

# Claims Public Apathy At Root Of Teacher Problem

Public apathy that permits incompetent and ill-motivated teachers to enter and stay in the teaching profession tends to create a dangerous social situation, Mr. A. J. Cormier of Sackville stated here last night.

Mr. Cormier, who is regional liaison officer in the Atlantic Region for the federal Department of Immigration and Citizenship, was guest speaker at a dinner held in the recreation of St. Dunstan's in connection with the meeting of Island teachers held there yesterday afternoon and evening.

Termed "Teacher's Community Caucus," the gathering marked the end of SDU's first summer session, attended by 75 teachers. In a series of discussions, the meeting attempted to analyze the position teachers should hold in the communities in which they served.

## AT HEAD TABLE

Head table guests at the dinner meeting included: Most Rev. Malcolm A. MacEachern, Bishop of Charlottetown; Hon. Keir Clark, Minister of Education; Mr. Malcolm MacKenzie, assistant minister of education and director of curriculum; Very Rev. J. A. Sullivan, Rector of St. Dunstan's University; Rev. Dr. A. E. Betts, Winesloe, chairman of the rural life conference of the United Church of Canada; Mr. John Martin, P.E.I. director of the National Film Board; Mr. Charles Yeo, Central, Lot 16; Mr. MacEwen, general manager of the Maritime Co-operative in Moncton; Mr. Edward Arsenault of the National Film Board of office in Moncton; Mr. Donald MacDonald, manager of the Producer's Co-operative Association, Charlottetown; Mr. Reid Sanger, SDN extension department field worker; and Mr. Cormier.

Mr. Clark and Monsignor Sullivan also spoke briefly.

All speakers were introduced by the chairman, Mr. Kenneth A. Parker, supervisor of the City schools in Charlottetown.

**VITAL ROLE**

The teacher is a leader by profession and the teacher's work is most vital to society, Mr. Cormier said.

"The role of the teacher includes that of extending the role of the parents in preparing children for active and sound participation in the society of tomorrow," he added.

The guest speaker warned his audience that teachers lacking in training and proper motivation can thwart the efforts of the home and ruin the future and lives of children placed in their care.

Mr. Cormier declared that the public were more concerned for education today. "We are beginning to admit that we have not given to the architects and artisans of education the place which they have deserved in our society," he said.

**STILL ON TRIAL**

Noting that democracy was still on trial after 300 years, Mr. Cormier attributed this fact to have arisen basically from nations pretending to operate governments with public participation without providing the education and training to so participate.

In the Atlantic area, our educational system was particularly harmful, Mr. Cormier asserted.

"The bright young people which our families educated at the cost of terrific sacrifices did not simply leap from this springboard into the larger centres of the Atlantic Provinces, but went mostly to the richer central provinces and the south," he said.

Mr. Cormier maintained that democracy can only survive by practicing what it preaches—participation of the people.

"Great civilizations," he said, "have risen and fallen mostly because greatness was achieved through the efforts of relatively few people at the top, with little or no chance for the masses to participate."

**WILL ALSO FAIL**

"Communism may yet dominate the world politically, but it will also fail for the same reason. The democratic countries have a very powerful weapon with which they may save themselves, and this is political freedom—the freedom with which to free ourselves."

"If we use this freedom to educate, train and motivate all our people in the proper direction, we can still build a really enduring type of society."

**OPENING SESSION**

The caucus began with a symposium on the teachers role in the

community. Taking part were teacher Elmer O'Hanley, Naufrage; taxpayer Charles Yeo, Central Lot 16; and Mr. Kenneth Cox, principal of the Nova Scotia Agricultural College in Truro.

This was followed by a workshop period in which the caucus participants divided into eight groups to discuss the problems facing two fictitious communities one rural and one semi-urban.

Following an hour and one quarter spent in thrashing out all aspects of the subject, and 15 minutes recess, the groups re-assembled and submitted reports of their findings.

This section of the proceedings was chaired by Faber MacDonald.

**CLOSED WITH EXPERIMENT**

The closing session of the caucus which was devoted to conducting an experiment in community participation was chaired by Mr. Martin. Mr. Arsenault acted as leader of the project.

In conclusion, a summary of the days proceedings was given by Rev. Edmund Roche, director of studies at SDU.

An explanation of the purpose of the caucus was given by Rev. William Simpson prior to the commencement of the opening symposium.

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**GOLFERS** — Membership in Green Gables Golf Club closes Wednesday, August 13th. Club championship round played Saturday, August 16th. Entries close noon Friday, August 15. No post entries.

**COVEHEAD** Pastoral Charge United Church of Canada Rev. W. H. Forsyth, B. A., Minister, Church Services for Sunday, August 10, Union Road 9.30 a. m. West Covehead 11 a. m. Stanhope 7.30 p. m.

**FUNERAL FRIDAY** — The funeral of the late Harry Cahill was held Friday morning from The Charlottetown Funeral Home to the Church of The Most Holy Redeemer where Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Michael MacIsaac, C.S.S.R., who also conducted service at the grave. Legion graveside service was conducted by Comrade Stanley Bryant. Last Post and Reveille was sounded by Bugler Benny Dolron. The pall-bearers were Messrs. Thomas Doyle, Peter Toole, Herbert Cannon, Caldwell Brown, Ambrose Coady, John Lund, Interment was in the Catholic Cemetery. The funeral was largely attended.

## PERSONALS

Mrs. Annie McLean, and Mrs. Annie Cooper, Southport have returned home from visiting in Chatham, N.B. While there they were the guests of Mrs. Cooper's daughter, Mrs. Denis Crawford.

Pastor and Mrs. Robert Taylor will represent the Charlottetown Seventh-day Adventist church at the denomination's summer Bible convention which opens Friday evening at the Adventist camp grounds near Pugwash, N. S.

## ENGAGEMENTS

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT MACDONALD, Nine Mile Creek wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Myrtle Roberta to Elliot Henry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wight, Flat River. Marriage to take place Saturday September 6th, at 2 p. m. Zion Presbyterian Church, Charlottetown.

## BIRTHS

MACNEVIN — At the P. E. I. Hospital, on Friday, August 8, 1958, to Mr. and Mrs. Hector MacNevin, Canoe Cove, a son, 7 lbs., 12 oz.

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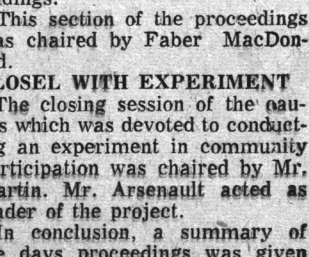
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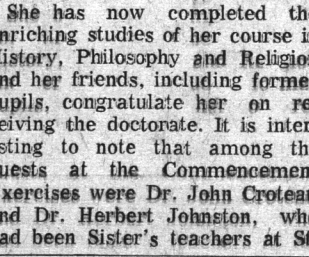
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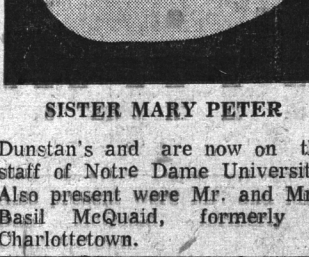
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Arriving on the Island Thursday night were Hon. Newton P. Steacey, Minister of British Columbia; Hon. I.C. Nollett, Minister for Saskatchewan; Mr. Steacey was accompanied by his wife and daughter Margaret; B. D. Gilbert of New Brunswick; D. J. Murray, Newfoundland and Clarence Badcock, director of Agriculture for Newfoundland. Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Badcock accompanied their husbands.

Yesterday morning the visiting agricultural officials saw the Frosted Food plant at Sherwood; the Experimental Farm, Falconwood Farm, the Confederation Chamber and other points of interest.

In the afternoon they visited Colonel Johnstone's castles at Burlington and Green Gables. They had dinner at Shining Waters Lodge.

Accompanying the visitors were Provincial Agriculture Minister Eugene Cullen and Deputy Minister S.C. Wright.

## Hints New Class Teachers' Licenses Will Be Adopted

A strong hint that the Department of Education would soon establish a still higher class of teaching license was contained in a brief speech delivered by the Minister, Hon. Keir Clark, at St. Dunstan's last night.

Recalling that the Government had introduced Superior First Class licenses in the Province a year ago with good results, Mr. Clark said, "I am hopeful that the Department will continue this policy still further and provide additional remuneration for teachers with higher training."

With 160 enrolled at Prince of Wales, 70 at St. Dunstan's, and an estimated 44 taking courses at school outside the Province, the Minister observed that approximately one-third of the Province's active teachers had taken additional training this summer.

"Perhaps the main reason for this is that many teachers now realize that they can do a much better job with this added training," he said.

The Minister commended St. Dunstan's on the inauguration of the summer session, noting that this course made it possible for Island teachers to get

## Lobster Dealers In Maine Call Suggestion 'Silly'

PORTLAND, Me. (AP)—Three Portland dealers questioned Friday whether Thomas A. Fulham of Boston had actually suggested to a conference in Saint John, N.B., that all lobsters from the Maritime provinces be marketed as Maine lobsters.

"On the face of it, it does seem silly," said John E. Willard Jr., of the Willard-Dagget Company. "He must have been misunderstood."

"I think the whole idea is silly," said John E. Willard Jr., of the Benson Lobster Company. "Roland W. Hurtubise of the Maine Lobster Company said he'd agree 'only if the Canadians want to join the union as part of Maine.'"

The New England Council reported that Fulham presented the idea at Saint John recently "to cash in on the nationwide promotion" given the Maine product.

A Canadian fisheries spokesman, C. J. Morrill of Halifax, supported the proposal, the council said, at the joint economic

## Bee's Stinger Taken From Eye

WASHINGTON (AP)—A bee's stinger has been removed from a man's eyeball in a rare operation at Washington Hospital Center.

Manuel Parvis, 27, Temple Hills, Md., was stung by a bee in the center of the cornea of his right eye as he drove home last Saturday from his job as a supermarket food checker.

The surgeon who performed the 30-minute operation said he knew of only two other such cases.

It was not determined whether Parvis would retain his sight in the eye.

## Flemming Makes Presentation

FREDERICTON (CP) — Premier Flemming drew chuckles Thursday night when he presented Princess Margaret with a made - to - measure handwoven woolen skirt and matching stole as a gift from the province during a state dinner.

"Where the measurements came from I am not sure" said the premier gallantly, "but if they are correct then they are perfect."

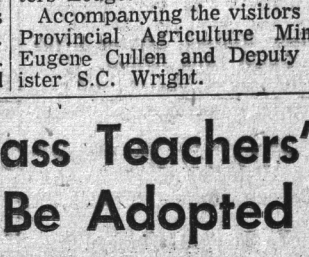
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Also appearing on a charge of being drunk and incapable an Alley Street man was remanded to Friday, August 15.

## Will Discuss Wage Plans

This afternoon at 2:00 p. m., the members of the Water and Sewerage Commission will meet with a committee of their employees to discuss adoption of a new wage and working agreement.

The conciliator named by the provincial government, Dr. Brendon O'Grady, and the Union's maritime representative, Mr. John F. MacMillan, of Saint John will be present during the negotiations.

It is also understood that discussion of a working agreement for their employees is on the agenda for tonight's Council meeting.

## INDUSTRIAL LABOR UP

OTTAWA (CP)—An expansion of industrial employment was reflected in the industrial employment index at June 1, the yardstick rising to 118.3 from 114.6 a month earlier, the bureau of statistics reported Friday. But the expansion was smaller than in the corresponding period last year when the index at June 1 was 123.5. The index is based on 1949 equalling 100.

## DEATHS

HOYT — Mrs. H. S. Hoyt of Los Angeles, California, formerly Emma Harding of Grahams Road, P. E. I., on August 4th, 1958 in her 75th year.

BENOIT — In the Charlottetown Hospital on Aug. 8, 1958, Mrs. Sarah Benoit, aged 85 years. Remains will rest at the Hennessy Funeral Home. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

CARVER — At Charlottetown Aug. 8, 1958 Nelson Carver of Alexandria in his 89th year. Remains resting at the Cutcliffe Funeral Home until noon Sunday then to the Church of Scotland Birch Hill. Service starting at 1:00 o'clock Interment in Church Cemetery.

MACCAULL — At 178 Belmont Street, Summerside on Friday, August 8th, 1958, Sarah Jane MacCaull, wife of the late Henry MacCaull in her 90th year. Forwarded from the Bowness Funeral Home to her late residence. Funeral to be held on Monday August 11th with services at St. Mary's Anglican church at 2:30 p. m. Interment People's Cemetery.

GALLANT — Suddenly at 60 Dorchester Street, August 8, 1958, Joseph Edward Gallant in his 45th year. Remains were transferred last evening from the Cutcliffe Funeral Home to his late residence from where the funeral will be held on Sunday, service starting at 3 o'clock. Interment in the People's Cemetery. Canadian Legion members are requested to attend.

## A.Y.P.A. Council Plan Conference

The regular monthly meeting of the A.Y.P.A. Local Council was held in St. Marks Hall, Kensington, Tuesday, August 5. The president called on Rev. M.J. Findlay to open the meeting with prayers.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Correspondence consisted of a letter from the Dominion Secretary, Beth Oblander, regarding the Installation Kits. It was decided to order two of these kits.

Further plans for the Labor Day Conference at Craupud on August 30 - Sept. 1 were discussed. As this is the twentieth anniversary of A.Y.P.A. on P.E.I., the conference committee are striving to make it the most successful Labor Day weekend to date.

In connection with this, program and registration forms are being distributed to all Anglican young people on P.E.I. in the very near future.

It was moved by Ivan Gill, seconded by William Pidgeon

## TEACHER FOR THE DEAF

The Department of Education desires to train a teacher for instruction of the deaf in this province.

A one year post graduate course will be provided in a Teacher Training School at North Hampton, Massachusetts.