Note Book Given In Lieu Of Grant

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I HAD an interesting chat a few days ago with members of the York Women's Alpha Institute that took us back 52 years to the Aug. 10, 1911 date the Alpha first institute was organized.

The first thing I noticed about the original minute book was a note on the first page that the book was "given in lieu of a grant" by the minister of Agriculture, Hon. John Richard. And I wonder what a group would say now to Agriculture Minister Andrew MacRae if he offered a minute book when they asked him for a grant.

Mr. Richards, by the way, was a member for Second Prince and he and his colleague John McWilliams, were the only two Liberals who survived the Conservative landslide of 1912. Professor J. H. Blanchard who has a phenomenal memory for political events—he can recall entire cabinets and even tell you their seating arrangement—tells me that the Liberals had been in power for 20 years previously, and this was one of the reasons they got kicked out almost to a man at the time.

JOHN apparently succeeded his brother James W. Richards who had a lengthy career as member for the district before he was elected to the House of Commons for Prince in 1908 and 1911. He was the first Liberal elected after Prince was made a one-man riding in 1903. A Conservative, A. A. Lefurgey, held the seat prior to that. And it wasn't until Dr. O. H. Phillips won in 1937, that a Conservative was victorious again in the riding.

To get back to the York institute, I looked over the old minute book with its interesting entries.

Abraham Brown contracted to light the fires through the winter for one dollar. The ladies decided at their first meeting to meet at 7:30 sharp, and quit at 9:30, two hours later. They met once every two weeks.

Hen and Rooster Sold For $16.50

ONE MAN donated a rooster and hen to help out on a Red Cross drive and the pair brought $16.50, a princely sum in those far off days, before the selling and bidding stopped.

And speaking of "princely sums" how about the $267.00 the York Institute raised for Red Cross work and other patriotic needs during the First Great War years of 1914-18. More than 600 pair of socks were knit by the women of the community, more than 100 shirts were made as well as pyjama suits, balaclava caps, bandages, etc., along with bedding and clothing for Belgian relief.

AND ONE lady, Mrs. Elmer Brown, never did stop working for for just about any needy, or worthy cause. The modest lady admits to almost 200 quilts, and socks—"I just couldn't begin to count them", she commented when asked about that part of her work.

"She still makes them. You never visit her but she is knitting. Her hands are never idle" a neighbour told me this week.

Farmers Institutes were a powerful and valuable organization fifty years ago and the York Excelsior institute was largely responsible for getting the ladies organized, I was told.

If the "presentation of a minute book in lieu of a grant" seems odd to you, just remember that money wasn't thrown around nearly so freely in the old days as it is now, and a small amount of money meant a great deal more than it does today.

Docked 3 Cents For One-Half Hour

SEVERAL MONTHS ago I talked to one of the province's leading businessmen and he told me a tale I must pass along to you. It was back in the early years of the century and the boy was learning his trade in a wood working shed. He was getting six cents an hour and working a 10-hour day.

He had started to work Tuesday morning, had a terrific toothache Wednesday night and asked the boss if he could get off one-half hour early at noon on Thursday, so he could get the tooth pulled.

The pay lady came around on Saturday and asked him how many hours he had worked. He told her he had started Tuesday morning so he would have five days, or three dollars coming to him. Next Wednesday she came around and accused him of lying about this time. The boy resented the accusation, for he had been taught to be honest, and insisted he hadn't lied.

"BUT YOU told us you had five days coming to you", persisted the lady time-keeper, "you didn't say anything about the half-hour you had off.

"You owe the firm three cents, and it was the boss who caught the error in the payroll. Normally we take off twice the amount from the pay the following week, but in your case, I believe you made an honest mistake, so we'll only take off three cents from this week's pay," she told him.

Next morning I was leaving for Bothwell to get the story we had on Daniel MacDonald in the Farm Edition. I had to stop at the Telegraph office, couldn't find a vacant spot for my car, so went around on Queen Street, slipped a penny in the parking meter, and just by luck noticed that it didn't have any effect.

The pennies are no good in our parking meters. I found, and the thought of the three-cent pay reduction came back to me, as I contrasted the value of money then and now.

Gun At DeSable Is Interesting

ONE OF the most attractive old guns I have seen is the "Fowling Piece" owned by Clifton Ince, DeSable. We estimated the bore to be about 16 gauge, although it is not calibrated in that way.

The beautiful old gun must be close to 150 years old, perhaps older, for it was brought here by his maternal great grandfather John Beer from Devonshire, England who came out 143 years ago.

Made by Rich Collins, the workmanship is unusually good. It is obviously a custom made job, and the work of a master craftsman.

SILVER ORNAMENTED, the cheek rest is unusually fine and the butt plate is set into the wood, not screwed on or attached as is normal in fire arms of this kind.

It is filled by a powder horn with an ingenious device for measuring the charge and shutting off the flow of the powder from the reservoir, in keeping with the weight of charge that was decided on.

The old gun is like new in appearance. There's not a stain or a blemish to indicate its age.

MISS ALICE Richard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hector J. Richard, Tignish was crowned Lobster Queen by Miss Letitia Perry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Perry, Tignish. Letitia is the past Ice Carnival Queen of the Sports Recreation Association.

Tignish Crowns Lobster Queen

TIGNISH — A street dance in the village of Tignish and the crowning of a Lobster Bonanza Queen completed a very full day of activities for the Tignish Sports Recreation Association Wednesday.

A warm, sunny day allowed the association to proceed with picnic plans that had to be cancelled three times in the past two years due to unfavorable weather conditions.

The Lobster Bonanza and picnic got underway early in the day. A new sound system purchased by the association during the year, was used at the picnic for the first time allowing music to be played during the day.

Well over 500 spectators viewed the street dance and the crowning of the Lobster Queen, Miss Alice Richard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hector J. Richard, Tignish.

The queen, daughter of a fisherman was chosen by the association in appreciation of help given them each year by the fishermen members of Tignish Fisheries Co-operative Ltd.

The association is now sponsoring a Red Cross swimming and water safety course for 140 children and adults.

Heading this organization is the president, John Gavin with an executive comprising David Harper, William Handrahan, Wilson Shea, Rev. Floyd McGaugh, Gerald Keough, Mrs. Reg Eldershaw, William Pedersen, Robert Keough, with Mrs. Milton Keough, chairman of entertainment, and Mrs. Joseph Conway, chairman of water safety and swimming course.

Credit Union Slate Named

A new slate of officers for the P.E.I. Credit Union League was installed Wednesday night at a board meeting held in Charlottetown.

Edmond Gallant, Oyster Bed Bridge, is the new president; Leo Blacquiere, Summerside is vice-president; George Mullally, Rollo Bay, is secretary; and Ted Sabine, Brackley Point Road, is treasurer.

Directors are Gilbert Gaudet, Howlan; Maurice Cummiskey, Fort Augustus; and Bernard MacMillan, Summerville.

A new Central Credit Union educational committee has been formed, comprising the following members: Urbain LeBlanc, Sherwood; Valmour Arsenault, Tignish; Maurice Cummiskey, Fort Augustus; Bernard MacMillan, Summerville; Edmond Gallant, Oyster Bed Bridge; Gilbert Gaudet, Howlan; and Gregory Kelly, Charlottetown.

The officers were elected at the annual meeting of the Credit Union League, held recently at Tignish.

Normal Berry Year Forecast

The forecast that 1963 would be "about a normal year" for the strawberry harvest, was made yesterday by a spokesman for the Mount Stewart Strawberry Exchange.

Lane Picketts said the harvest is reaching peak period this week and activity will gradually slow down in the coming weeks.

Hundreds of pickers have received part time employment this year. Mr. Picketts said the exchange is served by 55 producers who employ anywhere from two or three to 125 pickers each.

Awards Are Won For Safe Driving

Albert McEachern formerly of Fort Augustus and Gayfield Creamer formerly of Charlottetown recently received gold wrist watches for completing five years safe driving with Canadian Oil Co.

Mr. McEachern and Mr. Creamer are employed in Moncton and Saint John, respectively. Both are at present spending their annual vacation visiting friends and relatives in Prince Edward Island.

FARMERS TO TOUR

MONTREAL (CP) — Forty Canadian farmers will sail Oct. 3 aboard the Empress of Britain for a 34-day tour of farms and agricultural establishments in Britain and Ireland. The tour takes the farmers to Scotland, Wales, Oxford and the Dairy Show in London. The farmers return Nov. 5.

GIRLS BURNED

RUTLAND, Ohio (AP)—Four young girls were burned to death in a fire that levelled their home here Wednesday. The girls' parents and two brothers managed to escape. The victims were the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Large. They were identified as Loretta, 10; Violet, 8; Barbara, 6, and Virginia, 4.

EASTERN BRIEFS

IN AMHERST

George MacLeod, Grandview is visiting in Amherst, N.S.

FROM HALIFAX

Mrs. Chris Watson, her daughter Babette and son John, arrived from Halifax Tuesday to spend the summer at the summer home in Brudenell. Babette has as her guest Barbara Anne Smith while John has as his guest, Paul Stoddard.

HAD GUESTS

Mrs. Annie Beck, Montague had as her guests this week, Mrs. Warren Hemphill of Charlottetown and her sister Florence of Keswick, Ont., who is visiting her brother, Windsor Beck, White Sands.

AROUND TRAIL

Mrs. Bruce MacLeod of Grandview and her guests, Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Jenkins of Oregon and Mrs. John Nicholson, Upper Montague has returned from a two-week holiday spent with her sister, Joyce and her aunt, Mrs. Mullins of Quincy, Mass.

SPENT WEEKEND

Victor Bell of Montague who is majoring in chemistry, and is this summer working at the laboratories of Dalhousie University spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Bell, Montague.

AT U.N.B.

Miss Donna MacLeod and Miss Gwen Clark, are attending summer school at the University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, N.B.

IS VISITOR

Harry Hudson of Boston is a welcome visitor to Montague.

TO DALHOUSIE, N.B.

Bill VanDerstine, Montague, left this week for Dalhousie N.B. where he has accepted a position.

IN HALIFAX

Art Ross, Riverside Drive, Montague, visited Halifax this week.

IN ONTARIO

Miss Mamie Sorrey, Montague is enjoying a three week holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Sorrey, Brantford, Ont.

RECENT GUESTS

Mrs. Lloyd MacPherson of Boston and Mrs. Flo Weatherbie of Charlottetown were recent guests of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis MacPherson, Peter's Road.

VISITED PARENTS

Miss Rena Sorrey has returned to Boston after a brief visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Sorrey, Montague.

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Mr. and Mrs. James Anistie, are spending a holiday with George Anistie, Brudenell, and with Mrs. Anistie's mother, Mrs. Dan Sample, Queens Road, Montague.

IN MONTAGUE

James Dewar of Iran Bridge, Ont., is spending a holiday with Mrs. Florence Dewar, Montague.

IN BRUDENELL

Blair White of Fredericton, N.B., spent the weekend in Brudenell.

TO CANOE COVE

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Beck and two children Kenneth and David, Alliston, motored to Canoe Cove, Monday.

PETERS FUNERAL — The funeral for Augustus Peters was held from his late residence St. Charles, to St. Charles Church, where Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Charles Gallant who also conducted service at the grave, members of staff of Eastern Packing Company attended in a body. Pallbearers were Frank Gallant, John Peters, Adrian Peters, Ray Peters, Ambrose Peters, Lorne Peters. Interment was in the church cemetery.

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For further information consult your local fishery protection officer or write, Department of Fisheries, Sir Charles Tupper Building, Ottawa 8, Ontario.

HEDARD J. ROBICHAUD,
Minister.

Tough Crackdown Is Ordered On Buddhist Demonstrations

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (AP) — President Ngo Dinh Diem's government cracked down hard Wednesday on Buddhist street demonstrations in a church-state struggle complicating the American-backed war against Communist guerrillas. Scores were arrested.

American security officers said there was deliberate police brutality that shocked and disgusted them.

U.S. embassy officials rescued a monk threatened with detention by Vietnamese police after he made a trip from his pagoda — reported under a promise of safe conduct—to appeal to U.S. Ambassador Frederick E. Nolting Jr. for help.

The courier, Rev. Le Van Hoa, delivered a letter to Nolting from the Buddhist association complaining of "police brutality against innocent civilians" and asking the U.S. government to intercede to prevent a repetition.

When the monk left the embassy, three plainclothes policemen tried to whisk him away in a cab. The monk evaded them and ran back toward the embassy. Near the gate, a uniformed policeman grabbed him. An American official intervened, dragging along both the monk and the policeman. A U.S. Marine guard peeled the policeman from the monk's back. The embassy assigned escorts to accompany the monk back to his pagoda.

CALL FOR HELP

Buddhist leaders have openly called on all South Vietnamese buddhists, including soldiers of that faith who make up the bulk of Diem's army, to join actively in the struggle against the Roman Catholic president "for religious freedom and human rights."

Riot police, plainclothesmen and steel-helmeted troops used clubs, rifle butts and boots in breaking up a projected march by more than 1,000 Buddhists—yellow-robed monks and nuns and their followers, including women and children—to the Xa Loi pagoda, where a hunger strike by more than 200 monks and nuns was in its second day.

Barbed wire penned the demonstrators near their starting point, the Glac Minh pagoda. The security forces arrested an estimated 295, flinging them bodily into army trucks. More than 50 were clubbed.

The Communist Viet Cong scored overnight with a mortar and machine-gun attack on the airport of Can Tho, 80 miles southwest of Saigon, that wounded 14 U.S. Army special forces troops.

This constituted the heaviest casualty toll of American servicemen in a single encounter with the Viet Cong. Three Vietnamese also were wounded.

Ambassador Nolting was believed putting pressure on Diem to make peace with the religious leaders.

A dispatch from Colombo said Ceylon's Prime Minister, Mrs. Sirimavo Bandaranaike, has appealed to United Nations Secretary-General U Thant in New York for prompt action on behalf of the Vietnamese Buddhists.

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Cardinal Leger Issues Denial Education Minister Charge

MONTREAL (CP) — Paul-Emile Cardinal Leger, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Montreal, said Wednesday he "never expressed reluctance with regard to the creation of a ministry of education."

He was commenting in a statement on newspaper reports in Quebec City that said the provincial government postponed action on a bill to set up an education department at cabinet level after Cardinal Leger asked Premier Lesage to make several changes in the bill.

The statement said that on his return from Rome, after the election of the Pope last month, Cardinal Leger was advised that steps were being taken to request the government to allow time to interested groups to prepare observations on the bill.

"Questioned on this matter," the statement said, "and desirous of showing respect for democratic institutions, he (the cardinal) merely replied:

"Since this is a project of law, let the government take the responsibility of its own decisions after having studied the amendments which may be proposed to it."

The statement did not say who had asked for the cardinal's view.

The statement added:

"He (the cardinal) repudiates all exploitation of his person or office for political purposes.

"Those who criticize the church for its alleged interference in temporal matters must not use the prestige of the church for their own ends."

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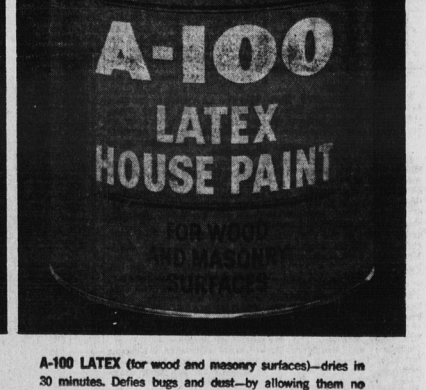

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