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Ramblings In The Past

By OLD TIMER

Notes on the Early Fishing Industry in Arichat and Isle- Madame.

Although fishing had been carried on sporadically in this section probably as early as the mid 1500's, it was not until the 1760's that it first developed as an industry. From then until the early 1900's it provided this center with the greater port of its economy. The surrounding waters, including the harbors, teemed with all kinds of fish and this potential gold mine attracted the enterprising and energetic merchants from Jersey in the early days and later the Scotch, Irish and English importers and exporters.

Relations between the merchant-outfitter and the fisherman were peculiar to the times and as follows:

The trading at the fishing depot or station was conducted by a manager or an agent selected by the owners from their own men who were promoted for ability and length of service. The staff of clerks was recruited in Jersey under the apprentice system. The strictest discipline was enforced and loyalty to the company's interests was considered paramount, so that a competent loyal body of trained men was always available to further the company's interests. In their dealings with the fishermen the policy was "goods in exchange for fish and—or labor". The price of fish was set at the beginning of the season and not changed for that particular year. The relative economic status of the merchant and the fisherman during these early days of hardship—on the part of the fisherman —may be summed up as follows:

The Merchant— He reaped a rich harvest from the following: Freight profit on merchandise, bought almost wholly in Great Britain, brought over in their own vessels, manned by Jersey seamen; selling profit on these goods traded for fish, labor and produce; profit on fish and fish products exported to the South American and Mediterranean markets; interest on credit balances due to the fishermen; and indirect or capital profit on large tracts of shore and harbor lands obtained by grant at a nominal figure.

The Fisherman— In return for the labors of his hazardous calling, risking limb, life and health, he received materials to build a shelter, food, clothing and fishing supplies, but practically no cash until 1841, as will be noted later on. His horizon was definitely limited. He had no hope for the future, no say in regulating his masters' treatment of him for profit, no money with which to build better boats and homes. Any surplus he might have at the end of the year was simply credited to his account against the next season's expenses. Neither he nor his sons had a ghost of a chance of being taken into the service or on the staff of the Jersey traders. They were fishermen and laborers with no opportunity for betterment. Sounds incredible, does it not? But nevertheless a statement of fact.

The prosecution of the fisheries by the methods used affected after a while, as was natural, the production, making it impossible for a self respecting, intelligent and supposedly free people to remain in what was actually a state of bondage. Many of them had a certain skill in boat building and they decided to somehow build better boats than they possessed. At first they built shallops (chaloupes), then pinkeys (pinks), and as they became more proficient, schooners, brigantines, brigs, barquentines and barques.

The shallop was an open boat of up to 10 tons with two masts, one far in the stern and the other far forward in the bow, to obtain all the room possible between them. It had no bowsprit and no shrouds. The pinkey was a larger boat, up to 20 tons, having at first the same dangerous rig of two unsupported masts. Gradually a bowsprit and shrouds were added and in time some of them were built as large as ordinary fishing schooners with spars in proportion. In the New England fisheries, with the pinkey monopolizing the shore fishery, the old Banker came into existence. It was built primarily for fishing on Georges and was not unlike the vessel in which Columbus discovered the new world, having short masts, a full bow and a high quarter-deck. I have no record of any of these being used in the Isle Madame fishery. Here, the pinky was followed by the schooner which, with gradual improvements, became a beautifully modelled, swift and graceful craft with characteristics particularly its own.

With the advent of the larger craft the inhabitants of Isle Madame began an early coastal trade and later a world-wide trade. After Waterloo they found ready financing, chiefly among the merchants of Halifax. Campbell's History of Cape Breton states that in 1834, 220 vessels were owned in the port of Arichat. In "Markland", published in 1903, Judge Finlayson, then a resident of Arichat and a former member of parliament, is given as the authority for the statement "that the tonnage of this port in 1863 was 16,898, valued at $389,244.00, representing 279 vessels, ranking after Halifax, Yarmouth and Pictou. As of the 1st of July 1867 there were 278 vessels on register at Arichat with a tonnage of 19,410. This did not include vessels owned here but registered elsewhere. The latter information was supplied by the Public Archives of Canada, Ottawa.

The potential wealth of the fisheries around Isle Madame early attracted the attention of commercial interests from outside and these were instrumental in making this port the most important trade center in eastern Nova Scotia. Early in the 1800's people began to arrive from Ireland—a few reaching here as early as 1798 in vessels from the Channel Islands, followed later, by the usual sea routes, by large numbers of their countrymen. England contributed her quota, mostly Jerseymen. France added quite a few through St. Pierre and Miquelon and Scotland's sons came from Antigonish and Cape Breton. All helped develop the trade and industry of the community and incidentally shared in the prosperity which resulted. Most of the newcomers were men of education. Some were engaged in the professions, a number were skilled craftsmen, others became shopkeepers and traders, and quite a number, settling on the more fertile sections, became the familiar farmer-fisherman. The census of Isle Madame for 1901 gives the following figures: 401 of English, 379 of Irish and 221 of Scotch origin, out of a total population of 4739.

Petit de Grat

Tickets were sold recently on a coffee perculator which was donateo by Mrs. George Samson, and was drawn for at the parish hall on Bingo night. The lucky winner was Morgan Tapper. The proceeds to go towards the church fund.

Mrs. James Pitts of East Boston was a recent visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Landry.

Anthony Landry and sister Sylvia, accompanied by Miss Ann Dobbin, motored to Antigonish on Sunday. Miss Dobbin has taken up work in that town.

Mr. Lawrence Boudreau and son, Kenneth of Little Bras d'Or was a motor visitor here on Wednesday.

Mr. Armand Boudreau motored to West Arichat over the weekend, guest or Miss Shirley Forgeron.

The 40 hour Devotion took place in St. Joseph's Church here Sunday, Nov. 13th, 14th, and 15th.

Monsignor A. Boudreau, D'Escousse, Rev. Father Doucet, West Arichat, Very Rev. Father Poirier, Arichat, and Rev. Father Gerrior, Louisdale, were in attendance. A large number of parishioners participated in the devotions.

Laurence Samson, arrived from Pictou, to spend the week-end with his family.

George Boudreau of Halifax, motored to River Bourgeois on Monday to attend the Deanery meeting of the C. W. L. Councils in Richmond County.

Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Landry and son, Anthony, Walter DeCoste and Rennie Landry, motored to Halifax on Monday, Mrs. Landry will enter V. G. Hospital for treatment.

Miss Irene Fortune left for Halifax on Tuesday, where she will enter Hospital for treatment. Her many friends wish her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Boudreau and family of Pictou, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Landry on Sunday. They were accompanied by Peter Dorey.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Goyetche of

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Celebrates Birthday



VERY REV. A. P. POIRIER

The children of the Arichat School, tendered Very Rev. A. P. Poirier, Pastor of Notre Dame Parish, a presentation on his birthday anniversary recently. Several appropriate songs, readings and recitations were given by the pupils and an address in French was also presented.

We join with the Rev. Father's parishioners and friends in wishing him many happy returns.

Death Of W. N. MacDonald
A Well-Known Ship Owner

News of the passing of W. N. MacDonald, of Sydney, recently was received here and throughout Isle Madame, with deep regret.

The late Mr. MacDonald, was up to a few years ago actively engaged in the shipping business was well known in marine circles all along the Eastern Atlantic Seaboard.

For many years he operated ships out of the port of Arichat connecting with Mulgrave. After the first World War, Mr. MacDonald secured the subsidy for the Arichat-Mulgrave Service and a passenger boat named "Arichat", served Arichat, West Arichat and Petit de Grat.

This service was later taken over by the R. W. Hendry Co., however in the erly thirties, Mr. MacDonald, saw great possiolilities in the reopening of the Canso-Arichat Steamship Service, and was awarded the subsidy for this service. At that time he placed the well-known "Surf" on this route and for several years gave an excellent service. Another boat was added to the service, the "O-We-Ra".

During the last war the "O-We-Ra", was leased to the Canadian Navy, and served in waters of the Carribean.

The late Mr. MacDonald and the "Surf", will associate many fond memories, more especially at Christmas time, when this ship would be gaily decorated entering Arichat harbor on Christmas Eve, bringing home loved ones to spend their holidays with their respective parents and families and as the record player amplified, the beautiful Carols, echoing over the placid waters of Arichat harbor, we are sure that those joys still live in the hearts and minds of those who have now grown to men and women and who were made happy by the Christmas gifts, fruit and and candy so cheerfully given by Mr. MacDonald and his good wife. This occasion took place the day after Christmas and we can vividly see these little children at that time flock to the government wharf by the hundreds and receive from Santa Claus their gifts from the upper deck of the "Surf". This event took place for years and one might say it became a Christmas tradition.

W. N. MacDonald had a heart of gold and was always ready to share his good fortune with his fellow Cape Bretoners and the many ventures as a shipping broker and mine operator is proof that this man believed in developing industry and although in some cases these ventures may not have been as successful as he wanted, it can be truly said, he tried and his successes outnumbered the failures of life.

The late Mr. MacDonald, played a great part in the advocating of a causeway across the Strait of Canso, as well as boosting the harbor facilities from the Causeway to Point Tupper and beyond to Caribou Cove. He saw this venture blossom and bloom and today with the pulp mill ot Point Tupper being constructed as well as a big shipping pier at the site, Mr. MacDonald, saw his vision for the future being realized.

Not so many months ago we met our late friend on Charlotte Street, in Sydney, and although he had been in ill health and suffered a stroke, he still maintained that cheerful disposition and spoke of the many happy relations with the people of Isle Madame. He related his shipping experiences which dated back to practically his teen age days. Mr. MacDonald, at one time operated the S. S. Farnorth in the Boston and Nova Scotia service. He also operated ships in the Bras d'Or Lakes, Arichat, Northern Cape Breton and Prince Edward Island Service.

Up to the time of his death he was interested in the Northhumberland Ferry Service.

We shall always cherish the memory of our departed friend and the many favors he bestowed on us down through the years.

The late Mr. MacDonald was a native of Brookville, Pictou County and came to Sydney in 1900 at the age of 13 and being an ambitious youth he first conducted a real estate business and at one time was an automobile dealer. His greatest love was the shipping business and during the many years he engaged in this venture he kept the Sydney harbor waterfront alive and seamen from all over Cape Breton and Newfoundland found employment on ships operated from his office. After the second war Mr. MacDonald purchased a large ocean-going Naval Tug, from the American Navy and operated this ship out of Sydney for a few years and later sold her to a firm in South America.

Many columns of interesting Shipping ventures could be written on the life of our late friend, but this would require considerable space, due to the active and progressive make up of Went MacDonald, whose name will live on in the history of shipping along the Cape Breton coast for many years to come.

In recent years he was associated with the coal industry in Inverness County and was considered an authority on the location of coal seams, in that County, more especially in the Mabou area.

Mr. MacDonald was an active member of St. Andrew's United Church, Sydney, a member of the board of managers and trustees of St. Andrew's Memorial Hall.

He is survived by his wife the frmer Margaret MacDonald, Sydney; one son, Norman, Sydney; two daughters, Gwynneth of Halifax; Margaret, Mrs. Arthur Crockett, Toronto; a brother, Stewart G., Sydney, car dealer; three sisters, Linda, Sydney; Mrs. A. P. Anderson, Halifax; Mrs. A. E. Brinega-, Idaho, now in Sydney.

To Mrs. MacDonald and family we extend our sincere and heartfelt sympathy.

News of Richmond County Home & School Associations

L'ARDOISE HOME AND SCHOOL

Over seventy members attended the regular monthly meeting of the L'Ardoise Home and School Association. The executive had dealt with most of the routine business at its meeting on Nov. 6, so the business part of the meeting was short. The members heard a very concise report of the County Council given by Mrs. George Mombourquette, secretary. Some questions were asked regarding the Certificates of Merit adopted at the Council meeting. Sister Paula, principal, spoke briefly on the result of a survey she had made re-school drop outs. She stressed the seriousness of this problem and encouraged parents to try and find some remedy for this serious problem. Mrs. E. Martell Ways and Means Convener, reported that the Thanksgiving dinner had been a success. The Program Convener, Sally Ann Mombourquette, announced that the December meeting would be followed by a Christmas Party. The president, Mrs. Alexander Mombourquette announced that the next executive meeting would be held Dec. 4th and the next regular meeting would be held on Dec. 7th.

Miss Joyce d'Entremont, Nutritionist, was introduced to the members by a member of the Program Committee, Miss Phyllis Cote. Miss d'Entremont used printed leaflets and a film Mystery in the Kitchen, to stress the importance of nutrition at home and in the school lunch. The program continued with a very informative talk about food. The meeting closed after a lively discussion period.

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OCTOBER

LAKESIDE HOME AND SCHOOL

The October meeting of the Lakeside Home and School was held on October 12 with nineteen members present.

The minutes of the September meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's Report showed a cash balance of $79.58.

A report on radio prices was given. It was moved by Mrs. Francis Burke and seconded by Mrs. James Burke that a radio valued at $47.50 wholesale be purchased. Motion carried.

A letter concerning Fall Council was read and discussed. Delegates to attend this meeting were named.

It was moved by Mrs. Grace Carter and seconded by Mrs. Agnes Samson that a rubber stamp and other teaching aids be purchased for the Primary Department. Motion carried.

A discussion was held on the topic of "School Lunches". The discussion ended with a motion to the effect that Home and School purchase ntensils necessary to provide hot cocoa for the pupils. Motion carried.

A social period of games and a lunch followed.

NOVEMBER

The November meeting of Lakeside Home and School was held on Nov. 21 with nineteen members present.

Following the opening prayer, the minutes were read and approved. Treasurer's Report was also read and approved.

Membership Convener reported six paid up members.

Mrs. Patrick Samson was appointed Health Convener for the year.

A Ways and Means Convener was appointed to act until the January meeting and a committee to act with her was named.

The acting Ways and Means Convener announced plans to have a ticket sale on a turkey dinner to be drawn on Dec. 21. A short period of the meeting was given over to this Committee during which those who wished to, could put their names down for donations to this dinner.

The Program Committee announced plans for the December Program.

The meeting was then turned over to the Principal who gave a talk on "The Importance of Books in the Home and the School" emphasizing the need for children to be provided with ample reading matter of a good quality and within their interest span.

A report of results of a reading achievement test given last spring to Grades, Primary to Seven inclusive was also given. It was shown that the children generally were lacking sufficient outside reading experience.

A question and discussion period followed. From the discussion arose a motion which was seconded and passed that the Home and School purchase $100.00 worth of books for the school library.

The meeting then broke up so that members could view the book display which had been set up and purchase books. Lunch was served.

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PETIT DE GRAT HOME AND SCHOOL

On November 10, 1960, the regular monthly meeting of Petit de Grat Home and School was held, with Mr. Leon Landry presiding.

The meeting was opened with the singing of O Canada, led by Sister Andre. Following was a prayer by Reverend Father MacDonald.

The roll call indicated 37 members present.

Mr. Willie H. Boudreau reported from the Health Committee that he received an answer from the Department of Health concerning a dentist. He was told that the dentist had resigned, and that he would not be replaced until next year. Application forms were enclosed to apply for the Dental Unit for 1961.

Mr. Leon Landry stated that a game had been placed on the school grounds and more were being prepared.

It was decided that the games be removed for the winter.

After being introduced by the president, Miss D'Entremont, nutritionist, Department of Education, gave a talk which was followed by a film based on Canada's Food Rules.

Sister Emmanual, who along with other teachers, attended the Physical Fitness Workshop, asked for eleven dollars to buy a dozen balls to help carry out a physical education program.

It was decided that the teaching staff should meet and decide what what other inside or outside equipment was needed to carry on the physical development of our children.

The need for a corresponding secretary arose, and was assisted, by the meeting appointing Mr. John Samson, as such.

Mr. Leon Landry, a delegate to the Fall Council of Richmond Co., Home and School, presented a brief report on the meeting.

One of the highligfts was the Two Stream System which may be introduced in our schools in the near future.

Sister Emmanuel reminded the members that our next meeting would be in December, during the Christmas season, and extended an invitation to members to bring each a small gift worth about 25 cents, at our next meeting and such gifts to be exchanged,

Mr. Dennis Britten, President of Richmond County Home and School, was introduced by the President.

Mr. Britten in his brief remarks congratulated the Association for the work it was doing He went on to list a few important things which the Home and School had worked for, The Home and School is now trying for Rural High Schools and Regional Library Services. Mr. Britten concluded by inviting the school to take part in game competition between other schools in the country.

After extending thanks to Mr. Britten, the President introduced Reverend Father MacDonald, to the meeting. He gave a very interesting talk on the value of Home and School. He ended by offering his help to the Home and School, and hoped the good work would be continued.

The meeting came to a close with the entertainment committee leading the group into games, then after a delicious lunch was served.

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LITTLE ANSE HOME AND SCHOOL

The November meeting of the Home and School, was held on the 22nd. The gathering was called to order at 8.00 p.m., by the president, Mr. Anthony Samson. "O Canada" was sung to open the meeting.

After the invited guest, Miss d'Entroemont, had been welcomed, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. The Treasurer's report was also adopted as read.

Necessity of a resolution concerning poor lighting in two of our class-rooms was eliminoted when the president reported that he had been advised that new fixtures had been ordered and would be installed shortly.

In the new business section, a sum of money was voted to provide a Christmas treat for all pupils.

At this point, the Health Convener, Mrs. Idelle Somson, introduced Miss d'Entremont, Nutritionist, with the Department of Public Health.

In her opening remarks, our guest expressed her pleasure at having been invited to Little Anse. She said that it is encouraging to see people taking an interest in the health of their children and wanting to do something about it. She then proceeded to give a very informative talk. She especially stressed the importance of a balanced diet. "What we are was once in our food", she said. The importance of three meals each day was emphasized with special emphasis being put on a good breakfast, the most neglected meal.

A question period followed.

While lunch was being prepared games were ployed. They included "Magic Squares" and "Blindfolded Drawing". They afforded much pleasure to all present.

Mrs. Priscille Samson, social convener, then led the ladies of her committee in the serving of a delicious lunch.

After Miss d'Entremont had been thanked by the principal, the meeting adjourned with the singing of "The Queen."

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There is too much animal courage in society and not sufficient moral courage.

—Mary Baker Eddy

Encounter Host Nathan Cohen



Nathan Cohen, Toronto theatre, writer, interviews people active in television and movie critic and North American public life and the arts on CBC radio's Encounter. The program is heard Tuesday nights on the Dominion network and is repeated Wednesday mornings on the Trans-Canada network.

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Honesty isn't any policy at all it's a state of mind or it isn't honesty. — Eugene L'Hote.

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Of Many Things

By Ambrose Hills

FACING THE WINTER

We've had our first snow in Manitoba and there's frost in the air most of the time. We talk grumpily about another long winter in the offing, but secretly some of us like it.

I can still remember that old feeling of satisfaction when the house was banked up, the storm windows fitted, the doors weather stripped and the woodbox full. To be provisioned and snug against a winter wind is to know a real glow of satisfaction. With modern windows, concrete foundations, modern heating and all the rest, some of that joy may be lost. Not all of it, however. Especiolly this Fall, when there has been such a good long stretch of harvest weather, and the bins are full.

I always think of Fall and Winter as times for consolidation, for chinking up the tortress of our lives, for family fun or "togetherness" as they call it these days.

The Canadian nation right now is facing a sort of Economic Winter. We should be chinking up, consolidating our position, acting with restraint and prudence. If we do, we can weather this Economic Winter without much difficulty.

I think we will. I think Canadians are going to demand restraint and prudence from government, labor unions, and business. We know that wage demands are foolish when so many are without jobs; that price increases are foolhardy when present prices are being resisted; and that government spending can only lead to higher taxes and higher prices.

So let's get the weather stripping on and face this economic winter sensibly. Only in that way can we be ready for the economic spring that's sure to come.

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'LET THE FOOL HAVE HIS WAY'

"Temper", claims the Canadian Highway Safety Council, "can be fatal in traffic". The Council, sponsoring Canada's national Safe Driving Week from December 1 to 7 inclusive, points out that, while it is only human to resent intrusion on what are considered "our rights", it would be folly for a driver to let that resentment become anger when another motorist cuts in or a pedestrian takes his time crossing in front.

"Sit back and let the fool have his way, "the Council urges. "He is a menace to traffic but there's nothing to be gained by a driver who loses his temper and takes it out on other drivers. It could, "warns CHSC, be fatal. You drive sensibly and let him drive HIS way. Don't look for revenge. Get on the bandwagon and work for traffic safety with your Nova Scotia Highway Safety Council. Besides, if you drive properly, you set an example for others."

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SUCCESS STORY

Red Cross has many "success stories". Latest of these which has come to light concerns Mrs. Howard Cantley of the New Glasgow Branch. This energetic women finds time not only to chair the blood transfusion committee but also to contribute generously to women's work. To date she has made more than 200 pairs of baby bootees and 25 baby jackets and is still going strong. Her output for the summer alone was 100 pairs. Red Cross News—

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I have not observed men's honesty to increase with their riches.
—Thomas Jefferson

K. O. C. NEWS

WEST ARICHAT- First and second degress were conferred on seven new members in the Council Chambers, Sunday, Oct. 13th.

The Degree term was ably led by Past Grand Knight, J. H. LeBrun. The team included P. G. K. J. Currie, Grand Knight E, Power, Deputy G. K. Angus Rankin, Fin. Sec'y. B. Corbett, Bro. V. Kyte and Bro. P. MacDonnell.

The First Degree was exemplified at three in the afternoon and the second at eight in the evening.

Fr. A. P. Poirier acted on the Worthy Inquisitor for the Second Degree. Chaplin Fr. Doucette impressed upon the new members the importance of taking an active part in the Council and that they would only get out of the Council according to the activity they put into it.

A lunch was served afterwards.

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K, O, C, SOCIAL

ST. PETER'S- A very successful social and presentation was held in St. Peter's Parish Hall, Nov. 12th, sponsored by the Laurence Kavanagh K. O. C. Council and the St. Peter's Altar Society, the occasion being the presentation of engraved gold cuff-links to the Past Rec. Sec'y, Mr. Urbain LeBlanc and spiritual bouquet to Mrs. LeBlanc. P. G. K. John Currie read an appropriate address to Bro. LeBlanc and the gift was presented by D. G. K. Rankin. Mrs. G. Wamboldt read the address to Past Pres. Mrs. LeBlanc and presentation of spiritual bouquet was made by Mrs. Peggy Adams, Mr. and Mrs. LeBlanc thanked the large gathering in their usual fine manner. He is being transferred to P. E. I. to take up duties in the Fisheries Division of St. F. X. Extension Dept.

Card playing was enjoyed during the evening ond a sing-song, which was led by Inspector Saulnier, Music and singing were supplied by P. Adams, Joe MacNeil, Leo Gallant and J. Landry, Bro. M. J. MacNeil conducted mixed games which were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The balance of the evening was spent in dancing to the piano music of Mr. Landry and Mr. Gallant.

A delicious buffet lunch was served by the ladies.

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THE CANADIAN RED CROSS

Alexander Troup Kerr has been appointed campaign chairman for Nova Scotia Division, Canadian Red Cross Society, Mrs. J. P. Bell, president, announced. He succeeds A. W. Fowler who served in this capacity for the past two years.

Mr. Kerr recently returned to Halifax from Ottawa where he also had served with Red Cross in a voluntary capacity. While in the nation's capital he was compaign manager and treasurer for the Red Cross "blitz."

Manager of the main branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, where he succeeds A. L. Anderson, now of Toronto, Mr. Kerr is on his third Halifax posting. He is a native of Westville, Pictou County and was educated in New Glasgow high school, where he joined the bank. Subsequent transfers were to Charlottetown, Fredericton, Port of Spain, Trinidad, Truro, Sydney, Moncton, Bridgewater and Toronto.

His wife is the former Morjorie B. Conley, Saint John. They have a daughter, Janice, a second year nurse-in-training at Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, and a son, Geoffrey a first year Commerce student at Dalhousie University.

They reside at 284 Jubilee Road.

A member of the United Church, Mr. Kerr also curls and is a member of Ashborne Golf Club.

The new campaign chairman's first duty will be to apportion the 1961 objective among the 108 branches in Nova Scotia. During March he will direct the campaign in this province.

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!COURAGE

True courage is not the brutal force of vulgar heroes, but the firm resolve ofvirture and reason.
Paul Whitehead

The bravest thing you can do when you are not brave is to profess courage and act accordingly.
—Corra Harris

What is more mortifying than to feel that you've missed the plum for want of courage to shake the tree?
—Logan Pearsall Smith

The Lonley Sands of Sable Island

"On the stormy western ocean
Just eighty miles from land,
Lies a barren little island,
Composed of grass and sand."
—(Verse from "The Sable Island Song", written by a member of the life-saving crew, who spent 40 year on the Island.)

CBC Times— Sable Island is a slender, crescent-shaped sand bar off the Nova Scotia coast. It has been chunned by centuries of Atlantic sailors and fishermen who refer to its sands as the "dust of death".

A profile of the island, its people past and present, will be heard on CBC radio's CANADIAN PATTERNS, Tuesday, December 6, at 7.00 p. m. EST. (This series, which is delayed in the Maritimes, will be heard Friday, December 9 at 10.00 p. m. AST, on Stations CBA-Sackville, CBH-Halifax and CBI-Sydney).

Sable has been known to exist since the 16th century, has been found on maps dating back to 1505. The island is actually the visible portion of a treacherous sand bank which extends in hidden bars for more than a dozen miles under the sea. These ridges, in addition to three shoals which run parallel to the island, have sucked to destruction some 200 ships and more than 10,000 vistims —justly earning the epitaph: "graveyard of the Atlantic".

The last victim of Sable's sandy shore was the MANHASSET in July, 1947; however, modern navigational aids have reduced the island's danger. These aids, plus the removal of life-saving crews and the installation of automatically-operated lighthouses, have reduced the population of the island to seven. In former years the inhabitants numbered over 80.

Despite Sable's forbidding appearance and its long history of tragedy, CBC producer Jack McAndrew found that many people developed a liking for the island and considered it a wonderful place to live. One couple, Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Naugle of Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, lived for over 20 years on Sable Island. They and others have recorded their impressions for CANADIAN PATTERNS.

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Courage is rightly esteemed the the first of human qualities because it is the quality which guarantees all others.
—Winston Churchill

Arichat-Sydney Daily Bus Service

(Except Sundays and Holidays)

Leave Arichat	8.30 a.m.
Leave Grand Anse	9.00 a.m.
Leave St. Peter's	10.00 a. m.
Leave Big Pond	11.00 a.m.
Arrive Sydney	11.30 a.m.

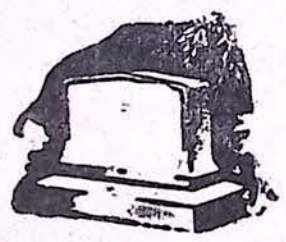
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Leave Sydney: — Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m.

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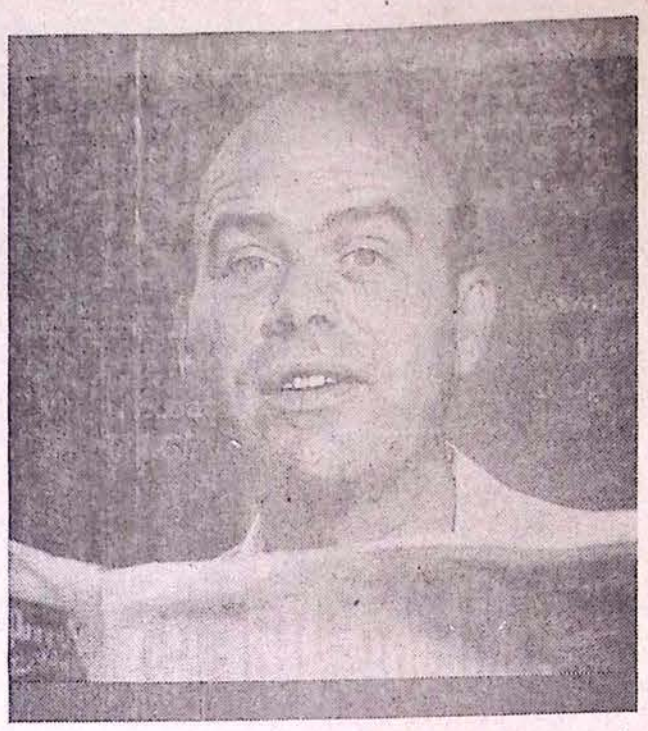
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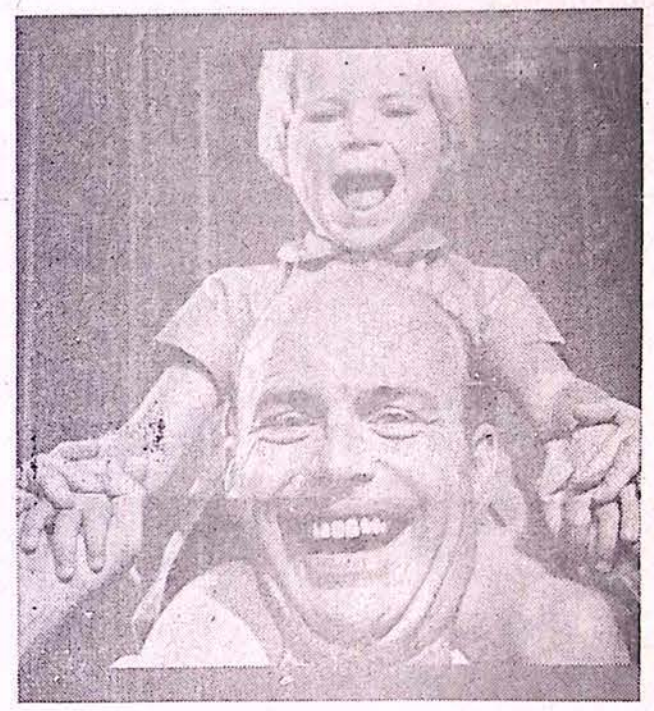
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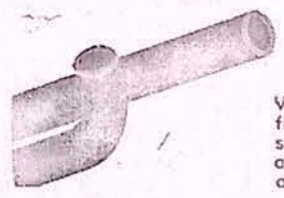
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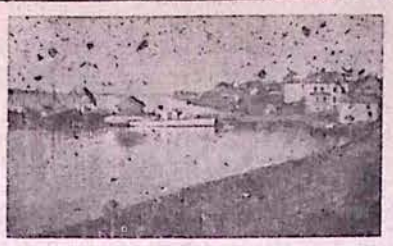
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NEWS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY



Arrives Home

Miss Martine Landry, arrived home from Hamilton, Ont., by T. C. A., to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Landry, of Petit Grat. Martine will be one of the principals in a happy event to take place at Petit de Grat on December 27th.

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To Halifax

Mrs. Charles Landry of Petit de Grat, is visiting in Halifax. Her husband is an engineer on the Oil Tanker, Imperial Monarch and will accompany his wife on the return trip to Petit de Grat, where he will spent his holidays.

CORRECTION

In the obituary of the late Hubert McDonald of D'Escousse, appearing in our last issue we stated:—

"The late Mr. Poirier, took a keen interest in gardening and his flower garden and well-kept property at D'Escousse drew the attention of passing motorists."

(The name McDonald and not Poirier should have appeared.)

To St. Peters

Mrs. Olla Mauger, Cape La Ronde, who was visiting at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Leighton Amey, Pondville, has taken up residence for the winter with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. LeVesconte, St. Peters.

Mrs. Mauger, who had been on the sick list is much improved in health.

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Transferred

Eric Latimer, Assistant Manager of the Charlotte Street Branch of the Royal Bank, Sydney has been promoted to Senior man in the Credit department for Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, stationed at the head office of the Royal at Halifax.

Before taking up residence in Halifax, both Mr. and Mrs. Latimer and two children, Kathy and Debbie visited Eric's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Latimer, of this place.

We congratulate Eric and wish him every success in his promotion.

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To Quebec

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Young, have returned from a trip to Quebec, where they were the guests of Mrs. Young's brother, Dr. Alphonse Boudreau.

Mrs. Young and Dr. Boudreau, are the daughter and son of the late Capt. and Mrs. Thomas Boudreau, of this town.

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From Dartmouth

Mr. and Mrs. Peter I. LeVesconte, or Dartmouth, were recent visitors at the home of Mrs. LeVesconte's brother, Kenneth Dunphy.

Mr. and Mrs. LeVesconte and Mrs. Fred Mauger, Cape La Ronde, made a tour of Massachusetts, the past summer, and we were delighted to see film strips of their visit, shown by Mr. LeVesconte, before he returned to his home.

It is indeed a treat to see Old Isle Madame friends now residing in the U. S. A., shown in these film strips, as well as many local scenes of interest.

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SERVICES AT ST. JOHN'S

Archdeacon A. F. Arnold, of Sydney, will be the celebrant at Holy Communion, at St. John's Anglican Church, Arichat, on Sunday, December 4th at 11 a.m.

Sunday School at St. John's at 10.00 a.m.

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Returns to Duty

Clifford Boudreau, of the Royal Canadian Navy, has returned to duty, after spending a furlough with his mother, Mrs. Agathe Boudreau of this town.

Cliff's many friends were glad to see him.

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From St. F. X.

Richard Gordon, a student at St. F. X. University, Antigonish, was a week-end visitor to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gordon.

We wish the popular Rickie every success in his studies.

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Archdeacon A. F. Arnold

The Ven. Arichdeacon A. F. Arnold, of Sydney, has resumed his duties as priest-in-charge of St. John's Parish, Arichat and was the celebrant at a recent Communion Service at St. John's Church. The Archdeacon retired as a Rector not so many years ago after 45 years of active service. His last charge was the parish of St. Alban's, Whitney Pier, Sydney.

Archdeacon and Mrs. Arnold are highly regarded in the parish of St. John's and throughout Cape Breton

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To Pondville

Mrs. Cassie Parker, has closed her home here for the winter, and has taken up residence with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Edwards of Pondville.

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Return Home

Dr. and Mrs. G. R. DeVeau, have returned from a visit to Halifax and Meteghan. At the latter place they visited Dr. DeVeau's mother, who had been on the sick list.

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To Bridgetown

Mrs. M. Edwards. left for Bridgetown, to visit her son and daughter-in-law, Inspector and Mrs. C. E. Edwards.

Before re-opening her home here in the spring, Mrs. Edwards will visit other members of her family, during the winter.

May she have a very enjoyable visit.

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From P. E. I.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Marchand, of Wood Island, P. E. I., were motor visitors here during the week, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Amable Richard.

They also visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Marchand.

Mr. Marchand has been employed in the Ferry Service, between Caribou and Wood Island, for the past several years. He is mate on the new Ferry, "Lord Selkirk".

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CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

Councillor and Mrs. Simon J. LeBlanc, of Arichat, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Thursday, when relatives and friends gathered in the County Hall, Arichat to extend congratulations and good wishes. They were the recipients of many gifts on the occasion.

We extend good wishes to the couple on the ocassion and wish them continued happiness and prosperity.

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New Road

The construction of a new road in the West End of the town, is now underway, and will soon be nearing completion. This piece of road will connect the paved highway at St. Anne's Hospital, and will complete the circuit via Babin's Hill.

The Chisholm Construction of Antigonish are the builders, and recently completed the new highway from Pondville Crossroads to Rocky Bay school.

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How desperately difficult it is to be honest with oneself. It is much easier to be honest with other people. — Edward F. Benson.

ISLE MADAME SQUADRON 678 AIR CADETS WIN TROPHY

Congratulations are extended to the Officers and Cadets of Isle Madame Squadron No. 678, Air Cadets, for the winning of a Trophy, for the Squadron showing most progress in 1959-60 training year. The trophy was presented by Flight Lieut. Tom Flemming, of R. C. A. F. Station, Summerside on November 18th at the Legion Hall, Petit de Grat. on behalf of the officers mess of the Summerside Station. Flight Lieut. Flemming on congratulating the Squadron said that is was difficult to win this coveted trophy, but that it was also a bigger job to maintain it.

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An Industrious Man

Mr. E. C. Doyle, retired Municipal Clerk, does not believe in laying back and taking life easy and to prove this one should call on this industrious citizen, at his home and you will find Mr. Doyle actively engaged about his property where he operates his farm on a small basis mostly as a means of keeping occupied and working in natures great outdoors.

Mr. Doyle was brought up in a day and age when families, were dependent on the soil for a livihood and although householders today buy farm products in cellophane bags, someone had to produce these products and if no one farmed we would soon be deprived of the necessities of life.

If more people followed Mr. Doyle's example, the economy of the country would be much improved and in many cases the unemployment situation would not be as serious as it is at the present time.

May continued good health and happiness follow Mr. Doyle in his well-earned retirement.

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N. S. WEEKLIES ELECT NEW SLATE

Ralph S. Morton, publisher and editor of the Dartmouth Free Press, was elected president of the Nova Scotia- Weekly Newspapers Association at the annual meeting of the provincial editors held Saturday at the Nova Scotian Hotel, Halifax.

Other officers elected were Vice-President— T. A. M. Kirk, Yarmouth; Secretary Treasurer—Jack Allbon, Springhill. Named to the executive were: Dave Allbon,, Windsor; Mrs. Edith Wallace, Digby; Malcolm Harlow, Bridgewater H. Sutherland, New Glasgow; F. H. Nicoll, Shelburne.

Past President of the Association is Frank Burns, Kentville.

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RADIO EXECUTIVE RECEIVES PROMOTION

J, Clyde Nunn, managing director of Atlantic Broadcasters, Antigonish, has announced the appointment of 31-year-old Bruce Rafuse as assistant general manager.

Rafuse, a native of Bridgewater who started his radio career with CKBW in this town, has been with CJFX since 1952.

At present he is master of ceremonies of a widely followed morning program "Phone Fun Time."

A member of St. Paul's Anglican Church, Mr. Rafuse is married to the former Ruth Grant of Parrsboro. They have two children, Paul 6, and Peter 2 and a half.

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$220,000 SHARE OF CAPE BRETON PARK FEDERAL WINTER WORKS

An estimated $220,00 will be spent on winter works projects in Cape Breton Highlands National Park, Resources Minister Walter Dinsdale announced. This is part of the federal government's winter works in 16 national parks and seven national historic parks across Canada.

Construction and maintenance projects within the park will provide employment during the winter for 136 residents of the park area. The work will be completed by March 31, 1961.

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FERRY SERVICES ASSURED IN EVENT OF RAIL STRIKE

MONCTON— There will be no interruption in vital Canadian National ferry services to Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland in the event of a rail strike on December 3.

CNR Vice-President D. V. Gonder has wired Premier Shaw of Prince Edward Island and Premier Smallwood of Newfoundland that after discussion with union leaders he could advise them the steamship service would be maintained in both cases.

The decision to keep the ships operating means that MV Abegweit will continue to make five return trips daily between Cape Tormentine, N. B. and Borden, P. E. I., and the MV William Carson will make her daily round trip between North Sydney, N. S. and Port aux Basques, Nfld.

The ships represent the major passenger, automobile and freight traffic links between the two island provinces and the mainland of Canada.

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Courage consists not in hazarding without fear, but being resolutely minded in a just cause.

A Visit To Springhill

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Bourinot, spent a delightful week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Dickie of Springhill and met many old friends and acquaintances in this historic mining town.

Although two great mine disasters brought great sorrow and grief to this town, followed by the closure of the mine, life however, goes on as usual, among these courageous and hospitable people.

A prison has been recently completed and is now in operation. This prison is operated under new methods and from what we could gather, is proving very successful as a means of readjustment of prisoners facing life after being released. This new prison provides employment for several Springhill residents on the staff of operation.

A new mine is being opened on the outskirts of the town and work is going on at present in the necessary construction prior to full scale operation. We understand this mine will bring employment to several miners in the town.

A new battery factory is about completed and is of modern construction, here again this will relieve some of the unemployment caused by the closing of the mine.

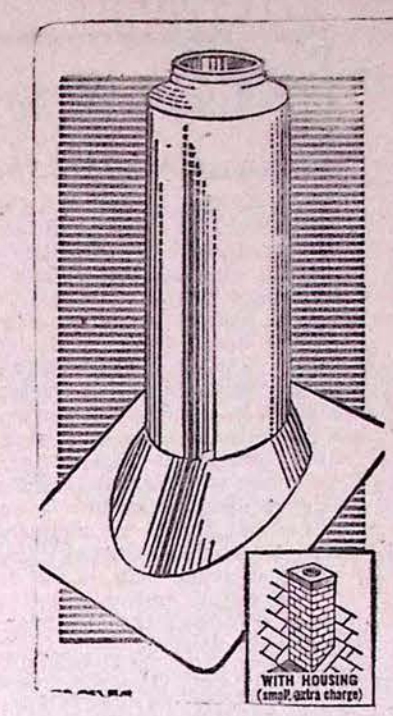
The publisher and editor of the "Springhill Record", Mr. Charles Allbon, is to be complimented on his new building, housing the offices and plant of the "Record". The new building is modern in every respect and is covered with a stone effect material in front adding to the beauty of the building. At the time of our visit Mr. Allbon and members of the staff were attending a meeting of the Nova Scotia Weekly Newspapers' Association at Halifax.

Mr. Allbon not only suffered the great mine disaster in his town, but his building and plant were completely destroyed by fire after the first disaster, but this did not daunt, the veteran publisher and when we viewed his new building, we were proud of Charlie Allbon, who not only has courage, but faith in the future of Springhill where he labored for so many years in the publishing business. May every success follow him and his staff in the years ahead.

Mr. and Mrs. Dickie, took us to many beauty spots in and around Springhill as well as a trip to the town of Amherst, known as one of the industrial centres of the Maritimes.

We were a guest of Mr. Dickie,, at a Brotherhood banquet of the Springhill United Church. Rev. Milton Fraser, a native of Pictou County was the guest speaker and delivered a very fine address on the calling of young students to the Christain Ministry. Rev. Fraser, has recently been appointed to a high position in his church and prior to this appointment was pastor of Bethany United Church, Halifax.

We wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Dickie for their kindness and for making our week-end visit such a pleasant one.



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—Author Unknown

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Let a human being throw the engines of his soul into the making of something and the instinct of workmanship will take care of this honesty. —Walter Lippmann.

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—Mary Baker Eddy

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PETIT De GRAT

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Dartmouth, were visiting relatives and friends during the week-end.

Rennie Grauleau of Montreal, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Landry and family on Friday. He was accompanied by Jimmy Poirier of Louisdale.

The Misses Eva Goyetche and Rose Forest left recently for a short visit to the United States, to visit relatives and friends.

Carl Boudreau and Allister Dillymore, motored from Sydney on Sunday, accompanied by Lawrence Boudreau, who is at present employed at the Pulp Mill.

Among those who attended the C. W. L. Deanery meeting in River Bourgeois were: Rev. Father John J MacDonald , Director, Rev. Marie D'Emmanuel and Sr. Andre. Mrs. Louis Samson, Mrs. Leon Landry, Mrs. Cletus Boudreau, Mrs. Gus. Thibeau, Mrs. Hubert Boudreau, Mrs. Stanley Samson, Mrs. Martha Boudreau, Mrs. Geo. Samson, Mrs. Fulbert Boudreau, Mrs. Godfrey Fougere, Mrs. Amadee Boudreau, Mrs. Willie Boudreau, Mrs. Remi Boudreau and Mrs. Clarense Landry. Also accompanying them were: Mother Filbert and Sr. Marie Du St. Carmel of Arichat Convent and Sr. Elithrude of St. Anne's Hospital Staff.

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PETIT DE GRAT COUNCIL C. W. L. MEET

The regular monthly meeting of Petit de Grat Parish, Council of C. W. L. was held on Sunday evening Nov. 6th. in the parish hall at 8:0 p. m. The President, Mrs. Louis Samson was in the chair.

Rev. Sr. Marie D'Emmanuel opened the meeting with the League prayer and prayers for the Holy Father. Roll call revealed 21 members, The Secretary, Mrs. Leon M. Landry read the minutes of the last meeting, which were approved by all. Very interesting reports were read by different conveners. Letters of appreciation and thanks from Rev. Douglas J. Murphy, Little Flower Institute and Mrs. Alex J. Boudreau, were read by the Secretary.

Plans were discussed for transportation for members to River Bourgeois to attend the Deanery meeting to be held on Nov. 7th., and suggestions were made by Father MacDonald for work shops, on social action.

Those appointed to attend that meeting were Father MacDonald, Director, Rev. Sr. Marie D'Emmanuel, Sr. Andre, honorary members. Mrs. Louis Samson, Pres. Mrs. Leon Landry, Mrs. Cletus Boudreau, Mrs. Gus. Thibeau, Mrs. Godfrey Fougere, Mrs. Herbert Boudreau, Mrs. Bertie LeBlanc, Mrs. Amadee Boudreau, Mrs. Fulbert Boudreau, Mrs. Stanley Samson and Mrs. Clarence Landry.

The President then explained that Nov. 9th. was a special day of prayer for the League, and that Holy Mass would be said for the members at 8 a. m. and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the evening. It was also decided that the weekly card game would be held every Sunday night in the parish hall, starting on Nov. 20th. in charge of Fund Raising Committee.

Sr. Marie D'Emmanuel spoke a few words about the care of mother members of their teenagers to supervise them, not to be afraid of their duties towards them, as they were responsible for their souls.

Father MacDonald then closed the meeting with the Act of Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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SUGAR AND SPICE

by BILL SMILEY

Every time I think of it I experience a warm glow of satisfaction. As I sit here in the cosy, smoke-filled confines of my private psychopatrick ward, I revel in the security, the snugness. I shake hands with myself. I grin with sheer delight. The reason for my elation is simple: I didn't have to go deer hunting this year.

They were out last week, every single madman of them. They ranged from the fellow who sneaks out for an hour or two before and after work, through the type who has taken a week off and skipped a payment on the car so he can afford to get away with his gang, to the big shot who makes the trip in a station wagon, with a cook, a case of whisky and a crew of kindred spirits.

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But they're all brothers under the skin, infected with a delirium that sweeps the Canadian male in November, and in many smaller towns on the edge of the hunting country, almost brings commerce and industry to a halt. Last week they walked 100 miles through wet bush. They turned blue at the end of runways. They wolfed leathery eggs, marmalade and bacon sandwiches, and similar delicacies. And they laid the foundations for the deer-hunting stories they'll tell from now until Easter.

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This week most of the hunters are home, and the stories are flying about with the swooping inaccuracy of bats on a summer evening. Fellows who fired at nothing livelier than a stump, during their entire week's hunting, will be relating exploits straight out of Rod and Gun. Others, who spent most of their time lost, will swagger a bit as they recall how they liked hunting alone. With each repetition, the stories gain in stature. And so do the deer.

There are no tiny fawns or skinny, little does in the woods. They were all brought home by the hunters. But there are thousands, tens of thousands, of huge bucks running loose. There must be, because every time a hunter misses a shot at a scared little fawn which was standing still 20 feet away, that creature, by some magic inheritent in deer hunting, becomes a vast, 10-point buck, going like the wind.

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This is not to say that deer hunters are liars. It's just that they have a little more imagination than the rest of us. Perhaps that's why they plunge into the chill depths of the north woods each November, and undergo something like the Retreat from Moscow, with apparent enjoyment.

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It isn't just the hunting that draws them to those vast, frozen swamps and burns. It isn't pure bloodlust. The true hunter will know what I mean. After all, anyone can sit in a warm house, after a good dinner, and watch television. But how can that compare with the wild exhilaration of mooching through the woods, soaked to the tail-bone, half-lost, with darkness coming on, and the wind in the north with a bone in its teeth?

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Any ordinary fellow can take a holiday in the summer, when there's nothing to do but lie around in the sun, drink beer, fish a little, and watch for bikinis. But it takes a real man, a deer hunter, in fact, to go into the woods in November and come to grips with nature, nothing between him and the forest primeval except a few bottles of cough syrup, his laxative tablets, his tranquillizers, a hundred dollars worth of warm clothing, a rifle, a guide with dogs to chase out the deer, a snug camp, a good cook, and an interesting poker game. You need hair on the chest to tackle this kind of battle with the elements.

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Yes, I'm afraid deer hunting is not a sport. It's a cult, like Teddy Boys or Beatniks or Existentialists. It's a reaction against the decadence of modern living. And as I sit here with the furnace humming away merrily, and let my mind venture timidly into the vast bleakness of the November woods, I can't refrain from giving three small, silent cheers for good old decadence.—TNS.





WORLD'S MOST MODERN — First car smashing through a huge paper barrier to mark the opening of Canadian National Railways' new $15 million Moncton Yard signifies a bigger "breakthrough" to Canada's rail transportation industry and a new deal for Atlantic Canada. President Donald Gordon drives the last spike, completing the nation's first automatic classification freight yard. Working in co-ordination with a new CN yard to be opened at Montreal next Spring, he said it would cut in half the running time of Canadian National freight trains between the Atlantic Provinces and Central Canada. Lt. Gov. J. L. O'Brien and Provincial Secy.-Treas. L. G. DesBrisay hailed the yard as evidence of the CNR's faith in the future of this area and good news to producers and consumers, both so vitally dependent on speedy, economical transportation. (CNR Photos)

CENTENARIAN SEA CAPTAN FETED ABOARD CNR FERRY

Centenarian Captain Wilson Kettle of Port Aux Basques, Nfld., celebrated his 100th birthday "at sea", when the crew of Canadian National's MV Bluenose tendered him a gala birthday party aboard the ship.

The party was held in the lounge of the ship when it docked at North Sydney and was organized by crew members who even managed a birthday cake for the occasion. They presented Newfoundland's second oldest citizen with 100 new one-dollar bills.

Hosts were Capt. Michael Tobin, master of the Carson, and Capt. Norman Hinks, junior master.

A deep sea diver from his 44th to 88th year, the remarkable Capt. Kettle for many years earned his living fishing as a handy man. He made no less than 48 jaunts to the hazardous sealing grounds.

Capt. Kettle who has 10 children now living also has 65 grandchildren, 203 great-grandchildren and 12 great-great-grandchildren. His mother attained the age of 107 years.

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Thre retired Canadian National Railways steam locomotives have madea temporary come-back in the industrial life of Neepawa, Man. To prove that there is still some life left in the "old iron horse," they are supplying steam for a local salt plant where a major boiler replacement is being made.

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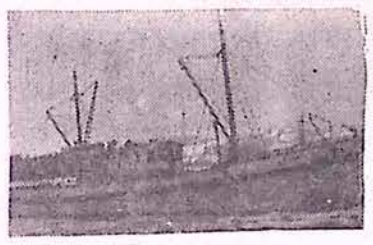
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