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In Days Gone By

The splendid double column feautre under the caption: "In Days Gone By" written by George MacInnis, Yarmouth Historian, in the Yarmouth Herald, is indeed most interesting reading as well as informative. We notice where Mr. MacInnis, writing on "Signs of the Times" had the following to say under the head of NOAH'S ARK, which brought to light something about our own Cape Breton giant "Angus MacAskill:—

"Another early and most unique sign erected in Yarmouth, was that in front of the Yarmouth Inn, a hotel and tavern also situated the left side of Church Hill. This Inn was operated by Noah Fifield, who later became famous as managing agent for the Cape Breton giant, "BIG ANGUS". "BIG ANGUS" had arrived in Yarmouth, November 13, 1850, while here he stayed at the Yarmouth Inn. At that time "Big Angus" was 19 years old and stood seven feet, three and a half inches tall, measured 52 inches round the chest. His foot was exactly 14 inches long. In front of the Yarmouth Inn was suspended a huge carved golden ball. This hotel in later years became known as Noah's Ark from the fact of the owners name."

(We were wondering if the Gordon W. Thomas, of Gloucester, Mass., which Mr. MacInnis thanked for a greeting card showing the immortal racing schooners "Bluenose" and Gertrude L. Thibeaud", is a relative of the late Capt. Jeff Thomas, a native of Arichat, but a prominent skipper out of Gloucester, during his lifetime. We recall the torpedoing of Capt. Thomas' schooner the Sylvania, off the coast of Cape Breton during the first World War by a German submarine and how Capt. Thomas, his brother and two other crew members off the ill-fated Sylvania, made his old home port of Arichat, with the aid of an outboard motor put in the dory before the crew were ordered to abandon ship. Others of the crew landed at Guyon Island, off the village of Gabarus in Cape Breton. An old veteran fisherman, the late Thomas Delorey of West Arichat often related the sinking of the trim schooner, owned by Capt. Thomas and we believe practically new at the time. Delorey landed at Guyon Island and often spoke of the hospitality accorded crew members by the lghtkeeper and his wife.

We congratulate Mr. MacInnis on his splendid historical briefs and if his highland name has anything to do with his birthplace, who knows he may be a Cape Bretoner, or a son of a Cape Bretoner.—Editor.)

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NEWSLETTER

from The ATLANTIC ADVOCATE

One of the most furious blasts that ever shook the earth is recalled in a fortieth anniversary flashback in the January issue of The Atlantic Advocate. H. B. Jefferson, who reported the official inquiry into the Halifax explosion, tells of the harrowing event in "Day of Disaster".

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Finlay MacDonald, past president of the Canadian Association of Radio and Television Broadcasters, explores the future of the new Canadian Broadcasting Corporation under the direction of the the new Conservative Government in Ottawa. The Conservatives have been strong critics of the CBC's methods and policies in years past.

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Mayor Charles Vaughan of Halifax extends an invitation to

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Increased Loans For Fisherman



HON. E. A. MANSON
Minister of Trade and Industry

In order to furher assist fishermen in purchasing vessels for their own use and to keep ahead of the trend towards larger safer and more versatile vessels, the regulations governing the operations of the Nova Scotia Fishermen's Loan Board have been amended, Hon. E. A. Manson, Minister of Trade and Industry, announced on Januray 2nd.

The general effect of the amendments, Mr. Manson explained, will be to decrease the amount required as down payment from the fishermen and to make the period of repayment longer.

Under the regulations as formerly constituted, a vessel of roughly $35,000 gross cost required $7,800 as down payment from the the fisherman. The Province loaned $18,200 and the Federal subsidy, at $165 per ton, was about $9,000. Under the amended regulations, a similar vessel would require a down payment of some $6,300 from the fisherman. The Federal subsidy would remain at $9,000 and the Province would loan $19,700.

Regarding repayment, previously 75 per cent of the loan had to be repaid in five years and the remaining 25 per cent in ten years from the original date of the loan. Under the amended regulations, 65 per cent of the loan will have to be repaid in six years and the remaining 35 per cent in twelve years. In the past, all such loans carried an interest rate of 4½ per cent and this rate of interest will remain.

The reason for amending the regulations is to assist the Nova Scotia fisherman to purchase his boat. These have, in the course of time, become more costly. The Loan Board, established 13 years ago, meets monthly to consider applications. Loans are made only to fishermen or gorups of fishermen. Over 700 such loans, for boats, engines and electronic equipment, have been made to date, totalling close to three and a half million dollars and, of this, the write-of has been less than one and a half per cent.

The Nova Scotia fishing industry has made substantial progress in recent years and much of this advance has been achieved with assistance from the Fishermens Loan Board. Up to date, the Board had assisted in the financing of 300 boats up to 50 feet in length, 90 longliners and 13 draggers from 51 to 59 1-2 feet and 18 draggers over 60 feet in length.

The new regulations, it was felt, will materially assist in the maintenance of this progess and more and more of Nova Scotia's fishermen will be able to equip themselves with modern, economical-to-operate and, therefore, better-paying vessels.

Annual Provincial Report Minister of Municipal Affairs

The most important feature of 1957 in the field of municipal government was the conference held at Halifax, December 17. This had been called by the government for the purpose of discussing municipal matters generally. It was attended by a total of one hundred and twenty mayors, wardens and their advisers representing both cities, thirty-four of the forty towns and twenty-three of the twenty-four municipalities.

The Premier dealt mainly with the field of welfare. He intimated that he expected that the National Hospital Plan would become efective January 1, 1959. In the meantime the Provinces would



By Hon. R. Clifford Levy, Q. C.
Minister of Municipal Affairs

contribute, in 1958, one-half of the cost to the municipalities of hospitalization for the year 1957. This was to be an interim payment for that year only so that the municipalities would receive in advance some measure of the relief which may follow he Natinonal Hospital Plan. During the year it would be determined what share of municipal hospital expense would be assumed under the Plan. At the same time the Premier pointed out that the responsibility for building and operating general hospitals would not be assumed by the Province, but that grants in aid of construction would be paid.

In an effort to improve the admnistration of municipal homes and at the same time to assist the municipalities, the Premier stated that the Province would be prepared to discuss some provincial contribution toward such institutions provided that this was accompanied by a general improvement in standards of care.

Much the same effort to accomplish substantial reform in the field of poor relief was also referred to by the Premier. At the recent Dominion Provincial Conference the Dominion Government had suggested certain changes which may result in sharing the cost of poor relief. The Premier expressed his faith in municipal administration of poor relief, but stated that if there could be a general improvement in standards, he was prepared to discuss some assistance from the Province in this field.

Certain changes in the sharing of the cost of teachers salaries above the Foundation scale were discussed. These could involve an expenditure by the Province of almost one-half million dollars in addition to the contribution already being made towards education.

The Premier estimated that the assistance he had in mind together with that already given in 1957 would mean an additional $3,000,000 a year which the Province would be paying to assist the municipalities. This Conference should result in a big improvement in municipal administration in Nova Scotia.

Another important feature of year was the Stephenson Report in the City of Halifax. This dealt with redevelopment of part of the City. The City Council is making its plans to proceed and it is hoped that eventually the site selected may be cleared and new buildings erected. Subsequently the Province indicated its willingness to share in new housing developments not only in the City of Halifax but elsewhere as well. This also was a field in which the Province had heretofore taken no financial part.

Municipalities generally made larger capital expenditure in 1957 than in 1956, most of them for new schools. School programmes are still substantial and in some cases would seem to be too expensive and perhaps even elaborate for the municipality. In some municipalities it has been made evident that more modest and inexpensive schools can be built which will readily fill the need. In others too much attention seems to be paid to the appearance of the school and similar features. While these are desirable, it might be better if a more serious effort were made towards reducing the heavy capital expenditures now being made.

During the year debentures in the amount of almost $7,000,000 were issued. Of this $1,750,000 was issued by the City of Halifax. This left $6,211,000 issued by towns and municipalities. This figure compares with a total of $3,424,00 during 1956 when the City of Halifax postponed issuing any debuntures. Of this amount issued $4,432,00 was issued by four towns and seventeen municipalities for school purposes. More than two-thirds of the money borrowed by issue and sale of debentures was therefore required for school construction.

During the past two years there has been a substantial increase in the cost of borrowing money. At the beginning of 1956 our municipalities were borrowing on the basis of about four per cent. This had increased to approximately five and one-half per cent at the beginning of 1957. However this cost continued to increase and in one or two instances the net cost of a debenture issue during 1957 exceeded six per cent. It has been some time since debenture prices were so low, or to say it another way, since the cost of borrowing was so high. There was a slight improvement during November and December of 1957 with the result that the cost of money was reduced in some cases to only a little more than five per cent. It will however be noted from the act that the volume of debentures issued in 1957, was more than double that of 1956, that the increase in the cost of borrowing money had very little, if any, effect on the attitude of our city, town or municipal councils towards borrowing. They have directed some efforts towards reducing their capital expenditures.

Another advance was made in municipal administration during 1957 in the appointment by the Department of Municipal Affairs of a Provincial Director of Community Planning. Among the duties of this official will be to assist the cities, towns and municipalities of the Province in their planning probelms. Community planning had been seriously neglected by the people of Nova Scotia. It will be a major duty of the Director of Community Planning to foster interest in it among municipalities, planning groups and the general public. So little interest now appears to exisit that this is a task which might take some time.

During the year there has been further improvement in assessment by our municipalities. A number of re-assessments were completed. In other councils the

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Mill for Strait Area Looks Promising

Pirate Harbor Likely Site

All signs point to a mill being built in the Strait of Canso area on the mainland side and to further establish this statement we understand engineers are now conducting a survey of water supply in and around the Mulgrave area for the proposed multi-million-dollar pulp mill.

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A reliable source said recently that an announcement on the mill site probably will be made on or about January 15th. Present indications are the mill expected to employ about 800 persons will be located at Pirate Harbor only a short distance from the town of Mulgrave and within the limits with a part of the site located in the county of Guysboro.

"From what we can learn all plans are going along on schedule and it now appears that a mill will soon become a reality.



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Canadian March Of Dimes Drive

"Survival is not enough" said Alban M. Murphy of Dartmouth in announcing the dates of the annual appeal for funds of the March of Dimes. January 6th to Februray 3rd is the period Nova Scotians are going to have this year to ensure the job so well started in 1951 is continued.

Mr. Murphy is general chairman for the 1958 campaign of the March of Dimes. He is well known throughout the Province as the President of Alban M. Murphy and associates, as a director of several Maritime business firms, and for his work with the board of trade and A. P. E. C. He is a past president of the Nova Scotia chapter of the Canadian Foundation for Poliomyelitis and a National director.

Mr. Murphy said the 1958 Campaign will explain the urgent task of caring for those who have been disabled by Poliomyelitis. The object is to restore them to lives as nearly normal as modern medicine can make them He said that the 1958 theme is "Survival is not Enough". Mr. Murphy pointed out that during 1957 the March of Dimes spent $98,383 on patient care n Nova Scotia and over 725 individuals had received rehabilitation services in one of its many phases.

Many people who have been afflicted by polio can be further helped by new developments in medical techniques. We who have been spared his crushing disease owe them a chance to make a comeback to useful living.

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West Arichat

Mrs. Margaret Ann Doiron

Mrs. Marguerite Ann Doiron, widow of the late Joseph H. Doiron, passed away at the home of her son, Irving Doiron, Port Royal, after a short illness.

Deceased was born at Port trude Robichaud. She was a Royal, in 1872 and was the daughter of the late Celintin and Ger member of the Roman Catholic church.

Surviving are five sons: Irving with whom she resided; Rudolph, West Arichat; Charlie and Edmund, Halifax and Freddie in Buffalo, N. Y.; four grandchildren and hree great-grandchildren.

Her husband predeceased her 17 years ago; also one brother, Fred of East Boston, Mass.

Funeral service was held from the Church of the Immaculate Conception, of this place, on the morning of December 31st, with Rev. A. Doucett, as Celebrant, assisted by Rev. Father A. P. Poirier and Rev. Father C. Gerroir. Interment in the church cemetery.

We extend sincere sympathy to the bereaved family.

Charlie and Edmund Doiron of Halifax, attended the funeral of their mother, the late Mrs. Marguerite Doiron of Port Royal. On the return trip they were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Irving Doiron; also Charlie's son, Wesley.

Douglas O'Neil, R. C. A. F., Halifax, is spending a few days with his wife at the home of his in-laws, Mr. and Mrs Rudolph Doiron.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Brow, Antigonish, spent the holidays at the home of the latter's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Linden.

Among those who visited their homes here were: Ronnie Forgeeron, John Marr and Johnny Babin.

Gaston Richard arrived from Onario, to spend the winter with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Richard, Arichat. He was a week end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Dorey, of this place.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Adolphe Babin at St. Ann's Hospital, Arichat, a daughter.

Miss Priscilla Linden arrived from Montreal to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Linden.

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. Neagle Bona, Port Royal at St. Ann's Hospital, Arichat, a son.

Capt. Edmund and Capt. Carence Forgeron arrived from Upper Canada to spend the winter with their families here.

We regret to report that Leon Dugas is a patient at St. Ann's Hospital, Arichat. We wish him a speedy recovery.

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NEW CHILDREN'S PROGRAM



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—CEC Photo

To the Men Who Served in the North Shore, New Brunswick Regiment

A modern day detective hunt is underway in Canada and overseas for former "North Shorers,' men who served with the famous North Shore (NB) Regiment or the units that preceded it. Former members are being contacted on behalf of Will R. Bird, Halifax author, who is preparing to write a book on the history of the Regiments involved, dating from 1786 to 1957.

Lt. Col. J. A. Currie of Chatham, C. O. 2nd Batallion Royal N. B. Regiment (North Shore), tells of the venture in a letter to all personnel who have served with: The 73rd (Northumberland) Regiment, 132nd (North Shore) BN CEF, 165th (Acadian) BN CEF, North Shore (NB) Regiment—1st BN (NPAM) and (CA SF), 2nd BN CA(R) and 3rd BN (COF).

Says Colonel Currie in his leter:—

"Many years have passed since some of you have been in touch with our unit. Some of this fault of course must be blamed on those of us still serving, the of us could avoid.

We believe, however, that you still have memories of the days you served and would like them preserved not only for ourselves but also for those who served and did not return.

With this thought in mind we have engaged Will R. Bird to write the history of the "North Shores" and their antecedent units from 1786 to 1957. We believe he will do a fine job on the book to be appreciated by us all.

In order to administer the work involved in this publication we have established **THE NORTH SHORE REGIMENTAL ASSN.** It is hoped that following publcation of the book that the Association's attention can be turned toward reunions, issuing the "Stag," or in some way keeping us in touch with our unit. First, however, all efforts must be concentrated on the book.

This letter is primarily to ask for information, stories, diaries, snaps, memos and details of regimental history which will make possible a successful book.

We must have personal memories of training, battles, leaves, camp, local training, Etc. Only you can provide hte story as you knew it. Take a few minutes to drop a short note or a long precis to our committee, or direct to Mr. Will R. Bird, Box 503, Halifax. Don't forget those who did not return would like their story told too, and many of you can fill in for them.

We have war diaries, Part 1 and part 2 orders, rolls, etc., for the skeleton but each of you must add the meat to complete the body. How about it—won't you help? Don't feel shy—Mr. Bird will welcome all the stories and even if it's not fully included it may help to complete a whole picture."

Writing the history of the "North Shores" has been under discussion for several years; now action will be taken by the newly-formed Association, of which Colonel Currie is honorary president.

The President is Major B. A. Oulton; Vice-President W. O. 1 Fenton Daley; Secretary, Captain R. M. Benjamin; Treasurer, W.O. 2 K. H. White.

Other members of the Executive Committee are Major F. F. Moar, Major William Prince, Major P. L. Chiasson, Captain William Cragg and Captain Roy Groves.

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Little Anse

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Boudreau, (former Leta Samson) of Louisdale and baby boy are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry D. Samson, for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Samson and family have closed up their bungalow and left for Halifax where Mr. Samson will be employed for the winter months.

Andrew C. Samson left for Halifax where he will be employed for the winter months.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Samson accompanied by Pat Tandy of Halifax, spent the week-end with Mr. Samson's mother, Mrs. Josie Samson. They also visited Mrs. Samson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Landry n Petit de Grat, before returning to Halifax.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles N. Pertus have returned to their home in Poulamon after spending the New Year holiday with their daughter, Mrs. Adelard Samson and family. Also visiting at the Samson's were Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Boudreau and son, Armand.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Perry were visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Samson during the last week-end.

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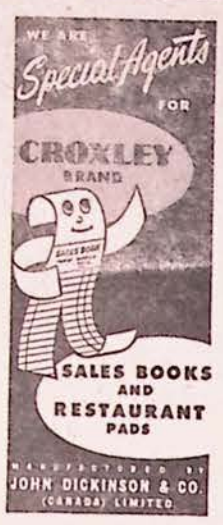
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NEWS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY



To Moncton

Charles Gordon, manager of Booth Fisheries, was called to Moncton, N. B., last Sunday where his father and mother were patients in hospital, due a car accident. We are happy to report that Mr. Gordon's parents have since left for their home in Boston, Mass. They had been visiting their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gordon of this place.

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On Holidays

Major and Mrs. Mike McTague, are spending their annual holidays at the home of Mrs. McTague's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Malzard of this place. Major McTague, M. C., of the Black Watch Regiment of Canada is stationed at Kentville.

We wish Mike and Elsie a pleasant holiday.

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John T. Tyrrell

John T. Tyrrell, a lifetime resident of Arichat passed away at St. Ann's Hospital, of this place, on Sunday afternoon the 5th inst., after being admitted to the hospital only a few hours previous. The late Mr. Tyrrell was 79 years of age.

Up to a few years ago Mr. Tyrrell operated a dairy farm and was a valued member of the Richmond County Farmers' Association and held office in this Association on various occasions.

Jack was popular with both young and old and news of his passing will be heard with much regret by friends wherever he was known. Always young in spirit in liked to share in various celebrations and more especially at St. Patricks Day functions in recent years.

The late Mr. Tyrrell was Secretary to Trustees of the Arichat School Section for many years and took a keen interest in the affairs of the section during his long term of office.

He was also Court crier for many years.

In politics Jack was a staunch supporter of the Conservative party, however, his politics never interfered with his friendship to others of opposite thought. He believed in the democratic way of life and followed its principles.

The largely attended funeral attested to the esteem in which the late Mr. Tyrrell was held, took place from Notre Dame Church, of which he was a devout member. Very Rev. A. P. Poirier, pastor, was the celebrant at the Solemn High Mass on Wednesday morning, assisted by Rev. Father A. Doucett of West Arichat and Rev. Father Conrad Gerroir of Louisdale. Burial was in the parish cemetery. Funeral arrangements in charge of C. A. Boucher.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters: Mrs. Wilfred Dugas, (Mary), Halifax; Margaret at home; James, Arichat; Pat, Toronto and Terrance of the Merchant Navy. Five grandchildren. His wife predeceased him eight years ago.

We extend sincere sympathy to the bereaved family.

At St. Rita's Hospital

Mr. A. A. LeBrun, is a patient at St. Rita's Hospital, Sydney, where he underwent a successful operation. Mr. LeBrun had been in ill health for the past few months and prior to entering hospital he was visiting his daughter, Mrs. Martin Carroll, at Sydney. We join with Mr. LeBrun's friends in wishing him a speedy recovery.

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Brief Visit

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Parker, accompanied by Mrs. Parker's sister, Betty Lou Brennan, of Halifax were on a brief visit the past week to his home here. Wallie is a Petty Officer in the Royal Canadian Navy.

We regret their visit was so short.

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In Appreciation

The family of the late Percy G. Jollymore, of Boudreauville, wish to thank all those who helped in any way during their recent sad bereavement.

Special thanks to Dr. Winter, Roland Doiron, Rev. Dr. Forrest, Petit de Grat; Very Rev. A. P. Poirier, Arichat; Rev. A. Doucet, West Arichat; Rev. C. Girroir, Louisdale; also the Rev. Sisters of Petit de Grat, Arichat and West Arichat; to the organist, Mr. Xyste Landry, of Petit de Grat and to those who sent Mass Cards, floral offerings and other expressions of sympathy.

Our grateful thanks goes to the comrades of the Canadian Legion, Branch 150 of Petit de Grat, for the splendid arrangements of the funeral service.

Thanks also goes to Funeral Director, C. A. Boucher, for his services in funeral arrangements.

To all who helped please accept the deepest apprecation of the entire family.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of the late John T. Tyrrell, wish to thank all those who assisted them in their recent sad bereavement.

Special thanks to Rev. A. P. Poirier, Rev. Father Doucett and Rev. Father Gerrior; also the Rev. Sisters, Dr. Winter and C. A. Boucher; also those who sent Mass Cards, floral offerings and messages of sympathy.

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Attends Funeral

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Dugas, (nee Mary Tyrrell) of Halifax, attended the funeral of the latter's father, the late John T. Tyrrell of this place. Also attending the funeral was a son, Pat Tyrrell of Toronto.

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To Antigonish

Mrs. J. W. Corbett, was a motor visitor to Antigonish where her husband is a patient at St. Martha's Hospital. We are glad to report that Mr. Corbett's condition is much improved.

Miss Priscilla Theriault accompanied Mrs. Corbett to Antigonish.

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BACK ON DUTY

Friends and patrons of Joseph W. Kyte, the Rawleigh Dealer, in Richmond County, will be glad know that Joe is back on road making his usual calls throughout his territory.

Last winter Mr. Kyte was injured, when accidentally struck by a car in the West Arichat district and was a patient at St. Martha's Hospital for several weeks, suffering from a fractured leg.

A few weeks ago an advt. appeared in the Record asking for an agent for the Rawleigh Company in Richmond, as Mr. Kyte has now recovered we understand that this advt., was to be cancelled by the Company.

Joe spent the Christmas holidays with his brother, Rev. Fr. John Kyte, of Bras D'or and will be calling on his patrons in the County when he returns in a few days to his home in St. Peters.

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REPORT ON FAMILY ALLOWANCE FOR 1957

Family Allowance payments reached a new high in 1957. The total payments for Nova Scotia families came to almost $19,000,000, an increase of almost a million dollars over 1956. Part of this increase came as a result of the normal growth in families and children. But the largest part of it, over $150,000 a month for the past four months, came as a result of the higher rates that became effective in September.

The past twelve months brought approximately the same amount of general increase as has occurred over the years. The number of families receiving allowances in December of 1957 was up by fifteen hundred to 160,124 an increase of 1.6 per percent. There was a slightly higher rate of increase in children registered, up five thousand to 252,302.

1957 saw a record number of new children applied for: 18,867. This was a thousand more than those added in 1956, although, as it happens, last year brought an exceptionally low registration of newly born children.

There was an interesting aspect to this increase in children registered. The additions to families already receiving allowances was about what might be expected, an increase of just over two percent. On the other hand, the new families coming into pay for the first time, those applying for their first child showed an unusual jump. In 1955, there were 5,257 families who began receiving allowances for their first child. In 1956, there was a drop to 4,832, but 1957 came up with a record 5,587, an increase of sixteen percent.

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TO CONDUCT INQUIRY ON BAFFIN MISHAP

A public inquiry into the grounding of the government hydrographic ship Baffin off Nova Scotia last July likely will open late this month, Transport Minister Hees said in Ottawa on Saturday.

Mr. Hees said the inquiry board now is being chosen and he expects to announce its personnel this week.

The government has been urged to make an inquiry into the incident, and the matter was brought to the floor of the House of Commons by T. A. M. Kirk, federal member for Shelburne-Yarmouth-Clare.

Canadian Credit Unions Expanding

Canadian Credit Unions registered another year of expanding operations in 1956, according to the annual report on Credit Unions issued recently by Economics Division, Canada Department of Agriculture, Ottawa. The year closed with 1,899,477 members served by 4,191 chartered unions whose assets were $768 million, or slightly more than $400 per member

Union operations have grown rapidly since 1951. Total assets have more than doubled the number of credit unions has increased by about one-third and membership by at least two-thirds. In contrast with 1920 where there were only 113 unions with 31,752 members in only one province, the movement today embraces all ten provinces.

The principal requirement for the formation of a credit union is a common bond of association. This may be membership in a parish, co-operative club, lodge or labour union; employment in a plant, industry or department, or residence in a rural or well-defined urban community. In Quebec province, for example, the main bond of association is the rural parish, whereas in the Atlantic provinces and Saskatchewan the credit unions are predominately rural. In Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia, important gains were made in occupational credit unions during the four years from 1953-1956.

Savings (the sum total of shares and deposits) increased in 1956 from $603 million to $704 million. This was an increase of $101 million compared with an increase of $47 million in 1955. Loans made during the year increased in all provnces execept Prince Edward Island, where there was a decrease of eight per cent.

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DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND FORESTS

R. Clifford Levy, Minister

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Michael Wardell, editor and publisher of The Atlantic Advocate, continues his "Views from a Vantage" with a closeup of Brtain at the time of the collapse of Europe under the might of the Nazi armies.

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Mrs. Harriette Taber Richardson, a frail New England woman with a dream, was largely responsible for the restoration of the first permanent European settlement in North America north of the Gulf of Mexico. F. Fraser Bond tells the moving story of Mrs. Richardson and the restoration of Champlain's Habitation at Port Royal in Nova Scotia.

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In 1866, the dreaded Asiatic disease cholera swept into Halifax aboard a vessel bound for New York. The whole city was threatened with misery and death. The isolation of the victims and the care afforded them is a remarkable incident in Canadian history. Phyllis Blakeley recounts this happening in the Atlantic Advocate.

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An American Indian who once lived in Newfoundland was the mentor of the Pilgrim Fathers at Plymouth. Michael Francis Harrington describes the unusual background and character of this man.

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The gentle art of courting has changed. Novelist Ernest Buckler amusingly supports this claim with a recollection of the skirmish of the sexes in the Aannapolis Valley of Nova Scotia during his boyhood.

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There were once so many mice on Prince Edward Island that settlers were threatened with starvation. John Caven writes of "A Plague of Mice', a story unknown to most Canadians.

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There were many personal dramas connected with the sinking of the great ship Titanic. Barbara Grantmyre creates one of these, a touching story of romance, set in the Halifax of 1912.

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Charles Bruce, Nova Scotia-born poet and story teller, writes of a deception and the happiness it wrought, in his short story "Inheritance".

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If I have learned anything it is that pity is more intelligent than hatred, that mercy is better even than justice, that if one walks around the world with friendly eyes one makes good friends.—Philip Gibbs.

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Report Municipal Affairs Dept.

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problem of assessment had been dealt with and complete reassessments are in progress. There are others now giving consideration to the matter. During the last ten years or so there has been a great improvement in municipal assessments in this Province. We have gone far from the days when our assessment rolls had the reputation of being the worst in Canada, a reputation they did not deserve. However there is still room for improvement. Our Director of Assessment has been very active insofar as his work with the Revaluation Commission under the Education Act, would permit him. The coming year will no doubt see still further improvement.

During the year we continued our practise of conducting a school of assessors and a school for clerks and treasurers. Both of these were largely attended and very successful. The attendance indicates the interest taken in their work, by these municipal officials. Again I commend them for the work they are doing and mention the sometimes unreasonable measure of the service required of them. Over the years there has been a great improvement in most cases; but there are still cases of incordinately long hours and small pay.

Altogether 1957 was, in the field of municipal administration, the most important year for some time. Progress has continued in all branches of municipal government; and while there are still many problems, the municipalities may look back on the advances that have been made. We will never reach the position where there are no problems either in municipal administration or in any other field. If we are able to say that we have given our best efforts towards their solution, and if in fact advances have been made, then we should not be dissatisfied or pessimistic. Certainly our municipalities taken as a whole have given their best efforts towards the solution of their problems. They have provided improved services for their people. Their financial position in general is at least as sound as it was at the end of 1956. Matters arising in large part from the December conference may mark this as a year of Magna Carta for our municipalities. We look back on a successful year and there is no doubt that we may face the future with increased confidence.

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