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Ottawa News Letter

By
HON. R. H. WINTERS
Minister of Public Works

Dear Mr. Editor:

The "Bluenose" ceremonies were a great success, both in Bar Harbour and Yarmouth. One thing that couldn't fail to impress anyone who attended them was the fact that the people of Maine are just as enthusiastic about this new service as we Nova Scotians are. The resort of Bar Harbour suffered a costly loss by fire in 1948; it looks upon the "Bluenose" as a most welcome reinforcement for the local and regional economy in working its way back from that disaster.

I think all of us who were there were impressed by the obvious sincerity of Maine's wish to be a good neighbour. One Maine legislator went so far as to say that one crowning argument for financial aid to establish the "Bluenose" service was that "we just couldn't refuse something like this when our Canadian friends asked us to co-operate". That is a wonderful spirit and I am sure that these great public ceremonies helped to crystalize and to underline it.

The "Bluenose" has drawn attention to the possibilities of greater trade between Nova Scotia and New England. It is a good example of the way one good thing can help lead to another. Perhaps another step in tying this whole area together into a closer economic until will be the forthcoming meeting of the Premiers of our four Atlantic Provinces with the Governors of the New England States to consider this field of trade between our regions. The "Bluenose" service will undoubtedly be a key factor in their considerations.

I have never seen Yarmouth as crowded as it was Saturday despite the chill in the air. The many South Shore people who were there were an indication of the wide interest being taken in the service.

Parliament Hill had a changed atmosphere when I returned to it on Wednesday The fever of the pipeline debate seems to have gone. Calm deliberation has come back and the theme appears to be "business as usual". The House passed the "interim supply" Bill which empowered the Government to pay its June bills and to see that the tens of thousands of civil servants, servicemen and other Canadians didn't go without their salaries. There had been speculation that the Opposition would attempt to block this supply bill in an effort to impose its "We will have to have some will and force an election. The Government, nevertheless, decided to take the normal course of asking Parliament for one month's supply only and the Opposition agreed to cooperate. We have also decided to continue the session rather than adjourn and return in the Fall.

Now I have just returned from Fort William and Port Arthur, Ontario. The main purpose of the visit was to address the Canadian Clu but among other things I had a most interesting and detailed boat tour of the Lakehead waterfront. It is a beehive of activity.

In Fort William I met a gentleman who has a most unusual connection with N.S. He is Alderman Dr. R. Kerr Dewar. In the First World War, while studying at the Agriculture College in Truro he enlisted in our 85th Battalion. He was reported killed in action and to this day his name is listed on a war memoral in Truro amongst those that made the supreme sacrifice. I can report that after 40 years the allegation is still greatly exaggerated. The Doctor is very much alive.

Yours sincerely
ROBERT WINTERS

Ottawa, Canada.

West Arichat

ALFRED FORREST

One of our well known and respected citizens of this place passed away at Port Royal after a lengthy illness. He was a devout member of the Catholic Church and was in his 68th year. He is survived only by his wife and was the last surviving member of a large family.

The funeral took place on Wednesday morning with Rev. Fr. Doucett officiating at the church and grave.

Our sympathy is extended to his bereaved wife.

Gladys Forgeron left for Halifax to spend a few weeks with her sister Mrs. Willie Dugas.

Mrs. Emile Forrest was a patient at the Isle Madame Hospital for a few days. friends will be glad to learn that Mrs. Forrest is home and much improved.

Raymond Thibeau was a week-end visitor of his wife and famlly.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Wright of Montreal visited at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. Forgeron.

Mrs. Forgeron left with her daughter to spend the summer months.

Mr. and Mrs. Alzear Fougere, her daugther and son-in-law are spending a few weeks at the home of her sister Mr. and Mrs. L. Forgeron.

Francis Linden was a week end visitor of his wife and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Martell are motor visitors at the home of her parents Capt. and Mrs. Daniel LeBlanc, from USA.

Mr. Paon is a motor visitor from the U. S. A. at the home of his in-laws Mr. and Mrs. W. Forgeron.

Capt. Wilfred Forgeron has purchased a new 1956 Pontiac.

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Highland Village Site Approved

The Nova Scotia Association of Scottish Societies in annual meeting Saturday at New Glasgow unanimously approved the selection of Hector's Point, in the Iona district, for the proposed Nova Scotia Highland village

A total of twenty-five delegates attended the meeting presided over by Dr. R. MacGregor Fraser, of Acadia University, Wolfville.

The recommendation of Hector's Point as the site was made by two-man committee, Rod MacDonald and Major Calum MacLeod of Sydney, and their choice drew the entire support of the meeting, Saturday.

Also present at the meeting and expressing deep gratification over the selection were Rev. A. D. MacKinnon, Little Narrows, and Hugh F. MacKenzie, secretary, representing the Grand Narrows and District Board of Trade.

Mr. MacDonald and Major MacLeod members of the Selection Committee who supported Cape Breton's bid for the Village at the March 10 meeting at New Glasgow and who on May 10th picked Hector's Point as the proper locale, received the commendation of the meeting on urday.

Plans to raise the necescary finance for the establishement of the village are now in progress and the central committee with power to add to their number will organise an aggresive campaign.

Election of officers for the incoming term was conducted during the meeting and the new slate comprises the following for 1956-57: Dr. R. MacGregor Fraser, Honorary President; S. J. MacKinnon, Antigonish, president; Dr. A. D. MacKinnon, Little Narrows, vice-president; W. C. Wilson, Springhill, second vice-president; Mrs. M. A. Browning Stellarton secretary-treasurer.

Standing committees for the term were also chosen.

Sporting Mountain Echoes

D. J. FERGUSON

Apparently stricken while kindling a fire D. J. Ferguson died suddenly in his home at Oban on the morning of June eighth.

The tragic incident was not known until his neighbour Alex W. H. McDonald called to ses him that evening.

Past the allotted three and ten and a life resident of his native section Donald John Ferguson was familiarly and favorably known throughout the countryside and the circumstances of his unexpected passing touched the hearts of all.

The fnueral took place on the morning of June eleventh in the old community cemetery on Stewart's Hill, Rev. J. Parker Matheson, B.A., B.D., of St. Peters United Congregation officiating at the home and in graveyard committal.

It is always pleasing when A. F. of Dundee Dew Drops tells us the goings out and coming in of our good friends along the South Shore.

A few of them contacted us in Seaview during the week including Ralph MacInnes and attractive little daughter Helen, who were accompanied by James Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Campbell and Earl W. Urquhart, MLA.

We accompanied Mr. Urquhart to the scene of his great grand uncle's active and successful business life on the summit of Sporting Mountain and thus spent a pleasant afternoon.

Were all the electors of Richmond County similarly privileged to become intimately acquainted with our brilliant representative of spotless integrity the plurality of his first election would be significantly supplemented when he again solicits their franchise.

Peter Sampson was up to the wake house from St. Peters Sunday and a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A.W.H McDonald.

Mr. Sampson was ever an unfeigned friend to the late D. J. Ferguson.

Mr. and Mrs. John N. Morrison were also Sunday visitors at the McDonald home.

Mr. and Mrs. Cedric Samson, newlyweds, visited at the LeBlanc home Sunday evening.

Arthur Morrison and his youthful neighbour Herman Burke of River Tillard dropped into our garden the other evening to enjoy the riot of bloom and particularly the health-giving aroma from the May Day trees.

D.A.S.

PLAN MEMORIAL TO LATE ANGUS L. AT AULD'S COVE

Auld's Cove, on the Nova Scotia side of the Canso causeway, will be the site of a cairn to be erected in honor of the memory of the late premier Angus L. Macdonald, the man who successfully spearheaded the drive for the $23.000.000 link connecting Cape Breton with the mainland of Nopa Scotia.

This was announced at the nnnual meeting in New Glasgow, of te Nova Scotia Association of Scottish Societies.

The Auld's Cove site, in the very shadow of the causeway, has been obtained, and a campaign for funds to purchase the memorial will be launched shortly.

The meeting decided to approach a native Invernesser and an intimate associate of the late Premier Macdonald to officiate as chairman of the pending financial campaign:

He is County Court Judge Alex H. MacKinnon, Antigonish, who hails from Inverness, and has served in the cabinet of Premier MacDonald before appointed to the county court bench.

Details of the campaign will be organised when Judge MacKinnon takes over the as chairman.

I never could believe that Providence had sent a few men into the world, ready booted and spurred to ride, and millions ready saddled and bridled to be ridden.

—Richard Rumbold

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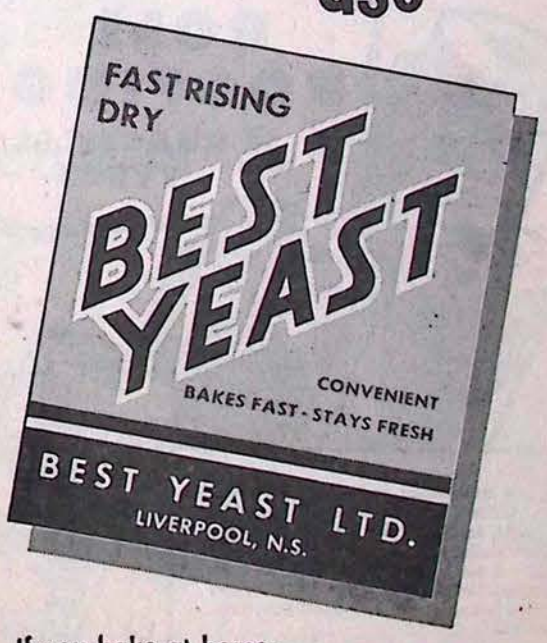
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Imperial Oil To Explore Cape Breton

Halifax, June 14—Two Imperial Oil geological parties, consisting of three men each will spend the summer in Cape Breton Island exploring the oil possibilities of some 280,000 acres in the Lake Ainslie area, south of Inverness. W. A. Roliff, who directs Imperial's eastern exploration work, revealed the company's plans today after the Nova Scotia government announced it had granted Imperial a license to explore the tract.

Mr. Roliff said the geological parties will work in an area which has had an intermittent, but unrewarding, interest for oil men since the earliest days of the Canadian oil industry. In 1864—only a few years after North America's first commercial oil well was completed in southwestern Ontario—two unsuccessful wells were drilled at the sight of oil seepages near Lake Ainslie. Further wells were drilled towards the end of the 19th and the beginning of this century but they were relatively shallow and did not provide an adequate test of the region's possibilities.

"A great deal of geological information must be gathered and studied before we can decide whether drilling is warranted,', said Mr. Roliff. We will have to have some indication of the nature of rock formation deep underground to discover clues to the whereabouts of traps which might contain oil. Drilling, however is the only way to tell whether oil exists in a formation. Evn if drilling does follow, Mr. Roliff said, there will not be sufficient time to begin this year.

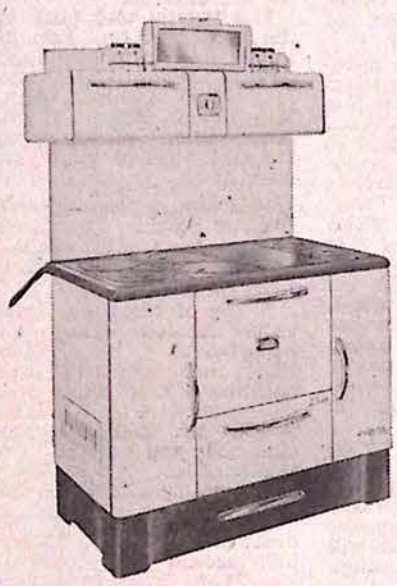
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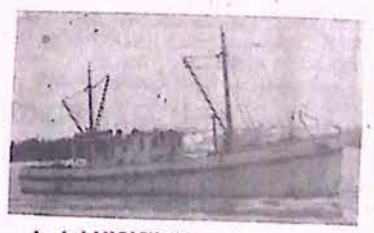

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This program will be rescheduled on Sundays at an hour yet to be decided with Mr. Emery LeBlanc, manager of l'Evangeline of Moncton, as commentator.

We will welcome this program and we are sure our good Acadian friends on Isle Madame and throughout the county will be happy to learn of the doings of their kin folk in other parts of the Maritime Provinces.

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On Holidays

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Dickie and family of Mulgrave are at present on their holidays and are visiting Mrs. Dickie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Bourinot.

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From Springhill

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dickie of Springhill, N. S., were week-end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Bourinot.

While here they were visitors to Glace Bay and Sydney, accompanied by their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Dickie.

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From Truro

Mrs. J. C. Robertson, of Truro, is spending some time here at the home of her mother, Mrs. D. H. Cutler and family.

From Sydney

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Beaton of Sydney were Sunday visitors at the home of Mrs. Beaton's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Latimer.

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On Holidays

Capt. Morgan Tapper of the Red Diamond III is spending two weeks holidays ashore.

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From USA

Mr. Eugene Boucher of Providence, R.I., accompanied by his brother Amable Boucher of Utah were visitors at the home of Mrs. Mary Boucher.

Both these men have been residents of the USA for many years. They are sons of the late Capt. and Mrs. Simon Boucher of Arichat. Relatives and friends were happy to see them after an absence of a few years.

Their sister Rev. Sr. St. Hugh also accompanied them.

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From Halifax

Raymond Goyetche of Halifax is spending his holidays here guest of Mrs. Amedee Goyetche and family.

Raymond's friends are pleased to see him and wish him a pleasant holiday.

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From Mulgrave

Raymond Boucher carpenter at Acadia Fisheries, Mulgrave spent the weekend at his home here.

From Halifax

Edwin Power Fishery Officer, accompanied by his sisters Doris and Gwen, returned from Halifax where they visited their mother Mrs. Daisy Power who was ute ill at the Halifax Infirmary.

We are pleased to report that Mrs. Power is steadily improving after undergoing a serious operation.

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At St. John, N. B.

Valma Landry, son of Raymond Landry, of this town, has taken up residence in St. John, N. B., where he is employed as a plumber, with Layton Co., Ltd., of that city.

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A Visit To Isle Madame

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In the popular column "Chit-Chat with Mary" a weekly feature in the "Oxford Journal," the writer has penned the following observations:—

"Have you ever been on Isle Madame, Cape Breton? If you haven't visited this small Island you have missed some of the most beautiful scenery of the province.

"We spent the week-end in the very comfortable "Arichat Hotel" and we understand there will be more tourist accommodations. Well there should be as this Island is a tourist paradise.

"The population of Isle Madame is amazing. Their villages stretch out along the shore. We returned form our drive through Petit de Grat feeling we had been to a never, never land of far off places. In spite of a huge modern fish plant this place is untouched by industry. I can't say from this modern age, as the cars in their yards are of this age and very modern.

"The road to Little Anse, winds along the shore, and I mean winds in the true sense of the word. On the side away from the shore are huge boulders. One carefully holds his breath as he makes the sharp curves, with the boulders to the right and the sea to the left. Looking to the right are the homes set among the rocks, helter skelter through the fields. The houses face whichever direction the owner fancies the view. Some high up in the flelds, others rght down to the road, as to be confusing to the driver. While your car is brushing someone's porch you wonder if that turn, is the road or leads to some one's garage.

On the water side the view is beautiful. The sea dotted with Islands, and the spray splashing high as it smacks against rocks. But the dear little bays and fingers of water are plentiful along the shore and look so safe and sheltered. Each is filled with fishing boats. A few small sail boats, too, rock gently in these safe harbours. Cows and sheep have the run of the village. They saunter up and down the road like any taxpayer.

With all this, a beautiful church. Many television aerials are in evidence. Please bear in mind that very likely the population of Petit de Grat exceeds that of Oxford.

We enjoyed our first trip to Isle Madame and plan to return some day."



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Grant me, when with the setting sun
This fleeting day shall end,
I may rejoice o'er something done,
Be richer by a friend.

Let all I meet along the way
Speak well of me tonight,
I would not have the humblest say
I'd hurt him by a slight.

Let me be patient and serene,
Gentle and kind and fair,
Help me to keep my record clean
Through all that I must bear.

Grant that because I live today,
And to my thoughts give voice,
O'er something he shall hear me say
Another shall rejoice.

Let there be something true and fine
When night slips down, to tell
That I have lived this day of mine
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Edgar A. Guest.

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