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Retired C. N. R. Employees To Receive Medals

Three Island men will be among the retired Canadian National Railways employees on the Atlantic Region who will be receiving Imperial Service Medals which have been awarded to them by His Majesty the King.

The three men are Mr. Neil B. Darrach of Borden, and Mr. John W. Buchanan and Mr. James E. McKinnon of Kensington, who were all retired in 1948. Mr. Darrach was a yard foreman when retired having been with the C. N. R. since 1912 when he started as brakeman. Mr. Buchanan started as a laborer in 1918, and retired as a section foreman, and Mr. McKinnon started in 1919 as a laborer and retired as a section man.

The medals are of silver and are enclosed in plush-lined boxes stamped "Royal Mint". On the edge of each medal is inscribed the name of the recipient. Together with the medals the three men will each receive a certificate from the General Chancery of the Orders of Knighthood, St. James Palace, S.W.I., reading as follows:

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Registrar of the
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The female halibut may weigh more than 450 pounds, but the male rarely weighs more than 40 pounds.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES DEATHS

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BIRTHS

MacDONALD—At the Summerside Hospital, March 10th, 1950, to Mr. and Mrs. Neil MacDonald (nee Janie Mellick) a son, George Donald.

MacLEAN—At the home of Mrs. Neil W. MacKinnon, Southport, Lot 48, on March 12th, 1950, to Mr. and Mrs. Art MacLean, Mt. Herbert, a son 11½ lbs.

MacDONALD — At the P. E. I. Hospital, Wednesday, March 1st, 1950, to Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. MacDonald, Nine Mile Creek, a daughter, Sarah Ruth.

JOHNSTON—At the Charlottetown Hospital on March 11th, 1950, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas Johnston of North Rustico, a daughter. Gemma Imelda.

MacMANNUS — At Bonshaw, on March 8th, 1950, to Mr. and Mrs. John MacMannus, a daughter. Katherine Joan.

DEATHS

ROWE—At the P. E. I. Hospital, Tuesday, March 14th, Mrs. William M. Rowe. Resting at the MacLean Funeral Home. Funeral notice later.

GAUDET—At the Charlottetown Hospital on Tuesday, March 14, Mrs. Henry P. Gaudet of 89 Richmond St. Her remains will be transferred today from the A. A. Hennessey Funeral Home to the residence of her son, Harold Gaudet, 16 Dorchester St. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

AYRES—At his home in Wellington Centre on March 14th, 1950, Charles E. Ayres in his 68th year. Transferred from the Bowness Funeral Home to his late residence in Wellington from where the funeral will be held to Immaculate Conception Church for Mass at nine a.m. on Thursday, March 16th. Interment church cemetery.

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APRIL THIRTEENTH —Recital by Miss Suzanne Brenton, L. Mus., pianist and Mrs. Gwynneth Patterson, mezzo-soprano.

LEGION CARD PARTY — The regular weekly card party of the Charlottetown branch of the Canadian Legion was held at the Legion rooms last night. Following are the winners. Ladies First, Mrs. Lauretta Martin; Ladies Second, Mrs. Roy Garnhum; Ladies consolation, Mrs. Amby Doyle; Gents First, Mr. E. L. Mountain; Gents Second, Mr. Joe Gallant; Gents Consolation, Mr. W. H. Evans; Door Prize, Miss Annie Joseph; Freeze-out, Norman C. MacFadyen and Eric S. MacFadyen.

Y.P.S. MEETING — The Central Christian Church Young People's Society met in the church hall last night with a most enthusiastic group in attendance. Directing the devotional were Misses Lois Rayner and Mildred Hackett. Miss Joyce Warren accompanied at the piano. Miss Isabel MacLeod, vice president of the society conducted the business session. Several matters of interest to the group were discussed. Four new members were enrolled. The program of the evening took the form of a forum discussion. The subject discussed was of popular interest, and the group entered heartily into it. The subject for discussion next week is "Youth and Questionable Amusements". The meeting was dismissed with prayer.

KINSMEN MEETING — The regular meeting of the Kinsmen Club of Summerside was held in the Olympia Restaurant last evening with Fred Gallant in the chair. Club president Elmer Offer gave a report of the recent District Council meeting held in Saint John, N. B. Jim Harris reported for the sports committee and said that of the teams sponsored by the club this winter only two, the Midgets and Bantams, remain in the running for Island honors. Harry Dickie reporting for the outdoor rink committee said that its operation had cost the club approximately $200.00. He said that the rink has now been closed for the season. Bert Hunter, reporting for the committee in charge of the spring carnival to be held in the curling rink from April 26 to 29, outlined the plans that have been drawn up so far and there was a general discussion on this matter.—S.

PREMIER JONES SAYS

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Federation feeling that there was need for revamping the present "bull placement policy". The Dominion Government had the policy, he said.

In regard to artificial insemination unit, he stated that such a unit would cost one quarter of a million dollars. He did not think it was succeeding so well in other provinces, and in those provinces, he added, the people pay for part of the services. Answering a demand for consideration of a fish-meal plant project, he said that negotiations were already underway for one.

Dr. MacMillan

"It is the function of the Government to deal with all recommendations in the wisest manner possible", stated Hon. Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan, who was not present when the brief was read. He indicated that he was in favor of restricting margarine from entering this province in which the condition of agriculture was a long way from being satisfactory.

"I am not satisfied with the handling and management of the potato industry," he stated. "I would limit the acreage and cut out the speculators. We need mixed farming here which is much better than putting all our eggs in a gambling basket.

"My attitude is that whatever the Government proposes to do to aid agriculture the Opposition will help. It is the duty of the Government and the Legislature to nurture and develop the industry."

Other Speakers

Mr. Louis O'Connor, president of the Federation, in remarks apart from the brief warned the Legislature about the danger of allowing margarine to enter the province. "The dairy business is very precarious at present and the future looks dark, you must protect the economy of the province."

Hon. Eugene Cullen, Minister of Industry and Natural Resources stated that machinery had been ordered for the farm training program and that an addition was to be built to the cold storage plant. He reported that he had been in contact with a forestry authority in Fredericton, N. B., who stated that the forest nursery here was planty large to serve the needs of the province for some years at least. He also reported that the Province will have the services of a forester this year.

Hon. C. C. Baker, Minister of Agriculture noted that there had been no suggestions in the brief regarding the raising of funds for the increases wanted in services.

Mr. R. A. Profitt, Freetown, stated that the dairy industry is perhaps in a very critical position at the present time. "The creameries are being forced to put up butter in one pound packages which is very expensive," he stated.

"The marketing of our dairy butter has become a very serious problem. The main cause of this is the introduction of margarine in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia."

With regard to the increased expenses, he stated that when the farmers want something they are prepared to pay for it.

Mr. A. F. McQuaid Leaves $172,067

$17,400 To Charity

The will of the late Arthur F. McQuaid, barrister, Souris, filed in the Probate Court, reveals seventeen bequests to charity totalling $17,400. The charities and the amount left to them are as follows: Parish Priest, Souris, $1,000; Alumni Association, Charlottetown, $1,000; Parish Priest, Souris, $500; Parish Priest, East Point, $100; Parish Priest, Rollo Bay, $100; Parish Priest, St. Margaret's, $100; Parish Priest, St. Charles, $100; Poor of Souris, $1,000; Notre Dame Convent, Souris, $2,000; Precious Blood Monastery, $2,000; St. Vincent's Orphanage, $1,000; Mount Herbert Orphanage, $1,000; Charlottetown Hospital, $1,000; Souris Hospital, $1,000; Sacred Heart Home, $1,000; St. Dunstan's College, $3,500; P. E. I. Hospital, $1,000.

After bequests to relatives and an employee the residue of the estate is left to the sisters of the deceased, Miss Margaret R. McQuaid and Miss Mary Josephine McQuaid. Assets are listed as $172,067.44.

Mercy Flight To South Rustico

A flying ambulance made a mercy flight to South Rustico yesterday to pick up a woman injured in a fall and bring her to hospital in Charlottetown.

Mr. Paul Sharpe of Paul's Flying Service, piloting a Maritime Central Airways Stinson Voyager equipped to carry stretcher cases, picked up Mrs. Felix Gallant, near her home in South Rustico. The elderly lady had bones broken in a fall on ice. She was accompanied to Charlottetown by her son, Elmer Gallant. At the airport a Cutcliffe ambulance was waiting to take her to the Charlottetown Hospital. The flight which occupied only a short time, was made about noon.

About a year ago, Mr. Sharpe made a flight to the same district to take Mr. Elmer Gallant's son to hospital here.

Village Service Bill In Legislature

Provision for enabling villages with populations in excess of 100 persons to establish local administration under elected commissioners is made in a bill which passed second reading in the Legislature yesterday.

Entitled "The Village Service Act", and introduced by Hon. Eugene Cullen, Minister of Industry and Resources, the bill provides that when the inhabitants of any village in the Province desire to avail themselves of the legislation, they may present a requisition signed by at least twenty-five ratepayers to the County Sheriff, requesting him to hold a poll on the subject.

Only such residents as are possessed of real or personal property of the value of $350 or upwards within the boundaries of the village may vote. If a majority of the votes polled are in favor of the application, the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council may by proclamation bring the Act into effect, defining the boundaries of the village to which it applies and appointing three commissioners who shall hold office until commissioners are elected at the first annual meeting thereafter.

The commissioners are vested with the ordinary powers of a town council, their bylaws, ordinances, etc., when approved by the Minister, having the force and effect of law.

Attlee Wins Vote Of Confidence

LONDON, March 14 —(CP) — Labor won its third straight vote of confidence within a week in the House of Commons tonight.

After the House had received a promise from Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, that departmental economies will be rigidly enforced from now on, it supported the Government 308 to 289 in a division forced by Winston Churchill's Conservative Party on a motion charging the Government with overspending.

The nine Liberal members abstained from the vote. The Government probably would have resigned if it had lost.

Labor's majority was below the 25 recorded yesterday in defeating a motion critical of its housing policy, but above the 14-vote edge it had five days ago when the Conservatives attacked on the issue of steel nationalization.

Whips of both parties again mustered their members into near-complete mobilization by vote time.

Labor has 315 seats and the Conservatives 297. Counting Liberals and others, Labor's over-all majority is only six.

Prime Minister Attlee and his followers had been reasonably confident of the outcome tonight, and a few ailing members were allowed to stay away.

Sir Stafford told the House that Britain cannot afford to go on increasing its outlay on the National Health Service. He even hinted that spending for this purpose may have to be cut.

MARKETING NEEDS

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farmers vote regarding marketing boards they would be asking for approval of a scheme which will be worked out in co-operation with producers of these products from other provinces.

The belief, that within the very near future a central selling agency for the export of dairy products and eggs will have to be set up, was expressed. A central storage suitable for these two products which should be completely apart from a general storage was recommended.

"Our farmers believe that there is definite need for the revamping of present "Bull placement policies." The bonus policy for Boars has been a great factor in increasing the quality of our Island swine. We feel that a policy on somewhat similar lines, and recommended by the Agricultural Council should receive careful investigation.

"We strongly recommend that a conference be held between our leading livestock farmers and officials at the earliest possible moment to discuss this matter. We believe a bonus policy might create more interest and be of greater value to the majority of our grade breeders. We might also suggest that every effort be made to have the Dominion Production Service revamp their present Bull Loaning policy on the Island to co-operate with any new policy that may result."

"We regret that no definite agreement has been reached between your Government and the Dominion authorities with respect to potato storage warehouses. Farmers in many areas are anxious to take advantage of the assistance offered by the Dominion Government in this respect. The warehouses, generally speaking, in spite of any contrary representations that may have been made, are working successfully and are providing a very valuable service to our potato growers who have them. Producers in many areas are anxious to establish such storages through which they can market a uniform pack in an orderly way and store small quantities at rail sidings during the fine weather and good roads. We ask for renewed efforts to reach an agreement with the Dominion authorities at the earliest possible moment so that some measure of assistance will be available. We strongly urge that such warehouses continue to be established on a co-operative basis where they will be under supervision and remain in the control of the farm producers."

Regret was expressed that the artificial insemination unit was disbanded, as the project is meeting with a great deal of success in other provinces. The department was commended for the work done in the provincial laboratory with respect to blood testing of poultry and checking of diseases. Satisfaction was also expressed with the progress being made with swine.

The banning of margarine from the province and a new livestock program to promote the breeding of good grade dairy cattle was urged. Appreciation was expressed for the help in bonusing freight on limestone, and approval of a probable grain seed survey to be undertaken during the coming summer was expressed.

The services of a qualified field crop expert in the province to assist the farmers and promote the production, cleaning and grading of high quality seed grains was urged.

"We regret very much that you have not seen fit to procure qualified County Agricultural representatives for Prince and Kings Counties. Without going into the details which are apparent to all, we urge you to appoint qualified full time Agricultural Representatives for Prince and Kings this spring, so that the farmers in those counties will have ready access to information and help with various technical problems."

The brief noted that the Government has seen fit to investigate the land drainage problem and suggested that the forestry problem should be given very careful attention stressing the need of the services of two or three foresters during the next two or three years.

Appreciate Action

Appreciation of the Government's efforts towards solving the transportation problem was expressed, but more alertness on the part of railway officials in the Maritimes to the need of an advance supply of reefer cars for the potato movement was asked.

Appreciation of the facilities provided for the vocational training was also expressed and the co-operation of the Federation towards making contacts with the rural youth and explaining the training was promised. The brief recommended that a survey respecting the feasibility of a fish-meal plant be made.

The Federation indicated that rural telephone companies operating as utilities were providing poor service due to their run down structural and mechanical condition. They strongly urged that the Public Utilities Board be instructed to institute a policy of inspection and supervision over those rural lines so that those companies will be required to restore and maintain their corporation, lines and phones to a greater standard of efficiency.

The brief gave an illustration of the trend of production costs and the comparative returns to farmers on three main food items over a five year period. It showed that the cost of dairy ration had increased by 49 per cent and the returns on butterfat (special grade) by 25 per cent. Laying mash increased by 51 per cent, hen scratch by 78 while the returns on eggs "A" large decreased by 14.5 per cent. Pig starter was up 62 per cent, hog grower, 53 and returns on bacon A's 14 3-4 per cent.

FRENCH DOMAIN

The state of Michigan was claimed by New France until 1763.

Questions In House Tabled

Answers to the following questions were tabled in the Legislature yesterday:

Road Machines

Mr. MacLean asked the Minister of Public Works and Highways:

1. Enumerate the number of road machines, snow plows, tractors and other road equipment purchased in the Public Works Department in the last year.
2. Give total cost of such purchases.
3. Give the total cost of parts for road machines purchased during the past year.
4. Give the name and address of the dealer from whom purchased.
5. Were the machines and parts purchased outright? If not, what Commission was paid.

Answer:

(1) — 2 Adams leaning wheel graders; 2. Hough pay loaders; 2. No. 12 Caterpillar motor graders; 1—D318 Caterpillar engine; 2 Model G Allis-Chalmers tractors; 1 D7 Caterpillar tractor; 4 Caterpillar snow plows and wings; 1 Richardson rotary snow plow; 1 Caterpillar diesel tractor; 1 Warsop road breaker; 1 Walters snow fighter; 1 Walters V-plow and wing; 2 Caterpillar bull-dozers.
(2). $122,342.42.
(3) $45,125.49.
(4) A. Pickard Machinery Ltd., Charlottetown; W.R. Jenkins, Charlottetown; Barker Equipment Limited, Fredericton, N.B.; Morrison & McRae, Limited, Summerside, P.E.I.; J.J. Mustard, Charlottetown; Walter Motor Truck Co. of Canada, Toronto, Ontario.
(5) Yes.

P.W.C. Renovations

Mr. J.R. MacLean asked the Minister of Public Works and Highways:

1. Give in detail the renovations or alterations made at Prince of Wales College since September 1st., 1949.
2. Who was the contractor, if any, and what was the contract price?
3. If by day's work, what price per hour was paid?
4. What was the total cost?

Answer:

(1) Two large rooms on the second floor were divided to give four small rooms. Four locker and wash rooms were divided and remodelled to make four extra rooms for staff offices. A part of the basement corridor was painted as well as the boys' shower room and wash room. A storeroom in the basement was remodelled into a boys' locker room. The Domestic Science room was remodelled into a classroom and a girls' locker room was provided by remodelling rooms previously occupied by the Model School.

The Film Board Projection Room was sound proofed and painted and the Film Board office was painted and the floor covered with linoleum.

A P.B.X. (Private Branch Exchange) telephone switch board was installed.

(2) L.M. Poole & Company (Construction Division). Cost Plus 10 per cent.
(3) See above.
(4) $16,920.00.

Beach Grove

Mr. Burge asked the Minister of Public Works and Highways:

1. Give the total cost of the renovations and furnishings of Beach Grove Inn.
2. Who was the contractor?
3. How many patients are accommodated there?
4. Who is the manager?
5. What is his salary?

Answer:

(1) $39,530.00.
(2). Walter Matheson (general); Bevan Bros. (plumbing and heating); Chappel & Company (electrical); Worchester-Rockwood Ltd. (sprinkler system).
(3) (4) (5) No record in this Department. This institution administered by the Department of Health & Welfare.

Souris West Bridge

Mr. McLean asked the Minister of Public Works:

1. What was the cost of bridge built at Souris West in 1949?
2. What was the cost of approaches to this bridge?
3. If done by contract, give name of contractor or contractors in each case.

Answer:

(1) $57,704.09
(2) $14,500.00 (Included in (1) above).
(3) Poole & Beer Construction Company; Messrs. Noye & Rayner.

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Surpluses Offset

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Licenses, Permits and Fees included an amount for motor vehicle licenses at $275,000.—$427,105.
Temperance Act, $625,000.
Fines and Penalties, $20,000.
Rentals and Sales of Sundry Commodities, $11,000.
Other Revenues and Refunds, $44,700.
Total—$2,494,805.

"It is apparent that a large proportion of our revenues are derived from sources that may be reduced considerably in case of depression," Mr. Darby said. "We can feel reasonably certain, however, that with the large works program projected for the coming year, with the increasing tourist traffic, and with the general level of business conditions throughout the country, no serious recession is likely to occur during the ensuing period, and no doubt you will be happy to learn there will be no increase in taxation.

Supply

"The Supply proposed to be granted to His Majesty involves expenditures on ordinary account of $6,496,288, and these we now submit for your consideration. This represents an increase over the current year by an amount of $394,107.

"The proposed expenditures are as follows: On debt charges and sinking fund $1,069,495; health and welfare $2,508,232; education $917,500; administration of justice $139,540; legislation $62,080; agriculture $209,685; industry and natural resources $64,250; public works and highways $888,695; refunds of revenue $202,000; other current expenditures $79,511; general government, $355,300. Total $6,496,288.

"The proposed disbursements provide for an anticipated surplus on ordinary account of $45,434."

Past Year Reviewed

The Public Accounts for the year ending March 31, 1949, shows: Provincial revenues, $5,688,162.19; provincial expenditures, $4,979,207.35, and a surplus on ordinary account of $708,954.84.

During the year capital expenditures were $2,237,258.40 and capital receipts $148,149.89 plus $76,964.75 interest on sinking fund. Total expenditure ordinary and capital amounted to $7,293,430.50, total revenue to $5,913,276.83, leaving a gross deficit of $1,380,153.67.

Deducting from this the sinking fund provision of $369,003.00 and adding interest of $76,964.75, left a total of $465,967.75, or a net increase in liabilities of $914,185.92.

The estimated increase in liabilities according to the Budget adopted in March, 1948, was $1,187,332.00; so that the actual increase was $273,147.00 less than budgeted for.

In the forecast of receipts and expenditures presented at the last Session the anticipated increase in liabilities was calculated at $913,624.00 — the actual $914,185.92 — a difference of only $561.00.

The total liabilities of the Province as of March 31, 1948 were $11,958,846.52, which added to the above mentioned increase of $914,185.92, left total liabilities at March 31, 1949, of $12,873,032.44.

This was made up as follows: gross funded debt $13,823,000.00, less sinking fund $1,820,325.96, or a net funded debt of $12,002,674.04. The unfunded debt amounted to—temporary loans $1,620,461.45, less current accounts $750,103.05.

"Though the public debt was increased by $914,185.92 during the year," Mr. Darby said, "at the same time we acquired capital assets consisting of highways, bridges, wharves and road machinery at a cost of $1,378,839.76; fixed assets such as additions to Falconwood, Beach Grove, Vocational School, snowplough sheds, cold storage plant, etc., at a cost of $514,381.21, and made loans and advances totalling $210,629.90—or a grand total of $2,103,850.87."

If the Province carried a statement of assets and liabilities the showing would be as follows: An increase in assets of $2,103,850.87 less increased liabilities of $914,185.92 or an added net worth of $1,189,664.92 as a result of the year's activities, Mr. Darby emphasized.

"I believe it would be a step forward if this Province maintained such an account and we have under consideration such a move," he added.

On ordinary account the revenues were as stated before—$5,688,162.19, and expenditures $4,979,207.35. These figures are comparatively large in relation to those obtaining some years ago: Expenditures in 1929 were $1,142,000; in 1934 $1,666,000; in 1939 $2,196,000, and in 1944 $2,988,000. For the fiscal year ending March 31, 1947, these had climbed to $3,813,000.00; in 1948 to $4,875,000.00.

Increased Demands

"This tremendous increase in Provincial expenditure is due largely to the increasing demands for health and welfare services, for extended highway and paving programs, for increased expenditures in education, as well as the rising cost of living due to the war inflationary period," the minister said.

In this connection he noted that in 1929 the total expenditure for public health and welfare, including Falconwood, was $147,000. By 1934 it had increased to $243,000; in 1939 it was $581,000; in 1944 $807,000; 1947 $990,000; 1948 $1,400,000, and for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1949, it had risen to $1,733,023.39.

The tremendous expansion here noted is reflected by such increases as:

Old age and blind pensions: 1939, $282,000; 1944, $480,000; 1949, $851,145.

Institutional grants: 1939, $49,900; 1944, $83,000, and in 1949 $313,112.

Child and family welfare increased from $6,500 in 1939 to $103,173 in 1949.

Public works and highways expenditures in 1929 were $281,000; in 1934 $350,000; in 1944 $595,000; 1947 $865,000, and in 1948 $1,117,000; while for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1949, they amounted to $741,442.49. The reduction in the latter year was due mainly to large expenditures of a capital nature.

In the Department of Education similar increases are reflected in expenditures mainly in relation to teachers' salaries: in 1929 these were $292,000; in 1934 $335,000; 1944 $486,000; and in 1949 $743,280.90.

Revenue Sources

Reviewing the sources from which revenues were derived in order to maintain these fields of governmental services, the Minister said:

"In the fiscal year ending March 31, 1949, revenues reached an all-time high of $5,688,162.19. Of this amount from Ottawa we received from subsidies $647,181.884 contributions to old age pensions and other assistance grants, $782,570.37; under the tax agreement in lieu of taxes, $1,443,068.00; plus additional money based on gross national product, $356,613.43, a total of $3,229,433.68.

"The balance was derived from Provincial sources as follows: From local taxes, real property, gasoline, amusement, succession duty and public health tax, $1,420,306.07; from permits, licenses and fees, $387,026.51; from Prohibition and Temperance Acts, $550,719.63; and from penalties and sundry items, $100,676.30; or a total of $2,458,728.51.

"Thus out of a total of $5,688,162.19 we received from the Dominion Government in one form or another, $3,229,433.68 and the balance,—$2,458,728.51—from Provincial taxation sources.

The main items of local revenue were: Gasoline tax, $965,648.85; amusement tax, $105,306.42; public health tax (liquor and tobacco) $285,685.32; motor vehicle licenses, $252,592.23, and Temperance Act, $550,719.63; totalling $2,159,952.45. These revenues are not of a fixed or constant character but would be subject to drastic revision downward in case of a recurrence of a depression period.

Ottawa Payments

"It is true that of the $3,229,433.68 received from Ottawa during that year, the subsidy payments of $647,181.88 and the contributory payments for old age pensions and other grants in the amount of $782,570.37 or a total of $1,429,752.25 are unaffected by the tax agreement but the balance of $1,797,681,43 is derived directly from that source," the Minister said. "This represents the payments received for the tax rental of income tax

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Will Introduce Bill To Lift Margarine Ban

(Canadian Press)

Agriculture Minister Cleveland Baker said last night a bill will be introduced to lift the ban on the sale and manufacture of margarine in Prince Edward Island during the current session of the Legislature.

He made the statement in an interview several hours after the P.E.I. Federation of Agriculture urged the Island government, in its annual brief, to continue the ban.

Mr. Baker said that, except for minor changes, the new bill would be the same as the one mentioned in last year's Throne speech but never introduced. The legislation will allow the sale of margarine but will restrict its color to prevent imitation of butter.

If the bill was passed, he said, and this appeared likely, it would be held for proclamation until the Privy Council gives its decision on the appeal of the Canadian Agriculture Federation. The Federation has appealed a Canadian supreme court decision that sale and manufacture of the butter substitute in the Dominion is legal.

Premier Jones told the P.E.I. Federation, representing most of the Province's 25,000 farmers, last year that the projected margarine legislation was "hardly worth" passing pending outcome of the privy council decision.

The P.E.I. Supreme Court, meanwhile, still has not passed down a decision on the validity of the 1938 Dairy Act under which the P.E.I. margarine ban was imposed. The Act, not proclaimed until early last year, does not prevent Islanders from bringing in the butter substitute from other provinces.

Delegates Rebuked

The Federation brief asked for increased services and facilities for agriculture and it resulted in a sharp rebuke from Premier Jones in reply.

The premier chastized the delegation for its insistent complaining that conditions were not satisfactory in the industry. He said that times now were better than some he could remember. The delegation complained that markets was their main problem but the Premier said the trouble was with the producers.

"If you were good farmers, you wouldn't be here now. You can't run around to meetings and such and expect to be successful. You must pay more attention to your farms," he said.

Many of the projects they advocated were out of the scope of the Provincial Government, some had been or were being acted upon, others could not be considered practical, he said. Before he wound up he gave them a few helpful suggestions, based on his experience as a farmer and his reading on agricultural problems.

After the brief was presented the House spent most of a three-hour sitting in committee of the whole.

New Bank Manager Here

Mr. E. M. Robinson, Toronto, who has been appointed manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia here arrived in the city Saturday night. He will succeed Mr. T. F. Mitchell who is being transferred to Saint John where he will take over the position of assistant supervisor.

Mr. Robinson served some 20 years with the Bank of Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic, and later was appointed to the Supervisor's office at Toronto. Previous to his appointment here he was with the Bloor and Spadina Branch, Toronto.

A native of Fredericton, N. B., Mr. Robinson was awarded the Order of the British Empire for his service with the British Food Ministry (Sugar Division) while in Santo Domingo.

He will be joined here by Mrs. Robinson within a short time.

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among all the Provinces.

The Opposition leader followed Hon. Mr. Darby in the debate, and spoke for an hour before moving the adjournment at 10.30 p.m. when the House rose to meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Subsidy Awards

Dr. MacMillan reviewed past efforts to obtain increased subsidy from Ottawa, stating that under the Mathieson Government and through the Duncan and White Commission awards the Island had obtained judgments against Canada in interest payments on claims amounting to over $8,000,000.

Two of these awards were "thrown into the pot" when the Federal tax agreements were negotiated during the late war, but the $100,000 annual susidy obtained by the late Premier Mathieson was not included.

Premier Jones: "It is in this accounting now, isn't it?"

Dr. MacMillan maintained that the Mathieson award had been written into the B.N.A. Act in 1912. The other subsidies, amounting to $275,000 annually, were not included until the 1942 agreement was signed, and as a result this Province was entitled to an amount of $1,640,000 by way of an unsatisfied judgment claim against the Dominion, he maintained.

Unmeaning Surpluses

The Minister had drawn applause when he had mentioned a surplus last year of over $700,000. This did not mean anything, as it was only on current account, Dr. MacMillan said. He quoted an article in Time magazine indicating that the Province had reached the height of its prosperity under Premier Jones, but this was not the story the farmers had to tell in their appearance this afternoon before the Legislature.

"Where is our vaunted prosperity,—what is the guage?" asked Dr. MacMillan. He maintained that the amounts paid out in social services, however necessary under present conditions, were not indicative of progress.

Looking back twenty-five years he noted an increasing number of persons requiring to be cared for at the Infirmary, and said it was a sad commentary on the younger generation when they shirk the task of looking after their aged parents. "In fact it is coming to the time when the Government is expected to look after everything and everyone," he said. "I think often that so far as the amenities of Christianity are concerned, we are making progress in the wrong direction."

Noting the reference in the Minister's speech to the large disbursements in health and welfare, the speaker recalled that the Health Department originated with a Conservative government under his own administration, and that the Provincial Sanatorium had been built by the public at the instance largely of the Women's Institutes, an institution which also had been established by a Conservative Government under the late Hon. Murdoch MacKinnon.

In commending the progress made in the Health Department, he said the Government was fortunate in having officials who had no superiors in this country, and also in its present very able Minister.

Dr. MacMillan recalled that he had been instrumental as Premier, in signing the agreement between this Province and the Dominion for old age pensions

He recalled also that as Opposition leader he had fought for years for increased expenditure in extra mural treatment of tuberculosis patients.

Commends Budget Speech

Congratulating Mr. Darby on his maiden speech, Dr. MacMillan said it was a good many years since the House had heard "a proper budget speech". Last year the Premier improved somewhat on the meagre budget deliveries of his immediate predecessor in the treasury, but "this year it was much better." The new Minister had been given the most difficult role in the Government to fill, and the Opposition did not propose to criticize him severely.

"But I do see signs of that disaffection with which the whole Government is ravaged," Dr. MacMillan added, "and I am afraid it won't be long before he is just like the rest of them. When he made the statement that we haven't much to worry about in our mounting public debt, I detected one of the symptoms that affect them all. Their motto has always been 'Spend and Borrow'!"