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## National Historic Park To Be Established In P.E.I.

A 225 acre tract of land on the south shore of Charlottetown Harbour will be set aside for Prince Edward Island's first national historic park, Resources Minister Alvin Hamilton announced today.

The park, to be called "Fort Amherst National Historic Park" will include the remains of a fort named in 1758 for Lord Jeffrey Amherst, commander-in-chief of the British forces at Louisbourg.

The land for the park—Canada's 18th—was bought by the province from the late John O. Hyndman and John Skinner of Charlottetown and turned over to the Federal Government as a gift.

Plans are to landscape the fort area over the next few years to make it attractive for visitors and to enhance the setting. Archaeological digging may also be necessary to establish more clearly the nature and extent of the original fortifications.

Fort Amherst succeeded the French settlement of Port La Joie established there nearly two and a half centuries ago. According to church registers, French settlement in the harbour south of the present capital began in 1721 and an historian has described the thriving community as "a group of houses within a fort, surrounded by a deep moat with drawbridge."

Both the dominion and province owe a great debt of gratitude to Mr. J.O. Hyndman, who made the property available," he added. "His action was in the highest tradition of public spiritedness."

Mr. Macquarrie also noted that his colleague, Hon. Angus MacLean, had long been interested in the Fort Amherst project, and first made representations concerning it at Ottawa during his days as an Opposition M.P.

"Although the Port Amherst national historic park will be wholly within the constituency represented by Mr. MacLean and myself, its establishment is a recognition of the part played in the development of this Province, and citizens in all parts of the Island will greet with enthusiasm this new move by the dominion government," Mr. Macquarrie asserted.

Mr. Macquarrie said he looked for extensive development in the new park and expressed the belief that archaeologists from Ottawa would make an initial survey very soon, with excavation and development to follow shortly.

While commending the Island government for its role in obtaining the Ft. Amherst property, Mr. Macquarrie pointed out that in other Canadian provinces historic sites of provincial and local interest were preserved and developed by provincial governments.

"In this province there are many such which could and should be so developed and recognized," the Queens M.P. said.

A British warship captured the town in 1745 and Britain ruled it for the next four years. In 1749 the treaty of Aix-La-Chapelle returned the town and the Island, then known as "Ile St. Jean", to France.

For nine years it remained a French possession but with the surrender of Louisbourg the British again took control. They built and expanded the fort and it was garrisoned and kept in repair for two years but later fell into disuse and was destroyed in 1770. The site is now marked only by the remains of the earthworks and moat.

No known visual records of the old French fort remain but a plan of projected fortifications dated 1776 are preserved in the Public Archives of Canada at Ottawa.

Commenting on the announcement that came from Ottawa yesterday, Premier Matheson said he has not been officially notified that the transfer of property has been accepted. He said, however, the last stipulations of the transfer have been met and he was happy to hear that the deal has now been completed.

Premier Matheson said the deeds to the two properties involved had not been registered until this present month which accounted for some of the delay in acceptance of the land by Ottawa.

Mr. Matheson recalled that he had been approached by members of the P.E.I. Historical Society two years ago regarding the setting aside of a site for an historical park.

The Premier said he contacted the late J.O. Hyndman who with his daughter Mrs. Alan Macmillan came with him to look over the site at Fort Amherst.

After negotiations with Mr. Hyndman a price was agreed upon and the Premier and Mr. Hyndman also agreed that the land should be made available for camping grounds for such organizations as the Girl Guides

and Boy Scouts. This suggestion did not meet with the approval of Ottawa, the Premier said, so the agreement had to be signed without such a stipulation included in the contract.

OTHER PROPERTY  
Later, Mr. Matheson explained, he learned from a leading member of the Historical Society, Major T.E. MacNutt that the adjoining property, owned by John Skinner contained the site of the residence of the first Lieutenant-Governor of the Province. With this information at hand, it was decided to purchase this property as well.

The whole site cost the Provincial Government \$33,000, the Premier stated. He said the Federal Government has agreed to make an initial expenditure of \$200,000 in developing the park—an amount which he felt was scarcely adequate.

The Premier was high in his praise for the efforts of the P.E.I. Historical Society who he said had conceived the original idea and gave valuable assistance throughout the whole negotiations.

Queen Elizabeth for the Royal Children in a brief ceremony at Government House Thursday.

The presentation was made by John Rankine, son of F.O. Ian Rankine, who is one of the Lieutenant Governor's Aides, and Mrs. Rankine on behalf of Governor Hyndman and Mrs. Hyndman.

RIVIERA FOREST FIRE  
NICE, France (AP)—Harried firemen stamped out forest blazes dotted all along the Riviera Friday but others cropped up. Larger fires in the pine timberland that borders on the Mediterranean shore were all under control as firemen turned to a dozen minor fires. There was no estimate of property damage.

BURNS  
Chick Hatchery  
CHICKS EVERY WEEK OF THE YEAR  
NOONAN ST. DIAL 3337  
-SUMMERSIDE

Liberal Nominating Convention  
For the First District of Prince will be held in the Alberton Institute Hall, Friday, August 7th at 8 p. m.  
Poll meeting to be held in each poll on August 3rd to appoint 5 delegates.

Signed,  
ROBERT E. CAMPBELL,  
President,  
West Prince Liberal Assn.

REGENT TO-DAY  
2:00-6:45-9:15  
DOUBLE BILL  
"FORT BOWIE"  
Ben Johnstone — Jan Harrison

"HONG KONG CONFIDENTIAL"  
Gene Barry — Beverly Tyler

## Orwell Cove Resident Fined On Liquor Possession Count

Magistrate Gilbert A. Gaudet, Q.C., yesterday sentenced a resident of Orwell Cove to a fine of \$25 ad costs or 30 days when the accused party pleaded guilty to having in his possession a quantity of liquor not purchased at a vendor shop.

In another contravention of the Temperance Act heard in the same court, Magistrate Gaudet fined two Charlottetown men \$20 and costs when one pleaded guilty to possessing liquor in a place other than his residence, and the other pleaded guilty to possessing liquor not purchased on his own individual permit. In default of payment each was sentenced to serve 30 days in Queen's County Jail.

In addition the Magistrate fined three men, one from Howlan, one from Winsloe, and the third from Summerside \$5 and costs each, when all three pleaded guilty to failing to stop at a stop sign.

A Magistrate driver, charged with driving a motor vehicle with defective equipment and a Har-

ington resident charged with passing another vehicle on a grade were both found guilty and fined \$5 and costs or five days. A \$10 fine or in default a 10-day sentence was levied against a young man from Charlottetown when he pleaded guilty to a charge of driving a motor vehicle without a proper licence to do so. In addition an Indian girl who admitted to being intoxicated while off the reservation was sentenced to a fine of \$10 or five days.

ELDEST CYCLIST KILLED  
WUERZBURG, Germany (AP)  
Cyclist Stefan Neubauer, who at 87 called himself the oldest bicyclist of Wuerzburg, was crushed to death Friday beneath the wheels of an 85-ton United States atomic cannon. Neubauer was riding ahead of the gun when it had to make a sharp turn to avoid a truck. The weapon hit the old man, who fell under the gun's wheels.

## Adult Polio Clinic

For 1st, 2nd, 3rd Inoculations  
For New London and Surrounding District.

At New London Hall

Monday, Aug. 3rd—7 to 10 p.m.

CIVIC STADIUM, SUMMERSIDE  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 8.30 p.m.

BIG TIME - PROFESSIONAL  
TV WRESTLING

DOUBLE MAIN EVENT,  
BOTH 2 OUT OF 3 FALLS

HANDICAP TAG TEAM MATCH  
THE MIGHTY JUMBO

655 POUND GIANT

-VS-

EDDIE AUGER

OTTAWA, 231 POUNDS

AND

TOKYO JOE

TOKYO, JAPAN, 222 LBS.

ALSO

DR. TIMOTHY GEHAGEN

DUBLIN, IRELAND, 220 LBS.

VS.

BULL "CACTUS" CURRY

HARTFORD, CONN., 228 LBS.

Dr. Gehagen will give an exhibition of hypnotism before his match.

Admission: Ringside \$1.25, rush \$1.00, Children 12 and under 50 cents.

## CAMEO

Kensington

Fri. Sat. 7:15, 9:15. Matinee

Saturday 1 p.m.

Randolph Scott in—

"A LAWLESS STREET"

Only the brave or the crazy

cross the lawless street. Co-

starring Angela Lansbury, Jean

Parker. Also serial.

SOURIS THEATRE

Friday & Saturday

July 31st — Aug. 1st

"VILLA"

With Brian Keith, Caesar

Romero.

The Alberton And West Prince Board  
Of Trade Annual...

## AQUATIC DAY!

At  
Kildare River Bridge  
(Near Alberton)

Wednesday August 5  
1959

Official Opening At 2 P.M.

Followed by guest speaker and  
introduction of contestants

MAIN EVENT — 3 mile swimming race from Montrose  
Bridge to Kildare Bridge.

RULES — Open to the Maritimes (Nova Scotia and New Brunswick  
restricted to three entrants each in both ladies and gents division).

Contestants required to make arrangements for an accompanying  
row boat and two attendants — entry fee of \$5.00 to ensure starting, re-  
funded after race.

PRIZES FOR MAIN EVENT — Winners \$25.00; second  
place — \$15.00; third — \$10.00. Also a \$5.00 consolation  
prize for all contestants completing the main event.

OUTBOARD MOTOR BOAT RACES — Three classes — 7½ H. P.  
and under — 16 H. P. and under and over 16.

SPECIAL ATTRACTION — Sandra Rogers, Queen of the 1959  
Summerside Lobster Carnival, will be in attendance.

Introducing this year a rowing race.

Annual competition for the Hutt Brothers Trophy (now Alberton  
Industries) for best seamanship, courteous and gentlemanly handling of  
boat during the afternoon.

Demonstration by Red Cross Water Safety Division.

Prizes or ribbons for all events which includes twenty other races  
and contests open to all boys and girls.

"The greatest day of water sports in the Maritimes."

## ONE KILLED, EIGHT HOS PITIALIZED IN THIS CRASH

This twisted wreckage is all that is left of a 1958 Chevrolet in which one passenger, Mary MacNeil, 16, of Beach Point was killed, as a result of a head-on collision near Murray River Wednesday evening. The other vehicle involved a 1947 Mercury (right)

had the whole front end demolished. The collision sent eight persons to hospital.

Horold Lecco, 10, who was flown to Halifax at noon Tuesday in serious condition was reported by hospital authorities yesterday as "satisfactory". The

little boy along with his parents, a brother, and two sisters were passengers in the Mercury. The condition of Mr. and Mrs. Harper Lecco and their children, Juanita, Joan and Barry was reported unchanged at Kings County Hospital. Two others, Wayne Harris

of Murray River and Stephen Palmer, 17 of Westboro, Mass., were passengers in the Chevrolet. Palmer remains in serious condition in the Montague Hospital while Harris was reported as improving in the P.E.I. Hospital although his condition is still regarded as serious.

## Progressive Conservatives To Hold Prince Conventions

SUMMERSIDE — The Progressive Conservative Party in Prince Edward Island will complete their provincial nominations with conventions for the third and fifth districts of Prince at nominating conventions scheduled for Summerside next Wednesday and Thursday nights.

Anticipating the announcement of a provincial election, the Conservatives under the leadership of Walter R. Shaw, have been busy in organizational work and for the past few months have

maintained full time provincial offices in Charlottetown and Summerside.

The convention for the 5th District of Prince is scheduled for the A.A. Hall on Water Street West on Thursday, August 6th.

Names of persons mentioned as possible candidates for nomination include Herbert McNeill, Chester MacDonald, Alex MacDonald Lorne Monkley, Mrs. Evelyn Lidstone, Charles Hogan, Charles McIvor, Robert Dewar.

The 3rd District of Prince will hold their convention in the Canadian Legion Hall in Summerside on Wednesday, August 5th.

Persons whose names have been mentioned as possible candidates for this district include Henry Wedge of Summerside; Keith Harrington, Spring Valley; Cyrus P. Gallant, Wellington R.R. Peter Gallant, Egmont Bay, Edmund Arsenault, Charlottetown; James Hickey, Malpeque and Robert Simpson, Malpeque.

## Queens MP Pleased With Federal Move

Heath Macquarrie, M.P. for Queens yesterday expressed great pleasure at the dominion government's decision to establish a national historic park at old Fort Amherst.

This was an area which recalled the early days of Prince Edward Island settlement under both the British and the earlier French regime, he noted.

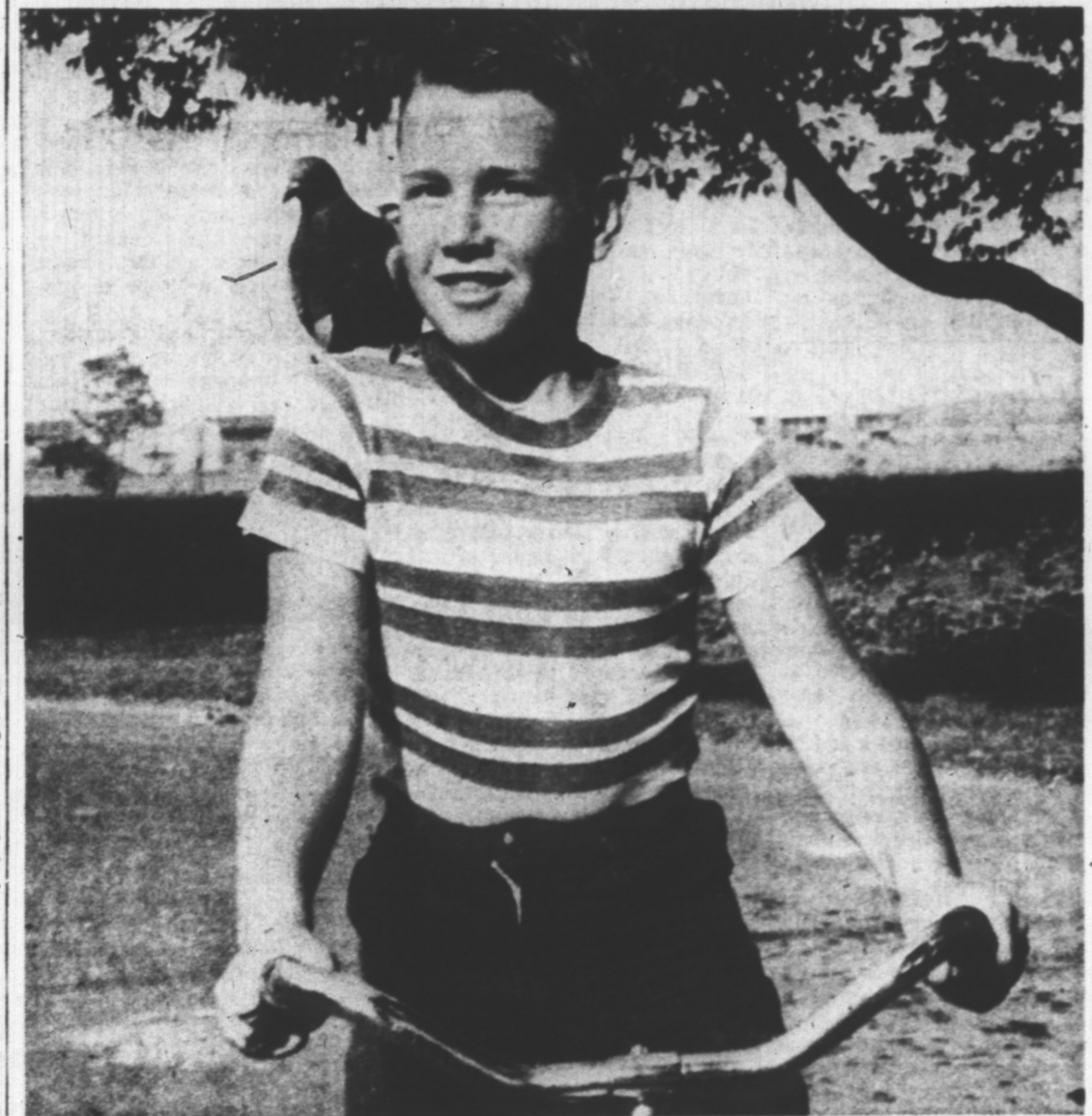
The Queens M.P. declared that he had long been interested in this particular project, and since his election had made frequent representations concerning it to the department of northern affairs and national resources, and had also discussed the matter in the House of Commons.

INTEREST IN HISTORY

A former professor of political science, Mr. Macquarrie is deeply interested in Island history and has written a number of articles on the subject. In addition, he is the author of the section on P.E.I. in the Colliers Encyclopedia.

In commenting on the establishment of the Fort Amherst national historic park, the Queens M.P. voiced appreciation to a number of persons who, recalled, had shown an active interest in the project.

Among these he cited Judge H. L. Palmer, and Earl Taylor, both past presidents of the P.E.I. Historical Society, and F.A.S. Jones, a prominent officer of the same organization, all of whom had been active in the matter during the past two years, he said.



PAUL GUNN AND FRIEND LIKE CYCLING

"This is much better than flying" might possibly be what "Pidgy" is thinking as she goes for a bicycle ride with her young Master Paul Gunn of Summerside yesterday afternoon. "Pidgy" is almost a full grown pigeon now

but Paul first found him about a month ago on Church Street he was just a little bird that couldn't even fly. However Paul took him home and cared for him and in short order the two became almost inseparable friends.

"Pidgy" obviously enjoys his bicycle trips with Paul, especially down town, and pecks away gently at his ear to show his affection. Paul is the nine-year old son of Dr. and Mrs. C.K. Gunn, Central Street.

## POPE GREETS BALL PLAYERS

CASTEL GANDBOLFO, Italy (AP) — The Harlem Globe Trotters basketball team and their travelling exhibition game opponents, the San Francisco Chinese, were received in audience Friday by the Pope.

The Globe Trotters recalled that they had performed for the late Pope Pius XII in audiences here at the papal summer palace in 1951 and 1952. They asked if they could show Pope John a bit of their ball passing.

When the pontiff agreed, they formed a circle in front of him in the consistorial hall and went through their usual drill of fast and tricky basketball juggling.

The Pope chuckled and applauded enthusiastically.

BRENNER PASS BLOCKED

ROME (Reuters) — The Brenner pass, linking Italy with Austria and North Europe, was blocked Friday by a landslide.

## Attention Veterans

The funeral of our late comrade Dr. John James Farrell will be held on Monday, August 3, from The

Bowness Funeral Home to St. Paul's Church at 9 a.m.

All veterans are requested to be at the Summerside

Legion Home at 8:30 a.m.

## ANNUAL SUPPER

In MORELL HIGH SCHOOL

AUGUST 5th

SUPPER SERVED FROM 5 TO 9 O'CLOCK

CANTEEN AND GAMES

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Summerside, P. E. I. Phone 2235

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Summer St. Summerside

B. F. Hunter, R.O.

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