engine sub-contract on two government-financed ferries although its tenders were the lowest in each case.

The Progressive Conservative leader asked Tuesday for an explanation of those incidents and of the refusal of another low tender for construction of the navigation locks at the north end of the Canso causeway between Cape Breton Island and the mainland of Nova Scotia. The rejected tender, he said, was \$209,000 lower than any other.

Transport Minister Chevrier said the Canso contract lowest tender was rejected because the firm in question was unknown to his department or to the government and no chance could be taken on

such an important project. He indicated he would give an explanation of the other matters later.

Mr. Drew identified the ferries as one to ply between North Sydney, N. S., and Port Aux Basques, Nfld., the other between Yarmouth, N.S., to Bar Harbor, Me. He recognized that in both cases the sub-contracts were let by the shipbuilding firms awarded the main contracts. However, he was informed that the government had been informed of the facts in both cases and had considered them.

May 2nd. Mrs. Gilbert Jenkins, Mt. Albion was a visitor to the City on Thursday.

Mr. Len MacNeill, Mt. Albion was a visitor to Charlottetown on Friday.

Mr. Clifford Chandler C.N.R. section man spent the week-end at his home here.

Miss Louise Jenkins, Mt. Albion was a visitor to the City on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Doyle and family, City were visitors to Mt. Albion on Sunday.

Mr. Douglas Drake, Mt. Albion was a visitor to Hazelbrook on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Jenkins City were visitors here on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddy Myers, Mt. Albion were visitors to the City on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd MacDonald, City were visitors here on Sunday May 3rd.

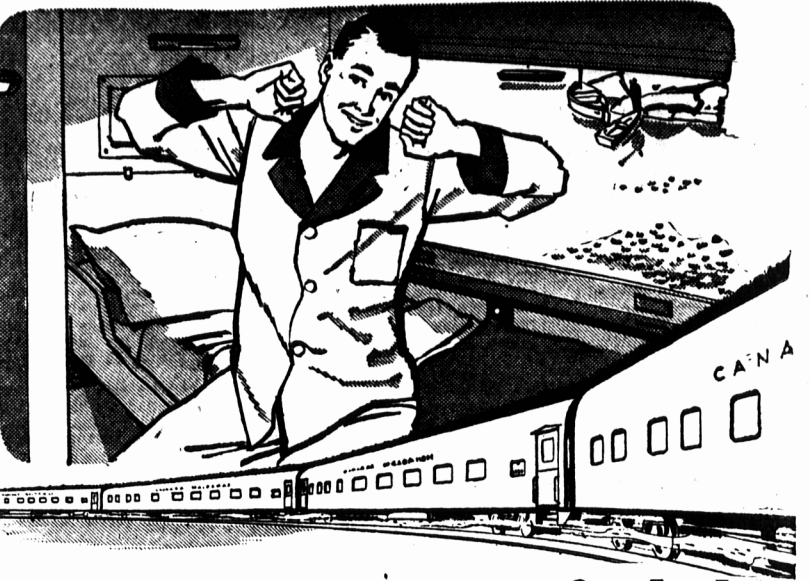
Messrs Sterling Hackett and Alvin Buel Mt. Albion were business visitors to N. S. recently.

LADY FANE W. I.

The members of the Lady Fane Women's Institute were entertained at the home of Mrs. Stanley Mayhew on April 2nd.

In the absence of the president, the vice-president occupied the

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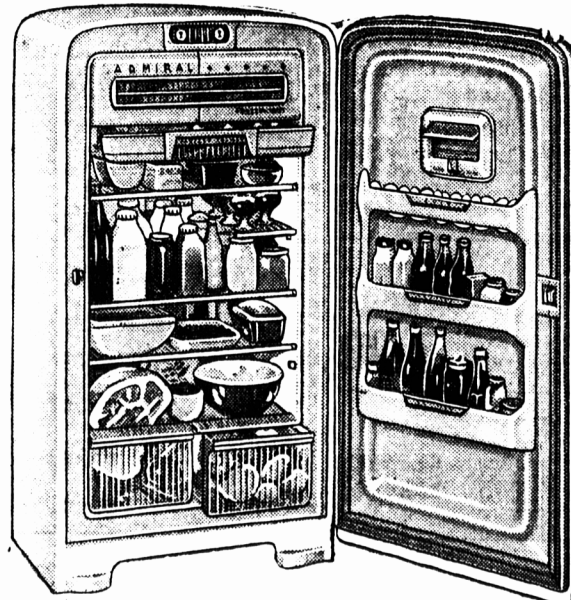
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chair and the meeting was opened by repeating the Ode and Creed. Roll call was responded to by nine members, with one member paying her dues. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Correspondence was read and discussed. Committees gave their reports and it was moved and seconded that the secretary get toilet paper and towels for the school. Collection for the evening amounted to \$1.05. Mrs. Lewis Francis invited members to meet at her home for the next meeting, when the lunch committee will be Mrs. Park Francis and Mrs. Lewis Francis. Mrs. Ella Cotton, on behalf of her fellow members, then presented the secretary, Muriel Mayhew, with a lovely gift. The meeting adjourned and while lunch was being prepared by the hostess some work was done on a quilt.

LONDON, (CP)—Spring cleaning has started at Waterloo Station, from where trains run to many parts of Britain. It will take eight men three months to clear grime from the station's 13 acres of glass and girders, using diluted acid.

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