

Health Minister MacDonald Home From Ottawa

Health Minister, Hon. B. Earle MacDonald, has returned from Ottawa where he attended a Dominion conference of the Department of Health and Welfare.

At the Ottawa conference the ministers were assured by Health Minister, the Hon. Paul Martin that definite legislation would be passed in the present Parliament, giving assistance to the totally disabled and crippled persons of the Dominion.

Previous to the Ottawa conference Mr. MacDonald attended a Maritime Conference of Provincial Health Ministers at Halifax, where the chief discussion centered around Federal Government grants.

BRIGHT, CHEERFUL

CAMPBELLFORD, Ont.—(CP)—Up to date on local and world affairs, bright and cheery Mrs. Phoebe Bedford celebrated her 97th birthday at a convalescent home here.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

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BIRTHS

FATON — At the Wellesley Hospital, Toronto, to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Paton, a daughter.

VESEY — At the Prince Edward Island Hospital on January 28th, 1954, to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Vessey, York, a son, Raymond Alston, 7 lb. 14 oz.

HOWATT — At the Prince Edward Island Hospital on Jan. 29, to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Howatt Jr. (nee Vivian Andrews), a son, (Brian David, 7 lbs, 6 ozs.)

DEATHS

MacKENZIE — Suddenly at Flat River on Saturday, Jan. 30, William D. MacKenzie in his 75th year. Funeral notice later.

MacDONALD — At his home on 174 Duke St., Summerside, on Friday, January 29, 1954, Bernard John Macdonald, formerly of Grand River in his 58th year. Resting at the Bonness Funeral Home until further notice.

MacGILLIVRAY — At Church Hill, January 28, 1954, Mrs. Mabel MacGillivray, widow of the late Duncan MacGillivray in her 101st year. Remains resting at her late residence where funeral service will be held Sunday afternoon, service starting at 2 o'clock. Interment in Argyle Shore Cemetery.

GALLANT — Suddenly at Summerside on Thursday, January 28, 1954, Fred J. Gallant in his 65th year. Transferred from the Compton Funeral Home on Thursday evening to his late residence from where the funeral will be held on Monday at St. Paul's Church for Requiem Mass at 9 a.m. Interment in church cemetery.

MONAGHAN — The funeral of the late Mary A. Monaghan which was to have been held this morning at 9 a.m. has been postponed until Monday morning at the same time. Her remains will rest at the Hennessy Funeral Home until further notice.

PERSONALS

Friends of Mr. Keith D. Myers of the firm of Home Motors City will regret to learn that he is a patient in the P. E. I. Hospital.

LAWYERS FEES FROM FEDERAL GOVT

OTTAWA, Jan. 28.—(Special)—Only one Prince Edward Island barrister was on a list of lawyers across Canada who last year received fees of more than \$1,000 from Federal Government departments.

The lone Islander to obtain a federal fee was F. A. Large, Q.C., who is listed as having received \$2,145.16 from the taxation division of the Department of National Revenue. A total of 18 New Brunswick lawyers received varying sums, the largest being \$15,426. Fees were paid to New Brunswick lawyers were chiefly for legal work on sales and expropriations of land for the new military camp at Gagetown.

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ST. PAUL'S Sunday School meets tomorrow morning at ten o'clock. All members are urged to be present.

FLUE FIRE—Firemen responded at 9:40 last night to a fire at 44 Weymouth Street. There was no damage.

RESERVE Thursday, February 11, 1954, Knights of Columbus present formal dance at the Clover Club.

GOSPEL HALL, Upper Prince Street. Russel Harris and Albert Ramsay will preach the Gospel Lord's Day at 7:30 p.m.

SPECIAL TODAY at Stewart Bakeries. Chocolate Fudge Cake, wonderfully rich and moist, covered with luscious fudge frosting.

TURKEY SUPPER, sponsored by Ladies Aid, P. E. Island Hospital, Trinity Church Hall, Wednesday, February 3rd, 4:30-6:00 o'clock.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, services Jan. 31st, Charlottetown at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday School 2:30 p.m. Rev. J. H. Bishop, Minister.

CAR RECOVERED—A car belonging to Art's Taxi which was stolen from in front of the Island Grill at 12:10 a.m. yesterday was located at 1:25 a.m. by City Police. The car was undamaged.

FILM AT COLLEGE—The film "Kind Hearts and Coronets" at the College Auditorium last night. In view of weather and travelling conditions, a good sized crowd was on hand to see the picture.

ATTEND PRESBYTERIAL—Among those attending the P.E.I. United Church Presbyterial in Charlottetown this week were Mrs. Wilbur Dennis, Mrs. Chester Howard, Mrs. John Johnson, Mrs. Keith Warren, Mrs. Arthur Proffitt, Mrs. Reggie Dennis of Marquette, Mrs. Wilfred Pickering, Clinton, Mrs. Alexander McKay, Mrs. Wm. H. Cousins, Mrs. Horace Glover of Kensington.

FUNERAL AT IONA—The funeral of John Connolly was held Thursday morning from his late residence Iona at St. Michael's Church where Requiem High Mass was celebrated by the pastor, Rev. Leonard McKenna who also conducted service at the grave. Pall bearers were Edward McKenna, James Rooney, Alfred Connolly, Michael Naddy, Wilbur Daley and Michael O'Brien. Interment was in the Church Cemetery.

Letter Carrier Delivery Service To Be Extended

Two streets in Parkdale, Bealey Avenue and Hawthorne Avenue are soon to receive letter carrier delivery of mail, according to City Postmaster J. J. Connolly.

In addition to the Parkdale area, part of which is now receiving this service, letter carriers will deliver mail to certain postal municipalities the Post Office Department has seen that the delivery of mail to these areas by rural courier is not practical.

Mr. Connolly points out that any suburban area which is to receive carrier service must come up to certain postal regulations, one of which is that they must have a paved street or sidewalks. In 1960, letter carrier service for the first time was extended outside the City limits in when house holders on the St. Peters Road, as far north as Gower Street and on the Mount Edward Road received this form of delivery.

The Postmaster states that the residents of the area proposed to be served have been notified of the Department's intentions and that they must conform by having the street number on their house and a proper receptacle for the mail if they are to benefit. A few details still to be ironed out before the service will go into effect which in all probability will be in three weeks time.

Awards Made In Noronic Fire

CLEVELAND, (CP)—Awards totalling \$2,724.19 were made by Federal civil commissioner Friday on 699 damage claims resulting from the burning of the Canadian steamship Noronic four years ago.

The Noronic, a Great Lakes vacation cruiser operated by Canada Steamship Lines was in dock at Toronto the night of Sept. 11, 1949, when fire destroyed the ship and killed 119 of more than 300 passengers and crew aboard.

Claims exceeding \$19,000,000 including some single ones as high as \$700,000 were filed soon after the disaster. Most of the claimants were from Ohio, Michigan and Pennsylvania; others were scattered over 21 other states.

Two years ago Judge Paul Jones approved a plan for settling all claims for \$2,150,000 and the steamship company deposited that amount with the court.

The awards made Friday by Commissioner Ralph Vince and approved by Judge Jones exceed the \$2,150,000 limit by \$574,196. This means the awards made by Vince actually will pay about 79 cents on the dollar.

CALGARY — (CP)—Nearly 100 elk are being moved from Calgary, west of here, to other sections of the province where they are scarce. The Calgary Fish and Game Association is sponsoring the project.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of my dear husband, Gordon Laird, who passed away January 31st, 1951.

His life is a beautiful memory. His death is a silent grief. He sleeps in Gods beautiful garden in the sunshine of perfect peace.

Lovingly Remembered by His Wife Maggie Jane.

Overcrowding Stressed In City School Board Report

The overcrowded condition in the City schools was one of the most important points emphasized in the report of the secretary of the Board of School Trustees, Mr. T. E. MacNutt, submitted at the annual meeting of the City Council held last night.

The reports states that "at Prince Street School it has been necessary to stagger some of the junior classes which means that pupils enrolled in these classes are only receiving part time instruction. At Queen Square School, it was found necessary to temporarily rent three rooms in a dwelling on Richmond Street and one additional room in the Newson Block. None of these rooms are satisfactory as class rooms. At Rochford Square School it was found necessary to rent two small rooms in the building on the corner of Pownall and Grafton Streets."

"Mr. Kenneth A. Parker, M.A., superintendent of City Schools has succeeded in bringing about some necessary changes and improvements in both the schools and the curricula of same, and it is felt that at the time goes on further improvements will take place. "We are glad to report that the foundation for the new Junior High School has been completed, and that the structural steel will be placed in position in the near future. Tenders for the completion of the building will be opened on the 13th instant, and construction undertaken at the earliest possible date. It is hoped that much of the building will be available for use by next September. The splendid site was made available for the school just north of the Provincial Sanatorium through co-operation of the Sanatorium Commission and the Provincial Government.

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City Council Reports

A surplus of \$374.45 in the operation of the Fire Department was noted by Mr. P. R. McCormac, chairman of the Fire Committee, when he presented his report last night. He had budgeted for an expenditure of \$13,500 but actually spent only \$13,125.55.

Mr. McCormac also presented the report of the Department as prepared by Fire Chief H. H. Jewell. It showed that the firemen responded to 152 fire calls of which 47 were general alarms and the others still alarms. He spoke of calls from people outside the city and said the action of the firemen in going outside had saved property owners a considerable sum of money.

Tribute was paid the volunteer firemen in the statement that the average attendance at general alarm was 94 per cent. The total fire loss for the city was less than \$50,000 last year a decrease of nearly 70 per cent from the 1952 figure. The largest fire was at the Palmer Building, Fitzroy street, where the damage to building and contents was \$30,000.

In listing the known causes of fires the Chief attributed them as follows: cigarettes, 7; oil burners, 7; sparks from roofs from chimney fires, 5; electric welding and acetylene torches, 3; overheated stove pipes, 3; children playing with matches, 2; and one each for spontaneous combustion, electric iron, short circuit, defective stove pipe and hot plate.

He said the Bickle pumper was out on 143 trips, the International on 41, ladder truck on 47 and the life saving boat went out on three calls. The hook and ladder crew was increased from 10 to 15 men with the new members being recruited from the Auxiliary Corps. Strength of the Department at present is chief, assistant chief, three fire hall engineers, hose company of 19 men and captain, hook and ladder company of 14 men and a captain.

Expenses encountered in the putting on of new roof on the Harris Memorial Library, renovating the Art Gallery and sealing the outside walls, was emphasized by (Continued on Page 11)

Government. "Until such time as regular debentures are issued, the expenditure entailed in construction of the school is being taken charge of by overdraft at the Canadian Bank of Commerce. The Board has provided the Bank with one debenture to meet the overdraft."

Enrollment The number of pupils enrolled in December 1953 was as follows: Prince Street, 640; West Kent, 541; Queen Square, 746; Rochford Square, 579; West Kent Kindergarten, 24; a total of 2,540 which is an increase of 87 pupils over the previous year. The number of teachers employed was as follows: Prince Street, 22; West Kent, 20; Queen Square, 26; Rochford Square 18; a total of 87. In addition to these, there were four music teachers, two physical education instructors, an art teacher and a teacher in Home Economics.

The total income of the Board for the year was \$185,274.25 with expenditures of \$187,420.29, making a deficit for the year of \$2,146.04. The amount paid as supplements to teachers' salaries was \$94,905.00 less deductions for City Teachers Pension System, \$1,646.06, and deduction for Blue Cross \$1,730.52 making a total supplement to teachers of \$91,538.42.

At the closing exercises in June, Miss Isabel MacDonald of West Kent School was awarded a prize of \$15.00 by the Board for having made the highest marks in the city at the entrance examinations to Prince of Wales College. The following students were awarded the Governor General's Bronze Medal: Prince Street, Miss Roberta Todd.

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Highways Remain Blocked Under Continued Snowfall

Five snowfalls were kept going continuously in Charlottetown yesterday in an effort to keep the streets open for traffic and at nine o'clock in the evening it was reported that all streets in the city were cleared. The City had the use of three Government plows which were kept inactive during the day due to the heavy snowfall and ground drifts. City employees state that they had not handled so much snow that length of time for a good many years. Bucket scoops worked until midnight clearing the snow from the corners and intersections and two plows were kept on continuous patrol during last night.

Department of Public Works plows did not make any effort to keep the highways clear in view of the prevailing weather conditions. Only the roads to Falconwood and Beach Grove were kept open. Early this morning they will start on all the main highways where it is anticipated that the going will be quite heavy.

Maritime Central Airways planes suggested the possibility of holding a public meeting in order to permit the public to offer any criticism it might have of the actions of the Council and to give Councilors an opportunity of "justifying our existence here." He also said that all Councilors should have a chance to speak but "the chairman of the Street Committee should have more time than others as he has been the one who has been 'sniped' at more than anyone else."

While general approval of the idea was expressed by the various Councilors it was pointed out by Mayor Stewart that the Council itself could not call such a meeting, but if any recognized agency such as Board of Trade wished to do so he felt the Councilors would be only too glad to attend and speak of the work they had done. It was also remarked by several members that the regular meetings of the Council were always open to the public and since so few took advantage of the opportunity to criticize then it was doubtful if the public would be sufficiently to attend a public meeting held elsewhere than in the Chamber.

Complains About No Lists Councilor P. R. McCormac was critical of the actions of some civic employees in not providing him with a voters' list for Ward 5. He said he had asked for it but had been refused. Mr. Ernest Sellar, replying for the employees stated that the list was not prepared as yet. It was only partially finished as yet and in any event

Local Camera Club Meeting

Last night at the regular meeting of the Charlottetown Camera Club, the monthly competition on tabletops was judged by Mr. George Barter. The winning print submitted by Mr. George Lewis, was a replica of a snow scene called "Snowbound." It was very timely representing almost identical conditions outside today. Mr. Barter complimented George Lewis for the excellent work in producing the print. A print submitted by Mr. Chuck Walper, titled "Seclusion" was judged second.

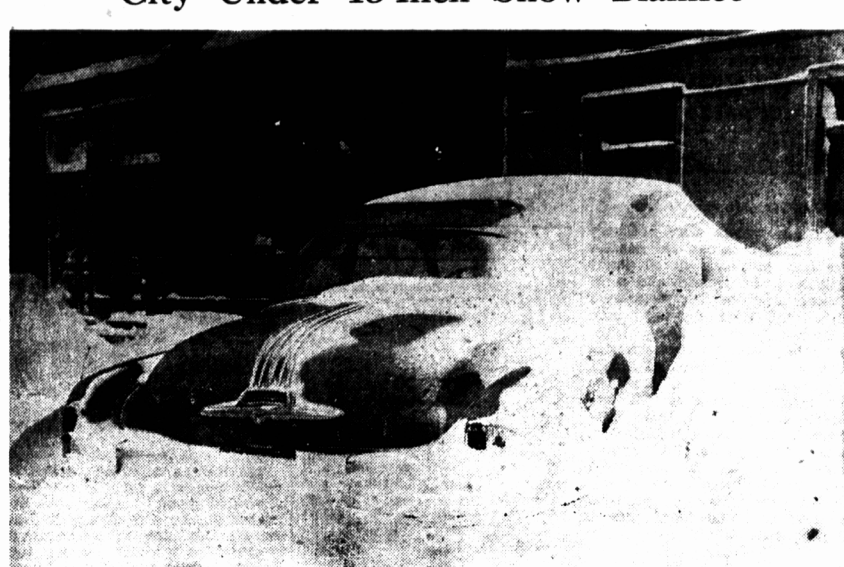
The next illustrated lecture in the present series on developing pictures was presented by Larry McInnis. The lecture dealt with developing negatives by both the tray and tank method that anyone could follow in their own home with a minimum of equipment. The club president reminded the members that entries for the salon in March would be due a month from last night. An enquiry disclosed that about 50 mounted prints were ready at the present time for reviewing by the committee.

It was also announced that the next monthly competition would be on the best "Winter Scene."

Heads Engineering Institute of Canada

QUEBEC, (CP)—G. E. Sarault, a Quebec City consulting engineer, Thursday was elected president of the Engineering Institute of Canada at a meeting here. It also was announced that the next annual international convention of the institute will be held in Quebec May 12-14. Nearly 2,000 delegates from Canada, the United States and Europe are expected to attend.

City Under 13-Inch Snow Blanket



Scenes like the above were commonplace in Charlottetown during the past two days as heavy snowfall hampered traffic and left many cars snowed in like the one above. This picture was taken on Queen Street across from the City Fire Hall in the centre Barter's Film Lab.

City Council Holds Annual Meeting

All annual reports of committees were passed unanimously as the City Council held its 98th annual meeting in the Council Chamber last night. Although it was the annual meeting, and customarily the final one of an outgoing Council, the regular February meeting falls on Monday, February 8, two days before the election of a new mayor and council.

During last night's meeting Mayor J. D. Stewart expressed his sincere appreciation to all members of the Council and hoped they would all nominate again and all be successful. Councilor Edwin C. Johnstone suggested the possibility of holding a public meeting in order to permit the public to offer any criticism it might have of the actions of the Council and to give Councilors an opportunity of "justifying our existence here."

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Highest mountain on Canadian territory is Mount Logan in the Yukon—19,850 feet.

To The Electors Of WARD 4

It is my intention to nominate in the forthcoming Civic Election as a candidate for Ward 4. I wish to take this opportunity of soliciting your support. If elected I will continue to serve the interest of the City in general and Ward 4 in particular.

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