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by Dean Wilson

UNAVOIDABLE DELAYS

When Premier Mackenzie King expressed willingness to facilitate the opportunities of the new head of the Progressive-Conservative party, Hon. John Bracken, in the latter's test or effort to gain a seat in the House, it is believed in usually well-informed circles along Parliament Hill that this disposition was motivated simply so that the Hon. John Bracken may take his proper place as soon as possible as the newly chosen leader of the Official Opposition in Parliament. However, in part at least, and besides other points, there are certain formalities or provisions in such an election procedure which cause unavoidable delays. Time is prescribed for the printing, examination, revision, and so forth of the voters' lists, and afterwards enumeration of these voters' lists must start on the 49th day before the actual voting takes place in the division, with the result that these formalities or provisions require quite a lengthy period of delay. In other words, delay of Hon. John Bracken's entry into Parliament in the new session cannot be rushed outside of these limitations or formalities, if he succeeds in entering the House of Commons, though Premier Mackenzie King has expressed a desire to facilitate this event.

MANPOWER AND THE FARMER

The important statement in Washington by Paul McNutt, Director of Manpower in the United States, that no compulsorp measures will be exercised in labour affairs until it is absolutely essential is considered to be of great significance in the capital, particularly in view of the widely publicized Mitchell-Little dispute when this angle of Canada's policies was brought into the limelight in dramatic style. Then again, conferences have been held in the capital between Fderal Government agricultural representatives and those from the various Provincial Governments and these may bring forth in time important results since the necessity of producing more and more food was urged strongly on all sides, with this likely to force sooner or later consideration or studies of measures that ought to be taken to solve the urgent problems of labour on farms, farm wages, etc., so that these may be more satisfactory.

CONSULTATION OF PROVINCES

After suggestions had been made many weeks ago by various organtsation which supported such a policy, the Government in Ottawa has moved to curtail the consumption of liquor by decreasing its manufacture, the quantity released from bond, alcoholic contents, and established a ban on its advertising, though it is stressed in Ottawa that behind this new policy is a temperance move only and not prohibition as rumoured, especially in a story circulated some weeks ago about such a movement.

It is indicated in usually well-informed quarters along Parliament Hill that whatever actions may be taken by the Federal Government in regard to the liquor trade will not likely involve moves without the consent or co-operation of the provinces. Indeed, it is believed that the jurisdiction of the provinces in such matters has never been, nor will likely be contested by the Federal Government.

SERIOUSNESS OF A NATIONAL PROBLEM

For some time it has been known that a housing shortage prevailed throughout Canada, but now a report has disclosed in Ottawa that the situation is quite serious due to overcrowded conditions in certain urban centres where expansion of the war industries or undertakings, the lack of new houses, needed repairs of old houses, low incomes, shifting or moving of populations, and other war conditions have brought about surprisingly inadequate housing facilities for a startlingly large number of persons. This report has shown quite clearly at least 110,000 new dwellings or units would be essential to relieve the situation and this means that there must be a serious shortage of over ten per cent. Moreover, there is the obstacle which must be overcome before adequate nation-wide programme for housing can be introduced by the Federal Government in Canada since property rights belong to the provinces by constitutional law, though it must be stated that the situation might be expable of being corrected somewhat under the War Measures Act or such other ways and means within the power of the authorities. In short, whether it be a Federal or Provincial problem, it is held by many observers that housing shortage or deficiency is likely to be one of the most important post-war problems that will have to be solved in a permanent manner.

New Year Message From the Premier

By Hon. A. S. MacMILLAN

The approach of 1943 affords me an opportunity to extend to my fellow Nova Scotians sincere wishes for their continued welfare. The year into which we are entering will, I am sure, be one of dramatic importance. Britain and her Allies, new and old, have accomplished much during the past months. They have given hope to all enslaved peoples of the world that final and complete victory in the fight for the freedom of all men is assured in the not too distant future. In this war effort Nova Scotia is taking a notable share.

I wish to thank all those who have, often out of scanty means, supported sales of Victory Bonds and War Savings Certificates, and all those who have contributed to the War Services Fund and to the upkeep of all our social institutions.

Permit me also to express my praise of the invaluable work being carried on throughout the Province on behalf of the men of the fighting forces especially by our women and those who serve as volunteer assistants in many organizations. Then too, the co-operative work of our farmers, miners, lumbermen and fishermen, so vitally essential in the present crisis, as well as the work of those engaged in industry, has been steadily increasing and is worthy of hearty commendation.

My I take this opportunity to voice my appreciation of the work of the officials of the various departments of Government during the year. Due to enlistments in the services and to the requirements of industry we have lost many of our employees. However, notwithstanding our reduced staffs we have been able to continue to meet all necessary requirements.

The people of this Province have inherited the British spirit, which has been strengthened and deepened in this gigantic struggle against the aggressor. Recent victories have inspired every true Nova Scotian to more strenuous effort in the cause of liberty. For us all this means that we must make greater and yet greater sacrifices. If we are to be worthy of those who are offering their lives in the common cause then we must be prepared to produce more, save more, salvage more, invest more. We must present a united front. And I believe that we have the courage and determination to meet the demands and opportunities of the coming year.

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Attorney General's Department

By Hon. J. H. MacQUARRIE
Attorney General

The volume of work in the Department of the Attorney General has been tremendously increased as a result of the war. The establishment and development of war industries has meant a concentration of civilian population and service personnel in different districts of the province. This creates problems affecting the administration of justice and the protection of vital property. Additional police activity immediately affects the Department. Increased populations place a severe strain on law enforcement authorities. Add to this the task of enforcing the Defence of Canada Regullations, the War Service Regulations, and the multitude of Orders and Regulations made under the War Measures Act, and some conception is gained of the effect of the war on the work of the Department. In all measures the Department has endeavoured to cooperate with the Federal Government, the Armed Services in this area and other agencies engaged in the prosecution of the war effort.

It is a vast undertaking in itself to maintain a current record of the numerous wartime Orders and Regulations constantly being made by the Governor in Council, the different Boards, Administrators and Controllers. The Department realizes that most barristers would not have the facilities to meet this problem and some months ago it offered, as a service to the Bar of the province, to answer requests received from the barristers for up-to-date information concerning such Orders and Regulations. A considerable number of barristers have taken advantage of this offer and have expressed their appreciation for the service rendered.

The Department has continued its efforts to improve the magisterial system, insofar as wartime conditions permit. During the year the number of Provincial Magistrates was increased from five to seven.

NOVA SCOTIA MINERAL INDUSTRY DURING 1942

By HON. L. D. CURRIE, Minister of Mines and Labor, Province Nova Scotia

In spite of the heavy enlistments in the Canadian Active Service forces by employees of the mining industry of Nova Scotia, the production of essential minerals to keep industry rolling on a wartime basis, has been maintained at a high level.

The marked increase shown during the previous year in prospecting for strategic war minerals continued during 1942, not only by the individual prospector, but also by some of the foremost mining companies. The Provincial Government last year offered encouragement in this field of endeavour by the enactment of new legislation, whereby the prospector was enabled to secure the maximum area of ground in a prospecting license at a minimum of cost; the labor requirements, however, remaining the same.

Strategic Minerals

Fully alive to the mining industry's vital importance to the war effort the Nova Scotia Department of Mines in close cooperation with the Dominion Government continued the active investigation of the occurrences of the strategic minerals, particularly manganese and tungsten, commenced prior to the outbreak of war. Fundamental knowledge such as the geology and mode of occurrence of these minerals has been accumulated, also an extensive campaign of diamond drilling has been carried out. Further development is in the hands of the Metals Controller.

Coal

The coal industry, which is the backbone of our mineral production, showed a slight increase over last year in the amount of coal raised, and the total production was in the vicinity of 7,400,000 short tons.

Aside from the increased production, one major development in the industry during the year, was the completion of the driving of rock tunnels from the Phalen seam in No. 1B Colliery to the Harbor seam.

Industrial Minerals

The great majority of the gypsum produced annually in Canada is obtained from the extensive beds that exist in Nova Scotia. Seven companies are engaged in quarrying this mineral and practically all of it is exported in the crude form to the United States and up the St. Lawrence River. One company manufactures its own products, such as selenite hardwall, bondwall, Kayo bug killer, dental plaster and Plaster of Paris. The production was about 1,310,000 short tons in 1941, but due to the shortage of ships, the production for 1942 did not exceed 500,000 tons.

The production of limestone for agricultural purposes still shows a steady annual increase. Besides privately owned quarries, a large number of farmers' groups operate quarries in conjunction with the Provincial Department of Agriculture. One quarry is operated to supply limestone for the making of sulphite pulp.

After remaining idle for several years, the limestone quarry at Point Edward was reopened in 1942 for the production of stone for the Dominion Coal Company.

Dolomite and silica are in steady demand for refractory uses in the Steel Plant at Sydney and are obtained from large quarries about 25 miles from Sydney.

There is an appreciable increase in the manufacture of building bricks, sewer pipes and tiles of all description.

Granite for building and monumental purposes is quarried annually, as is freestone of fine quality. Grindstones of all sizes are also produced and practically all the finished stones are exported to the United States.

Barytes

In spite of the shipping difficulties existing during the year the production of barytes by the Canadian Industrial Minerals Limited from the extensive deposit near Pembroke greatly exceeded that of 1941. Their product both in the finely ground and crude forms is already being used for many purposes.

Salt

The construction of a new steam electric power plant with a total capacity of 1,000 K. V. A. was completed at Malagash during the year. A new office was also included in the fireproof structure of concrete and steel tile design. The exhaust steam from the turbines will be used to operate the evaporator unit of the enterprise. The total output of salt was about 52,000 tons, approximately 2,600 tons in excess of the previous year, in spite of delays in delivery of parts for the power plant.

Fluorite

The discovery of fluorite made last year at Trout river in the Lake Ainslie district, was further exploited this year and some trial shipments made by the operators.

Gold

The needs of industry for other minerals caused a scarcity of experienced labor and difficulty in obtaining equipment and supplies for gold mining. The number of mining properties has been reduced to three active and steady operators and the total production of gold was about one half of that of 1941.

The value of the mineral industry as a whole for 1942 has shown a slight increase over the previous year.

The Passing of the Late Mrs. Sarah Dobson

On Christmas Eve there died one of our oldest and most respected ladies, Mrs. Sarah Dobson, widow of the late James Dobson, who predeceased her twelve years ago. Mrs. Dobson was 87 years of age and was born in West Bay, her maiden name being MacKinnon. Since an early age she has been a resident of Arichat and during her long residence here was noted for her kindliness and hospitality. She is survived by two sons, a daughter and a stepson. Her daughter, Elizabeth, (Mrs. Robert Smallian, of Port Frances, Ont.); The sons are Nelson, of Arichat, and James of Boston, Mass., the stepson, being Anthony, of New Glasgow. Mrs. Dobson lived to a great old age and her death will be heard with much regret by many friends all over the county. The funeral took place on Saturday, Rev. W. J. Bridgman, rector of St. John's Church, officiating in the church and at the grave. We extend our sympathy to those bereaved.



PERCY J. PHILIP

Born in Scotand, educated in England and a Parisian by professional adeption, until his arrival as Ottawa correspondent of the New York Times two years ago; assistant compiler of the Oxford Dictionary, representative of important British newspapers during the First Great War and at the Peace Conference that followed. Percy James Philip escaped by a tick of the clock from death by bombs in Great War II. He is a frequent speaker in the CBC Weekend Review, heard Sundays at 5:30 p.m. EDT, with Dr. James L. Stewart and Watson Thomson taking their turn every third week. Mr. Philip will be heard next January 3.

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Some complain that butter rationing was too long delayed. But, after all, butter late than never.

BLOSSOM OF CANADA FLOUR
EXCELS IN THE KITCHEN

Farmers Faced With Serious Situation In 1943

By HON. JOHN A. MacDONALD, Minister of Agriculture

The year 1942 was a fairly satisfactory one for Nova Scotia agriculture. Crops, for the most part, were good in quantity and quality, markets, generally speaking, were keen, and prices for some products were more favourable than they had been. The year which we are now entering bids fair to be one of slightly greater production with markets and prices continuing favourable to the producer. Of course much depends on weather conditions. That in brief is the 1942-43 picture and outlook.

In looking over the immediate past and the immediate future one is impressed by the seriousness of the situation. War-time demands for greater food production present a challenge to our farmers. The greatest possible efforts will be needed if we in Canada are to meet commitments made abroad and at the same time satisfy our own requirements. In addition to meeting current demands it would seem advisable that we look ahead with the idea of building up a surplus in other commodities besides wheat. Such surplus, in all probability, will be needed during and after the final offensive of the United Nations. The more I study the situation the more I realize that the fate of today and tomorrow rests largely on the shoulders of our farm people. Right here I would like to pay tribute to their loyalty, their steadiness and dependability and their never falling spirit of co-operation in anything and everything that is for the common good.

Two "Musts" For 1943

Before turning the pages of the year that has just closed, I would like to mention two "musts" upon which a greater agricultural production in 1943 is contingent.

The first of these has to do with farm labour. The ranks of those capable of doing farm work have been depleted by withdrawals to national defence and war industry to such an extent that further depletion will very materially interfere with farm products production.

While like withdrawals have been experienced in other parts of Canada I verily believe that the greatest have been experienced here in the Maritime Provinces. Official information indicates that the number of men recruited in Military District No. 6, which takes in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, has been greater in proportion to population than in any other military district in Canada. In the words of my informant on this subject, the total enlistments for the three services, in this military district, plus the men who have gone into the Merchant Navy, is "far ahead" proportionately of any other district. Some idea of the preponderance in Nova Scotia may be gathered from National Defence public relations statistics which, in its ratio of recruits tabulation, sets Nova Scotia down at 490 and Ontario at 330.

Not only our manpower but also our womanpower has been hard hit by the call to the armed forces. The Public Relations Dept. of National Defence is my authority for the statement that in the number of recruits for the Women's Army, Military District 6 has led all Canada in proportion to population. In total enlistments, regardless of population, M. D. 6 enlistments stand second only to M. D. 2 which includes the City of Toronto and is way ahead of M. D. 5, part of which is the City of Montreal.

While Nova Scotia is proud of the splendid manner in which her daughters and sons have answered the call to the colors the fact remains man and woman power must be made available if the basic industry of agriculture is to be carried on in keeping with wartime demands. Further withdrawals from our farm labour population will not only make it impossible to answer the call for increased production but will make it difficult to carry on at the present rate of production.

Farm Equipment

The other "musts" treats with farm equipment. With disproportionately depleted labour ranks it is obvious that there must be made available necessary mechanical equipment. Federally arranged allotments of new equipment must give due consideration to numerical labour situations. Another consideration is the reconditioning of farm machinery. All used and usable equipment now on our farms must be put in the best condition possible. New parts are available. The 1943 allotment is 150 per cent of the total of 1940. For 1942 farm operations there must be lined up the largest amount possible of new and reconditioned mechanical equipment.

If the twin problems, labour and equipment, are reasonably well solved and we have favourable weather we trust that the farmers of Nova Scotia will slightly increase their production in 1943. But come what may it is certain the farmers of this province will do ther best. There is no class of workers that is more conscious of the war-time importance of their work than the men and women on our farms who toil, day in and day out, summer and winter.

1943 Production

At a recent conference of the Nova Scotia Advisory Committee on Agriculture this question of 1943 production was carefully surveyed. A few days later representatives from the Nova Scotia department of agriculture attended a 3-day conference at Ottawa called by the Federal Minister of Agriculture, Hon. James Gardiner. The outgrowth of these conferences was setting of the following production objectives for 1943, the figures given being percentages of the 1942 production:

Dairy products	110%
Eggs	120%
Beef and Poultry	110%
Sheep and Lambs	125%
Hay and Clover	105%
Grain Feeds	105%
Potatoes	100%
Other Vegetables	108%

1942 Year of Extremes

The year 1942 proved one of extremes for the Nova Scotia farmer. The spring was extremely early, pastures in May and June were very favorable to production, the summer and fall months in practically all the province was extremely dry, while the labor situation throughout the year was perhaps the most trying it has ever been, help, in many cases being beyond the price of love or money. Despite all these irregularities the farmers of the province put forth outstanding efforts, took advantage of federal and provincial encouragements in the form of bonuses and subventions and emerged with increased production and a determination to carry on, if at all possible, in a somewhat larger scale next year.

Seeding operations were underway and completed in what was probably a record. Contiued fair weather permitted seeding to continue almost uninterrupted with the result seeding was completed over the province under almost ideal conditions. Normally there is a span of four or five weeks between th extremes of the province. This year all parts of the province ran more or less apace.

Under these happy conditions livestock got out to pasture earlier than usual. Pasture prospects, in the spring were unusually good. These bright prospects, however, were upset later in the season by one of the most pronounced droughts of years. Rainfall from May to September 21 was uneven in distribution, with total precipitation over the province being very scant.

Pastures dried out badly and a great deal of supplementary feeding was necessary to keep up milk production. Hay crops were average with some exceptionally good yields being reported. On poorer types of soil the crops suffered from lack of moisture. Favored by fair weather the great bulk of the crop was harvested early and in exceptionally good condition.

Grain crops suffered from lack of moisture. But due to early seeding reasonably good yields were secured for the most part. The crop was stored in good condition with quality generally, above average.

Potatoes in general were a good crop. Blight was destructive in certain areas but blight was not as widespread as is frequently the case. Many excellent yields of mangels were reported with swede turnips being somewhat spotty. Yields varied from good indeed to rather poor. Considerable soft rot was reported.

Butter Production is Up

Dairying was well maintained throughout the year. The early pastures stimulated early production. In the month of June production reached an all-time high, when for the first time the million pound mark was passed. The ensuing dry season, however, slowed up production. The year as a whole saw an increase.

The estimated poundage of creamery butter from the 22 creameries of the province for the 12 months ended Nov. 30, 1942, was placed by the Nova Scotia Dairy Superintendent at 674,591 lbs. This was an increase of 203,048 lbs. over the previous year, and is the second highest in the history of the Department. The highest was 6,711,508 lbs. in the year 1938.

In addition to creamery butter a goodly amount of dairy butter is made on the farms and used in the farm homes and sold in nearby stores. With milk, as with dairy butter, definite statistics are not available, but it is evident that the consumpton of fluid milk has increased during the year, this being especially noticeable in areas where there are war industries and concentrations of troops.

Apple Crop

The 1942 apple crop, it is expected, will total about 1,300,000 to 1,500,000 barrels, only slightly more than half a good crop, but 10 to 15 per cent higher than the 1941 crop. With apples and with other farm production, the weather man had much to say. The unseasonable warm weather at the time apples were reaching their last stage of maturity and during the early picking season, had the effect of causing break-downs of practically all varieties. The result was great handicaps in marketing fresh fruits and an unusually large volume to processing plants. The bright spot of the situation, from a producers' standpoint, was a contract made with the government for the purchase of 8,000 tons of dried apples at 23½ cents per lb. This works out at about $2.00 a harrel for 1,200,000 bbls. As a protection to the consumers of Canada the government contract states that the government will buy these apples only if the board first sells for its own account and on the open market 2,000,000 pounds at prices ranging from 10 to 21 cents per pound. Total sales of apples up to December 10, in Canada and Newfoundland, apperximated 163,000 bbls. at an f.o.b. value of something over $500,000. Of this total 68,000 bbls were sold in Nova Scotia, which was about 3,000 bbls. more than the sales made in the province during the corresponding part of 1941. The total cash return from this year's crop should be about $3,250,000 compared with about $2,700,000 for the 1941 crop and about $5,000,000 to $5,500,000 for a normal crop.

As regards poultry, sheep and hogs, the year 1942 has seen an upward step and the indications are that further progress will be recorded when the 1943 story is written.

Chick Production

Baby chick production in Nova Scotia approved hatcheries approximated the million mark. The total of saleable chicks to Sept. was 981,155 while the total for the year 1941 was 673,662. The quality of chicks was good with practically no complaints from the chick buyers. Dressed poultry production showed a decided increase over that of 1941. The total of dressed poultry marketed and graded in 1942 was about 400,000 lbs. Egg production was satisfactory throughout the spring and summer months but due to the fact that the export of eggs in dry powder form was so heavy no eggs were held in storage with a resultant shortage of eggs in the off-laying season.

In response to war-time calls for more wool, appeals were made to the farmers of the province to raise more sheep. For the first time in this province wool was handled through government wool grading stations which operated at Truro, Antigonish and Mabou. Through these warehouses over a quarter of a million pounds of wool was made available for the wool marketing board. Wool supplied to small mills and wool used on the farm, combined with that which went through the warehouses brought the total to somewhere around a half million pounds. While that total is believed to be well above the 1941 production there is every indication that 1943 will see a still higher total. The number of rams placed this fall was double the number placed last year, while the appeal for farmers to winter as many ewes as possible met with a good response.

The year 1942 also saw an increase in hogs, with live marketing figures showing a very marked increase in the apple producing countries.

Favourable Outlook

Other favourable phases of the 1942 picture include excellent organization work of boys' and girls' farm clubs with 6,773 members, the organization of women's division stimulating interest in everything that is best in rural home and community life, the retention of the high standards at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College where degree work and short courses are conducted, the increasing interest in agricultural societies which are scattered throughout the province and number more than 230, close attention to bee culture, advances made in artificial cattle breeding in which N. S. has given a lead to Canada, and dairy herd improvement with seventy associations and 7,000 cows on test. Combined with these has been a progressive underdrainage policy, requiring the purchase of additional equipment, extensive soil surveys with a record use of agricultural lime. The whole when added to the determination of the farmers of the province to do their utmost to stimulate production makes the outlook for 1943 one of the most favourable in the history of N. S. agriculture.

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There's this to be said for intuition. Hitler picked Rommel, and it can't be denied that he's getting a run for his money.

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NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

The New Year is always a time of new resolves and new determinations. Perhaps of all years in our history as a nation more hangs on this new one than on any other. At the cost of Canadian blood on Dieppe beaches and Egyptian sands, and the sweat and tears of unnamed thousands on the home-front, Canada has earned her place on the strategy board of the United Nations.

Therefore in this New Year we, as citizens of Canada, must declare our three-fold purpose: to win the war, to secure the peace, and to build a new world. We reaffirm the destiny of democracy, a society of free men governed by God.

History shows that change is the condition of survival. People, and nations must change or die. Some people refused to change; instead they have tried to change the whole world to conform to their will, their greed, their lust for power. They call it a new order. It is against this that we are fighting.

In a true democracy, change starts with the individual. He does not sacrifice the nation for his own selfishness, but his selfishness for his nation. Lasting total victory will be not only victory of arms but victory of a new spirit. We must ourselves produce that spirit. Democracy must be the expression of a great unselfishness, for that is the all-conquering weapon. That will mean change. Democracy will win the right to lead the nations again to an era of lasting peace—not only by armed might, but a willingness to rectify past failures.

And then to build a new world. That world begins now. Before the blood and tears are ended we must begin to lay its foundations. And when they are ended we must continue to work for it. It will not come by chance but by change, by fighting and hard work. In the new world everyone will care enough and everyone will share enough, so that everyone will have enough. Statesmen led by God will call forth a new responsibility from the people. The people led by God will demand a new quality of leadership. The world will be governed—not by a super-class or a super-race, but by the super-force of God's spirit.

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NOTE and COMMENT

A local Conservative says he doesn't care whether his party is swinging to the right or swinging to the left, so long as it is swinging at Mackenzie King.

Ottawa authorities are reported to be considering the production of Limp in Canada. This should be more than passing interest to Adolf Hitler, Benito Mussolini, et al. Feeling your neck, Adolf.

To those Habsburgs who hope to be restored, the tale of Humpty Dumpty would be illuminating but not consoling.

Some of those "mushroom companies" are Destroying Angels.

A man who is a flop is a failure, but a flop house may be a financial success.

A cautious Berliner who wants to curry favor with the troops that will occupy the town is in a quandary. He doesn't know whether to learn Canadian or American slang, English or Russian.

Some sell their birthright for a mess of pottage, others for a mess of peerage.

After the war it might perhaps be too terrible a punishment to lock Laval, Mussolini, Hitler and Quisling in the same cell, with all four loudly proclaiming how it happened.

The notorious Manville and his sixth wife are separating all over the newspapers. It would be so much neater if the continuing bridegroom taking a tip from Henry VIII, could arrange to have his last weeks brides decapitated.

On the Italian coast a number of olive oil tanks were blown up by a British submarine. This is hitting the Italians right in the pan.

Bringing home the bacon used to be synonymous with achievement. Now the appropriate phrase is "bringing home the butter."

Once a politician had merely to promise a new post office. Now he has to promise a new world.

If you write your member of parliament you can count on him to answer you freely and "frankly."

To judge from their lengthy recitals of symptoms, all sufferers from the common cold have a most uncommon cold.

J. H. POIRIER

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(From Our Own Correspondent)

The funeral of Mrs. Judique Dorey took place on Monday. She lived to the ripe old age of 109 years. We wish to extend our sympathy to her bereaved family and relatives.

Miss Laura Poirier is visiting her sisters, Rita and Estelle at Halifax.

The following arrived to spend their holidays in West Arichat—The Misses Beatrice Fougere and Ina Duann, also Patrick Duann, Alfred Babin, Gaston Fougere, Dominique Fougere, Charlie Benoit and Freeman Babin.

Mrs. Wilfred Fougere and Mrs. Francis Perrot left on Monday to spend a few days in Halifax.

Miss Marie Babin, who is a student at O. L. A. Convent, Arichat, is spending her holidays at her home here.

Wilfred Clery died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dorey last week. He had been in poor health for some time past. He was a brother of Alcide and Walter Clery of Port Royal. We extend our sympathy.

Leo Terrio arrived home to spend the winter.

More recent arrivals for the holidays are: The Misses Emma Hureau, and Genelle Babin, Privates Ambrose Gerrior and Paul Bona, Dannie Babin and Felix Linden.

Freddie Boudreau, manager of the Co-Operative Store, who was on a business trip to Sydney, arrived home.

Mrs. William Mombourquette is spending the winter in Halifax with her husband.

Capt. Dan LeBlanc returned from St. Joseph's Hospital, Glace Bay much improved in health.

The Season's Greetins to the Editor and readers of the "Record."

POULAMOND

Bonaventure Poirier of Sydney spent Christmas with his wife and family.

Alphonse Pertus employed at Sydney, spent the Christmas holidays with his parents here.

Amedee Boudreau, of the R. C. N., was home on leave during the Xmas holidays. He returned to his duties on Monday.

Edward LeBlanc, spent the Christmas holidays with his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Boudreau and son, Armand, of Boudreauville, spent the Christmas holidays here with Mrs. Boudreau's parents.

Anna LeBlanc and Evelyn Fougere, teachers at River Bourgeois and Cannes are spending their vacation at their homes here.

Mr. and Mrs. Napoleon Langlois and children of Sydney were visiting their parents during the Christmas holidays.

Eulida Fougere employed at Halifax, spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Isaac Fougere.

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Martell left for Halifax to spend a few days with their daughters in that city.

James Pertus returned form Digby where he was employed. He will spend the winter with his family.

France Langlois returned from the Great Lakes where he was employed since the past several months. He will spend the winter here with his family.

Mrs. Henry Landry who is on the sick list left for Halifax where she will enter the hospital.

Edward Ranson is spending his vacation with his mother, Mrs. Minnie Ranson.

Stanley Petitpas is spending a few days visiting his grandmother.

Other visitors during the Christmas holidays were: Harold Martell, Homer Whyte, Anthony and Simon Boudreau, Wilfred, Jerry, Jimmie and Edward Landry.

Mr. and Mrs. Narcisse Boudreau spent the Christmas holidays at the home of Mrs. Ben Boudreau.

Albanie Fougere employed in Halifax is visiting at the home of Mrs. Lillian Fougere.

Leo LeBlanc spent the Christmas holidays with his wife and daughter.

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Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

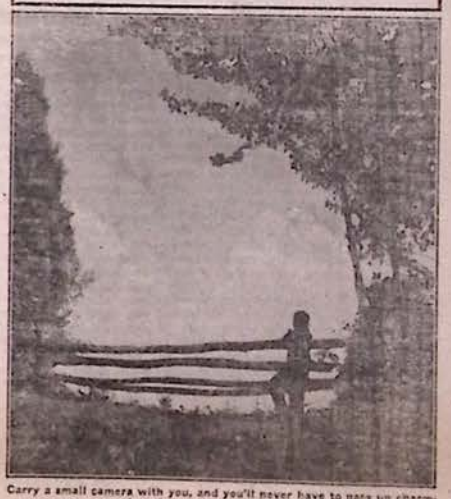
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For instance, most topnotch newsmen make it a habit of carrying a camera at all times. They know one never can tell when a picture is going to "show up," and, whenever that may be, they want to be ready for it. Think of how many good pictures it might mean to you if you make it a practice to carry a small camera whenever convenient.

You'll also find that news cameramen are invariably looking ahead. They try to anticipate pictures, and that's a good trait to cultivate—especially when you're picturing sports or action of any kind. Watch the next news photographer you meet, and you'll see what I mean. His movements may be casual, but his eye is alert. He has sized up the probabilities, the likely spots for good pictures, and technically he's set for those conditions. Then when the picture opportunity arrives, he can get his shot before you can say "cat."

Another point you'll notice about the successful news cameraman, who usually must shoot in a hurry, is that he doesn't worry too much about composition and arrangement when he's making pictures. He's more interested in snapping the subject than in producing a striking composition. Of course, that's not the best way to get appealing pictures, but it's sometimes the necessary procedure. You can, of course, crop and trim a picture to improve the composition once you've got the image on your film.

Generally speaking, you'll discover that technically the news cameraman doesn't have any terrific advantage over the average amateur. He uses standard developers and printing papers. He has to follow the same basic laws of photography. But he does have the advantage of constant picture making and is thoroughly familiar with his camera. And familiarity with equipment is important to all good photographers.

All John can tell be

ST. PETERS NEWS

Mr. Wendell Jackson, principal of Archibald, B. A. and Miss McIsaac, the former superintendent of schools at Sydney Mines, is spending the holiday at his home here.

Miss Elizabeth Babcock visited at the home of R. C. Morrison recently en route to her home in Sterling. Miss Babcock is a former principal of the St. Peters High School and at present is a member of the teaching staff of the Westville Academy.

Mrs. W. L. Wright spent Christmas in New Glasgow with her son, Arthur and Mrs. Wright.

Miss Peggy MacKenzie, Halifax, has arrived home to spend the winter with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman MacKenzie.

Miss Anna MacDonald, Antigonish, spent a few days here recently.

Jim Morrison and family of Mulgrave, Miss Charlotte Morrison of Glace Bay, and Mrs. D. D. McRae, Moncton, spent the Christmas week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Morrison.

Mrs. Annie Hill has closed her Tea Room for the winter months.

Pte. Mary Quinlin who recently joined the C.W.A.C. spent Christmas here with relatives.

Messrs E. C. Doyle, Clerk-Treasurer and P. I. LeVesconte, General Assessor, of the municipal office Archibat, were business visitors in town on Monday.

Miss Katherine MacLean, Truro, spent the holiday season here as a guest of Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Matheson.

Matthew Dixon, Newfoundland, is visiting his family in St. Peters.

The local branch of the Red Cross here were busy recently packing and mailing Christmas parcels to St. Peters boys serving in the overseas services. Miss Marion Cameron, vice-President, has been in charge since the President Mrs. D. A. MacLeod moved to the United States.

Mr. Clarence Yorke of the U. S. Navy is visiting his mother, Mrs. J. G. Murray.

Commercial men in St. Peters recently included, F. D. MacLean, of the Halifax Chronicle, Ernie Gourley of Canada Packers Ltd., and Bert Doyle of Simmonds Ltd., Halifax.

Mr. Jack Adams who is attached to the Royal Canadian Navy is spending a furlough with Mrs. Adams. Jack has safely crossed the broad Atlantic many times.

Robert Morley who is attending St. Mary's College, Halifax is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Morley.

Our school closed on Tuesday last for the Christams recess. Miss Helen Marchand, R. N., and her brother, David, arrived from Halifax on Thursday to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben J. Marchand.

Miss Margaret Madden left during the past week for the U. B. A.

Rev. G. A. and Mrs. Christie have as their guests their two sons.

The P. E. Island schooner "Beaste M. Dawson", Capt. Arthur White, unable to proceed to her port on account of ice conditions is tied up for the winter at the St. Peters Canal.

Mr. Nichol of the Foundation Maritime Ltd., is a guest at the McDonald Hotel.

Mr. Charles McIntosh has been ill at his home here for several weeks. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. Alexander MacKenzie recently received a call to report for Military Service early in January. For some years Mr. MacKenzie has been on th staff of A. A. Morrison's general store. His many friends throughout the County wish him every success.

Best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year is extended to our Editor and to our Readers.

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» LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS «

Visiting Relatives

Arthur J. Stone an employee of the Standard Paving Co., Halifax, is spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Acten.

Visits His Family

Carl Burton, employed at Sydney, spent Christmas with his wife and family.

Visiting Her Parents

Mr. and Mrs. Ned DeYoung, of Sydney, were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willard A. Boudreau, Little Barrachois for a week. They returned to Sydney on Sunday where Mr. DeYoung is employed at Cark's Foundry.

Spends Holidays With Parents

Miss Eva Burton, of the city hall staff, Halifax, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Burton. She left on Saturday for Sydney to visit her sisters, Mrs. Larry Anthony and Mrs. Ranald Ferguson.

Home on Leave

Gerald Theriault, R. C. A. F., visited his mother, Mrs. Clara Theriault and his grandmother, Mrs. Martha J. Hureau and family over Christmas. He left on the night express on Sunday from Point Tupper for his station in Quebec. Prior to enlisting in the R.C.A.F. he was a teller in the Rayal Bank at New Waterford and also spent a year on the staff of the Arichat branch. His friends were pleased to see him.

Home On Leave

Petty Officer Arthur Goyetche, arrived from Halifax on Tuesday to spend his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Goyetche. He will visit his sister, Mrs. Charles Connolly, Sydney before returning to his naval duties in Halifax.

Visiting Their Parents

Miss Verona Marchand, R. N., and her brother, David, arrived from Halifax on Thursday to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben J. Marchand.

Visiting His Mother

Edward Madden, arrived from Halifax on Wednesday last to spend a few days with his mother, Mrs Alice Madden. Edward is employed at the Halifax Shipyards.

Spends Christmas Here

The Misses Clythie and Margaret McGrath arrived from Halifax during the past week and spent Christmas with their mother, Mrs. Ethel McGrath and family. Homer Nickerson also spent the holiday with his wife and family at present visiting her mother, Mrs. Ethel McGrath. They all left for Halifax during the week.

Visits His Mother

Gnr. D. O. C. Madden, stationed at St. John, N. B., spent a short furlough over the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. Alice Madden. He has just completed his course in carpentry and brought home with him a beautiful dining room cabinet which he had recently completed at the trades school. The Canadian soldier is given an opportunity of receiving a trade to help him after the war and Dan is taking advantage of this opportunity and is making good.

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Home For Christmas

Eddie Edwards motored from Halifax to spend the Christmas holidays with his wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Edwards.

Airman Visits Parents

Pilot Ralph Britten, of the R. C. A. F., arrived from Dauphin, Manitoba, to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Britten. Ralph is making good progress in the R.C.A.F., and at present holds a responsible position in that service.

Visits Relatives In Town

Pte. Leon Goyetche now stationed at Debert, and his brother, James, of the R. C. A. F., Dartmouth, were guests of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Theriault over the Christmas holidays. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Baptiste Goyetche formerly of Cape Auguet but now residing in Chippewa, Ont., since the past several years. C. W. Goyetche of Montreal is an uncle.

Visits Her Parents

Charlie Faulkner, of the R. C. N., and his wife (nee Roma Britten), of Halifax, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Britten.

Visits His Sister

Pte. Elezar David, now stationed at Halifax, spent Christmas with his sister, Mrs. John Stone. He returned to his military duties on Saturday.

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Have You Sent in Your Money for TB Seals?

Have you mailed your money for the 1942 Tuberculosis Christmas Seals? It is important that you do so immediately. The returns are coming in somewhat slowly so maybe you are one of those who have not yet paid up. Your contribution of one dollar, more or less as you are financially able, will help maintain the excellent work being done in the war being waged against tuberculosis in Nova Scotia by the Nova Scotia Tuberculosis Commission and its Committees. Ninety per cent of the money stays here in our own province for our own use so your generous support is earnestly requested. An early remittance for the Tuberculosis Seals you recently received in the mail will be appreciated.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

We wish all our friends and patrons a Happy and Prosperous New Year coupled with the wish that the war may come to an end with all its horrers before the close of the year. We know that this will be the hopeful wish of everybody.

Arrives From Great Lakes

Raymond LeBlanc, marine engineer arrived from Montreal on Friday to spend the winter vitah his wife and young son in their beautiful home. Mr. LeBlanc has spent the past several months on a large freighter plying on the Great Lakes.

Spends Christmas Home

Godfrey H. Boudreau, steward on the tug Cruiser, spent Christmas with his wife and family here He returned to his duties on Monday.

Spent His Furlough At His Home Here

Gnr. E. E. Bourinot, of the Royal Canadian Artillery, Petawawa, Ont., who spent his furlough of several days at his home here, returned to Petawawa on Sunday night,a train. Earl's many friends were pleased to see him looking so well.

Visits Her Parents

Madeline Boudreau of the C. W. A. C., arrived from Montreal on Wednesday last to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Boudreau, South Side. She has been transferred to Halifax where she will be connected with the Dental Corps. Three of her brothers are also serving in the armed forces.

DEATH OF JOHN CAMIOT

There died at his home in Newport, Hants County, on Sunday morning John Camiot, a well-known general merchant of that place for the past 19 years, and prior to that was manager of the Jersey firm here and on the Gaspe Coast. Mr. Camiot was born in the Island of Jersey, now occupied by the Germans, and was 68 years of age. He is surveived by his wife, the former Daisy Smith, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Smith, of Arichat. He is also survived by a daughter, Miss Mildred. The funeral was held on Thursday afternoon at 2:30 from St. James Anglican Church, of which he was a warden. The rector Rev. . D. Townshend officiated. The Record extends to Mrs. Camiot and daughter its sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

A New Appointment For A Native of Richmond

A . G. Sampson, who was a candidate for a Liberal nemination in the constituency of Inverness-Richmond some years ago, and who has been rpresenting the Halifax Chronicle Publishing Co., in Toronto, has been elected president of the Wine Producers' Association of Canada. A large number of Liberal delegates supported Mr. Samson's candidature for Liberal honors, but Donald (now Senater) McLennan obtained stronger support and received the nomination on that occasion. Mr. Sampson is a likeable man and made many friends in this his native county and also in Inverness county. He is a brother of Raymond Sampson, fishery inspector, and A. U. Sampson, Councillor, of Lower L'Ardoise, whose popularity in that district seems to increase every time he offers for municipal honors.

Spends Christmas Home

The Misses Clothilda and Mildred De Wolfe, employed at St. Peters, spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred DeWolfe, Arichat, South Side.

Left For Pictou

Tommy DeYoung, left on Monday for Pictou where he will be employed at the shipyards in that town.

Visits His Parents

Corpl. Lorenzo Boudreau of the R. C. A. F., Halifax, spent the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Boudreau. He left on Monday but returned same evening from Mulgrave on account of the westbound express being overcrowded. Several more people returned for the same reason.

Nurse-In-Training

Miss Margaret Marchand, nurse-in-training at St. Joseph's hospital, Glace Bay, arrived on Monday to spend New Year's with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Marchand.

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Motors to Sydney

Raymond Samson and David Boudreau motored to Sydney on a business trip on Monday.

Attends Funeral

Peter Campbell, of Grand Anse, attended the funeral of his aunt, the late Mrs. Sarah Dobson, on Saturday.

Visiting In Town

Lieut. and Mrs. Clifford Dunphy and little son, Bobby, arrived in town during the past week. Lieut. Dunphy returned to his military duties on Sunday night. Mrs. Dunphy and young son will spend some time here before returning to Halifax.

Death of Cape Auguet Resident

Edward Briand, an aged resident of Cape August, died during the past week. He resided with his brother, Jeffrey Briand and family. The funeral took place on Sunday, Rev. A. E. Monbourquette, P. P., officiating at the church and grave.

1943 Calendars Received

We have received calendars from the following: Walker Financial Co., Port Hawkesbury; Sheriff J. H. Porter, West Arichat; J. E. Samson, Arichat; C. F. Martell, Arichat; G. J. LeBlanc, Arichat. We extend thanks and the Season's Greetings.

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Spending A Week in Town

Fred David, of Rockdale, is spending a week in town the guest of his daughter, Mrs. John Stone.

Joins R. C. A. Force

Joe Boudreau arrived from Halifax during the past week and will spend several days with his parents, Mr and Mrs. D. C. Boudreau. Joe has enlisted in the R. C. A. F., motor transport division and will be leaving for Manning Pool, Toronto during January. His friends wish him every success.

Finds Gold In Turkey

While preparing a turkey for the Christmas dinner, Mrs. C. S. Mallard of this town found three pieces of solid gold in the gizzard of the bird. The range this bird came from must be a gold country and by the amount taken from this particular bird it must be an plentiful as cracked corn.

Spends Day Here

Pte. James MacDonald, of New Glasgow spent a day in town as the guest of his brother, Rod MacDonald. He left on Wednesday for Sydney to visit his sisters, Mrs. J. A. MacKinnon and Miss Lizzie MacDonald who is spending the winter in the Steel City.

Health Nurse In Town

Miss B. M. Martell, County Health Nurse was in town during the week. She returned to her home in L'Ardoise on Thursday. She reports no serious epidemics so far this season.

Teacher Visits Parents

Miss Elsie Edwards, teacher at Lorne, Pictou County, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Edwards.

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Arrives Home

Mrs. James M. Power arrived from Halifax last Wednesday after spending several weeks in hospital. She is now well on the road to recovery we are pleased to report.

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Chief Forest Ranger Visits Town

Gladstone MacKenzie, chief forest ranger, Grand River and Murdock Finlayson were motor visitors to town on Wednesday.

Home On Leave

Ptes. David Madden and Louis Richard are spending the New Year's leave at their homes here. Dave is visiting his mother, Mrs. Alice Madden and Louis his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Richard.

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Auditing Municipal Accounts

Mr. McAlpine, C. A., of Halifax, is auditing the books of the Municipality of the County of Richmond preparatory to the opening of the session of the Council the latter part of January.

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By Flying Officer C. M. DEFIEUX,
(Special to the Record)
R.C.A.F. Public Relations Officer

Unity, born of historic good-neighborliness is flying the foggy and storm swept skies of Alaska and its Aleutian Islands and that unity is grim foreboding to the Japanese invaders of the United States and Canada's continental home.

The first retaliatory blows have been struck. The might will mount in strength and tempo.

Wing-tip to wing-tip the aerial warriors of the United States and the Royal Canadian Air Force will battle the last Jap from the Aleutians—and beyond.

Although they retain their identity and cherished traditions, the Royal Air Force units in Northwestern Alaska and the Aleutians operate under the United States command directing that sphere of operations under the United Nations unified command.

And their services and fighting ability are valued highly Their role in defense of Alaska's shores and the mounting offense is a vital one.

Daily they range the Alaskan skies flying through fog, rain, snow and ice. Daily they perform the hazardous reconnaissance operations far out to sea or over the tundra-like wastes. Daily they keep vigil above the lofty, snow-sloped volcanoes of the Aleutian peninsula and the rocky chain of islands stretching far to the West.

There have been weeks and months when the grim weather, such as the Aleutians, Bearing Sea and Gulf of Alaska can alone foment, has combined with tactical necessity to render offensive action impossible.

Those have been days of long and arduous patrols. Those have been days of dangerous flying not without their human cost. The job has been done and done well under terrific weather handicaps.

Canada's fliers have shared in the tribulations of those days with their American comrades.

But the offensive blows are increasing in tempo. The Royal Canadian Air Force is sharing in that too.

Already Japanese fliers and ground troops have fallen before the deadly fire of Canadian pilots flying in complete operational co-operation with United States forces.

The first Japanese "Zero" encountered by a Canadian crashed into the seas off Kiska after its pilot challenged the ability of the veteran fighter, Squadron leader K. A. Boomer, Ottawa.

The Nipponese have learned to respect the fighting prowess of such pilots as Squadron Leader Boomer, Flight Lieutenant H. T. Mitchell, D. F. C., of Ottawa, Flying Officer J. G. Gohl, Winnipeg, Pilot Officer D. F. English, Vancouver, Flight Sergeant F. R. F. Skelly, Kirkland Lake, Ont., Flight Sergeant G. R. Weber, Killarney, Manitoba, Sgt. Pilot N. Stusiak, Powell River, B. C., and Sgt. Pilot A. A. Watkins, Regina, Sask., and others who have given them battle.

While they are under the direction of the United States in their operational work, the R.C.A.F. units are headed by one of the service's most experienced and popular officers.

One of the heroes of the Battle of Britain, Group Captain G. R. McGregor, D. F. C., is carrying wide experience with him into the battle of the Aleutians and Northwestern Alaska.

Going overseas with No. 1 Fighter Squadron of the R.C.A.F., Group Capt. McGregor was second in command to Group Captain E. McNab, D.F.C Later he commanded a large Royal Air Force station after which he joined the staff of Air Vice Marshal L. F. Stevenson when that officer directed R.C.A.F. Headquarters overseas. He is again serving under Air Vice Marshal Stevenson who is now Air Officer Commanding, Western Air Command.

Group Captain McGregor is married and makes his home in Kingston, Ont., where, before the war, he was associated with the Bell Telephone Co., and was prominent in civil affairs.

Morale is high among Canada's airmen in Northwestern Alaska. They speak glowingly of the co-operation and kindness of their American allies, the friendliness between all ranks and the quality of the fishing

Whether they are stationed at the larger bases or are under canvass out on the tundras or down in the islands, Canada's airmen share all the comforts and recreational facilities provided by United States service organizations for their own troops.

"If the folks at home could see me now," they chortle as they wash their own clothes in the glacial streams that flow through the tundra. The lads in the outposts also find amusement in spearing fish and there's some who've even tried panning gold —although not with much success.

Alaskans, too, have taken them to their hearts. There's no distinction made between the Canadian and the American by the hardy settlers of that far northern country. Canadian boys who have spent short leaves on hiking trips through the country also report meeting many former Canadians.

Those are the times when the logs burn brightly in the fireplaces and the hosts loose a barrage of questions about their former homeland "outside."

Canada's airmen are agreed on the hospitality of Alaska and its people. But they are agreed with most unanimity when they talk about the weather.

Pilots, mechanics, clerks and messmen agree vehemently on that point. And the United States fliers stand ready to add their word too.

There are some sunny summer days, of course, but taking the whole northwestern Alaska and the Aleutians together—well— and the winter is still to come.

America's best meteorologists stationed there do their best to forecast but their job is a nightmare.

They even tell of the meteorologist who, in the seclusion of his inner office, one morning rejoiced in a "clean" weather map of his area and was ready to don a sun-helmet. He stepped outside to be almost drowned by the rain, looked up and screamed, "It's a lie."

Now that may be an exaggeration but there's plenty of fliers up there who will nod understandingly at the story.

"Pretty tricky" is the way Flying Officer . B. Morgan, Montreal, describes the weather. "It's hard to forecast. The weather is made north of us. On the East Coast you could tell reasonably well. The mountains make conditions even worse. They're covered eighty percent of the time. Believe me a clear day at sea is a rarity."

He gets firm support in his weather exposition from Squadron Leader C. A. "Chuck" Willis, Sherbrooke, Que., also a flier of wide experience on the East Coast.

"The toughest weather I've ever seen," Pilot Officer Jack Attle, Sudbury, Ont., described it. "You can always count on a thrill."

Then there's 21-year-old Flying Officer Harry Bray, Blyth, Ont., who had the "thrill" of spending more than two hours looking for a place to 'sit down' at the end of a patrol. He finally got in on an emergency field at 12:30 midnight with the aid of the headlight of two caterpillar tractors to mark the end of the short gravel runways.

Pilot Officer James B. "Joe" Doak, Cowansville, Que., simply said "the weather can be improved upon."

He was immediately voted all existing awards for understatement by fellow members of the mess including Pilot Officer John H. Brown, observer, from Orillia, Ont., Pilot Officer Beverly W. Bristol, Douglastown, N. Y., Pilot Officer Harold C. Paynter, Toronto, and Flying Officer Donald E. Arnold, Salina, Kansas.

Flight Sergeant Robert Skelding, Montreal, whose wife is residing in Vancouver while her husband is in Alaska, offered a comparison with flying conditions in Britain where he also served as an airframe mechanic.

"This weather is grim. It's much safer flying over there, believe me. Everything seems against you here. It closes in on you so fast and leaves you stranded."

While they decry the weather, Canada's airmen are equally vociferous in praise of the co-operation afforded by the Americans.

We can get anything we want from them," declared Flying Officer W. M. Lord, Ottawa, engineer officer, who entered the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1936.

Even more emphatic were Flight Lieutenant Douglas G. Hair, Montreal, equipment officer; Flying Officer W. Burgess, Vancouver, accountant officer, and Flight Lieutenant Ian Webb M. M., Gulfport, Miss., former British Army officer of the last war now administrative officer with the R. C.A.F.

"While we are supplied through our own forces, there are, naturally, some things that are needed in a great hurry," declared Flight Lieut. Webb. "The United States forces bend over backwards to help us. And they do much, too, to keep our boys happy. They are as fine a bunch of fellows you could meet anywhere."

As for the fellowship of American soldiers with the airmen of the Royal Canadian Air Force, there is a wealth of tribute.

"They're swell," declared LAC Jas. Albrecht, Lacombe, Alta., and LAC Clifford Blow, St. Andrews, Man., nodded his assent. "They certainly show us a good time," declared LAC Philip J. C. Beerman, Deepdale, Man.

That they had made a host of lasting friendships was reported by LAC Jack Fordham, Fort Saskatchewan, Alta., Cpl. Neil B. Saunders, New Westminster, B. C., LAC George Manchester, River Glade, N. B., LAC Earl W. McIntyre, Kempville, Ont.

"They're really awfully good to us," declared Flight Lieutenant R. A. Murray, Rosthern, Sask. "They have not a privilege that is not extended to our men."

The health and morale of Canada's forces in the far reaches of Alaska is probably best summed up by Flight Lieutenant Herbert B. McGregor, Penticton, B. C. one of the medical officers.

"Generally speaking, the health is good," declared Flight Lieut. McGregor. "There were lots of colds when we arrived some months ago but they're better now.

"The health of the men is remarkably good considering the climate and the flying conditions some have got to work under. There are no contagious diseases.

"The food is good too. From a Royal Air Force dietary standpint it is a bit starchy but that is the trend in the United States. The boys don't seem to mind.

"Sanitation is good even at the outpost detachments. Medical attention is available at all times to all personnel no matter where they are serving.

"The boys' morale is quite good too, I think, though they are badly in need of mail, pictures and clippings from their home-town papers.

"Snapshots are a godsend. I don't think they need parcels.

"There's a question about mail, though, I think should be brought up. People at home write about a lot of problems which, if they were smart, they'd leave out The lad given his advice and then it takes nearly a month to get an answer and they worry.

"If the folks at home would only wait a few days and let these problems iron themselves out, or if they phrased their letters differently, everything would be all right.

"Tell the folks outside not to dwell on the fact that they miss the boys badly. Of course they miss them. And we miss them too. But don't ever-emphasize it.

"If they'd just stop and think when they write, the boys would be even more happy," concluded the doctor.

Canada's airmen are doing a big job well in Northwestern Alaska.

"Let's start swinging," seems to be their chorus.

They've got the punch.

The Japs are beginning to feel it. They won't like it any more than their Axis partenersrs over in Europe.

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PETIT DE GRAT

(By Observer)

The fishing season is closed and very little was accomplished this fall owing to the heavy gales which prevented fishermen from going to the grounds. During the spring and summer the remunerations were fairly good, as prices prevailing were the best in the history of this port. The canneries of the Richmond Fishermen's Co-operative, Ltd., and of A. & R. Loggie Co. Ltd., provided labor to a large number of people during the spring months. Salmon was extremely scarce and also herring during 1942.

Bugler Vincent Boudreau, spent Christmas with his wife and child, returning to his military duties on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albany Landry arrived from Halifax recently having spent several weeks with their sons and daughters in the garrison city.

Vincent Landry, who was employed at Halifax for several months, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo W. Landry, North Side.

Jeffrey Marchand, one of our most respected citizens, passed away recently at the age of 80 years. He resided with his son, Narcisse and had been in poor health for the past eight years. Surviving are his widow, six sons, William in British Columbia, Leonard in employ of the C. N. Railways; Narcisse, Alphonse, Emile and Tommy at Petit de Grat. Three daughters, Mrs. James D. Samson, (Clemence), Mrs. Lubin Boudreau, (Evangeline) and a daughter with the Sisters of Charity at Three Rivers, Quebec.

The funeral at St. Joseph's Catholic Church was largely attended by relatives and friends of the deceased. Rev. Alfred Boudreau, P. P., celebrated the Requiem Mass and officiated at the grave. We extend our sincere sympathy to his widow and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Samson (nee Mae Boudreau) were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Boudreau, Pendville on Sunday.

Midnight Mass was celebrated on Christmas Eve by the parish priest, Rev. Alfred Boudreau, and a large number from nearby parishes were present. There were a large number of communicants. The organist and choir deserve credit for the beautiful Mass rendered for the occasion. The pastor delivered a very impressive sermon.

L'ARDOISE

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Alred Pottie of Halifax is spending his Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Halsir Pottie, West L'Ardoise.

Pte. Gordon and Gerald Sampson, stationed at New Glasgow are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pascal P. Sampson.

Sgt. Major J. Campbell who has recently arrived from overseas to Halifax spent a few days here the past week, guest of Mr. and Mrs. William U. Sampson.

Ray Sampson, newly appointed investigator of old age pensions who recently arrived from Halifax is the guest of his mother, Mrs. Angeline Sampson and family.

Mary Muriel Martell of this place was recently married in Halifax to Sgm. Edward Baird. Rev. Fr. McCormack officiated. Miss Aileen Martell, cousin of the bride acted as bridesmaid and George Baird of the R. C. N. was best man. The happy couple spent a short honeymoon here guests of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Martell. Mr. Baird was well known in the community, having been employed wiring houses for electricity the past year. Their many friends extend best wishes.

The Misses Audrey and Irene Sampson employees of the Robert Simpson, Co., Halifax, spent the Christmas holidays with their parents, Coun. and Mrs. Albert P. Sampson, Lower L'Ardoise.

L.A.C Charles Bona of the R. C. A. F., Reserve, C. B., is spending a few days leave with his mother, Mrs. Catherine Bona, Lower L'Ardoise.

Pte. Peter Birrette, stationed at Petewawa, Ont., returned to his unit on Monday after spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Birrette, Lower L'Ardoise.

The many friends of Sgt. Air Gunner Gerard Sampson were glad to hear that he is fully recovered from malaria fever in India, according to a cable received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albany Sampson.

The following service men returned to their units on Monday after spending Christmas holidays in Lower L'Ardoise: L. Corp. Gordon Westlake, R. C. A., stationed at Halifax; L. Corp. Dan Sampson, stationed at Guysboro; L. Corp. Albert Goguie, stationed at Summerside, P. E. I. and Pte. Alonzo Sampson stationed at New Glasgow.

Lawrence and Frank Landry, R. C. N., wer recent visitors from Halifax, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Cannon, Lower L'Ardoise.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. George Briand, Lower L'Ardoise a baby girl, Mary Emma.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McGrath a baby girl, Anne Marie and to Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Sampson a girl, Agnes Genievieve. Congratulations.

George Briand has recently arrived from Montreal to spend the winter with his wife and child. They are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Peters, Lower L'Ardoise.

Canadian fishermen this year landed nearly 27,000,000 pounds of lobster. That's a lot of indigestion.

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ABOUT LIGHTING



Sidelighting contributes to the pictorial success of this picture.

LIGHTING will make a snapshot dull, dramatic, matter of fact, or intensely interesting. It depends much on the way it strikes the subject. Therefore, every photographer should make it his business to learn as much about lighting as he possibly can.

There are really but two ways you can learn about lighting. One is to work indoors with artificial light, and the other is to step outdoors and learn what can be done with sunlight. And since most snapshots are made outdoors, you'll probably find it easier to follow the sunlit course.

Two factors that play an important part in securing appealing outdoor pictures are the time of day you take your pictures and the way you pose your subject in regard to the direction of the light.

For instance, the best hours for snapshooting are fairly early in the morning, say about two hours after sunrise or around two hours before sunset. The sun is then not too high in the sky, and produces not only brilliant highlights, but creates interesting shadows. The earlier or later in the day, the longer the shadows will be, and long shadows often enhance pictorial effect.

As for posing your subjects, remember that you can take pictures with the sun either behind the camera, to one side of the camera, or with the sun in front of the camera. Each gives you a different lighting effect so pose your subjects accordingly. When shooting toward the sun, however, the lens should be protected from the direct rays by a lens hood, shaded by your hand, or perhaps by a shadow cast by some nearby object.

If it's a sidelighted picture you want, pose your subject so that he is either partially or completely sideways to the sun.

Finally, if you want backlighted pictures, pose your subject so that he is between the camera and the sun.

Experimenting with light, you'll find it really fascinating and leads to better pictures.

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