

New Roles Played In Legislature Session

Although faces are the same, some of the characters are playing new roles at the current session of the Legislature.

The opposition has a new leader and since the last session a cabinet minister resigned his portfolio but is still a sitting member.

The brunt of the opposition attack, carried for almost six years by former Liberal party leader, A. W. Matheson, will be led this year by Alex Campbell the new leader of the party.

Mr. Matheson resigned as Opposition Leader during the last session and for the remainder of the session Dr. M. L. Bonnell guided the opposition thrusts at government policies.

It is expected, however, that Mr. Matheson and Dr. Bonnell will be in the thick of the fighting this year and there are already indications that Mr. Matheson has several surprises for the government - some of which could come when the sittings resume Monday.

Several months after the 1965 session, J. David Stewart resigned his portfolios of municipal affairs, tourist development and provincial secretary. Some of the major legislation promoted by Mr. Stewart was the Highway Traffic Act and the new election act, proclaimed recently by the government.

A TOP SPEECH
According to many observers one of the best speeches of Mr. Stewart's was made at the 1964 session when, as a businessman he reviewed financial policies and suggested that more government money should be spent on the basic resource industries of the province, such as agriculture, fisheries and tourism, and a lesser proportion on the welfare services. He suggested that by promoting a healthy economy, more money would be available for the welfare services which are non-productive.

To fill the cabinet gap caused by Mr. Stewart's resignation, Lloyd MacPhail was appointed minister of industry and natural resources and of tourist development.

The Legislature has a new clerk, Lorne Monley, deputy provincial secretary, was named to the post succeeding Wendell MacKay who resigned to take a position with a private company.

Debate on the Speech from the Throne is scheduled to begin when the House sits Monday afternoon. Mover of the address in reply to the speech will be Douglas McGowan (PC-3rd Kings). Seconder will be Mr. Stewart.

The speech has been viewed by many as heralding an early election call by government. It appears to forecast heavy spending in the welfare services and on education.

Mr. Campbell said "it could very well be an election speech. He added, "the man who will be happiest with it is Prime Minister Pearson." Many of the programs forecast in the speech rely on financial assistance from Ottawa. Mr. Campbell said, "it is an endorsement of federal Liberal policies."

Premier Walter R. Shaw, however, says the speech forecasts "a solid, sound program of development, and is a blossoming of the resource expansion begun by this government several years ago."

There is little doubt the suspected calling of an early election will influence conduct of the members at this session. As it may be the last chance for members to make their views heard during this 50th General Assembly of the province, all are expected to participate heavily in both the Throne Speech debate and the Budget debate.

The proclamation of the Election Act, without amendments asked for by the Liberals at previous sessions, could bring

strong debate. The new act dissolves two seats in the Georgetown area, now held by Liberal and gives two seats to the Charlottetown area, which is seen as a Conservative stronghold according to the majorities piled up in the last provincial election by Mr. Stewart and Attorney General Alban Farmer.

Government financial policies are usually the main items attacked by the opposition. With the government estimating a deficit of over \$7,000,000 for the year ending March 31, there is little doubt budgetary matters will cause a storm of argument.

There has been some indication that the opposition will follow new lines of attack this year. One line is likely that of question asking. In the past years, long lists of written questions were submitted to government and in many cases the lengthy answers required delayed disposal of the questions. Some change is expected this year in question asking.

The number of government and opposition members has not changed since the last session. Conservatives have 17 including House Speaker Frank Myers, and Liberals have 13 members.

Overseas Mail Lacks Postage

OTTAWA (CP) - Too many Canadians still are mailing letters abroad without enough postage, the post office department said here.

The department made its second appeal to observe rates introduced Jan. 1 for letters and postcards to countries other than the United States, Britain, Ireland, France, Commonwealth members, Spain, the West Indies, Central and South America.

The rates went to 10 cents from six on the first ounce and to six cents from four on each additional ounce. Postcards are six cents instead of four.

Fails To Stop; Assessed Fine

A fine of \$12 and costs of five days was imposed upon Benny Grant, city, when he appeared in City Police court Saturday before Magistrate A. James Haslam, QC, on a charge of failing to stop at a red traffic light.

Joseph Elmer Peters, Buncury, also charged with failing to stop at a red traffic light, was given a reprimand.

A Bonshaw man charged with illegal possession was fined \$30 and costs of 30 days.

A city man, Band Angus MacDonald, charged with drunken driving, was remanded to Tuesday, March 1.

A Clyde River man also charged with illegal possession was fined \$20 and costs of 30 days.

Two city men were arraigned on charges of being drunk and incapable. One accused was fined \$20 and costs of 30 days, the other was given a 20-day suspended sentence.

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Fire Damages Feed Building

SOURIS - The Souris fire department answered a call to Birt's Feed Services building here at approximately 7:45 p.m. Saturday. It took them about 15 minutes to get the blaze under control.

The total damage was estimated to be about \$6,000. It was reported that most of the damage was caused by water and that only the east side of the building was severely damaged by fire.

The feed service contained barley and oats.

Chief In Crash Going To Fire

SOURIS - The Souris detachment of the RCMP investigated an accident which occurred at the corner of Hebrew street and Main at 7:45 Saturday night.

A 1956 Dodge driven by Fire Chief Bernard Carter was involved in a collision with a 1965 Anglia driven by Eric Paquet. The fire chief was on his way to a fire at Birt's Feed Service when the accident occurred.

Damage estimated to the vehicle driven by Mr. Carter was \$250 while Mr. Paquet's car received damages estimated at \$150. No injuries were reported.

Police Investigate Weekend Breaks

City police are investigating two breaks which occurred in Charlottetown Friday night.

The first break was at the Sandwich Shop on Grafton Street where the cigarette machine had been emptied. Constable Don MacDonald, city police, discovered the break at midnight.

The other break being investigated was reported at Bell's Service Station on Grafton Street. The incident was reported to police at 8:10 Saturday morning.

The report stated that entry was gained through a small window on the east side. Nothing appeared to be disturbed, but a check was made on cigarette stock.

Nickel Co. Earnings Up

TORONTO (CP) - International Nickel Co. of Canada Ltd. reports net earnings of \$143,794,000 or \$4.25 a share in 1965 compared with \$135,768,000 or \$4.59 a share in 1964.

The company said the record earnings resulted principally from increased deliveries of nickel. Higher prices for copper were also a factor.

Sales totalled \$634,807,000 compared with \$572,079,000 in 1964.

Capital expenditures were \$62,737,000 in 1965, the highest since 1960.

Of last year's spending \$23,421,000 was used to expand and improve smelting and refining plants in Canada and the United Kingdom. Mine development expenditures in Ontario and Manitoba amounted to \$17,268,000.

Expenditures this year will run to about \$90,000,000.

Nickel consumption in the free world rose to an estimated 730,000,000 pounds in 1965. Inco's nickel deliveries in 1965 were a record 492,960,000 pounds, exceeding the former high of 444,190,000 pounds a year earlier.



COSTUMES AT CARNIVAL

A colorful parade of nearly 100 costumes at the Alberton Fancy Dress Carnival gave the judges a difficult task in selecting the winners. The three young prize winners pictured above are Maxine Gamble, (Lassie Princess) three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alden Gamble, Fortune Cove, Allan Crane (Coldstream Guard) son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Crane, Alberton and Darlene MacLeod (Queen of Hearts) whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. Willard MacLeod, O'Leary.

Speaker Discusses New Cub Program

KENSINGTON - Eric Tanton, Boy Scout district commissioner, was guest speaker at the annual Cub and Scout father and son banquet held at the Royal Canadian Legion Home, Kensington, on Tuesday evening. Mr. Tanton named the sections of the new five star program for Cubs.

The new program, the commissioner said, is designed to make scouting more interesting, and to bring parents into the program more completely. "Scouting," Mr. Tanton pointed out, "is to teach learning by doing, to develop individual talents, to teach boys things that are useful."

In brief the whole program is based on "usefulness to others." "Parents," he said, "are a very important part of the whole scouting movement and leaders will be presenting ways in which they can be helpful in the program."

The speaker presented as "the whole idea of scouting," the training of the boys who will be the "future owners of our community."

Roscoe Pendleton, scoutmaster of the 1st Kensington Troop, was master of ceremonies. In introducing the guest speaker he congratulated Mr. Tanton on his award from the Boy Scouts of Canada of the Silver Acorn for distinguished services.

The master of ceremonies introduced the head table guests: W.G. Blakeney and son Atwood; Rev. E.J. Flinder; Clair Mayhew and son Larry; Eric Tanton, Rev. W.A. Paterson and Father Callaghan. Introducing the Cub and Scout leaders, he first thanked Ernest MacMillan who has been transferred and will be leaving in the near future. Scout leaders called upon to stand were Gary Friesan, David Hunter, and Keith Langille. He then introduced Stewart Darr, cub master, who in turn introduced the Cub leaders and assistants, Albert Boyle, Mrs. Boyle, Gordon Willden, Rick Quensell, Ronnie Flavanah and Ronnie Whalen.

Bridge Club Gives Results

Following are the results of the play at the Duplicate Bridge Club at the Charlottetown Hotel Friday night.

North-South
Three teams tied: Mr. and Mrs. E. Douglas, Mrs. J. Dunbar and Mrs. B. Millar, and Mrs. M. A. Farmer, and Mrs. C. Green.

East-West
1. Florence Griffin and Elaine Kays.
2. Mae Hines and Mary Duffy.
3. Mrs. L. I. Duffy and Mrs. J. F. MacMillan.

City Woman Dies Saturday

Mrs. R.H. Nicholson of Charlottetown died suddenly Saturday morning in the Prince Edward Island Hospital at the age of 72.

Mrs. Nicholson, the former Violet Gay LeFurgey, was born in Summerside. She was an active member of the Baptist Church in Charlottetown.

Surviving are her husband, R. H. Nicholson, City, three daughters, Connie, Mrs. Stan Blake, Montreal; Marjorie, Mrs. N. Plouff, Kingston, Ont., and Jerusha, Mrs. Donald G. MacLeod, Hampton Station, N. B.; two sisters, Ella Gay, Summerside and Edith, Mrs. Albert MacKay, Boston; one brother, Rowland Gay, Summerside.

Mrs. Nicholson's remains are resting at the MacLean Funeral home. Funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Charlottetown Baptist Church.

Shortages Dim Outlook In Steel Field

CLEVELAND (AP) - "Shortages of men, materials and machines" may dim the rosy prospects of the metalworking industry somewhat this year, Steel magazine reports.

Shortages "could make it difficult to realize the projected 7.2-per-cent sales gain" anticipated by the industry, the metalworking weekly says.

Steel warns also that "unless capacity and manpower can be significantly boosted, runaway demand could intensify inflation, which is already a major concern."

"Businessmen fear that the administration's domestic programs will overheat an economy which is already 'escalated' by heavy spending on all fronts and lanned by Viet Nam requirements," Steel says, adding that businessmen "are also beginning to see the spectre of wartime controls."

Steel shipments and production continued to climb. Steel estimates that mills produced 2,595,000 net tons of steel for the week ended Feb. 26, up slightly from the preceding week and equivalent to an annual rate of 134,900,000 tons.

Traffic Deaths, Injuries Given

OTTAWA (CP) - Incomplete figures for 1965 show 4,792 persons were killed and 147,477 injured in traffic accidents, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics announced.

Complete figures for 1964 were 4,652 killed and 139,632 injured. The 1965 figures lacked information from Saskatchewan for the last three months.

The report said total property damage due to traffic accidents was estimated at \$133,677,000 in 1965 and \$117,635,000 in 1964. But these figures did not include estimates from Quebec and they only covered accidents involving property damage of \$100 or more.

The death toll in December, lacking Saskatchewan returns, was 419 up 12 per cent from a year earlier.

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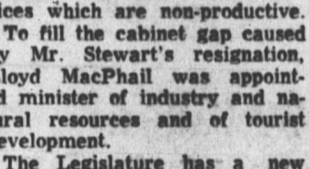
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WINNING SOURIS DEBATERS

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Farm Income, Production Picked Up In Nova Scotia

HALIFAX (CP) - Farm income and production in Nova Scotia dropped during 1964 but picked up in 1965, two reports tabled in the legislature indicate.

The two are the annual report of the agriculture and marketing department for the year ended March 31, 1965 and the department's interim report covering the rest of the 1965 calendar year.

The annual report said poor weather was responsible for a decline in fruit and potato harvest during 1964, although gains were reported in field crops and livestock production.

The interim report said the summer of 1965 was one of the best in the province. Although drought was a limiting factor, the apple crop had increased by 700,000 bushels to 3,100,000 bushels. Hog, beef, potato and egg prices had increased while broiler prices were steady.

Farmers had received a gross income of \$44,000,000 from farm products during 1964, down from the previous three years, but incomes were expected to be higher in 1964.

However, farmers, costs had mounted during 1965 and were expected to continue to rise during 1966.

The province's cattle population as of June 1, 1965, was estimated at 187,000 head. Although this was a slight reduction from a year earlier, beef production had continued to climb.

Dairy production was estimated at 286,114,000 pounds and poultry population was up about 122,000 birds to 2,281,900.

Hogs had increased by 3,000 to 61,000 and prices had been "particularly strong."

Dry weather had cut grain production by about 500,000 below 1964 levels. Some 1,293,000 bushels of oats were reported, while the production of hay was estimated at 426,000 tons.

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