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Speech Delivered In Legislature By Earl W. Urquhart, M.L.A.,--Richmond

(The following is a speech delivered by Earl W. Urquhart, Liberal representative of this county and we congratulate Mr. Urquhart, on his able presentation of the accomplishments of his government on behalf of his constituents in Richmond County and the advocating of further development in the future.—Editor.)

Mr. Speaker:

This is the fourth occasion on which I have participated in the Debate on the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne.

It is an event to which I look forward with renewed pleasure, and may I say, keener interest, as each Session commences. All honourable members have an equal opportunity to speak in this Debate, without limitation as to time or subject, and air their views as to the best manner in which the many problems facing our democratic civilization may be solved.

Quite true, our problems are on a minature scale as compared with the more tedious world and national problems, but if all difficulties on a minor scale are solved in the best interest of the majority according to democratic principles, then the overall result of major consultations and conferences should be a surer approach to world peace and happiness.

Later on in my remarks, I shall say things that may be controversial, but before I come to that stage. I should like to add my words of congratulations to the honourable members for Kings and Yarmouth who performed the respective tasks on opening day with dignity and distinction.

The commendations they received from honourable members who have already spoken were well merited. We knew they would do well. They are a credit to the people whom they represent in this House. May they continue their good work.

On behalf of my constituents I desire to convey their best regards and good wishes to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor on being chosen Her Majesty's representative in this ancient and historic province of Canada. They trust that His Honour will enjoy his stay at Government House and that his return there will bring to mind happy events of other days.

I feel that it would also be fitting to congratulate the honorable member for Cape Breton Centre on attaining the leadership of the CCF party in this Province and in this House. We hope he will fill that post in as capable a manner as did his predecessor, the honourable member for Cape Breton East, whom I regard as a public asset in this Legislature.

During September of last year, as outlined in the Throne Speech, the Province was honoured by a visit of forty-two delegates of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association. A great honor was bestowed on my constituency in selecting me as the Government representative to journey to Quebec City and escort these eminent parliamentarians to Nova Scotia. I enjoyed associating with them while here and learned much of the problems with which their respective Governments are presently concerned.

Before I said "Farewell" to our visitors at Digby, the leader of the group gave a very inspiring address expressing appreciation for the generous hospitality of the Government and people of this province. He asked me to convey three things particularly to the Government and the people. First of all, Nova Scotia cannot be surpassed in truly natural beauty. Quite true it is surpassed by one or two specific beauty spots but not surpassed when it comes to a variety of natural beauty. Secondly the tour was arranged to their liking—a leisurely tour refreshing and relaxing and most informative. They marvelled at the vastness of Bedford Basin—the convoy haven. Thirdly, the tourist pamphlets and booklets were the best they had ever seen in so far as being compact and informative, well-written and well illustrated. I invited them to return some day and see the remainder of Nova Scotia and indeed the most beautiful part--the Island of Cape Breton.

Having said the niceties one should say, having paid tribute where tribute is due. I turn now to matters of a different nature.

The leader of the Opposition a few days ago, speaking about Industrial Development, stated that Nova Scotia had not shared in the post-war industrial expansion. That statement is rather sweeping and needless to say, inaccurate.

I am not going to labour this point unduly, but let it suffice to say now that Richmond County experienced an unprecedented industrial expansion during the past three years. All this came to pass since early in 1950.



EARL W. URQHHART, M. L. A.

New corporations have come in and large sums of capital have been invested to develop the natural resources of that part of Cape Breton Island.

During the past two Sessions I have given a resume of the progress made in the base metal mining development at Stirling in my constituency. The mine went into production last spring following a year and a half of construction work. There are now over three hundred men employed in this uninque venture and, no doubt, this number will be increased as full production is attained.

Mindamar Metals Corporation Limited have invested heavily at Stirling and we sincerely hope that this undertaking will be a profitable one for them.

The Stirling phase of mining progress in this province was aptly described by the Honourable the Minister of Mines in his Annual Report for the year 1952, and I think it well to quote from that report as follows:

> "Perhaps the most spectacular feature of the last 12 months has been the establishment on a sound basis at Stirling, Richmond County, of a booming base metals industry that never could have come into existence had not the Province assumed the risk trouble and expense of unwatering for exploration—an assistance that induced experienced miners to proceed with the actual development. For well over half a century mining men had been practically certain that rich deposits existed there and several attempts -- one of them on a very considerable scale-- had been made to work them.
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> "But it was not until powerful MOBILE mining machinery had been sent into action that the ore body was proved and its recovery made practicable. Now the operators are shipping zinc, lead, copper and other products and have a backlog of orders sufficent for four years. Gold and silver elements alone pay all costs of transportation.
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> "The initial stages of this modest bonanza were of such an extent and cost that no mining corporation could be expected to undertake them at its own risk and expense merely for the sake of a look at the prospects-which in this case have turned out exceedingly well."

It would be well for honourable members of this House to stop at Stirling whenever they are on Cape Breton Island and visit this tremendous industrial development. I am sure that the Mine Manager, Mr. Colin Chisholm, coming as he does from that great country of Inverness, would be only too happy to escort you through the plant. There you will see first hand the product of vision and enterprise.

You will recall, Mr. Speaker, that while we were deliberating here a year ago, an intense fire destroyed some buildings and severely damager others of the cold storage and fish processing plant at Petit de Grat.

Booth Fisheries almost immediately announced their intention to rebuild. They have carried out that intention and construction work is progressing steadily. In the meantime, they are processing fish in temporary quarters although the cold storage unit is in operation again following extensive repairs.

This project was assisted immeasurably by the present Liberal Government. This Government granted a subsidy, implemented a highway construction programme in that area, obtained an adequate fresh water supply and increased the quantity of electrical energy.

Booths are a vital contribution to the economy of Richmond County. They employ a large number of local people in their plant. They are giving the fishermen a long needed break financially by taking all the fish available at a good price.

Every effort should be made to encourage the establishment of new industries in this Province. Stirling and Petit de Grat are but two examples of what can be done and what was done by this Govern ment. in this regard. Both Provincial and Municipal Governments must co-operate with financal corporations to promote industrial development.

Municipal Governments should not impose excessive taxation on newly-established industres. They must be given a chance to become established and when producing profitably, then, and only then, should they be expected to contribute their share to municipal revenue.

I am not suggesting that industries should be exempt from taxation, but I am suggesting and recommending that in the initial stages, at least, substantial consideration be given new industries by municipal taxing authorities.

Some people believe that corporation should be taxed heavily because they can afford to pay well. That psychology is sometimes altogether too prevalent in taxing circles. It could well be that fear of excessive taxation is a contributing factor in preventing new

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BLACK RIVER

The recent snow storm and rain played havoc with the roads which were blocked over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Frost and George Smith, Balmoral visited friends in Dundee on Sunday.

Edwin Nelson is spending some time with Willard Petitpas, Dundee. We understand Mr. Nelson is in poor health.

Mrs. William MacKay, daughter Christine and Gerald MacIntosh, The Points, visited friends here on the 13th inst.

The Cradle: Born to Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Russo, Dundee, in Isle Madame Hospital, on February 12th, a son, John Cameron. We congratulate you Mr. and Mrs Russo.

John A. Smith, Dundee, is at present visiting his daughter Mrs. Joe England, St. Peter's.

Benny and Danny Smith, Balmoral were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest MacRae, Dundee.

GILBERT

Predicts Future Bright For New Industries In N. S.

Mr. H. H. Zoega a business man from Iceland, who is at present supervising the building of a Fish Meal plant on the property of the Booth Fisheries, Petit de Grat, addressed a large gathering of the Mulgrave Board of Trade recently.

Mr. Zoega reports that he travelled from Vancouver to Halifax had been in the Hudsons Bay area Labrador and Newfoundland and could safely say that Canada is a land of unlimited opportunity. He stated that in his travels from Yarmouth to Sydney he could not find a more ideal spot for industry than this area. He based his statement on the fact it was central, had good harbour facilities, was near rail, highway, ship and air transportation systems for market connections to Europe, United States and Canadian markets. He was interested to learn of the activities of the Mulgrave Board of Trade in their request for expansion of services in the interests of attracting industries.

Mr. Zoega spoke of his recent trip to Europe in the interests of sounding out market possibilities there as well as to study various methods of processng fish. He beleves this area was ideally located for a plant to process by-products of the sea. Products that have not been processed. He spoke of the unlimiteld supply of herring off our coasts which he thought could be caught and marketed profitably as done in Europe. He also suggested the area was ideally located for a sealing industry as well as a tanning industry. Stating he was surprised to learn there was no tannery in the area that hides and skins had to be shipped out of the area, processed and returned at a great cost.

He believed whatever industry was started he would suggest the best machinery, equipment and methods be employed, that the markets were open to the best products produced. The best products could be marketed in competition with other products. He closed by saying that European concerns might be interested, might cooperate or commence industries in Nova Scotia if approached and shown the advantages of setting up industries in the area.

Education Week

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From B. C. to Nfld., Education Week will be observed the first week of March. The aim is to bring to the fore three groups, namely, School Trustees, Department of Education, Home and School and so help the average parent and the ordinary citizen to understand how best to use the education channels open to them. During Education Week there will be a radio discussion on Primary Methods in Reading by three or four experts. Watch for this. It will be worth listening to. Parents visiting day in Arichat will be Wednesday, March 4, from 1.30 to 3.30. Welcome to all parents and friends.

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Sporting Mountain Echoes

Date of writing is February 21st and what with a series of freshets and the mild weather prevailing the brook flowing through our peaceful vale has never been completely frozen over this winter.

In consequence of the snowstorm Eunice McPherson had heavy walking from the paved highway, Sunday evening, but it failed to affect her ever cheerful disposition.

The snow plow came over the top of Sporting Mountain, Monday and Ceretha McLennan and Alice Flynn both had good motoring over the mail route Thursday evening.

We were glad to see 'West Bay' back in your columns. We trust our fellow-scribe will come again with that traditional lore with which he is replete. It was interesting.

Proficient elocution gave enhanced meaning to "Old Timer's" thoughts on "Neighbourly News" Sunday morning.

Leonel LeBlanc has been busy during the week transferring his winter lumber cut from Seaview Lake.

Friday he took time off to deliver a load of hard wood to St. Peter's.

Regarding the recent consolidation controversy, we regret that Inspector R. J. Chiasson, M. A. (a stranger within our gates) was given the erroneous impression that Seaview school section was divided on racial and religious lines.

Since pioneer days down through successive generations the Shamrock, the Thistle, and the Fleur de Lis in this area have always buddded and blossomed and blended unblighted by either religious bigotry or racial discrimination.

—D. A. S.

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West Arichat

The Misses Estelle LeJeune and Hilda Forrest motored from Halifax and were week-end guests of their parents at Port Royal.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Perrot arrived from Montreal and are the guests of her sister, Mrs. W. Clorey.

Mrs. Rodolph Doiron entered the V. G. Hospital, Halifax. for a check-up.

Mrs. Leonard Babin and daughter of Cheticamp were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Babin.

Albert Boudreau of Petit de Grat motored to Antigonish accompanied by Mrs. R. T. LeBlanc, Miss Dorothy Forgeron and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Forgeron the past week.

Alexis Murey, RCMP and son arrived from Montreal and were the guests of his parents for a few weeks. They returned on Monday.

Leonard Fougere motored to Halifax accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Francis Perrot where they visited friends for a few days.

Rodolph T. LeBlanc left for Montreal to visit relatives for a few weeks.

Amedee Lavandier motored to Glace Bay on business the past week.

Friends of Capt. Jeffrey Forgeron will be pleased to know that he is progressing favourably at St. Martha's Hospital Antigonish.

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Contrast

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There's so much of central heating,
Is this march of modern ways;
That we miss the genial greeting,
In a log-fire's friendly blaze.

And we can't suppress the yearning;
Makes no matter where we rove;
Just to see the embers burning,
In an old pot-bellied stove.

OLD TIMER

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POULAMOND

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Mr. and Mrs. Amadee Boudreau motored to Sydneythe past week. They were accompanied by Frank Bona, George Maltby and Amedee Boudreau.

Mr. and Mrs Bert Forrest, Pondville, spent the week-end here, guests of her mother, Mrs. Cecile LeBlanc.

Mrs. Homer Whyte and daughter Lynda, Sydney, arrived here the past week to spend a few months guest of Mrs. Eva Whyte.

Mr. Gerry Laplante, Halifax, spent the week-end here with his wife and son Tim.

Mr. and Mrs. Noel Burke motored to Sydney on Thursday and returned same evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fougere and children spent a few days in Halifax the past week. While there Walter had the misfortune of falling and breaking his hand. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Fougere returned home on Friday after spending a week in Sydney with friends and relatives.

Mrs. Tony McDonald, Sydney, arrived here on Monday to spend a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Boudreau.

Week-end visitors were Eddie Fougere, Homer Whyte, Gerald Chiasson and Anita Fougere.

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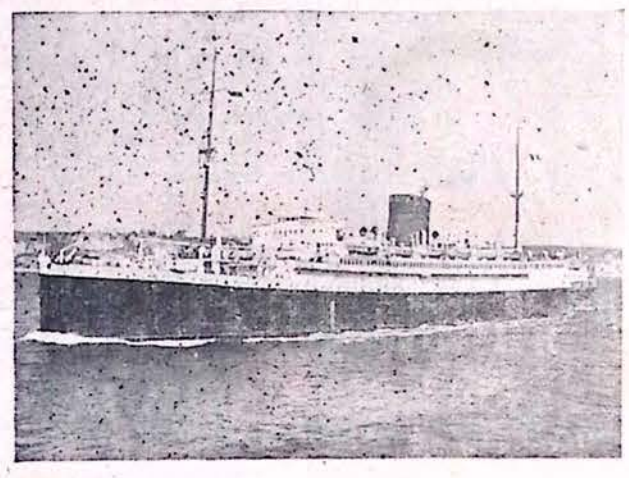
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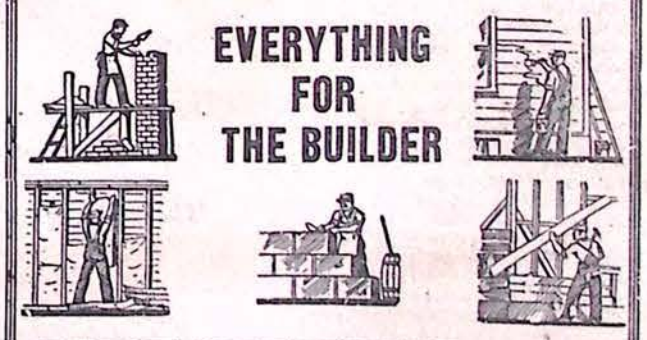
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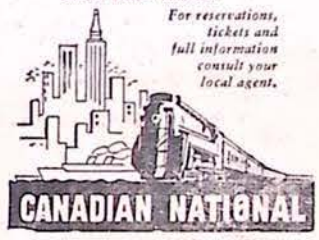
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NEWS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY

Barn Destroyed By Fire

During the heavy wind storm of Saturday night of the past week, a barn owned by Charles DeCotse, head of harbor, burned to the ground.

This barn which was not quite completed replaced a barn also lost by fire about a year ago on the same site. Mr. DeCoste lost seven sheep and a quantity of asphalt siding in the blaze.

Luckily the wind at the time was in the right direction or else the DeCoste dwelling would have also been destroyed.

The origin of the blaze has not been determined.

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Week-End Visitor

Godfrey H. Boudreau, who is employed this winter as steward on the S. S. O-We-Ra on the Canso-Mulgrave Service, spent the past week-end with his wife and family here.

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From Canso

Mrs. Homer Nickerson of Canso spent a few days with her mother, Mrs. Ethel McGrath of this town.

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From Sydney

Mrs. William Cusack of Sydney is visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. C. G. Cusack.

Mrs. Cusack was recently bereaved in the death of her late lamented brother, Thomas Gallivan of Sydney.

Mrs. Cusack's friends in Arichat are pleased to see her and may she enjoy her holiday.

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ALEXANDER CARR

The death of Alexander Carr in his 82nd year occurred at his home in Queensport, Guysboro county on January 30th.

The late Mr. Carr was a highly respected citizen of Queensport and was well and favourably known throughout the whole county and far beyond its borders.

He engaged in the fishing industry and was one of the best known trap fishermen on the Guysboro Shore. Some years ago the late Mr. Carr was one of the first fishermen to venture into trap fishing off Gras Nez, near Petit de Grat, but was not successful due to the location of the trap.

A man of high Christian character he saw the need of a church of his faith in Queensport and together with other citizens was successful in having erected St. James Anglican Church which now serves that community and stands as a monument to his memory.

His passing has removed a citizen who was beloved by his family and by-followers of all creeds in his native county.

The funeral which was largely attended took place from St. James Anglican Church, Queensport with Rev. J. Young of Canso conducting the funeral service.

Surviving members of his family are two sons, Percy at home, Allan of Boston, Mass., and three daughters, Mrs. Thomas MacLean (Sylvia) Mulgrave; Mrs. Charles Weir (Lexie) of Foxboro, Mass., and Mrs. Cecil Dort (Marguerite) at home. The editor is a nephew of the deceased.

To Halifax

Coun. David E. Boudreau, Petit de Grat, accompanied by Coun. Alex Marchand, Louisdale and Coun. Albert P. Samson, L'Ardoise were business visitors to Halifax during the past week.

While there they interviewed our MLA Earl W. Urquhart and also attended the Legislature now is session.

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Joins RCMP

Russell Latimer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Latimer as been accepted into the marine divison of the RCMP and left for Halifax on Thursday.

Russell is a qualified wireless operator and recently returned to his home here after being employed as radio officer on a large freighter.

We wish Russell continued success in the future.

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To Antigonish

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Latimer motored to Antigonish last Saturday to visit Dr. and Mrs. Deveau and daughter Lucille at present patients at St. Martha's Hospital. They report their condition as much improved from their recent serious railway crossing accident at Afton Station.

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BIRTH

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles LeBlanc (nee Jean Power), a son, Roger Charles, at the Isle Madame Hospital, during the past week.

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To Sydney

Mr. and Mrs. J. Emile Benoit were business visitors to Sydney on Thursday. While in the city they called on relatives and friends.

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To Yarmouth

Eddie Edwards accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Philip Edwards, and his son Sonny, motored to Yarmouth on Monday where Mrs. Edwards and her grandson will spend the next few months with her daughter, Mrs. Harold Huskilson.

CARD PLAY

A card play under the auspices of the Arichat Red Cross Auxiliary, will take place at the Town Hall, Arichat on Thursday, March 5th.

All those interested in the work of the Red Cross are requested to bring donations to the Hall.

ERNEST PAON, Sec'y.

Capping Ceremony

Mrs. E. C. Doyle attended the Capping Ceremony at St. Martha's Hospital during the week. Mrs. Doyle's daughter Margaret, a nurse-in-training at this institution received her cap at the ceremony.

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At St. Joseph's

Word received by Miss Edith Terrio from her mother who is at present a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital, Glace Bay, informs her that her condition is slightly improved.

Mrs. Terrio is suffering from a fractured hip and broken ribs, the result of a fall at her home recently.

Friends here wish Mrs. Terrio a speedy recovery from her painful injuries.

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ERNEST F. PORTER

Friends in Arichat and St. Peter's extend sympathy to Mrs. R. J. O'Leary in the recent death of her beloved father, Ernest F. Porter of Yarmouth, N. S.

Mr. Porter who was in his 80th year was a highly respected and well known citizen of the town of Yarmouth.

Mrs. O'Leary and her brother, Charles V. Porter of Arlington, Mass., arrived in Yarmouth a few days before the death of their father, which was caused from shock resulting from a fall which caused a broken hip.

Surviving besides his wife are one son, Charles V. Porter of Arlington, Mass., and one daughter Mrs. R. J. O'Leary of St. Peter's.

The Record extends sympathy to the bereaved wife, son and daughter in the sudden passing of a beloved husband and father.

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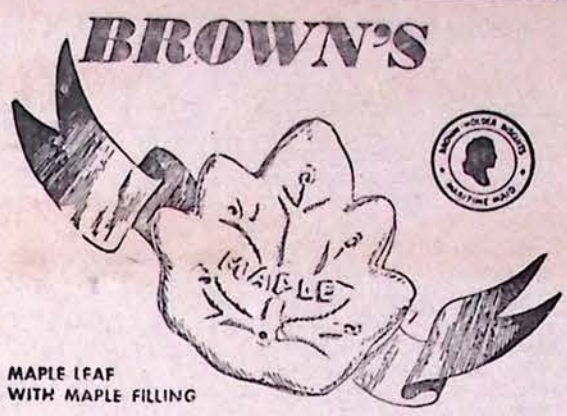
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Urquhart's Speech

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industries from coming into the Province. Even if these corporations never paid a cent of taxes, they still contribute much to the economic well-being of a particular county, and the Province as a whole.

His Honour's speech dealt with the ever timely subject of highway reconstrutcion and paving during the past year. The demands on this Department of Government appear to be unlimited. Let me, first of all, thank the Honourable the Minister of Highways and our Liberal Government for the generous consideration shown Richmond during the past three years.

The road from Grand Anse to Arichat was paved in 1951; from Arichat to Boudreauville through Petit de Grat was reconstructed as well as from Arichat through West Arichat to the Port Royal crossroads; the Lewis Cove Road was reconstructed and the highway St. Esprit to Stirling was rebuilt. some additional work was done on the L'Ardoise Road and many miles of other roads were improved by ditching and gravelling.

Much, of course, remains to be done, but at this particular time I shall not weary honourable members by enumerating all the highway projects I should like to see undertaken in Richmond. However, I do wish to single out one most important project and that is the reconstruction of the remaining portion of the L'Ardoise Road. This section of highway serves the largest parish in my constituency and accordingly I put forth their claim vigorously and sincerely.

We have heard a great deal of criticism about highway bridges from honourable members opposite during this session. I shall speak on this subject from an entirely different angle to the sorrow of some of my friends opposite--glad to say not all of them. Since '49 the major bridges of Richmond County were renewed along with reconstruction work and otherwise. The Petit de Grat bridge was overhauled and reconstructed to meet the request and wishes of the fishermen of that area; the Port Royal bridge was renewed; the Louisdale bridge was rebuilt and the Martinique bridge was replaced by a combination causeway and bridge.

That is the story I have to tell, about highway reconstruction, paving and bridge improvements undertaken in the past three years in Richmond alone. Does such a record substantiate in the slightest degree, by even the greatest stretch of one's imagination, the gloom and pessimism so eloquently and so frequently repeated by the Tories. It is obvious that it does not, and the people of Nova Scotia realize the feeble arguments and the gloomy approaches of our Tory friends to the problems confronting our province.

What is the Tory policy anyway, with reference to highways and bridges? I do not know, and I doubt whether they know themselves. The Leader of the Opposition, as reported in the press, said that "any policy we adopt for the 1953 election must be a development of our 1949 policy". Well, Mr. Speaker, that 1949 policy was soundly rejected by the electors of this province, as it will be again in 1953 in equally convincing terms.

I was somewhat surprised to read in the press that at the Annual Meeting of the Tory Party in this city November last, the Leader of the Opposition was quoted as follows:

(Referring to Municipal Affairs Minister Fielding's recent address in Truro in which he charged the Opposition Leader was misrepresenting the findings. Mr. Stanfield said:)

"I don't think I have to be called upon to answer every charge from JUNIOR members of the Government."

I consider such a statement a direct affront to one of Her Majesty's ministers. Is my honorable friend so aloof and on such a pedestal that he has to rebutt only the Honourable the Premier and one or two very senior ministers.

If the Honourable the Minister of Municipal Affairs had made any remark out of which the slightest degree of political capital could have been gained, there is no doubt but that the Honourable the Leader of the Opposition would have seized the opportunity with glee. A political plum would have been ripe for picking.

I am convinced that when he endeavoured to raise the question of "Cabinet solidarity" last year over an alleged statement of union with the United States of America, the fact that the Honourable the Minister of Health and Welfare was SENIOR or JUNIOR in the government service was of little or no concern. To gain political capital was the chief concern and the ultimate objective at all cost.

In concluding his remarks at the Annual Meeting to the "Faithful Few" of his party, the honourable leader sounded this note of encouragement. "We now have the wind at our backs and the tides turning our way". The first part of that sentence bears repeating, "We now have the wind at our backs". What a revelation! No one can question the truth of that statement. It is wellknown that the Tories have a great deal of wind behind them. They have nothing else. It is well that they appreciate the truism that the enlightened electors are not at their backs. Sad but true, there is only the wind at their backs, as the Honourable Leader of the Opposition so forcibly acknowledged. This is one time that we agree one hundred per cent.

The second part of the sentence is indeed even more revealing. I shall quote it again, "The tides turning our way."

He claims the tide is now turning, but, Mr. Speaker, the Tories were proclaiming prior to June 5th, 1949, that "The Tide Has Turned" and about a week before the election they changed the slogan to read "Ride The Tide".

It is rather difficult for me to reconcile these prophecies. The truth is that the tide turned in August 1933 and some of our friends opposite are only aware of it now.

Indeed it turned so well in the Provincial contest in October 1945 not one Tory candidate "Rode The Tide to victory. I would suggest to my friends opposite that they drop "The Tide" slogan as it boomeranged in no uncertain terms.

There is not the slightest doubt in my opinion, as to the outcome of the next Provincial election. Once again the people of Nova Scotia will place their confidence and their trust in the time-honoured and well-trusted hands of a Liberal Government.

But, the Liberal Party and the Liberal Government must continue to be worthy of that trust. In that connection they shall not fail. They shall continue to give the same wise Government in the future as they have given for the past twenty years.

How could it be otherwise when the affairs of this Nova Scotia of ours are directed by the sound and capable leadership of its most illustrious son--the Honourable the Premier?

In that setting, Mr. Speaker, I conclude my remarks, with the hope that all political parties will fight a clean election campaign whenever it should come. We have the privilege of "free elections"--a privilege shared by few countries of the world today. It is our duty to protect and nurture that privilege and prevent and avoid smear campaigns. Let not race and creed be subjected to political criticism.

Elections should be fought and fought well on the record and on the platform of each political party. Let each party say to the electors, "You are the Judge and the Jury. Examine the evidence brought before you by the press and on the radio as to the record of this party and bring in your verdict, as you have in previous years, as to which party is the safest party and the most honourable party in whose hands your affairs should be entrusted for the next five years. Consider the economic betterment as found under each party's administration by totalling the varied services which render happier and more comfortable living conditions."

That is the test, I submit, and the only test. Political parties must produce Letters of Recommendation for the guidance of the electors and they must be based on actual facts.

Our friends across the floor can not meet this test. They will fail miserably in their bid for power as they have on so many other occasions in the past 86 years. They won 3 elections in that period. In nearly a century of Nova Scotian life, the Tories were in office for only thirteen years. That is their record.

However, as I have said on previous occasions, the Tory Party will render eminent and loyal service to this Province as Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition.

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The general business discussion was about the caustic toilets just installed, care of these and how water could be obtained etc.

It was decided that a well be dug near at hand, until then a puncheon of water with a tap would be put in the cellar for this purpose.

The Educational program was in the form of films: Rural Schools indoors; Rural schools, outdoors; Coup d'oeil; La Grande Maison.

These were enjoyed by all present.

For the observance of Founders' Day a birthday cake with candles for the occasion was brought in. After the candles were lit the members formed a circle at a fixed distance and together tried to blow out the candles. Three attempts were made before this was accomplished.

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