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### 100 YESTERDAY

## Dr. Roddie's Birthday Marked By Celebration

The people of the tiny village of St. Peter's Bay, P. E. I. were joined by hundreds of well wishers from all parts of the province who gathered to pay sincere tribute to their community Doctor Roderick James MacDonald who celebrated his 100th birthday yesterday.

Hale and hearty at the century mark, Dr. MacDonald retired from active practice a year ago last April and at that time was considered to be the oldest practising physician in North America. His son Colin and daughter Jean with whom he resides, state they have a difficult job to curtail their father's activities which for the most part are taken up with digging in his garden.

#### STARTS WITH MASS

The day's celebration started off with Pontifical High Mass celebrated at St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, Most Rev. Malcolm A. MacEachern, Bishop of Charlottetown was celebrant. Rev. J. P. E. O'Hanley, D. D., delivered the sermon at the Mass. In 1952 in recognition of his service to his Church and his community, Pope Pius XII conferred upon Doctor MacDonald the rank of Knight of St. Gregory the Great.

Following the Mass, Dr. Roddie, the name by which he is affectionately known, became host in the home which he used for an office for about 69 years.

Perhaps the only complaint that the venerable physician had was the fact that his eyesight is "failing him a little." He was completely overcome with the significance of the occasion and avowed that he knew nothing about it until he was told by his family to attend Mass yesterday morning.

#### MOST GRATEFUL

How does a man feel at 100 years - 70 of which were spent in administering to needs of his community? Dr. Roddie summed it up this way, "I think the greatest honour I could have bestowed upon me is to see this token of appreciation and loyalty shown by all the people of the Parish. I have worked hard at my job but I enjoyed every minute of it."

A friend wished him many years of happiness and the Doctor quipped back, "when you get to be a hundred you don't look ahead too many years at a time."

Dr. Roderick James MacDonald was born on May 16, 1858, at Maple Hill, near Mount Stewart. As a young lad he taught school and worked as a bookkeeper in order to acquire enough finances to put him through University. He graduated from Trinity College, Toronto with the degree of M. D. C. M. and the same year started practice in St. Peter's.

#### PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

During yesterday's celebrations of His Holiness the Pope were extended through Bishop Giovanni Panico, Apostolic delegate for Canada, Bishop MacEachern gave Dr. MacDonald His personal blessing. Two of the centenarians' six children live with him. They are Colin and Jean, both unmarried. A son, Somerled, lives in Boston, Cyril lives in Montreal, Alcyra, Mrs. P. J. Rossiter, lives in Charlottetown, and Roderick lives in Halifax.

His wife the former Josephine MacDonald, daughter of a former Lieutenant Governor of the Province, died in October, 1947.

#### MOVING TRIBUTE

In the course of his remarks Dr. O'Hanley said: "By his strong birthday of 100 years ago today, Roderick James (Continued on Page 5 Col. 4)



**CANADA'S OLDEST PHYSICIAN**, Dr. Roderick MacDonald, St. Peter's Bay cuts his birthday cake on the occasion of his hundredth birthday yesterday. Among the many messages of congratulations received was one from Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, and one from Pope Pius XII, through His Apostolic Delegate to Canada, Most Reverend Giovanni Panico. He is wearing the uniform proper to a Knight of St. Gregory the Great to which ancient order he was named in 1952 by His Holiness, the Pope.

## Potato Trade Moves To Curb Price Decline

The P. E. I. Potato Marketing Board met yesterday with Executive Members of the Potato Producers Association of P.E.I., the P.E.I. Potato Dealers Association, and other officials to consider moves to curb the potato price decline which has assumed serious economic importance in the past few weeks.

As a result of the meeting the Potato Board was urged to take immediate and vigorous action to deal with the situation.

Heart of the problem seems to be that growers, aware of substantial stocks still on hand to be moved, have lost confidence in the market and have pressed to great a quantity of potatoes on the market. The result - continued price declines.

#### PRESENT SITUATION

Best estimates of the situation here add up to this: (1) To date 13,300 carlots of potatoes have been moved from P.E.I. at reasonable prices - 1,000 more cars than have ever

been moved in a full season. (2) 2,200 cars have yet to be sold in 50 days - 44 cars per day. (3) In the first 12 days of May the average movement has been 53 cars daily.

(4) In order to make stocks last out for the remaining 50 shipping days movement must be decreased by nine cars per day over the early May movement. (5) All that is required to ensure a healthy cleanup is a slight reduction in available supplies.

(6) Western Canada is in short supply of potatoes, and increased movement to Winnipeg West is hoped for, probably 300 to 400 carlots. (7) Demand from Caribbean areas is greater than ever, and a substantial volume of potatoes will go to these markets yet this year.

Mr. B. Graham Rogers, Director of Transportation for Prince Edward Island, who was present at the meeting was delegated to approach representatives of the Canadian National Railways immediately with a view to obtaining some temporary concession on freight rates to Western Canada in return for a maximum use of rolling stock. A meeting to deal with this matter is arranged for Moncton on Tuesday.

#### CONTACT OTTAWA

Contact has already been made with the Chairman of the Agricultural Prices Stabilization Board, and the Honourable Eugene Cullen, Minister of Agriculture for Prince Edward Island, who is at present in Ott-

aw. ette J. Callbeck of Charlottetown 86. Class 162-Piano Solo Sonatina, 12 years and under - Glen MacEachern, Tea Hill, 85; 2. Mary Cullen, Charlottetown 84; 3. Donna Sutherland of Charlottetown 83.

Class 181-Piano Duet, Boys only, 12 years and under; 1. Glen MacEachern and Donald Roper 87; 2. Rundell Seaman and Paul MacDonald 80.

#### OFFICIALS

Officials at Birchwood during afternoon session were Platform Chairman - Mrs. Preston Beck; Platform Secretary - Mrs. J. J. Kirby; and Awards - Mrs. J. J. Kirby; and Awards - Mrs. J. J. Kirby.

### Fire Hazard In Ontario

TORONTO (CP)—Ontario's forest fire hazard approached the crisis stage Friday night as a CPR railway town was threatened, a 1,000-acre bush fire was burning out of control in the Port Arthur area and blazes sprang up three times as fast as they could be put out.

Chapleau, a town of 3,200, 150 miles northwest of Sudbury, was threatened with a fire blazing over a three-mile front.

A strong northwest wind fanned the flames which were reported out of control and hundreds of fire-fighters were rushed to the scene.

The lands and forests department reported 52 fires burning. Foresters were able to extinguish only 11.

### Plebiscite Plans Being Prepared

In an interview yesterday, Mayor Edwin C. Johnstone stated that a committee named at the last regular meeting of the Council has outlined the Council's reason for requesting a plebiscite on the matter of retaining or doing away with the Water and Sewage Commission.

This Committee, he said, has now completed its work and their observations will appear in the form of an advertisement in the Press early next week. The plebiscite is to take place on Wednesday the 21st.

### Don't Plan To Extend Limit

OTTAWA (CP)—Fisheries Minister MacLean said Friday Canada has no present intention of extending unilaterally its jurisdiction over the waters off its coasts to 12 miles from the current three.

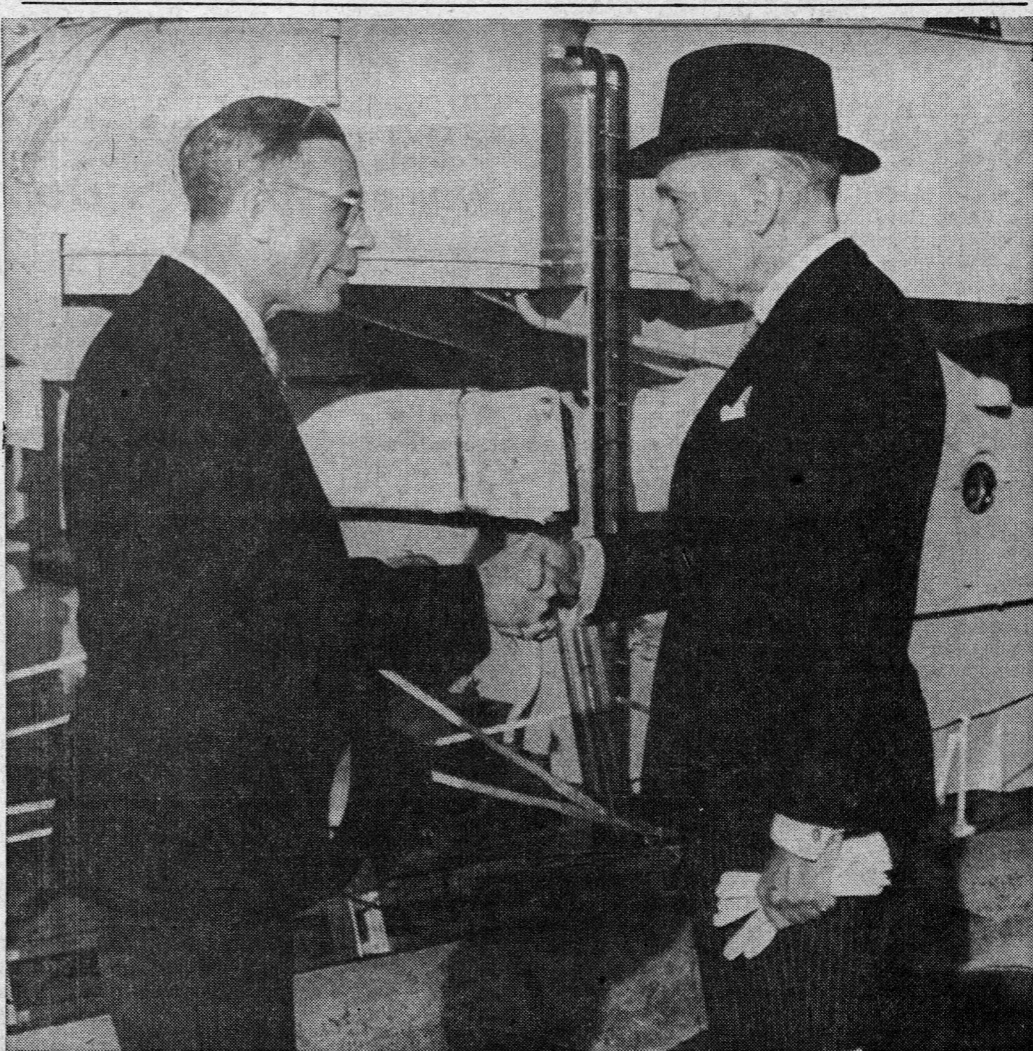
He added in a Commons reply to Frank Howard (C-2-Skeena) that "it is hoped further discussions may be held on this matter in the future towards the end of achieving agreement on the problem."

Canada favored extending the three-mile limit to 12 miles at a recent Geneva conference on the law of the sea, but no agreement could be reached by the 87 countries present.

Mr. MacLean declined to say whether there is any definite plan for additional discussions. There were a number of "complicating factors" that he did not want to comment on.

But "the whole problem is still under active consideration."

# Dictatorial Powers Are Granted French Premier



REPRESENTATIVES of Her Majesty The Queen exchange handshakes and farewells as His Excellency Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey, Governor-General of Canada, said goodbye to His Honor F. Walter Hyndman, Lieutenant-Governor of Prince Edward Island. In the background is H.M.C.S. Sioux, famed Canadian fighting ship, which carried the Governor-General here for his three-day visit.

## PEI Bids Bon Voyage To Governor-General Massey

Guns boomed a Royal Salute and H.M.C.S. Sioux slid easily into the stream as bells tolled the hour of six last evening. She carried with her His Excellency Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey, Canada's Governor General, as he ended a three-day visit to this province.

As the fighting ship drove across the harbor the departing guest was sped on his way with another salute fired by guns at old Fort Edward in Victoria Park.

Hundreds of citizens gathered at the wharf to wish the distinguished guest a warm bon voyage and their cheers echoed across the water as he waved from the deck.

It was the end of an outstanding official visit by the first Canadian to be named representative of the Queen. On the pier His Excellency expressed his deepest thanks to His Honor Lieutenant Governor F. Walter Hyndman "for the wonderful welcome you gave me."

#### ENJOYED VISIT

At a luncheon at the Charlottetown earlier he had publicly thanked Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Hyndman for their kindness and added sincerely "I will come back if you will permit."

The dinner, given by the Provincial Government, was really an opportunity for the Governor General to relax and enjoy an Island seafood meal. There were no speeches. Premier Matheson as host rose briefly to tell the

visitor how happy the people were to have him and express the hope he would return. His Excellency humorously noted that his staff had advised him not to make a speech, but he did wish to tell the Island how much he had enjoyed its hospitality.

Present were members of the Provincial Legislature, the judiciary and military units and the wives. At the head table were His Excellency the Governor General, His Honor Lieutenant Governor Hyndman and Mrs. Hyndman, Premier and Mrs. Matheson, Senator Elsie Inman, His Excellency Most Rev. Malcolm MacEachern, Bishop of Charlottetown, Rev T.H.B. Somers and Mrs. Somers.

#### AT MONTAGUE

Prior to the dinner the official party had motored under police escort to Montague where they were greeted by Mayor Bruce Yeo. The Governor General told the large gathering of the pleasure he derived from stopping in the various centres and then signed the Town Guest Book. He was escorted to the Garden of the Gulf Museum where he cut the ribbon to officially open the building.

Once again he made a host of friends among the children by declaring a half holiday for them. In the lounge of the Charlottetown the Queen's representative informally greeted a number of

the dinner guests who had not previously been presented and then left for Government House.

#### RECEPTION HELD

A reception there saw him again greet a large number of civic, provincial and military officials and their wives. In the receiving line with His Excellency were Lieutenant Governor Hyndman and Mrs. Hyndman who welcomed the visitors to Government House. They were introduced by Lieut. Commander Douglas Saunders, aide de camp to the Lieutenant Governor.

A beautifully decorated and appointed dining table bedecked with flowers invited the callers for refreshments. One of the smartest Guards of Honor to be seen locally in some time was at the dock for the sailing of the Governor General. The 100-man Guard was formed from the combined Cadet Corps of Queen Charlotte and Birchwood High Schools with the bands of the schools supplying appropriate music. On his inspection of the Guard His Excellency was accompanied by Dr. R.G. Lea, chairman of the School Board.

#### ADJUDICATORS SPOKE

Adjudicators Dr. Leslie Bell and Dr. Charles Peaker of Toronto and Mr. George A. Smale of Brantford appeared at each auditorium and addressed each audience briefly.

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## Action Is Rebuff To De Gaulle And Army Rebels

PARIS (CP) — Premier Pierre Pflimlin today gained virtually dictatorial powers from Parliament for a three-month period to stamp out any right wing coup against the French republic.

By overwhelming votes, the National Assembly and Upper House authorized Pflimlin's three-day-old regime to declare a national state of emergency.

The drastic action served as a direct rebuff to an army-led revolt in Algeria and to the renewed political ambitions of wartime leader Gen. Charles de Gaulle.

After an emergency session of the assembly Friday, the bill was rushed to the Upper House and approved early today, making it law.

#### NOT AIMED AT DE GAULLE

Pflimlin told the Upper House "those who believe that today's bill is aimed at Gen. de Gaulle are mistaken."

He said he did not believe de Gaulle intended any attack on republican institutions in his statement that he was ready to take over the government. "But," said Pflimlin, "the general would render an immense service if he would make this point clear."

Paris bristled with heavily armed troops and police at all strategic points as the historic bill to declare a state of emergency was approved 461 to 114 in the assembly and 211 to 94 in the Upper House.

Shortly after the assembly passed the bill the defence min-

istry cancelled all leaves and ordered soldiers from North Africa on leave in France to report to the nearest military centre.

Two French air force generals were among those reported arrested under a hard new French police regime. One officer is on the staff of the Allied supreme commander in Europe, Gen. Lauris Norstad, and the other is his deputy in the French joint chiefs of staff.

One of Pflimlin's first acts was to reshuffle his new cabinet and bring back a man regarded as one of France's toughest high policemen.

He is Jules Moch, veteran interior minister of other post-war cabinets, and the nemesis of street mobs who now and again dig up and hurl cobblestones in Paris' normal fare of demonstrations.

Before the parliamentary vote, Premier Pflimlin charged there was a plot against the republic. Among those who supported him were the Communists in Parliament who loudly oppose any rightist return to power.

The two arrested air force generals were reported linked with the plot against the government.

#### ROYAL PHOTOGRAPHER DIES

HORLEY, England (Reuters)—Royal photographer Walter Stoneham, 82, died Wednesday at his home here, it was announced Friday. Among his sitters were Queen Victoria, King Edward VII, King George V, King Edward VIII and King George VI.

## Hundreds Attend Stars Of Festival Concerts Last Night

Hundreds of citizens flocked to the auditoriums at Prince of Wales College and Queen Charlotte High School last night to hear the first two concerts given by vocal and instrumental stars of the 1958 edition of the Prince Edward Island Musical Festival.

The festival winds up today with the adjudication of the final five classes this morning, a junior "Stars" concert in the afternoon, and the final senior concert in the evening.

Professor Gordon Bennett, president of the Association, chaired the concert and presented the awards and certificates at Prince of Wales, while similar functions were performed by Mr. Malcolm MacKenzie at Queen Charlotte High School.

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Dr. Bell, completing his third successive adjudicating chore on Prince Edward Island said he was happy to see the continued growth of the local festival. "Festivals enable young and old

to keep live music going as participants rather than observers," he said.

He added that such community efforts helped cultivate a taste for "the better things in life."

He wished the festival Association "every success" in its future endeavors.

The Association, the public, and the patrons of the Musical Festival should be well pleased with the more than 8,000 persons who took part in this year's event, Dr. George Smale said.

#### EXCELLENT DEPARTMENT

Mr. Smale paid a special tribute to the "excellent department" shown by the children all through the festival.

"You should be proud of their conduct," he remarked.

At Queen Charlotte four scholarships, and the I.O.D.E. Shield, emblematic of the school attaining the highest total marks in the festival, were presented to the students of Queen Charlotte High School.

The scholarships, earned by outstanding performances in four different school competitions, were presented by the chairman, Mr. Malcolm MacKenzie, while the shield was presented by Miss Margaret Riley, I. O. D. E. National Councillor for P. E. I.

In addition, two scholarships were presented to the Notre Dame Academy Choir for top performance in two prior events.

Both choral groups sang at Queen Charlotte last evening. Queen Charlotte's junior chorus sang "The Isle of Beauty", and the senior group sang "The Long Beach Sea" "The Ash Grove."

Notre Dame Girls' Choir sang "Maid of Argle", the opening number, and later, "Kyrie Mas-sku."

#### CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

At Queen Charlotte, certificates of merit were presented to Austina Kennedy, who sang "The Cry of Rachel," Mrs. Nancy D. Cox, who sang "My Love's An Arbutus"; Alan Rodd, who played the piano solo "Andate and Variations in E-flat"; Maida Roser-son who sang an operatic solo; and Glen MacEachern, who played the piano solo, "Turkey in the Straw."

### SPRING PARK AREA

## Sewage Hookup At Early Date

Integration of the Spring Park Sewerage system with the present Charlottetown system can be started within thirty days from the time any engineering firm gets the green light. This was told a meeting of the City Council last night by W.H. Crandall of Moncton who prepared the report on sewerage and water for the Metropolitan Committee. He also gave assurance that the overall program could easily be completed in two years.

Mayor Johnstone said he wanted to have assurance that a certain area to the north of the City whose need for sewerage service is most urgent, will receive priority in the program.

#### CONDITIONAL OUTLOOK

The Council's participation in any scheme of course is conditional to the outcome of the plebiscite which will decide whether the administration of water and sewerage will remain under the Commission or be turned over to the Council. This plebiscite will take place on May 21.

Mr. Crandall explained in detail the type of sewerage system that will be required. He said Spring Park already had a great deal of its pipe underground and it is a matter of connecting up and taking advantage of the natural gravity flow down to Government Pond.

#### SEWERAGE SEPARATION

He said a type of separation would have to be installed about

Euston Street which would allow the liquid part of the sewerage to be carried on into a "fallout" into the harbour for a distance of about 3,000 feet by means of an 18 inch pipe.

Mr. Crandall said nothing could be done with the area west of North River Road until it had been decided by a planning board where the streets were to run. He explained that it would be folly to lay sewer pipes only to find they had to be dug up when someone decided later that the street should go in the same place.

A request from the Commissioners of Parkdale was deferred when it was pointed out by Coun. Gaudet that the Council, until its status is established by the plebiscite, cannot make any commitments.

Parkdale wants to run its sewerage line through Belmont Street and around the Exhibition grounds to the East River. In return for the concession of allowing the Village to do this, the citizens on Belmont Street and surrounding area who now have no sewerage facilities connected with the City line, would be allowed to use the Parkdale line.

Their proposal suggests that the fee charged householders would be set by the Public Utilities Board.

#### MAYOY IN FAVOR

Mayor Johnstone said he was (Continued on Page 2 Col. 4)



GOVERNOR-GENERAL MASSEY CUTS THE GULF MUSEUM AT MONTAGUE, HYNDMAN AND MONTAGUE'S MAYOR YEO LOOK ON AS HE CUTS THE RIBBON OPENING THE GARDEN OF THE GULF MUSEUM AT MONTAGUE YESTERDAY.

### OPENS MUSEUM AT MONTAGUE

Officials at Birchwood during afternoon session were Platform Chairman - Mrs. Preston Beck; Platform Secretary - Mrs. J. J. Kirby; and Awards - Mrs. J. J. Kirby.

## 23 More Classes Judged As Festival Nears Conclusion

A total of 23 Classes were completed during morning and afternoon sessions of the Musical Festival yesterday.

Spectators attending the three auditorium heard a wide range of voice solos, piano solos, choral choruses, piano duets, and rhythm bands.

The adjudicator at Prince of Wales College yesterday afternoon was George A. Smale who awarded first place to North Milton with a mark of 86 in Class 143-School Chorus Rural one room, any grades.

Placing second with just one mark less was Cross Roads. Brackley and Mt. Herbert Orphanage were tied for third place with 84.

North Milton again took top honors in Class 142-School Chorus Rural. one room, grades 6-10, with a mark of 88.

Brackley placed second with 86 and Cross Roads took third place with a mark of 84.

Mrs. Leigh Kennedy; Platform Secretary - Mrs. Clarence Murchison; Awards - Mrs. George Shaw and Secretary to Adjudicator was Mrs. William Brehaut.

#### PLACES THREE TIMES

Appearing in either first, second or third place in all classes adjudicated at Birchwood High School yesterday afternoon by Dr. Charles Peaker was Glen MacEachern of Tea Hill.

In Class 89-Boys Solo, 12 years and under Earl D. Foster of Parkdale placed first with a mark of 86. Followed in second place by Ian L. Hume, St. Peter's Road with 85.

Tied for third place honors were David Charles Mutch of Mount Herbert and Glen MacEachern of Tea Hill with a mark of 84.

Other classes adjudicated at Birchwood in the afternoon session were: Class 162A.-Piano Solo. 12 years and under-1. Leigha Jamieson Charlottetown, 88; 2. Glen MacEachern, Tea Hill, 87; 3. Claud-