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Island Odds And Ends

Every time that Prince Edward Island has had cabinet representation at Ottawa, the Province has reaped the benefit. Even the occasional visit of a Prime Minister has been known to result in the recognition of long sought claims. Following the visit of Robert Laird Borden in 1911, then leader of the opposition in the Federal Parliament, later Premier, the capot ferry service was installed at the Capot. During the 1930's when the Hon. Mr. Dunning represented Queen's County, the Wood Island-Caribou Service was approved and subsidized. During the war the Minister of Defence, Mr. Ralston, while representing Prince County, was careful to see that the County had two fine airports under the Empire training scheme, and that the Summerside airport was sufficiently developed to become a permanent fixture in the defence scheme. The Hon. Cyrus MacMillan was Under Secretary to the Minister of Air during the last war, and before he left office he prevailed on Ottawa to set up a District Administration Office of Veterans' Affairs in Charlottetown, which services the whole Island. Not only has this meant employment for Charlottetown, but the hospital arrangements for veterans have been generous and resulted in extensions to the Charlottetown Hospital, the Prince Edward Island Hospital, and also assistance to the Provincial Sanatorium.

It was during Mr. Bennett's term in office and after he had visited the Island that various grants were made for the hard-surfaced roadways leading to the Carriery terminals at Borden, the construction of the highway from Hunter River to North Rustico, and other road improvements.

It seems that nothing can take the place of having a friend at court, and it is understood that the province will soon be in a position once more to receive long delayed favours. These should include a bridge or two where they are most needed, the resulting employment would be most beneficial. It seems our chief difficulty is to get some of the big wigs, who have it in their power to do something, to come down and see our problems at the same level as Islanders see them. We usually have a good case, but find it hard to get into court.

That old gladiator of baseball, Connie Mack, manager of the Philadelphia Athletics, is celebrating his fiftieth year in the game. Some years ago, he had an aggregation which was unbeatable over a period of four or five years, during which time his club won the World Series consistently and of course the American League pennant. He had a very famous infield composed of McInnis, first base, Collins at second base, Barry at short-stop, and home-run Baker at third.

Stuffy McInnis who played first base, was said at the time to have been a native of this Province, born somewhere in the vicinity of St. Peter's. "Stuffy" later played with the Boston Braves. Very few Maritimers have ever made Big League baseball and the only other one we recall at present is Larry McLean. St. John. Larry, a first string catcher for the Giants when McGraw, the little Napoleon of the diamond was at the zenith of his career.

With many poles (rods) yet to hear from the count of trout taken on opening day, according to early reports was not very large. Fishermen turned out in large numbers but the trout were not so operative. Some anglers explained their failure to land fish to the fact that many streams and ponds are still heavily coated with ice, making it impossible to fish at all in some localities. Others found open water, here and there, but no signs of trout. It would seem that some real spring weather and higher temperatures are needed to clear the rivers and ponds of ice before any large catches will be made. Sea trout at this time are moving down stream from spawning grounds far up in fresh water, and their progress to the sea can only be followed under ice-free conditions. Similarly in fresh water ponds trout tend to frequent certain deep holes not to be reached until the ice melts. The more sensible thermometer readings of the past few days, should make short work of the remaining ice, and give fishermen the free fishing they need for success.

On opening day a year ago, a goodly number of trout were landed, some of which were shown in downtown windows the following day.

Charlottetown people are drinking more and more coffee. Many employees of stores and offices are given the opportunity now-a-days to grab a hot drink in mid-morning and coffee seems to be the favorite beverage. Its growing popularity is undoubtedly in recognition of the better coffee which is being served. There are several places in town where the "Java" is excellent, and fairly well up to the standard demanded by those greatest of coffee lovers, the Americans. Not so long ago coffee served in public places was not always discernible as such. In those

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LOVE TRIANGLE

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to my true intentions and my actions and particularly my future plans. "I was not serious about her. I was stringing her along. Why, I lied to her so many times I cannot even remember my stories. Yes, I told her I had two children out that I was separated and living in a hotel. I told her I was getting a divorce.

"My relations with her were very friendly, but not intimate." Gouldstone said Grant told him he did not think of the lives of the other passengers when he plotted the bombing, but that when he saw the baggage being loaded and thought of the others he lost his nerve.

Grant was completely composed, Gouldstone said, while he discussed the old Army gag about the orderly officer inspecting the men's food had significance. When the officer inquired—as is customary—if there were any complaints about the food he was told that the "soup was terrible". Thereupon he seized a spoon and sampled what he thought was the soup. "This soup tastes alright," he said. "But that isn't soup, sir," came an indignant chorus, "it's tea."

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tated his statement. Miss Suomela, 31-year-old assistant superintendent of stewardesses of another airline (American) until she submitted her resignation today, told reporters she knew Grant had two children but that she understood from the time she met him three years ago that he and Mrs. Grant were separated. "I never met his wife nor the children," she said, "but I know he loved the children dearly. He never said much about his wife. "Yesterday he said he was going to court for a final hearing on his divorce suit and that he would call me later. I understood that the divorce suit had been pending for about six months."

Court records disclosed that Grant concealed a divorce suit and that Mrs. Grant also had instituted divorce proceedings against him, but both were dropped. While Mrs. Grant was telling reporters that she did not feel bitter about her husband's actions and that she wanted to talk to him in jail, Miss Suomela was telling reporters that she had loaned Grant money from time to time to tide him over emergencies. She declined to say how much she had given him. He used her automobile frequently. It was her car, in fact, in which Grant drove his family to Los Angeles international airport. Police gave no indication that Grant had mentioned the plane bombing in Quebec Province last year, when 23 persons were killed. The bomb had been placed aboard a Canadian Pacific airliner. Subsequently J. Albert Guay, Quebec jeweller, was tried and convicted of murdering his wife, who was aboard the plane.

CONSERVATIVES

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year. A proposed charge for health service prescriptions will not be introduced. Big industrialists who received the bonuses will have to pay a surtax which will funnel most of the money into the Treasury.

The Chancellor said he planned for a deficit of £7,000,000 (\$21,700,000), which he said was a small matter in a budget of more than £4,000,000,000.

The income-tax relief, effective immediately, reduces the tax on the first £50 of taxable income from 3s in the pound to 2s 6d. The tax on the following £200 is lowered from 6s. in the pound to 5s.

The national average wage is reckoned to be about £7 a week or \$36 a year.

Reports Surplus Sir Stafford gave these revenue and expenditure figures: For 1949-50, actual revenues were £3,524,030,262 and actual expenditures £3,375,291,638, leaving a gross surplus of £148,738,624. Net surplus was £62,000,000.

For 1950-51, he estimated revenues at £3,897,000,000 and expenditures at £3,455,069,000, showing a surplus of roughly £442,000,000. Allowing for grants in aid and housing allocations amounting to £447,000,000, he budgeted for an overall deficit of £7,000,000.

The whole budget speech was aimed at convincing the public that to avoid inflation and unemployment austerity must continue and the general freeze on wages, prices and profits be maintained.

Sir Stafford said the devaluation of the pound last September had, on present indications, moved rather more favorably toward Britain than had been anticipated.

But the immediate parliamentary reaction to his budget speech and proposals was one of disappointment. Many politicians declared it is unlikely to win extra friends or votes for the Government in the autumn general election which now is widely predicted.

Trade union leaders were doubtful about the effect the budget would have on their followers — who rely on the official wage freeze they are striving desperately to hold.

N.S. MAN

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George Drew, Progressive Conservative leader, in speeches to sessions of his Party Association's Annual meeting.

He told a closed meeting of about 500 Party supporters that strong organization had made it possible for the Conservatives in the United Kingdom to recover from their serious setback in the 1945 General election. In 1950 they had come within striking distance of forming a government.

At a luncheon which he tendered to young Progressive Conservatives, he said they had in their hands the opportunity to lay the foundations of an organization that might play a more effective part than any other branch of the party in the next election.

He suggested that the young Progressive Conservative Association be used as a training ground for entry into municipal politics. Municipal councils, in turn, provided excellent training and contacts for entry into Federal and Provincial politics.

Other speakers at the luncheon included Gordon Higgins, Party member of the Commons for St. John's Bank, Leon Baker (PC—Tro's Elviers), now president of the Y. P. C.'s, and E. D. Fulton (PC—Kam-sask), past president of the Y. P. C.'s.

At a separate luncheon of women delegates, three Progressive



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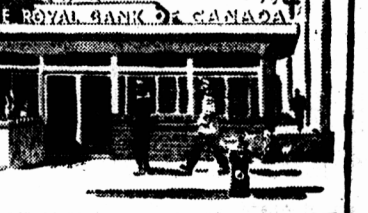
Goose Bay, Labrador. Here, at the famous airport, the Royal Bank opened a pioneer branch in a pioneer area during the war.



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Rimouski, Que., where the Royal Bank of Canada recently opened a branch in what was formerly a private home.



Winnipeg, Man., a branch reflects the spirit of the west.

Conservative women candidates, defeated in the last election, told of campaign experiences and said they would do the job over again if they got the chance. The women were Mrs. Lella Smiley of Mooe Jaw, Sask., Sybil Bennett of Georgetown, Ont., and Mrs. Grace Sparkes of St. John's, Nfld.

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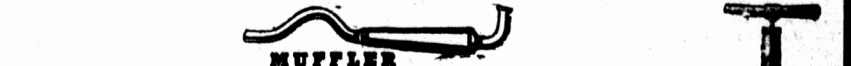
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