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Earl W. Urquhart, M. L. A., Richmond--Delivers Winding Up Debate Speech

Text of Mr. Urquhart's Speech--1st. Instalment

(Mr. Urquhart had the unique distinction this year of winding up the debate for the Government on the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne.

At no other time in the History of our Province has this extremely important function been performed by a private member. It is always done by a Cabinet Minister).

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Mr. Speaker:

For the seventh time it affords me great pleasure to participate in this Throne Speech Debate, and as in other years, I listened with keen interest to the various topics and problems brought under review by those who hove preceded me. But before I deal with any topics of importance to my constituents, my first duty -- and indeed a pleasant one -- is to offer, as other members have already done, my congratulations to the Mover and Seconder of the Address in reply to His Honour's Speech.

Both Honourable Members did an excellent job of this rather difficult task, on a day when all eyes are trained on, and all ears are tuned to, those who have to perform before a crowded gallery amid all the pomp and ceremony which accompanies such an event. Let it suffice to say that they did honour to themselves and to their constituents, and let us hope that they will occupy seats in this historic chamber for many yers to come.

My next peasant task is to convey my sincere congratulations to the Honourable the Minister of Public Welfare and Labour on his promotion to Cabinet rank. Indeed, we were not surprised when he was summoned to take a seat at the Council table because with his practical experience and wealth of knowledge it was inevitable that he would be called upon to make his conrtibution to Government.

From my personal associations with him in private life, and later on when he became a Minister of the Crown, I feel that Nova Scotia's Government will be a better Government due to his participatition in it. On behalf of my contituents I wish him well. Long may he serve his Province, its Government and its people.

I shall conclude my pleasantries by referring to some of the remarks made recently by the Honourable Member for Queens. As was expected, he made an excellent speech and one which, with the exception of a few asides, could very well have come from this side of the House.

The Honourable Member gave a very stirring account of the voluntary efforts of citizens and organizations in his county following one of the greatest disasters in that county's history. He paid glowing tribute to three men who rendered admirable service, but I noted that in his customary humble and modest manner he neglected to mention the name of the one who spearheaded the campaign and who gave to it the leadership so necessary for its success, and the person to whom I refer is the Honourable Member for Queens himself. He set an example for all those in public life to follow, be assignment small or great.

Much has already been said during this debate, about industrial development in this province. You will recall, Mr. Speaker that I have spoken on this very topic -- as it relates to the Strait of Canso area -- during previous Sessions and it is not my purpose now to burden Honourable Members with a repetition of my previous comments. But I speak today because we have every reason to be hopeful that industrial development, which we hope will be on a large scale, may be forth coming in the not too distant future. I do not profess to be a prophet in my own right, not as is often said, the son of a prophet, but it would appear to me that the area to the South of the "Road to the Isles" offers an inducement



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to industry that I doubt could be equalled--and certainly not surpassed--in the whole of Eastern Canada, to say notning of Nova Scotia.

Since construction of the Causeway has been competed, we now have an ice-free harbour to the South of that Causeway, and the whole coastline, particularly the area which is situated in my constituency, from Point Tupper down to the basin of River Inhabitants, offers excellent facilities for the construction of shipping piers to accomodate ocean travel from all parts of the world.

I have every symphty for the men who were employed with the Strait of Canso ferry crews and with the Canadian National Railways at Point Tupper. Many of these faithful employees were transferred to other centres of employment in the Eastern part of this province, which meant that some had to leave their established homes in Point Tupper and Port Hawkesbury while others had to leave their families behind in those homes and live in rooms near the source of their employment. With the realization of newly established industries in the Strait of Canso area these loyal and worthy people would be able to return to the communities in which they lived, and thus continue to make their contribution to the life of these communities.

Finally let us not forget that it is only by making a united effort can we best promote and encourage industrial development in one of the most deserving and, indeed, one of the most attractive parts of Nova Scotia.

I am pleased to report, Mr. Speaker, that the Bicentennial of the expulsion of the Acadians to which I referred last Session, was most fittingly commenmorated last July in Arichat, the shire town of Richmond County. The religious and civic celebrations of the event were carried out in a manner which left a lasting impression on the large assemblage in attendance at both these functions.

The Very Reverend A. P. Poirier, Dean of the Roman Catholic Deanery of Richmond County, was Chairman of the Committee which arranged a highly interesting and instructive civic program for the occasion. He was ably assistedby Mr. Remi Chiasson Inspector of Schools for the County. This Government was represnted in a most capable manner by the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture and Lands and Forests and by the Honourable the Minister of Labour and Welfare.

My Honourable friend from Clare, a recognized authority on the history of the Acadian race, referred very eloquently the other day to the various celebrations held throughout the Maritmes during the summer, but I venture to say that in no other Acadian centre was that most distressing event in the colourful history of this Province more appropriately commemorated than by the Acadians of Richmond County, who comprise over 70 percent of its population.

(Due to space we are unable to bring our readers the full content of Mr. Urquhart's able address, however, instalments will appear in consecutive issues.)

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Premier Henry D. Hicks Upsets Opposition Claims

Spectres of some of Nova Scotia's, Canada's and Britain's statesmen and political leaders of a past generation hovered over the Legislative Chamber of Old Province House in Halifax during a recent Sitting of the Nova Scotia Legislature, now in annual session.

The "claimed" achievements of previous administrations, prticularly of those not in conformity with the views of the present administraton ,were brought to the floor of the House by an Opposition member during a recent speech.

In claiming firsts for reform legislation the Opposition speaker found it necessary to include such widely separated governing bodies as those of Disraeli, John A. MacDonald, Borden and Tupper, with minor mention of the most effective governing body as far as provincial affairs are concerned--the Provincial Government.

Included among the 'claims' put forward by the Opposition were social reforms which the people of Nova Scotia know have been brought into effect by Liberal Governments, not only during the past twenty-two years under the capable leadership of the late Angus L. Macdonald and A. S. MacMillan, but as far back as the early years of the Liberal administration of the late Hon. Geo. H. Murray.

With a view to keeping the records straight and to nullify any possible confusion, the Premier, Hon. Henry D. Hicks, followed the exponent of Opposition "firsts" to the floor of the House to state that "as far as Nova Scotia is concerned, Liberal governments were the first to set up a Labor Department under a Minister; the first to pay old age pensions; to extend free school books; establish the Workmen's Compensation system and put into effect the social and welfare benefits enjoyed by the people of Nova Scotia today. This goes without mention of the enormous public school and hospitl expansion program carried out by the Provincial Government in the post-war years under the Macdonald - Connolly - Hicks administrations.

A more recent speaker, G. E. Rutledge, Liberal Member for Halifax Centre, made mention of the claims of the Opposition. The Liberal Member compared the limited and negligible legislation of previous Conservative Governments in comparison to the many years of progressive legislation brought about under the long and capable administration of Geo. H. Murray and Angus L. Macdonald. In reference to the Murray administration, Mr. Rutledge said "any government which received the unanimous support of the voting public in seven general elections, six of them under the leadership of Mr. Murray, must be a government which has served its generation well."

Mr. Rutledge praised the late Geo. H. Murray as a warrior and a great leader. "I am proud to stand here and praise him," stated Mr. Rutledge. He described the late Premier Murray and Premier Macdonald as the two ablest leaders since the days of Joseph Howe in the history of Nova Scotia. These two great men fostered a political philosophy which has and will continue to work for the benefit of all the people of Nova Scotia.

FOR NORMAN

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Yet the winter wind sighed soft and sweet,
As we laid you there away;
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OLD TIMER

Dundee Dew Drops

The passing of Mr. Norman L. MacLeod of Staten Island, N. LY., marks the end of the much enjoyed contributions which appeared from time to time under the heading, "Yarns Spun on the Old Spinning Wheel".

His articles won favorable comment from many readers of "The Old Home Weekly", and had a special appeal for fellow correspondents who must now say farewell to a fraternal friend.

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Twentyone inspectors from the Maritimes Area are attending the week-long course during which lectures on all phases of plant sanitation and inspection will be given. Included in the subjects are plant construction, equipment and layout; inspection techniques; frozen fish storge problems; sanitation program in the plant; plant refrigeration; and practical problems in plant cleaning.

Among those lecturing are C. H. Castell, H. E. Power, Dr. W. J. Dyer and W. McCallum of the Technological Station; W. J. Brownlee, M. W. Mullan, R. Rodgers and A. S. McFarlane of the Fisheries Inspection Laboratory, Halifax. R. E. S. Homans, Chief Inspection Officer for the Maritimes, is in charge of the course.

Among those attending are District Inspection Officers Rod Churchill, Lunenburg, Hilton Laventure, Shediac, Allan Murphy, Halifax; Jas. Thompson, St. John; Field Inspection Officer Ainsley Fralick, Lunenburg; Fisheries Inspectors B. A. Anderson, Lunenburg; D. E. Brackett, Shelburne; R. E. Britten, Louisbourg; B. L. D'Entremont, Yarmouth; W.J.N. Duggan, Sydney; C. B. MacDonald, Digby; C. L. Outhouse, Tiverton; W. E. Pierce Souris; E. L. Power, Arichat; J.W.R. Roach, Richibucto, G. E. Romkey, Canso; Gerard Saint-Cyr, Shippegan; E. C. Zinck, Halifax; and Technical Officers A. B. Dewar, R. L. Doyle, and P. M. Winchester of the Fish Inspection Laboratory, Halifax.

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TOP SINGING STARS



Canada's tops on this season's C. I. L. "SINGING STARS OF TOMORROW" were chosen from 44 young men and women from all parts of Canada. They are: left to right—Ilona Kombrink, Toronto soprano; Norman Mittleman, Winnipeg baritone; Marguerite Lavergne, Montreal soprano; Pieter Van Ginkel, nother Winnipeg baritone. As winners, they shared over $4,000 in scholarships.

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Truly he did not leave behind a million dollars because he died, financially speaking, a poor man but he left behind millions of friends throughout the civilized world. Men in every walk of life from Kings Queens, Premiers, Presidents to the men who swept the street in his home town, they were all his friends. The birds on the continent all knew he was their friend and made their way to his home for food and safety.

The property is all private property and was inherited by Jack Miner's three sons yet during the week days from October 1 to May 1 every day except Sunday it is open to the public. No admission fee is charged and visitors are made to feel they are welcome. Crowds come in such numbers that the place has been rated as "Canada's second greatest tourist attraction".

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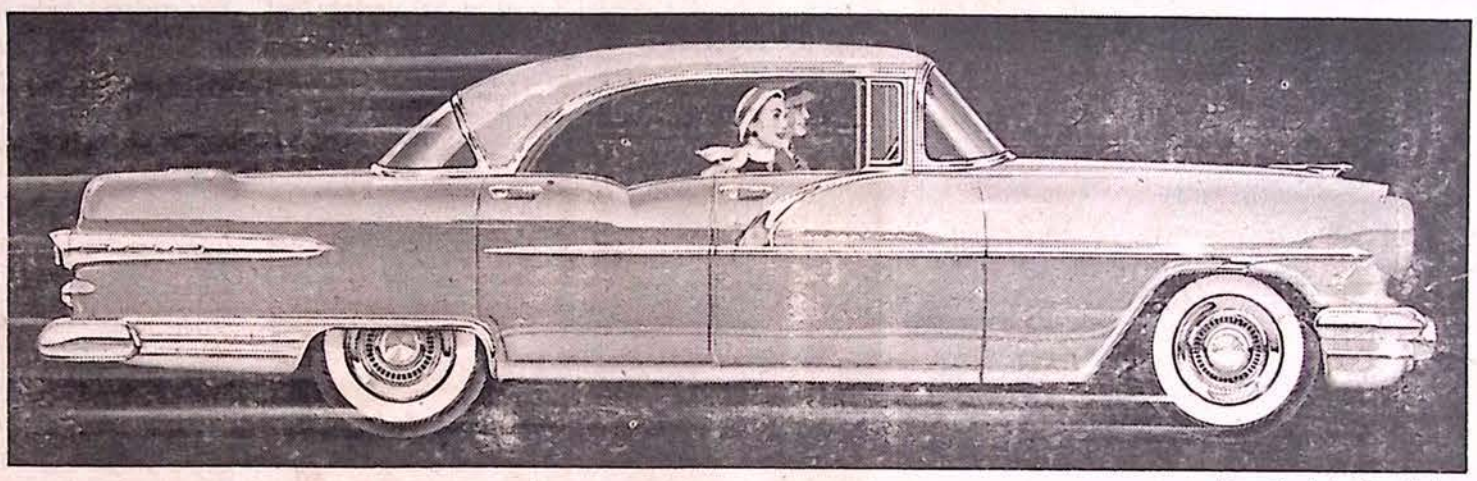
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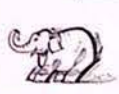
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