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Ramblings In The Past

By OLD TIMER

Early Education in Arichat

The early education of the children of Arichat was haphazard, to say the least. They were taught by their parents who had not had many opportunities to attend school themselves, by the local priests during catechism and Sunday School, and by initerant school teachers who boarded with local families and received very litt'e in monetary remuneration.

The earliest attempt to establish a school of higher learning was promoted by Bishop MacKinnon of Arichat. In 1853 a college for the education of young men for the priesthood was started at Arichat with Rev. John Schulte as rector. In 1854 Rev. Shulte was succeeded by Rev. Dr. Cameron, who had recently graduated with honors in Divinity and Philosophy at Rome. However, in 1855 Bishop MacKinnon founded St. Francis College at Antigonish, and the seminary at Arichat was merged in the new foundation. This seminary was located on the Clement Hubert property, later owned by the late C. V. Herbin, and now occupied by Ralph Britten.

The second attempt to give the young people of the district a higher education in both French and English was made in 1856 under the direction of Rev. Girouard.

Father Girouard was born at Tracadie in 1825, the son of Joseph Girouard. He was educated at Halifax and Quebec, and was ordained a priest in 1853. Bishop MacKinnon of Arichat, who had succeeded Bishop Fraser in 1852, was so impressed with this young priest's abilities that he immediately appointed him parish priest at Arichat.

The newly appointed parish priest did not disappoint his superiors, but apparently he was over zealous. Pascal Poirier says of him: "A man with a heart and initiative, a zealous priest, an avowed Acadian patriot, he had two missions in life— his religious ministry to the spiritual well being of his flock, and the establishment of schools, academies and convents to promote the teaching of the French language in his parish. He undertook what at that time was an inevitably unrealisable task for a french priest. Even St. Paul himself

Be that as it may, Rev. Girouard envisaged a system of bilingual schools where his flock would be taught both French and English from their earliest years. A provincial statute of 1841 authorized primary instruction in French, Gaelic and German, with full participation in provincial grants. A provincial license was only needed where English was the sole language taught.

Pursuing his aim Rev. Girouard finally persuaded the Sisters of La Congregation de Notre Dame, who had had a convent at Louisbourg, to open a schoel for girls at Arichat in 1856. The original convent was located to the west of the church lane, somewhere near the property of the late Senator Miller. I have not been able to establish the exact locaion. At a later date, not known either, the establishment was moved to the site of the present convent.

To further the realization of his dreams Rev. Girouard invited Les Freres des Ecoles Chretiennes to open a school in Arichat in 1861. The school was built in the Academy field. The present school is still on the original location, with alterations during the years. The Brothers' residence was situated to the west of the school, near the line of the present Donahue property. In the early 1900's it was moved to a site beside the convent and became the residence of the late Rev. L. Gallant. It is now occupied as a glebe house by the Rev. A. P. Poirier. Remains of the original foundation can still be seen in the Academy field.

In 1864 the Government of Nova Scotia, under Charles Tupper, established the public school system, rescinding the tolerance extended to the French, Gaelic and German minorities in 1841. French and the two other languages could not be taught in the schools until Grade IX, and the law made it mandatory for teachers to hold a provincial license. This was followed in 1865 by an amendment to the Education Act making public support of the schools obligatory.

The Sisters of the Congregation de Notre Dame decided to take the provincial examinations and qualify as public school teachers. They remained in Arichat until 1901, teaching both at the convent and at the public school.

The Brothers decided that they would not take the provincial examinations but would continue to operate a private school. Unfortunately, the local residents found themselves financially unable to support both a private and the public school, and the Brothers returned to Quebec in 1865, having, in the meantime, been deprived of the advice and patronage of their sponsor, Rev. Girouard.

To be continued

Credit Unionists Attend Banquet At Lousisdale

Over one hundred credit unionists and friends attended a banquet and social held in the Louisdale Parish Hall on Thursday, October 20th, in observance of International Credit Union Day.

Father Andy Hogan, Director of People's School, St. F. X. Extension Department, Sydney, in a thought provoking and eloquently delivered address outlined the challenge facing the Credit Union Movement. He underlined the need for Federal Legislation requiring any organized movement, private or otherwise, to declare quarterly, semi-annually or annually the money actually charged for credit service. He cautioned the members of complacency and urged them to be dedicated and alert so that our International Organization (Cuna Mutual), our National Organization and Leagues do not lose the social philosophy of the Movement so as to insure that it remains a living organism, an instrument of social and economic democracy.

In his opening remarks, Father Hogan paid tribute to Dr. C. J. Forest who was famous not as an extension worker but for his work as a Pastor, a man who will long be remembered not only by the members of his flock but also by both the Catholics and Protestants particularly of Guysboro and Halifax Counties, where he labored for many years. A minute of silence was observed in memory of this great pastor and adult educator.

A distinguished guest at the banquet was Mr. Robert S. MacLellan, M. P. for Inverness-Richmond who on taking the rostrum proceeded to identify himself with the credit union movement having acted in an official capacity both during college days at St. F. X. and later as a director of his local credit union in industrial Cape Breton. His favorable comments and best wishes were indeed welcomed and appreciated.

Mr. Joseph MacNeil, Past President of the Mainland Credit Union Chapter, Barra Head, gave a very concise and interesting report on the international, national, provincial and county levels. He noted that in Richmond County and Port Hawkesbury area there is a total membership of 2,575 who have savings of $356,000, an increase of $25,000 over 1959. He added that with total savings of well over one-third million dollars in the hands of our credit unionists who are, there-by making available to themselves credit of a similar amount we can proudly assert that the Credit Union Movement in this area has a very important and favorable impact on our economy and an institution that cannot be overlooked or ignored by leaders at all levels of our society.

A social evening followed the banquet featuring singing, games and dancing under the expert direction of Miss Phyllis Cotie and Mr. Dennis Britten, both members of the teaching staff of the L'Ardoise Consolidated School.

A word of thanks to the ladies of the Louisdale Catholic Women's League, who prepared and served the delicious meal, was extended by Mrs. Phil Larkin, wife of the evening's toastmaster, Mr. Phil Larkin, farmer and treasurer of the Austin and Port Hawkesbury credit unions.

Other guests attending the banquet included: Mr. Byron S. Langley, Warden for the County of Richmond; Mr. and Mrs. G. Bray, Regional Supervisor, Co-Operative Fire and Casualty Insurance Company, Sydney; Mr.

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Appointed House Leader



EARL WALLACE URQUHART, MLA., for Richmond County and Liberal Whip, has been chosen as House Leader of his party, in the Provincial Legislature, at a recent meeting of the Executive of the Nova Scotia Liberal Association, at Halifax.

Mr. Urquhart will address the Annual Meeting of the Richmond County Liberal Association, to be held on Saturday, November 26, at 7:30 p.m., in the Parish Hall, St. Peter's.

This will be Mr. Urquhart's first public appearance in his native County since assuming the responsibilty of his new post.

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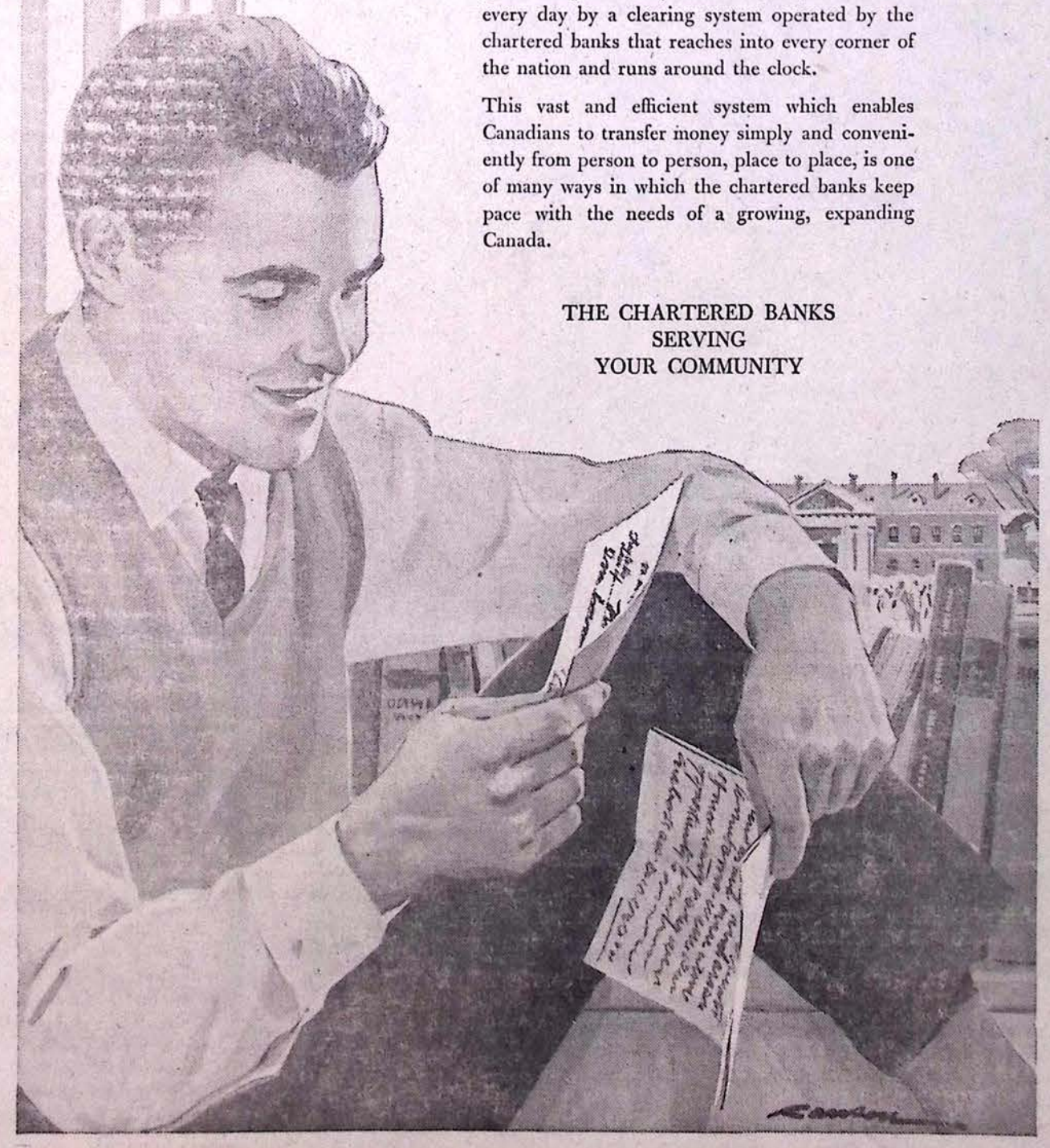
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The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation had a TV and radio crew there to film all the activities so that you all will be able to see and hear it.

An interesting note was the signalling the time of departure via the ear-penetrating blast of the steam whistle. Three long whistles meant thirty minutes to sailing time; two blasts warned you that here was just fifteen minutes left and one short whistle told you the gang-plank was being raised. These sounds brought back nostalgic memories to the old timers and an exciting thrill to younger Yukoners.

The "Keno" was a freight boat that took the annual supplies into small communities on the Stewart and Yukon Rivers as well as carrying about 25 passengers and crew. It brought back memories of olden days to wander around the narrow deck—you thought of the people sleeping in the tiny staterooms; the cook preparing meals on a huge cast-iron wood stove and washing the many dishes in a deep meal sink equipped with brass taps; the passengers eating their meals in the long dining salon at tables with deeply carved legs.

The "Keno" will have her last resting place at Dawson City where she will be restored for your pleasure and we hope will be the home of the new Museum.

Another interesting fact is that Mr. Frank Slim, the river Pilot, was one of the few members of his Indian race to ever command a river steamer in the Yukon. Mr. F. Blakely, the Captain, started his sternwheeler

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Of Many Things

by AMBROSE HILLS

WHERE YOU LIVE

Every Fall I take a couple of hunting trips in the northern part of Manitoba, and every year I tell myself I ought to move up to Dauphin to be near the good hunting.

Last week, when I was building myself a grass and weed blind on a field near Methly Beach, a young farm lad came over for a chat. He was from Magnet, Manitoba and was over in the Dauphin area to cut a season's supply of dry firewood.

"Where are you from?" he asked me, eyeing my gun and the decoys I had spread around. I could tell he was comparing them with his own single shot and his plywood decoys.

"Winnipeg," I said.

"I nearly took a job there," he told me. "I could of made good good money, too."

"Why didn't you?"

"I kind of like it here," he said. He had good reasons. He loved to shoot; he enjoyed the independence of his country life. He worked hard, he said, but could take time off to hunt from time to time and make up for it later. He was energetic— he had a blind for himself put up in about half the time it had taken me, and when the ducks came in he downed his share with the single shot.

After the shoot we had coffee from my thermos and did a lot of talking. He wondered why I didn't come up to that country. He had always thought a writer could live just any place at all. I told him that was true to some extent for story writers, but that article writers needed to be close to libraries and markets.

"I guess its a choice everybody's got to make," he said. I'd like more money, but then it doesn't cost as much to live up here, and I'm pretty free, and then there's the hunting and fishing."

I think the encounter wound up with some slight envy on both sides, although my shade of green might have been just a tinge deeper than his.

If a person could make as much money up near those Dauphin hunting grounds, however, I'd bet my last dime that at least half the population of Manitoba— the hunters, anyhow —would be up there tomorrow. Then how long would those prairie chickens and ducks last? They'd probably move south, while the big pay moved up Dauphin way! Emerson was certainly right about the laws of compensation!

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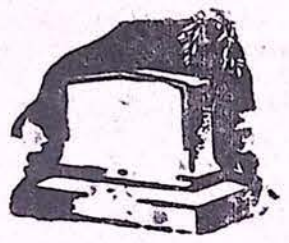
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SUGAR AND SPICE

by BILL SMILEY

If you can't give the old lady a mink coat this year, next best thing to ginger her up is a night on the town. All you have to do is sell a cattle beast, or get a hot streak in a poker game, so you can stand the tariff.

The rest is easy. You send off a cheque for theatre tickets. The amount would have put a down payment on a small home, in the not-so-distant past.

Naturally, your wife hasn't a stitch to wear.

It will do you no good to rumble: "What's the matter with that black dress?" It turns out that the black dress is not only two years old, but it's the wrong shape, the wrong length, and even the wrong shade of black. New dress and a fresh hairdo raise the ante to the point where you have to start eying a second cattle beast.

Then you make plans for disposing of the children for the night. Plans? They're practically blueprints by the time you're finished, and it would take Napoleon himself to read them. And you steam off to the city, leaving the electric stove on "low," the light in the cellar on, and the old girl's new gloves on top of the refrigerator.

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We made one of our infrequent dashes into the bright lights recently, and, as usual, emerged like a couple of slightly-singed moths, dazzled, delighted, and determined to do it again at the first opportunity, which will probably be about 1962.

Every time we arrange for a big night in the city, we plan to dawdle, live graciously, sip wine with our dinner by candlelight, and arrive at the theatre calm, composed, and with that poise and hauteur typical of the seasoned theatre-goer.

It never turns out that way. We don't dawdle, we hurtle. We barrel down the highway as though we were in the Grand Prix de Monaco. Scramble for a parking place. Sprint to the Press Club. Choke down a double. Run to a restaurant. Gobble our dinner. Dash to the theatre. And gallop down the aisle just as the lights are going down for the third time. Halfway through the first act, I have to battle a massive desire to fall sound asleep.

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Our last jaunt was no exception. But it's worth the effort, the money, and the nervous strain to get out of the rut once in a while and live in the style in which you'd be living all the time if your grandfather had had some sense, and had homesteaded a section in the middle of the Leduc oil fields, instead of settling for that stony patch in Upper Canada.

We had tickets for the new musical, Camelot, which was having its trial flight in that new beer hall in Toronto, built by that brewer with the Irish name. You know, that place is harder to get a seat in than the Senate. The stolid burghers of Tronna are delighted with their new culture centre, which many of them fought so hard to keep out of the city, because of its unholy connection.

The O'Keefe Centre alone is worth a trip. I'll bet they could charge three dollars a seat just to go in and look around, and sit for an hour or so, if they served refreshments. It's huge, it's opulent, and its splendid facilities are bound to attract superior entertainment to Toronto.

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As for Camelot, don't regret it too much if you missed it. I enjoyed it thoroughly. But only because I am delighted by anything presented on a stage, from Sunday School Christmas concert to the variety show, all local talent, on the last night of the fall fair.

The new musical by the producers of the fabulous My Fair Lady is big and it's beautiful. But gorgeous costumes and striking sets can't make up for uninspired music and a muddy story which begins as a sprightly comedy and peters into a pallid triangle tragedy redolent of the soap opera. I predict the Broadway critics will have the hides of its producers.

However, that's their worry. I have enough troubles of my own. My leg is black and blue where my wife kept pinching me to keep me awake on the long, cold, dreary drive home. And she's still sore as blazes because she hadn't time to finish the lobster dinner she tackled just about the time we should have been heading for the theatre.—TNS.

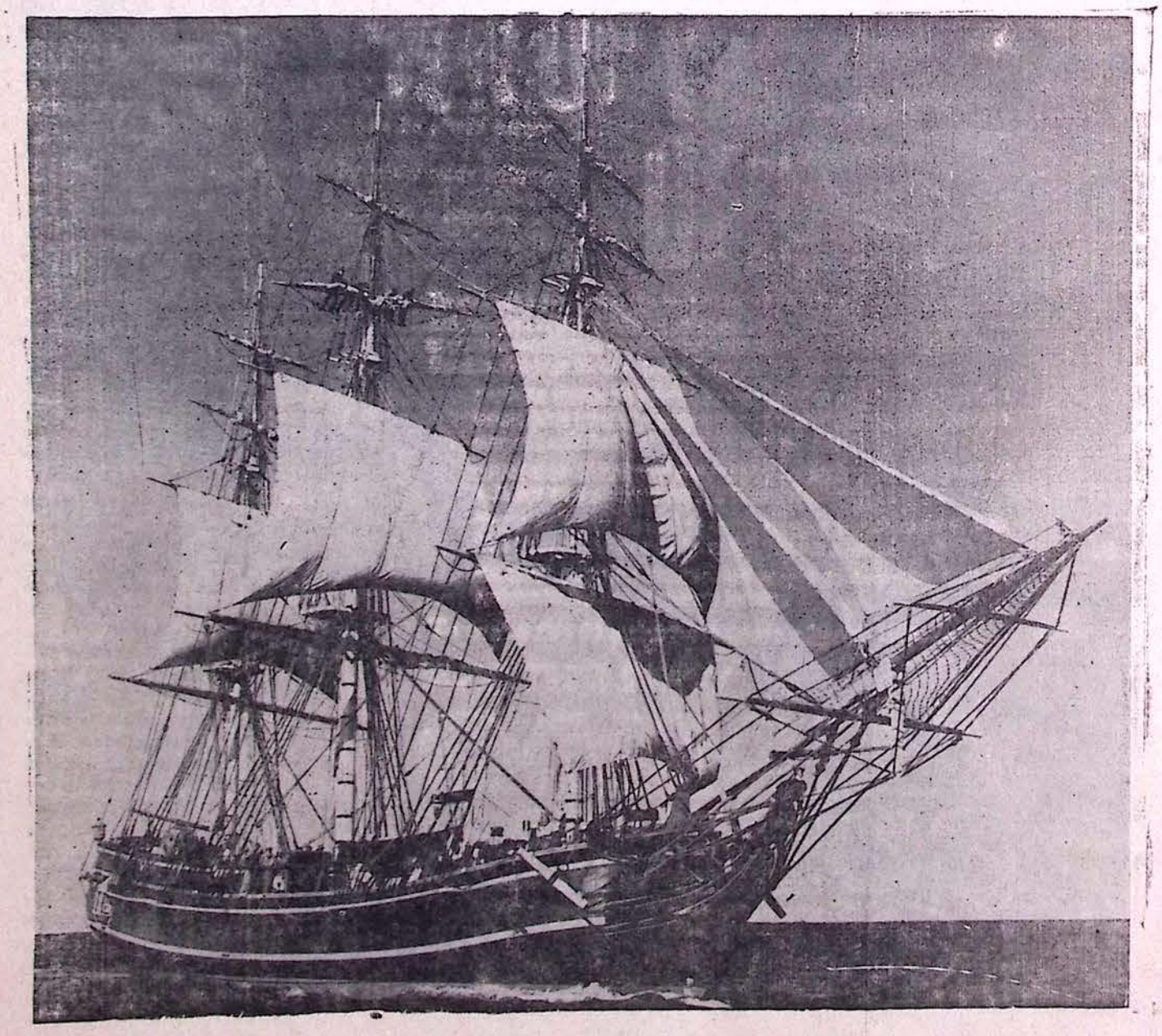
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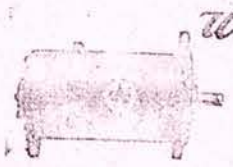
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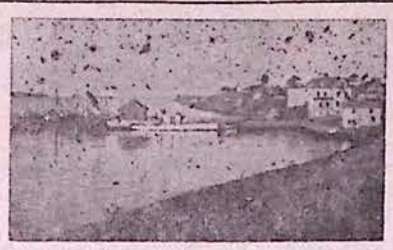
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NEWS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY



Left For Halifax

Mrs. Godfrey Boudreau, and two sons, Nicholas and Lionel, left for Halifax, where they will reside for the winter. Mr. Boudreau recently returned from Northern Waters where he spent the past few months on the Hydrographic Survey Ship C. G. S. Baffin. Mr. Boudreau is chief steward on the Baffin, and this was his second trip North.

We wish Mr. and Mrs. Boudreau and family every happiness in Halifax.

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Annual Meeting
Red Cross Branch

The Annual Meeting of the Isle Madame Branch of the Canadian Red Cross, will take place on Nov. 16th. at7.30 p. m. at O. L. A. Convent Hall, Arichat.

Everyone is requested to attend this important meeting.

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To Holland

Capt. Joe Mayo, veteran skipper, of the Red Diamond V, of the Booth Fisheries fleet, left for Holland, to take command of a new trawler, "The Gene Fletcher" just completed in a Netherland Ship yard. Capt. Mayo took passage to Holland by plane, and is expected to arrive with this new modern trawler in the next few weeks.

This new trawler will be added to the splendid fleet of trawlers now operating out of Petit de Grat, which is the main source of the economy of Isle Madame.

Our congratulations go to Booth Fisheries, for the great advancement made in the fishing industry on the Eastern Atlantic Seaboard.

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DAN D. MARCHAND

The recent passing of Dan D. Marchand, of Louisdale, in his 57th year is deeply mourned by his wife and family and in the community, where he was held in high regard.

The late Mr. Marchand was a well known building contractor and followed this business for many years.

A few years ago he was appointed by the Municipal School Board as Supervisor of maintenance of school buidings, having resigned this position during the present year. He returned to his contracting business, but due to ill health, during the summer he relinquished his contracts and entered hospital for treatment, later returning home where his wife tenderly cared for him till he passed away.

He is survived by his wife and two daughters; Mrs. Delore Landry, (Bernadette), and Mrs. Paul Samson, (Jeannette) both, of Louisdale. He was predeceased by eight children. He is also survived by a brother, Willie D. of Louisdale, and three sisters, Mrs. Mary Barb Burns, Mrs. Bastine Landry, (Lizzie), and Mrs. James Linden (Helen), all of Louisdale.

The funeral was largely attended by friends from all over the County.

Rev. Father C. P. Gerrior was Celebrant; Father MacDougall, Deacon and Father MacDonald, sub-deacon.

We extend sympathy to the wife and family in their bereavement.

Birth

Born —To Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Boudreau, the former Gwen Power, of Petit de Grat, at St. Anne's Hospital, Arichat, a daughter, on Nov. 4th. Congratulations!

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New Residents

Capt. and Mrs. Walter Keeping and family have moved from the LeBrun apartments in the West end of town and have taken up residence in the Godfrey Boudreau dwelling.

We are glad to report that Mrs. Keeping is now much improved in health after being on the sick list for the past few months.

Capt. Keeping is in command of the trawler, Red Diamond VI of Booth Fisheries fleet.

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Inspects Squadron Equipment

Sgt. Joe Samson, of R. C. A. F, Station, Summerside, P. E. I, was on a tour of Inspection of Air Cadet Equipment in Cape Breton during the week.

Sgt. Samson inspected the Isle Madame Squadron Equipment at Petit de Grat, and while there met many old friends.

It was nice seeing Sgt. Samson, who is a son of a former L'Ardoise Councillor, Albert P. and Mrs. Samson, both of whom are now residing in Windsor, Ont.

A call from Sgt. Samson was much appreciated and his impression of the officers and staff of the Isle Madame Air Cadet Squadron was most complimentary.

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MRS. ALEX P. POIRIER

Mrs. Alex P. Poirier of Poirierville, passed away on October 24, at the age of 77 years. The late Mrs. Poirier had been in ill health for some time.

Mrs. Poirier, was of a very friendly disposition and was held in much esteem by neighbors and friends throughout Isle Madame. A devout member of St. Hyacinthe Church, she was a truly Christain lady and her many charitable deeds will long be remembered.

She is survived by nine children: Gerald, with whom she resided; Walter, D'Escousse; Joseph, Wintrop, Mass; John, Halifax; and Hugh Canton, Mass.; Mrs. Leonard Bonin, (Katie), D'Escousse; Mrs. Vincent Poirier, (Cecil), Wallaston, Mass.; Mrs. Mrs. Harper, (Edna), Edmonton, Alberta and Mrs. John Kehoe, Rocky Bay.

Also surviving are three brothers: Wallace Poirier, East Boston; Philip Poirier, Gloucester, Mass.; and Wilfred Poirier of Poirierville; two sisters, Mrs. Publicover (Annie) and Mrs. Frawn (Martha), Boston, Mass.

A solemn High Mass was celebrated by Monsignor Boudreau, assisted by Very Rev. A. P. Poirier of Arichat and Rev. C. Gerrior of Louisdale.

The funeral which was very largely attended attested to her popularity in the community.

Her husband who for several terms was a Councillor for district No. 3 predeceased her 14 years ago.

Surviving also are two stepsons: Wilfred and Leo.

We extend our sympathy to the bereaved family in the passing of a beloved mother and sister.

Visiting Parents

Walter Keeping of Montreal, is visiting his parents, Capt. and Mrs. Keeping. He will remain in Arichat for a few weeks before returning to Montreal.

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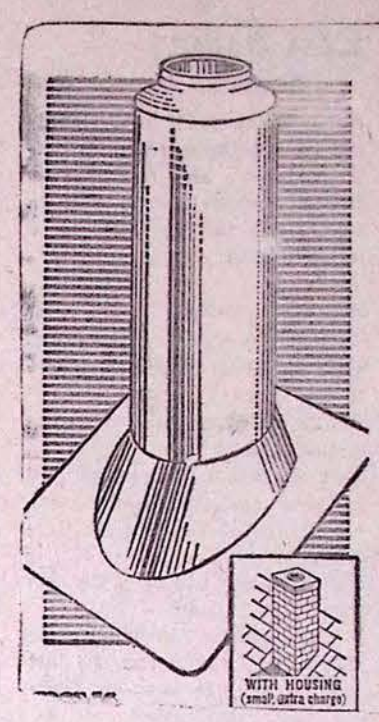
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A pretty fall wedding took place at Sacred Heart Church, Toronto, on October 8th when Isabel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Boudreau, of Boudreauville, became the bride of Rudolph Boudreau, son of Mr. and Mrs. David L. Boudreau, of Cape Auguet.

Rev. Father J. C. Bourier, celebrated the Nuptial Mass and performed the wedding ceremony in the midst of relatives and friends.

The bride who was given in marriage by the groom's uncle, Jeffrey Boudreau, of Toronto, looked charming in a floor-length gown of mesh and lace, with pearl trim and carried a bouquet of mixed roses.

The maid of honor was Mrs. Gerald Boudreau of Toronto, who wore a pink nylon and lace gown and carried a bouquet of mixed roses.

The groom was supported by Vernard Marchand, of Arichat, a cousin of the bride.

Following the wedding ceremony a reception was held at Bassel's Banquet Hall to fifty guests. Many beautiful and valuable gifts were received by the newly-weds.

The Record joins with the many friends and relatives of the young couple in wishing them many years of happiness and prosperity.

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