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The Week In The Legislature . . . .

Based mainly on anticipated increases in highways department revenue, liquor revenue and federal grants, a budget surplus of $532 for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1954, was estimated by Premier Angus L. Macdonald when he tabled estimates in the Nova Scotia Legislature last week.

A $919,522 surplus for the current fiscal year, ending March 31, 1953 was indicated earlier in the session by the Premier.

The Premier's 1953-54 budget provides for record high revenues totalling $47,433,112. Record high expenditures of $43,218,824, plus sinking fund payment of $3,682,185, made a total estimated expenditure of $46,901,009 leaving a surplus of $632,103.

The government expects to spend more than $9,700,000 for education. This is an increase of more than $600,000 over the estimated expenditures for the current fiscal year.

"This is the greatest sum which this government has ever been called upon to set aside for education," said Mr. Macdonald.

Legislation presently before the Massachusetts State legislature would harm the Nova Scotia lobster industry if adopted, Hon. Wilfred T. Dauphinee, minister of trade and industry, told members of the House in reply to a question directed to him by Mr. Stanfield, leader of the opposition.

The bill before the Massachusetts legislature proposes to prevent importation of fresh, frozen and canned lobster meat from lobsters of less than a size of three and three-sixteenths inches, "which is our market size lobster, said Mr. Dauphinee.

"It would not affect the sale of fresh lobster meat," he said, "which is usually of a market size anyway."

He estimated that the ban would affect from 25 to 30 percent of the province's canned lobster production and about half of the frozen lobster production.

The proposed state legislation was a domestic matter, he said and "therefore the Government of Canada is precluded from interceding, but Nova Scotia canners and packers are making representations against passage of the legislation."

Measures aimed at putting Nova Scotia's coal industry on a firm footing were urged by Springhill Mayor A. J. Mason (L-Cumberland Centre).

Essential to a brighter future for the coal industry, he said, were: (1) a national fuel policy (2) more federal aid (3) improved or modernized automatic firing equipment (4) a quota system and zoning of the Canadian coal market.

Mr. Mason stated his contstituency (Cumberalnd Centre) was located strategically in the centre of the three Maritime provinces. Several mines were operating on a part-time basis, he said.

"There is an excellent opportunity, in addition to the Maccan plant now in operation, for coal generating electric power development, capable of supplying electric light and power to all areas within the three Maritime provinces, where there is an ever increasing demand for light and power," he remarked.

Ernest Ettinger (PCHants East) urged that the government replace highway bridges at Shubenacadie, Stewiacke and Enfield.

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Red Cross News

Flood victims in Europe already have reason to bless the women of Nova Scotia and they will have even more reason to be grateful as the women knit and sew to send more and more help through the Canadian Red Cross.

The THIRD SHIPMENT OF CLOTHING AND BEDDING will be FLOWN Tuesday February 19 to the flood areas from Halifax FREE OF CHARGE, by Trans-Canada Air Lines. This shipment will consist of 150 quilts, 500 pillow slips, 250 hospital sheets and 250 pairs of mens socks. This will make THREE TONS of clothing and bedding shipped by air from Nova Scotia so far. This and previous shipments stripped the Red Cross shelves of clothing, bedding and other items made during the past year, for just such an emergency by Red Cross groups in all parts of Nova Scotia.

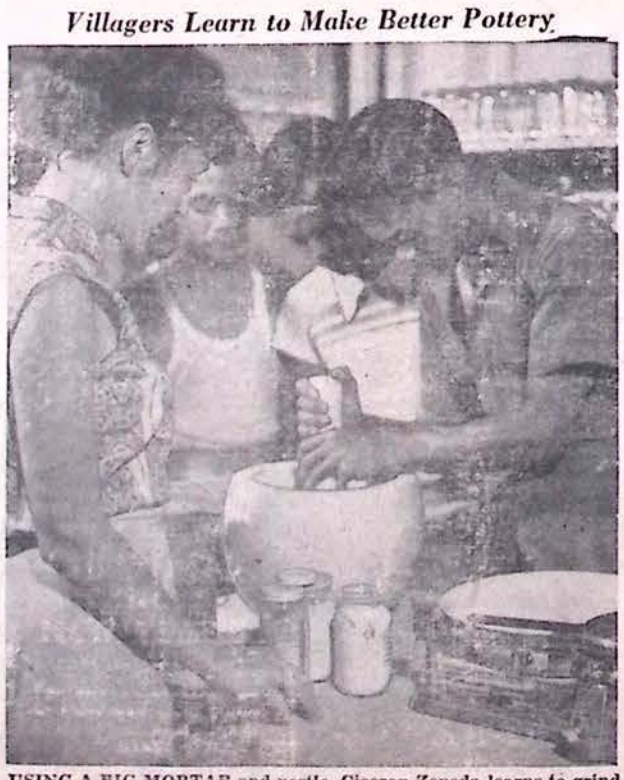
QUILTS, CHILDREN'S CLOTHING, AND MEN'S SOCKS ARE MOST URGENTLY NEEDED now and all Red Cross groups or any other women's organizations are invited to make up such items.

Quilt patches, batts, backing, wool and other MATERIALS ARE AVAILABLE FOR IMMEDIATE SHIPMENT TO INTERESTED GROUPS. Mrs. J. J. Walsh, Red Cross Chairman of Women's Work issued an appeal to all women saying "We have the materials, all we need are the willing hands to make these into useful articles of bedding and clothing." Supplies may be obtained through local Red Cross branches or from Red Cross in Halifax at 71 Morris Street.

The Red Cross storeroom is full of materials—workers are needed to turn these materials into useful articles to proudly bear the label "Gift of Canadian Red Cross".

No used clothing is needed and none can be accepted as there are already 2000 tons of used clothing on hand, in Holland and England. Used clothing, however, cannot fill the need for new bedding and clothing, particularly clothing for infants and young children. Heavy socks will also be needed for the rescue workers for some time to come.

Villagers Learn to Make Better Pottery



USING A BIG MORTAR and pestle, Ciceron Zepeda learns to grind glazing materials which he will use later in his village pottery shop in the Philippines. Watching him is Mrs. Mary Risley (left), a United Nations technical assistance adviser from the United States, who supervises a training course at a workshop in Manila. Mrs. Risley introduced chemical glazing processes to the village potters.



"Fleischmann's Yeast never lets you down", says Mrs. G. Arthur MacDonald, Pictou, N.S.

Repeats Baking Successes at 1952 Pictou Fair

With a fresh batch of awards for her prize-winning baking at the 1952 Pictou County Fair, Mrs. G. Arthur MacDonald is rated tops in turning out home-made bread.

Talking shop with her husband (he's a baker by trade!), Mrs. MacDonald attributes much of her success to her care in selecting ingredients. "Ingredients are *so* important," she says. "For instance, you have to use an extra-good yeast—one with plenty of pep and action—for the best results. I personally never use any yeast but Fleischmann's, because I know from experience how fast and peppy it is."

Right to the point! Across the Maritimes Fleischmann's Yeast is the favorite with prize-winning bakers because they've proved it's so dependable.

Hon. R. H. Winters Reports From Ottawa

Ottawa, Canada.

February 7, 1953.

Dear Mr. Editor:—There was no major debate before Parliament this week but the House dealt with a variety of miscellaneous items. The Senate recommenced its sittings on February 3rd and is dealing with the legislative programme required to be enacted during this session.

A number of committees have been set up and have started their hearings. One example is the Committee on Defence Expenditures whose first assignment was to study the Currie Report. This seems now to be a matter of secondary interest, and even though Mr. Currie himself gave evidence, it did not receive much attention in the press. One significant point was that Mr. Currie asserted that his criticisms were directed only at the Army Works Services—which is a small segment of the Army—and not at the Army itself.

This whole matter of our defence programme however, was debated again during the week by the Prime Minister's bill to amend the National Defence Act to provide for an Associate Minister of National Defence. The proposal was adopted by the House of Commons.

On Tuesday, the Prime Minister, in introducing an act to change the form of title of the Queen for use in Canada, made a speech which was applauded by all groups in the House and which, I am sure met with the general approval of Canadians. The atmosphere created by the speech evoked the following remarks by a leading member of the Progressive-Conservative party:

> "As we listened to the Prime Minister without regard to party considerations this Parliament became a cathedral in devotion to our history, to our heritage and to our common pursuit of freedom."

Another action that received unanimous endorsation was the Prime Minister's announcement that a statue of Sir Robert Bordon would be erected on Parliament Hill. Sir Robert was a great Nova Scotian who guided the destinies of this country during the first World War and who subsequently played such an important role in obtaining for Canada national status within the British Commonwealth of Nations. By any standards, he was a great Canadian and we Nova Scotians especially are gratified that this further step is being taken to perpetuate his memory.

On Friday the House attempted to deal with a resolution to extend for another year the Emergency Powers legislation presently on the statute books. The entire day was devoted to a discussion the procedure to be followed in debating this resolution. It was one of those anomalous situations which sometimes arise in attempting to conform to the rules of Parliamentary procedure.

Yours very truly,
ROBERT H. WINTERS

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Trans-Canada Highway to Follow Route 5

The Trans-Canada will cross Cape Breton Island on the present Route 5 between Port Hastings and Sydney, via Whycocomagh and Baddeck. Highway Minister Merril. D. Rawding announced that the federal government had concurred in this recommended by the provincial government.

Agreement on the Cape Breton route came following a meeting in Ottawa late last month between Mr. Rawding and Resources and Development Minister Robert Winters. The Trans-Canada route on the mainland of Nova Scotia was announced last year as following Route 4 from the New Brunswick line via Amherst, Springhill, Oxford, Truro, New Glasgow and Antigonish to the Strait of Canso.

The highways minister said he had received word from Mr. Winters concurring in the Cape Breton route via Baddeck, starting at the end of the Canso causeway at Port Hastings, now under construction, and running via Route 5 through Whycocomagh and across Great Bras d'Or near Ross Ferry to the Newfoundland ferry terminal at North Sydney. Reconstuction costs are to be borne on a 50-50 basis by the two governments.

Mr. Rawding said that regardless of whether the province received any financial assistance for the section of Route 5 between North Sydney and Sydney, which so far is outside the agreement, this section will be brought up to

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News Of County Home And School Associations

MACDOUGALL HOME AND SCHOOL CELEBRATES FOUNDERS DAY

Founders Day was celebrated by members of MacDougall Home and School Association at their regular meeting held at St. Peters on February 11th with Vice-President, Mrs. Clark Kaplan, as Chairman.

A short business meeting was held and reports were read by Chairmen of the various committees. Miss Margaret Madden, Chairman of Ways and Means, reported on the Card Party held recently in the Domestic Science Department, and offered the suggestion, which was readily agreed upon by the members of the Association that a 'Pancake Supper' be held under the auspices of the Home and School on Tuesday, February 17th. in the Domestic Science Room.

Plans are being made for the March meeting of the MacDougall Home and School Association at which Education Week will be observed. Members are looking forward to an address on the Reading Program by Miss Joanna Cann, Supervisor of Schools for Cape Breton County, who will be in attendance at this meeting. Parents will be interested to know that a demonstration of reading in one of the Primary Grades will be held at this time also. An invitation is extended by MacLougall Home and School Association to all Home and School Associations in the County to send delegates to this meeting, which will be held on March 11th.

After disposal of business, Mrs. John A. MacDonald Founders Day Convener, directed a short playlet entitled "Five Storey Structure". This playlet brought out the importance of the local Association the Council, Provincial Federation National Federation and International Federation, and how each is dependent on the other for the great work being done in the welfare of our children. Those taking part were Mrs. Clark Kaplan, Mrs. Donald Johnston. Miss Helen Archibald, Mr. Allan D. Morrison, Mr. Richard Morley, Mrs. Peter Cully and Mrs. John Currie.

An interesting game "Valentine Telegrams" followed, in which all members participated.

During the social hour lunch was served by members of the social committee. A beautiful birthday cake, bearing a candle for each President of the Association since it was organized, was cut by the immediate past president, Miss Helen Archibald.

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WEST ARICHAT HOME AND SCHOOL HOLD MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the West Arichat Home and School Association was held in Acadiaville School on Feb. 8. with president Mr. Duann, in the chair. Despite the cold weather and high winds which prevailed, a large number was in attendance.

The meeting opened with the singing of "O Canada" and the Home and School prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. This was followed by the treasurer's report.

The possibility of major repairs to the school and the borrowing of money for this purpose took up the main part of the business section of the meeting.

The primary teacher gave a demonstration on teaching reading in primary grades.

The social part of the evening included a lunch and a debate. Lunch was served by Mrs. Leo Meunier, Mrs. Leo Forgeron, Mrs. Francis Duann and Mrs. Clarence Forgeron.

The meeting adjourned and program ended with the singing of the National Anthem.

ST. PETER'S

Mrs. D. A. Morrison and son Robert were recent visitors to Sydney. Friends of Mrs. Morrison will be pleased to learn that she is fully recovered from her long term of illness.

One of our good friends and neighbours, Mrs. Jennie MacLean is very ill, we regret to report.

Friends of Mrs. Duggan will be pleased to learn that under the skillful care of Dr. Morrison, her health is improving.

Miss Ethel MacRae who is employed here by Mrs. D. A. Morrison, motored to Kempt Road for a short visit on Sunday.

Henry Pottie had the misfortune of injuring his foot in the Mandamar Mine, and we are glad to report he is making a speedy recovery under the medical skill of Dr. Digout.

Mr. John J. Steel, new section foreman, has taken over his duties here.

Mr. Alex Morrison, St. Peter's, accompanied by Mr. Whyte, Mr. Boudreau, Mrs. Kemp Morrison and Mrs. Finlay Ross motored to Halifax last week. On the return trip they were accompanied by Mrs. P. Morley who was a patient at the Halifax Infirmary for some time. She is much improved in health, we are glad to report.

Mrs Finlay Ross was the guest of her son Blair while in Halifax.

Mrs. Morrison visited her father Walter Callow at Camp Hill Hospital, Halifax .

We will soon be losing our good neighbours The MacNeil's as they are moving to Port Hawkesbury where Mr. MacNeil will take up his duties as section foreman in that area.

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West Arichat

Mrs. Felix Linden is visiting her sister, Mrs. Daniel Brow at Antigonish.

The flu has attacked a few in this community. We are glad to report that they are now making a good recovery.

Micareme is underway here and we hope the young and old will enjoy it to the full. It is the custom to observe it in every community just before Lent.

Leonard Fougere and Willie Clorey spent a few days visiting relatives in Halifax.

Miss Genevieve Babin was a week-end guest of her father Francis Babin.

Charlie Fougere arrived from Montreal to spend a few months at home.

Leonard Fougere was a motor visitor to Halifax where he purchased a 1953 Chevrolet car.

U. N. Secretariat Develops New Binding Method



The U. N. Publishing Division has developed a simple and inexpensive method of bookbinding used for reference volumes. The method which has attracted the attention of libraries in various parts of the world requires only an ordinary paint brush, cold padding glue and an improvised rack for stacking the volumes. Shown demonstrating a step in the technique he helped develop is U. N. staff member William L. Watson who is in charge of the binding service.

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T. J. COURTNEY

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Thomas James Courtney, director of the Nova Scotia Bureau of Information, died Saturday night of a heart attack while attending a hockey game at the Halifax Forum. He was 53.

Mr. Courtney was known across Canada for his outstanding work in promoting the tourist industry in Nova Scotia since becoming head of the bureau in 1947. He was also an amateur movie producer of note and an ardent wildlife conservationist.

Before taking the provincial informaton post he was for many years a leading figure in the motion picture theater industry in the Maritime Provinces.

With Mrs. Courtney and other members of the family he had gone to the Forum for the Saturday night game between Halifax Atlantics and Sydney Millionaires. He was stricken without warning before the start of the game and died in a few minutes.

Tom Courtney, also known to many by his boyhood name "Dick" was born in Portsmouth, England son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Courtney. His father died when he was still a child. At the age of 8 his widowed mother brought her family of five to Halifax where he lived all the rest of his life.

His first business venture after being educated in the Halifax public schools was organizing the Three-Ess Taxi Service in the early 1920's. He left the taxi company, still operating in Halifax, in 1925 to become an assistant manager of the Casino theater on Gottingen street, then owned and operated by the late R. J. Macadam.

He became manager of the Casino when Mr. Macadam retired, retaining that position when the theater was subsequently operated by the Famous Players chain and later purchased and operated by Odeon Theaters of Canada, Ltd.

He was appointed Maritime supervisor of the Odeon chain, resigning in 1947 to take appointment as dierctor of information for the province of Nova Scotia. In this position he devoted his energies to developing the Nova Scotia tourist industry and promoting Nova Scotia in general.

During his first year in office he played a large part in the post war revival of the International Tuna Cup Match at Wedgeport, Nova Scotia, now an annual event bringing hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of publicity to the province. In succeeding years he directed the organization of the Match which has attracted leading big game anglers from many parts of the world.

Another project to which he devoted much time and effort was the beautification of the main entrance to the province on Route 2 at the New Brunswick line near Amherst. Landscaping and other improvements carried out there brought many compliments to the province and to Mr. Courtney.

He was an enthusiastic amateur motion picture producer, and received a number of awards for his work in this field. Two of his early films "Riches from the Sea" and "Royal Visit", place among the "ten best" in 1938 and 1939 worldwide competition. The latter was filmed during the 1939 visit to Halifax of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth.

Probably his best known movie is "Gateway to the World" photographed during the Second World War in which he preserved for posterity the great role played by the port of Halifax in the conflict. Other well known 16mm. movies fimed and produced by him are "Happy Valley", a story of country life in the Annapolis Valley, and "Spring Fever" which pictures a fishing trip on a Nova Scotia river.

In 1943 he received the Motion Picture Digest Award for the best theater publicity campaign in Canada, based on his promotion of the British movie "In Which We Serve", which had a record-breaking run at the Casino.

He was chairman of the Halifax public relations section of the National War Finance Committee during the 7, 8th and 9th Victory Loan campaigns. He arranged many eye-filling displays, including tent and stage shows on the Grand Parade and the illumination of City Hall.

Mr Courtney always was greatly interested in conservation and wildlife. Much of his film output dealt with these subjects. His outstanding pictures of bird and animal life are well known. Feeding

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PONDVILLE

Several from here attended the Valentine's Dance at the Arichat School and were delighted with the good time.

Much credit goes to the Arichat Home and School, who are to be congratulated on the success of the dance.

Mrs. Jeanne Baccardax teacher at our school spent the past weekend visiting her brother Rev. Fr. Boudreau, her father Mr. Albert Boudreau and her aunt, Miss Maggie Fougere, at Petit de Grat.

News has been received that Henry J. Martell of the RCAF has passed his test as a Radio Air Technician. Henry is at present stationed in Clinton, Ont., and likes his work very much.

Mrs. Rosie Martell spent a few days recently visiting her son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Francis MacDonald, D'Escousse.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Martell and daughter Rosalene arrived home after visiting relatives and friends in Sydney. They report a pleasant holiday.

Miss Claire Babin and Mrs. Willard Marchand of the Louisdale School staff spent the weekend at their homes here.

Francis Martell, Bertie Forrest and Alfred Bowen were recent business visitors to Sydney.

A pleasant evening was spent at the home of Mrs. Jean Amey recently, the occasion being the 1st birthday of her baby daughter Beverley Jean. Among those present were Col. the Rev. and Mrs. Rippon; Mrs. May Dunphy and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Edwards.

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WILL YOU HELP?

During the month of February, the Canadian Red Cross is launching an appeal through all the schools of Canada for funds to buy sorely-needed food, clothing, medicines and school supplies for more than two hundred million children of Korea, India, Pakistan and Indonesia. This drive is endorsed by the Canadian Educational Asscciation and by our own Department of Education. It is hoped that the response will be generous.

The members of the High School Junior Red Cross have decided to raise funds for this noble cause through the sale of Easter cards. Will you help?

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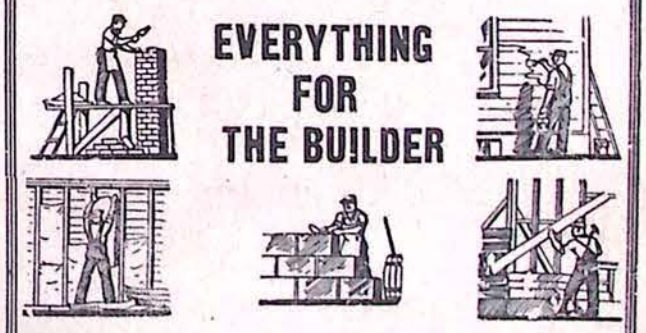
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stations made the grounds of his home at 208 Inglis street a miniature bird sanctuary.

He was director of the Halifax Rotary Club. For the past seven years he had directed production and publicity for the annual Ice Cycles show sponsored by the club. He was also a member of the Halifax Progressive Club, an honorary member of the Halifax Gyro Club, a member of the Council of the Halifax Board of Trade, and a vice-president of the Halifax branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society. Through these organizations he was busy in charitable and welfare activities.

In 1925 he married the former Pearl Logan, of Yarmouth, who survives. Other survivors are his mother, Mrs. Mary Snook; a sister, Mrs. C. J. O'Reilly; a brother Charles F. Courtney, and a step-brother, William Snook, all of Halifax.

The funeral was held Tuesday morning from Cruikshank's Funeral Home, 416 Robie St., with 9 o'clock mass at St. Thomas Aquinas church, Cornwall St. Burial in Holy Cross Cemetery.

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NEWS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY

Late on the Scene

A caterpillar made an appearance at the home of Nelson Dobson on Tuesday. It would appear that our climate in this part of Cape Breton compares favourably with that of other parts of the Province and that caterpillars can survive and take advantage of our warm February weather.

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In Cuba

Our good friend Contractor H. H. Latimer of Truro, is visiting in Havana, Cuba, and a letter received from him recently states he is enjoying his holiday.

Bob, a prominent highway contractor has been awarded contracts in different part of the province for the coming Spring.

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From Sydney

Charles J. LeBlanc, of Sydney, spent the week-end here with his wife and family who are at present visiting her parents, Postmaster and Mrs. J. M. Power.

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Recent Visitor

Mrs. Mary Thurgood, who is at present visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Thurgood, St. Peter's, was a recent visitor to Arichat.

Mrs. Thurgood who was our good neighbor for several years has many friends in Arichat who are always glad to see her.

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From Montreal

Ralph Fougere arrived from Montreal during the week to visit relatives and friends. A son of the late Ernest and Mrs. Fougere of Poulamon, Ralph is employed by a Steamship Line in Montreal and returned to his duties during the week.

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Relieving

J. Simpson of the Royal Bank, Sydney, was relieving our local branch manager, C. D. Campbell, for a few days while the latter was visiting his father Capt. Patrick Campbell of Halifax, who we are glad to report is much improved in health.

Mr. Campbel returned on Wednesday.

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Left for Chicago

John Malloy, accountant for the Booth Fisheries Inc., left for Chicago on Thursday.

Mr. Malloy spent a year here as accountant at the Booth Fisheries plant at Petit de Grat. While here he made many friends who regretted his departure.

He is being replaced by Paul Shiflet of the USA.

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Left for Halifax

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kelly and family left for Halifax on Tuesday where they will take up residence. Roy is employed at the National Fish Co.

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Mrs. M. M. Terrio had the misfortune of falling and breaking a rib at her home during the past week. She was taken to Isle Madame Hospital on Sunday and after spending a few days there it was found necessary to convey her to St. Joseph's Hospital, Glace Bay, by C. A. Boucher ambulance. Friends will join with us in wishing her a speedy recovery from her painful injury.

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Drift Ice in Strait

For the first time this winter drift ice has been reported in the Strait. However, this has not interfered with causeway operations and work is progressing and we are in hopes they by this time next year drift ice in this part of Cape Breton will be held back by the completion of the causeway fill at Port Hastings.

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Returns Home

Mrs. Louis Samson, of Petit de Grat, arrived from St. Martha's Hospital, Antigonish, on Thursday, after undergoing an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Samson of this place accompanied Mrs. Samson from Antigonish. While there they visited Dr. and Mrs. Deveau and daughter Lucille who are patients at St. Martha's Hospital recovering from injuries sustained in a Railway crossing accident at Afton Station. Friends will be glad to learn they are making a rapid recovery.

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Street Lights Committee To Meet

On Thursday evening, February 26th the Street Lights Committee of Arichat will hold a meeting in the Board of Trade Rooms, Arichat at 7.30 p.m. All those interested are cordially invited to attend.

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From Cannes

Walter Fougere accompanied by Gerard Tousnard, of River Bourgeois were business visitors here on Thursday.

Mr. Fougere has taken over the operation of the MacColl-Frontenac Gas Station formerly owned by Mr. Tousnard at River Bourgeois on the main highway.

For the past fifteen years Walter as been the obliging and courteous operator of the Gordon Eus from Arichat to Sydney.

Walter served the bus patrons of Isle Madame well and the many kind acts performed by him during his long and faithful service will be remembered by the resident who will regret to hear of his retirement.

May Water enjoy a good measure of business and may happiness and prosperity be his lot in the years to come is our wish and that of his many friends.

A. C. Frost who has been relieving operator on the Bus will in future take on full time duty.

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ARICHAT RESIDENTS INJURED IN TRAIN COLLISION AT AFTON

ANTIGONISH — Three members of an Arichat family, George R. Deveau M. D., and his wife and daughter, Mary Lucille Deveau, had a close brush with death Saturday afternoon in a level crossing auto-train collision on No. 4 Highway at Afton Station. They had visted Dr. Deveau's mother, Mrs. R. J. Deveau in Mavillette, Digby County, before attending the Red Cross convention in Halifax and were on their way home in the family sedan when the accident occurred.

Interviewed in St. Martha's Hospital, Dr. Deveau said that he, Mrs. Deveau and their daughter were occupying the front seat of the car. The visibility was poor and snow was falling at 4.30 p.m. when close to the CNR crossing he was startled to hear the nearby whistle of a west-bound freight train. Attempting to avoid the train, he tried to swing, he car across the highway and applied the brakes. Skidding in the snow the vehicle ran into the side of the oncoming locomotive and was wrecked.

Wearing a heavy fur coat, Mrs. Deveau was thrown through a front door and escaped injury other than a shaking up. Miss Deveau suffered a broken hip and a dislocated elbow. Dr. Deveau who was rendered unconcious sustained multiple cuts on his forehead and knees and chest injuries.

Dr. C. N. MacIntosh drove Dr. and Mrs. Deveau to the hospital in his car. Miss Deveau came in MacIsaac's ambulance. Miss Deview, a secretary in the Canadian Embassy, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, had her vacation interrupted by the mishap. Dr. MacIntosh said the condition of the three patients was satisfactory.

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Sporting Mountain Echoes

Late of writing is February 14th (St. Valentine's Day) and we are in the grip of a north-east snowstorm.

Our trusty mail courier may be unable to scale the summits of Sporting Mountain under any power this evening.

Arthur Fougere who is employed in Mindamar Mine was a week end visitor from Stirling.

Alfred Boudreau was a motor visitor to "The Cove" Sunday afternoon.

Anthony Burke was down from The Strait to spend Sunday with Mrs. Burke and family.

Jack Thibeau and Alfred Burke were business visitors from Oban Friday evening.

During the day Leonel LeBlanc transferred a consignment of heavy timber for them.

In a recent news item taken from a Norwood Mass, paper the Robert Ross referred to is a native of Seaview.

We went to school with him at the "Cross Roads" and join with foreman James Garner in wishing "Robbie" a long and happy retirement.

Negotiations relative to the consolidation of Seaview school section with River Bourgeois have been suspended by Inspector R. J. Chiasson, M. A.

We thank the learned gentleman for his frank and sensible exposition of the whole matter in his letter to the board of trustees.

Speaking of our school house, we have no occasion to apologize for it, and just occasion to be interested in it.

Close to the close of the last century we were present with the late Archibald Morrison and the late Inspector M. J. T. McNeil B.A. when the former chose its site and the latter approved of it, and down through all the years that have intervened have been associated with it in various capacities.

What town halls are to urban centres the country school house is to the rural section.

No, no, emphatically no, we cannot part with our school house of long and agreeable associations.

Its removal would leave an unbearable vacuum in our community life.

D. A. S.

R. J. DEACHMAN AND HIS SPARROW FRIENDS

By V. B. Fellows

I walked slowly into R. J.'s inner sanctum with a feeling of depression as so often happens when a vital personality is missing. I glanced out at his roof garden, half unconciously contemplating it. There was the old half barrel with the broken stave, that had been such a bright spot with its many hued flowers of the summer now passed. Three remaining brown stalks, shorn of their summer splendor, waved in the breeze and then I heard a cheep. I looked down who was there but "Jock" Mr. Deachman's favorite sparrow.

Jock, a real Scotty in his ruggedness and demeanour looked at me with a stern and accusing eye as much as to say: "What have you done with our good friend, R. J.?" I said "Jock, old chap, if you had worked as hard as Mr. Deachman you too would need a rest. Do you know what is means to have practically spent your life in trying to help solve the economic problems of a nation. Giving the best you have to your friends with spontaneity and good humor. Writing for a living, Jock is very hard work, think of the reading and the application it entails. Yes, he needed a rest and while things are a bit confused at the moment we will try to keep them in order till he gets back."

Jock looked at me solemnly for a moment and then wheeled round to his two pals on the fire escape and seemed to say: "It's all right boys, let's go."

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Trans-Canada highway standards by the province alone, if necessary. So far as Nova Scotia is concerned, he said, the Trans-Canada highway will run right into the city of Sydney.

Decision to take the transcontinental road along the north side of Bras d'Or lake came after extensive surveys conducted by the Department of Highways. More than 30 miles of Route 5 between Bras d'Or and Baddeck recently reconstructed and paved is of such high standard that few alterations are expected to be required. Complete rebuilding of the section between Baddeck and Port Hastings will be required, however and considerable work will be done between Bras d'Or and Sydney including replacement of at least three main bridges.

Plans call for a bridge across the Great Bras d'Or to replace the present ferry service at Ross Ferry. Survey of a possible bridge site at Seal Island, about three miles from the ferry dock, has been made. Work on the bridge will not be carried out immediately, however.

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