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**Mother's Day**

Nothing is changed, though you are gone away. The earth has wakened to another spring. The grass is green, the dandelions have come, and in the wood new life is all a-wing.

The little whispering winds are soft and warm. White violets bloom in every country lane. Blue shadow vapours wreath the distant hills. And brooks that long lay mute sing once again.

Nothing is changed—the summer days will come, and garden paths be sweet with mignonette. But you who shared my happiness are gone. And my remembering eyes with tears are wet.

—Constance I. Heckbert.

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

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 ternal Affairs Committee, to mention some of the most active.

**Railway Affairs**

"Tonight I want to refer to the Railways Committee which recently had Donald Gordon, President of the Canadian National Railways, as its chief witness. Mr. Gordon, whom you all know as the former head of the Wartime Prices Board and Deputy Governor of the Bank of Canada, was an excellent witness.

"You might not always agree with his ideas or his conclusions, but you could not help admiring his grasp of our transportation problems, and his frankness in talking about them from both national and regional standpoints. It was my lot to question Mr. Gordon on a number of matters regarding our Prince Edward Island Railways and our

ferry connections with the mainland.

"Just in case he might have forgotten, I reminded the C.N.R. President that our Province was cut off from the mainland for some days in August, 1950, on account of the railway strike. I recalled that the sole link with the mainland except by air at that time was the Wood Islands-Caribou ferry, and I asked him if the railway company is taking precautions against this sort of thing happening again.

"Mr. Gordon said he had not forgotten this matter. He had a pretty tough time himself before and during that railway strike. He told me the issue would come up for discussion this Fall when labour and management meet.

"That is alright as far as it goes, but I was sorry Mr. Gordon was not prepared to go farther. I think he might have given us assurance that some mutually satisfactory arrangement will be made to assure us continuous service between our Island and the mainland even during a strike.

**Federal Responsibility**

"No doubt many of you read a recent editorial in the Charlottetown Guardian on this subject. The Guardian insists — and rightly — that the Dominion Government is obligated by the B.N.A. Act to maintain the ferry service uninterrupted. I have always held this view and have expressed it time and time again on the floor of the House of Commons, and I regret to say that the Minister of Transport, Mr. Chevrier, repeatedly refused to see eye to eye with me.

"So what I suggest is this. Let us leave the constitutional issue for the moment. Let us concentrate on keeping the ferry running, come what may. And I am convinced that this can and will be done.

"We all know that in strikes in mines for instance, the labour unions agree to maintenance men remaining on duty. For one thing, they operate the pumps and keep the mines free of water. The same principle holds good in the steel strikes in the United States and in many other industries. I ask that the ferry be placed on the same basis as the mines and steel mills — that it be regarded as an essential service — as of course it is. Ferry crews should be classified as maintenance men.

"Hence, I ask that the Canadian National Railways and the Brotherhood of Railway Employees get together and agree to follow this recognized principle. No one could lose and everyone would gain under an agreement of this kind. I feel strongly that Mr. Gordon and Mr. A. R. Mosher, President of the Brotherhood, should get together at the earliest possible date and iron out this matter once and for all.

"You have all heard and you all know that there is more than one way of skinning a cat. This matter can be settled more effectively in ten minutes at a conference table than in ten years in the courts.

**Proposed Bus Service**

"Mr. Donald Gordon also told us in the Railways Committee something of his plans and hopes to operate a trucking and passenger bus service throughout Prince Edward Island. In this matter, too, I believe it is of great importance when railway officials meet the special committee of our Legislature, that we get some guarantee against traffic being paralyzed in event of a strike.

"That is the danger of granting any sort of monopoly. You run the risk of bureaucracy, of labour or management of the monopoly — or indeed at the mercy of both.

"Another point of great interest to our Province, and to the Maritimes in general, was Mr. Gordon's statement on Diesel engines. He told us that the C.N.R. will probably never buy another steam locomotive. This is one of these changes that are becoming more and more frequent as industrial methods move forward.

"It is unfortunate that the change caused some unemployment in the Prince Edward Island Railway system. With the very large annual turnover in C. N. R. employees during a year, I think this unemployment could and should have been avoided, and I told Mr. Gordon so.

**Coal Purchases**

"One of the effects of the railway's diesel program is its impact on the coal industry of Nova Scotia. Both Mr. Clarence Gillis, C.C.F. member for Cape Breton South, and myself expressed concern over smaller railway purchases of coal from the Cape Breton and Maritime mines.

"We are very well aware that prosperity of the Nova Scotia coal industry is directly linked with the prosperity of our own Province. Nova Scotia is our closest and our best market. It takes a large proportion of our perishable farm products, such as our small fruits and our root crops.

"Anything that disturbs this Nova Scotia market reacts against our farming communities, particularly in Queen's and King's Counties.

"I believe at this time of shrinking markets that the Maritime coal industry has an excellent case for Federal Government encouragement and support over and above the assistance it is receiving at the present time in subsidies.

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  - The condition of small seedlings after the cut.
  - The height of the stumps.
- All cutting must be completed by September 30, 1952.
- Applications must be made to the Forestry Division, Department of Industry and Natural Resources, Charlottetown, not later than September 30, 1952.
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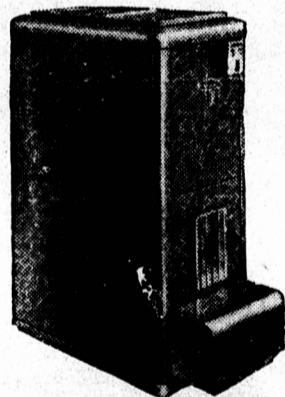
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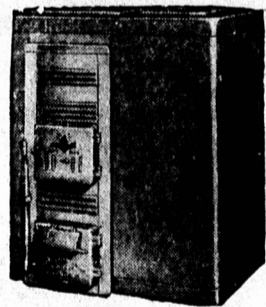
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**Happenings Of The Week**  
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is progressing favourably and is expected to return home soon.

Mrs. Beecher Dewar is visiting her sons Charles, a medical student at Dalhousie University, and Abner, who attends Acadia University.

Mr. and Mrs. George Purvis, Euston Street, have as their guest Mr. Purvis' father from Halifax.

On Tuesday Mrs. George H. Buntain and Mrs. A. J. Haslam motored to Amherst, N. S., where they attended a meeting of the Maritime Golf Association.

Mr. Arthur H. Mould is recuperating following an operation in the P. E. I. Hospital. Mrs. Mould, who is also a patient in the hospital, is much improved.

Tomorrow morning Dr. George Fisher will leave on a business trip to Boston. Mrs. Fisher will travel with her husband as far as Sackville where she will visit for about a week.

Mrs. William MacKay has returned to her position with Moore and MacLeod, Ltd., after having spent the past six months with her sister in Vancouver, B.C.

Mr. Gerald Boyd, Montreal, was a visitor to the City and while here was entertained on Sunday by Dr. and Mrs. George Fisher, Longworth Avenue.

Miss Maribeth Harris has arrived home from Halifax where she attended Dalhousie University.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Roper entertained informally in their new home on the Mt. Edward Road on Sunday evening.

Councillor George R. Keefe is at present a patient in the P. E. I. Hospital.

Mrs. Harry T. Holman and daughter, Mrs. Gerda Morrison, have returned to their home in Summerside after an enjoyable motor trip to New York City.

Mrs. Leigh Lowther of Carleton, who has spent the winter in

Brandon, Manitoba, guest of Mrs. J. E. Matthews, has returned to the Province and is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. T. Tanton, and Dr. Tanton, Summerside.

Mr. and Mrs. Ingham Palmer of Moncton, N.B., spent the week end with relatives in Charlottetown and Summerside.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Wedlock entertained at their home in Summerside on Saturday evening at the dinner hour in honor of P/L and Mrs. Keith Orchard, prior to their departure for Montreal.

Mrs. Harry Silliphant was hostess at her home in Summerside on Monday evening when bridge was in play.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ramsay returned last week to their home in Summerside from Montreal where the latter underwent a successful operation.

Mrs. E. W. Manson of Summerside is visiting with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George Lewis, Moncton, N.B.

Mrs. Major Small who has been residing in Lethbridge, Alberta, has arrived in Summerside and is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Small.

Mrs. Eric Sheen of Summerside entertained at the tea hour on Saturday in honor of Mrs. Lorna Kipfer, who sailed on Thursday for Quebec City to embark on the S.S. Scythia for England on a four months' vacation trip.

Mrs. A. B. L. Horne, Summerside, entertained at bridge on Monday evening.

Mrs. R. L. Willet of Summerside is visiting in Ottawa as guest of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Willet.

Miss Margaret MacMurdo of North Bedouque, a student at Dalhousie University left this week on a visit to Regina, Saskatchewan.

Dr. and Mrs. E. T. Tanton entertained at mixed bridge at their home in Summerside on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Allen Jenkins, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. John Stirling, left Summerside this week on a visit to her brother, Mr. Ian Stirling, in Ottawa.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mercer were given a housewarming last Friday evening by the members of the teaching staff of the Summerside High School and Academy. Mrs. Davis Lidstone, master of ceremonies, called upon Mr. Norman MacDonald who read an address and Miss Estelle Rowness made a presentation of a lovely piece of furniture for their new home on Beattie Avenue.