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Ramblings In The Past

By OLD TIMER

Census of 1811 (continued).

RAMBLINGS IN THE PAST
D'ESCOUSSE and GRAND DIGUE

Francis Josse Sr.
Francis Josse Jr.
Joseph Josse.
John Josse.
Gabriel Samson.
Peter Giroir.
John N. Cordeaux.
Elizie Cordeaux
Urbain Cordeaux.
John Bonnain.
Gabriel Bonnain.
Michel Bonnain.
Emanuel Bonnain.
Charles Poirier.
Edward McDonald.
Valentine McDonald.
William Burck.
Lewis Munier.
Rogace Cloret.
John LeCoupey.
John Clement.
Renold Benoit.
John McFey.
Bernabe Petitpas.
Register Petitpas.
G. Vinct. LeComte.
William Yvon.
Charles Ranson.
Francis Prevost.
Widow Peter Poirier.
Francis Maliette.
Francis Boudrot.
Gregory Boudrot.
Joseph Boudrot Sr.
Joseph Boudrot Jr.
Thomas Boudrot.
Thomas Landry.
Simon Landry.
Paul Landry.
Joseph DeVeaux.
Policarpe LeBlanc.
Simon LeBlanc.
John LeBlanc.
Widow Chas. LeBlanc.
John (Ignace) Giroir.

Totals 46 heads of families with a population of 318. Owned by the inhabitants' 142 cattle, 146 sheep, 5 horses and 19 vessels.

This census also gave figures for three mainland sections — L'Ardoise, River Bourgeois and St. Peters. I am appending the totals for these three sections.

L'Ardoise: 24 heads of families with a population of 183. Owned by inhabitants: 140 cattle. 214 sheep, 2 horses and 9 vessels.

River Bourgeois: 19 heads of families with a population of 121 Owned by inhabitants: 45 cattle, 110 sheep, 1 horse and no vessels.

St. Peters: 6 heads of families with a population of 36. Owned by inhabitants: 42 cattle, 59 sheep, no horses and no vessels.

This census was certified as correct at Arichat on 20 March 1811 by Clement Hubert, Justice of the Peace.

As you will notice from the census the population of what is now Richmond County was concentrated on Isle Madame, and with the population the local wealth as measured in cattle, sheep, horses and vessels. Although during the time of Nicholas Denys, St. Peters Port Toulouse) had been the main trading centre of Cape Breton, with a fort at least 80 acres of cultivated land in its immediate vicintly, repeated raids by rival claimants to his domain had finally forced him to abandon the fort and devote all his time and interests to his holdings at St. Anne's. In 1811 St. Peters had not even begun a come back, and at no time after was it considered a major fishing and trading center.

You might also wonder why there are so few Jersey names in the census. It must be remembered that it only lists heads of families. Most of the Jersey employees were single men. The few who were married had their wives in Jersey. And as the census was taken during the winter it must be assumed that the large proportion of these men had returned to Jersey the previous fall in the company's vessels. Probably only a skeleton maintainance crew was left in Arichat.

At the beginning of this series I stated that I had no particular reason for publishing it. But I find that I did have an ulterior motive. It gave me a much needed breathing spell to collect and coordinate material for two or three more columns. After two years, material is becoming scarcer and more difficult to locate. I again appeal to the old timers to make available any historical material they might have in their possession. Otherwise I am afraid that my meager efforts to record the past of Arichat may soon have to come to an end.

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Attends Liberal Meet at Ottawa



EARL W. URQUHART, M. L. A., for Richmond and Leader of the Opposition, in the Provincial Legislature, attended the Rally of the Liberal party, at Ottawa, as a Committee Chairman representative from Nova Scotia and presented resolutions at this National gathering of the Liberal Party. Mr. Urquhart was seen on the National Television hookup of the CBC presenting a resolution.

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There never was any heart truly great and generous, that was not also tender and compassionate.
—Robert South

SUGAR AND SPICE

by BILL SMILEY

Ah. wasn't that a lovely cold snap we had there? Didn't it just make you feel good to be alive? Weren't you glad you were a full-blooded Canadian, part of the hard inner core of our country, and not one of those imitations who live away down in places like southern Ontario and Vancouver. who scarcely know what an honest two feet of snow looks like, but who keep pretending they're real Canadians?

Why, I was in Toronto last week end, and I felt like a hard-bitten centurion from the provinces, visiting Rome in the middle of Nero's reign. You know something? They didn't have one lousy little inch of slush, let alone any snow. You'd hardly know it was winter, except for a wind blowing up the concrete cayons that would cut the eye-balls out of you.

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It isn't that I envy these people Not at all. After all, every country has its decadent centres, where live those of its people who have lost that tough inner fibre, and who have become soft and luxury-loving. England has them. They throng the south coast in July, when there are some days so hot you have to take off your tweed jacket. Some of them have become so degenerate they'll put on bathing attire and run right into the English Channel, right up to their knees.

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Even the Eskimos have this trouble. Some of their people have lost the old values, the true way of life, and hang about on the southern fringes of Eskimo-land, working for money, of all things and eating stuff out of cans, just like the rest of us.

They don't seem to realize they have lost their old integrity and dignity — the stuff that made Uncle Oog-Loog sit beside a hole in the ice for five days waiting to spear a nonexistent seal. Some of these Ekimos have slipped so far from their great heritage that were it not for some of our Canadian writers, like Farley Mowat, they'd probably think they were having a good time, being warm and eating sliced bread and jam instead of blubber.

No, we can't help this weak strain in our sturdy national breed. Every nation has a flaw. Even Canada must tolerate these sybarites who move indolently about in the balmy climes of our country's deep south where the temperature is often away up in the 20s. Not to mention the traitors, renegades and people with enough money, who slip away to Flordia and California, the minute winter calls its first chill challenge.

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It isn't the fact that we have these parasites that gets me. It's their attitude. They're all wrapped up in themselves, and aren't even remotely interested in what the weather was like this morning when you left the north country, what a rough trip you had down through the blizzard, and the fact that you'll probably never make it home tonight. "Yes, must have been bad," they comment indifferently, then start talking about television.

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It's fortunate that in the real heart of the country, right in the interior, there are plenty of us left: the old breed that meets the good old Canadian winter face to face, looks it square in the eye, and talks about it fearlessly and incessantly.

None of this lolling about in heated subway drains for us. We get out and start our own cars. And, by George, there's nothing that will test a man's ingenuity, mechanical skill, and vocabulary, like starting the old girl after the mercury has dived below zero overnight. There's nothing like that plummet of despair when she just sort of groans a couple of times and goes dead. Nor is there anything like a wild surge of joy when you try her one last time, and she coughs into strangulated life.

There's none of this mincing around in toe rubbers, for us. The only time anybody in the great interior wears toe rubbers is to the New Year's Eve dance, and we all lose them that night. Rest of the time we wear big rubber boots, to the knee trousers tucked into them in rather dashing fashion.

There's none of this whizzing around on bare pavements for us. That's not living. It's like playing Post Office with no girls. Up this way, winter driving is more like Russian Roulette. You skid wildly about the streets seldom pointing in the direction you are going. When you get to a corner, you put on your brakes and slide halfway across the intersection, head swiveling like a fighter pilot. Or you do get stopped, and you can't see a thing in any direction for snowbanks, so you close your eyes and drive out.

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There's none of this panty-waist talk about the latest plays and ballet, and music and other exotic stuff those southern people in the cities talk about in winter. Our talk is real, and terse, and meaningful. It's stripped to the bone, the language of the sturdy, self-reliant Canadian of the interior, tackling the elements on his own terms.

Like: "Ja make the hill first time 'smorning?" and "Dam' snowplow's late again, I see"; and "Yuh should see my icicles"; and "Hadda shovel the whole bloody thing out again"; and "How many gallons ja use in December?" That's the sort of straight-forward, man's talk you get around here in the winter from the real Canadian.

Seems to me it's a lot like the language used by others who had to face a hard, bitter fight of it in their time. Like the cowboys in the early Wild West. Or the convicts who were dumped ashore in Australia. Or the first monkeys who decided to come down out of the trees and have a whack at it.

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Petit DeGrat

HOME AND SCHOOL MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Petit de Grat Home and School was held during the month of December, with Mr. Leon Landry, presiding.

The meeting was opened with a song, "Jingle Bells", by Rev. Sister Anare, next Rev. Sister Emmanuel led the members in the recitation of a prayer.

The roll call indicated forty-three members present.

The Health Convener, Mr. Willie Boudreau, reported that he had received application forms to apply for a dentist.

The dentist demands a boarding house for himself and his assistant, also a room suitable for the work of a dentist.

The matter was left to the executive to look into.

Reverend Sister Emmanuel then thanked the Association in her name also on behalf of the teachers and pupils for the $47.00 worth of games received during the month.

Another $30.00 order of cod-liver oil capsules were purchased for the pupils.

This was a repeated order since school began.

It was passed that $70.00 be allotted for candy, to treat the pupils on the last school day before Christmas.

Reverend Father MacDonald said that the Home and School should try and have an Immunization Clinic, here at Petit de Grat, instead of driving out to West Arichat to attend the Clinic there.

After a five minute break Santa Claus entered with a big load of gifts which he distributed to the members.

Before leaving everyone joined in a Christmas song which was enjoyed by all.

To complete the evening's entertainment the Committee prepared a delicious lunch.

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You can't alter facts by filming them over with dead romances.
—John Drinkwater

Tales, Tidings And Tidbits



KLONDIKE MONEY & THE MINISTER

During the first decade of the Century—Father presented Mother with a fur coat. It was a raccoon. It wasn't a long coat and it was fitted close to the waist and the shoulders were huffed or puffed. And Father bought himself a Great Coat, long and of fine black cloth, collared and lined with glistening fox fur. And I think each acquired head gear to match —and of course Mother sported a sensible muff — of raccoon. All these were splendid accouremont for the harsh, long winters of Cape Breton.

Now this indeed was cause for considerable conjecture in our village—and some consernation!

Being the minister of the white steeplel church on the hill and enjoying an annual stipend of some $600.00 or so; and with 4 young children, a cow, a dozen Plymouth Rock hens and a small garden such a splurge of extravagance was unexpected — and perhaps uncalled for. And there were some tongues that clicked and clanked and wagged — but Godness be blessed, there were those who were pleased.

The truth of the matter was the Minister could afford this small touch of luxury. He had come into some money.

He had a brother who scalivanted away from home—and after reaching the Yukon he hit paydirt. Now later he returned home and with him was his wife who by hand-me-down family legend was buxom, blond and perhaps brash by certain Presbyterian standards. And one can easily imagine the turbulent cross-currents that swirled as the scented smoke from her gold tipped cigarettes mingled with the heavy aroma of Master Mason, in the God-fearing home on the crest of the North Mountain in Cape Breton.

So it happened that Uncle did not remain too long — and returned to the West and the gold fields. But he did not reach his claim again. He developed pneumonia while treaking up the frozen Fraser and died in a trappers cabin and was buried under the tall trees of the Northland.

There was a residue from the estate to be shaed with the widow, four brothers and two sisters—and it was considerable by those days standards .

Father placed this unexpected "Manna" in the bank — but in another village. He was quite human—and perhaps he felt that the stipend would not be increased should his parishioners know all...

And do you know he may have had something there, for: In those days it was the delightful habit to tender the Minister a surprise party once a year; handing him a sum of money and cheering him loudly and commandeering the Manse for an evening of games and music.

Now shortly after the coats were in evidence the annual collection started for the surprise party—and there was a noticeable drop in the receipts.

There was no doubt as to the reason for the reticence on the part of a few to donate; for one venerable white haired parishioner upon being asked to donate, yanked the long white beard, spat to the white snow of the road and didn't he just get the Klondike snorted; "Not a cent, not a cent, money?"

Ah well, the party went on in its usual jovial manner.

But I wonder now, was the minister quite right in attempting to hide his "Light" under a bushel? For it was far from a fortune.

Bon jour,
MacTAVISH

Grand River Home And School Meet

The regular mnthly meeting of the Grand River Home and School Association, which had been postponed for one week due to inclement weather, was held in the school on Wednesday, January 11, 1961, with ten members and one guest present. The President, John Cameron, was in the chair.

The Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, which were adopted as read. The financial report showed a creditable bank balance.

Previously, the Secretary had been instructed to write the secretary of the Grand River Mutual Telephone Company to ascertain if a phone could be installed in the Grand River Consolidated School; this matter to be brought up at the annual meeting of the said company . The Secretary to the School Trustees was instructed to write Mr. Saulnier, Inspector of Schools for Richmnd County, in order that he might bring up before the Municipal School Board the matter of payment of said phone, if installed.

The problem of icy road conditions is of great concern to parents of children travelling by school conveyances; principally the lack of sanding of secondary roads and absence of railings along embankments and bridge approaches. The Secretary was instructed to write to the Department of Highways, St. Peter's and Halifax, N. S., requesting that secondary roads used by school conveyances be included in the sanding program.

A letter of thanks was read from Ian MacAskill who had been presented with a cheque from the Grand River Home and School Association in recognition of his high standing follwing the Grade Eleven Provincial Examinations in June.

A social period followed adjournment.

Mr. Duncan MacKay, a guest of the Association, sang several Gaelic selections which were very much enjoyed, and a vote of thanks was extended Mr. MacKay.

Lunch was served by Mrs. D. Grant MacKillop and Mrs. John A. MacAskill hostesses for the evening.

The meeting closed with "The Queen".

HEADQUARTERS OF THE BBC'S EXTERNAL SERVICES



Bush House in the Strand, London, where the BBC's External Services have their headquarters. The picture shows the view which greets a passer-by at the top end of the Strand, one of London's principal thoroughfares. Bush House on the right and the island church of St. Mary-le-Strand on the left, traffic swirls round both sides of the elegant seventeeth-century church.

Bush House also stands on an island site at the eastren end of the Strand, a few yards from Temple Bar the official entrance to the old "City" and the busy hum of Fleet Street, where the leading newspapers of Britain and the world have offices.

It was from the studios (then underground) of Bush House that BBC broadcasts brought a message of hope to war-embattled EUROPE. The location of the studios was in those years kept secret from European listeners, and the first time that name of Bush House was mentioned on the air was in VE Day, when an excited French commentator, describing crows outside Buckingham Palace, forgot the official cue words which were to end his commentary, "We return you now to the studio," and said instead, "We return you now to Bush House". It was an impromptu but appropriate celebration of the end of the war in Europe.

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MONDAY TO FRIDAY	
PUBLIC SKATING	1 P. M. to 5:30 P. M.
	7 P. M. to 10:00 P. M.
HOCKEY	10 P. M. to 12:00 P. M,
SATURDAY & SUNDAY	
JUNIOR HOCKEY	9:00 A. M. to 12:00 A. M.
PUBLIC SKATING	1:00 P. M. to 5:00 P. M.
	6:30 P. M. to 10:30 P. M.
SENIOR HOCKEY	10:30 P. M. to 12:00 P. M.

Special Notice will be given in the Case of Senior Hockey Games and Special Events and on Holidays.

E. L. POWER, President.



GOOD NEWS FOR LABRADOR — Hardy inhabitants of Labrador coastal settlements who for 60 years have depended on Canadian National Railways' Newfoundland ships for vital supplies, referring to the service as their lifeline, have been heartened by the addition to the fleet of the brand new, 600-ton motor vessel, Hopedale. An all-welded steel ship, strengthened for ice, Hopedale will go into the Labrador service next Summer. Currently she is operating in the company's Placentia Bay run. Passenger accommodation includes 15 two-berth cabins, a beautifully appointed lounge, and she boasts a specially designed cafeteria. She has a capacity of 310 tons of refrigerated and general cargo and her deck gear includes a three-ton crane. Shown inspecting some of her modern navigational and safety aids are Newfoundland's lieutenant governor, Hon. Campbell Macpherson, centre, E. K. House, left, manager of the Newfoundland Area, CNR, and Capt. Peter Drake, Master of the Hopedale. (CNR Photo)

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REPAIRS TO BE MADE TO FISH PLANT WHARF AT LOUISBURG, CAPE BRETON.

Ottawa- A $22,638.82 contract has been awarded by the Department of Public Works to the Maritime Builders Limited of Sydney, N. S., to carry out repairs to the fish plant wharf at Louisburg, N. S., it was announced recently by Robert L. MacLellan, M. P. for Inverness-Richmond, on behalf of the Honourable David J. Walker, Minister of Public Works.

The firm submitted the lowest bid of two in response to advertising for public tenders. The high bid was $24,965. The work is scheduled for completion within three months.

The work consists of the construction of a timber bulkhead, approximately 23 feet wide and 14½ feet high together with the installation of 81 cylindrical rubber fenders to the faces of 14 concrete cribs. About 100 feet of guard rail will also be erected. The work will prevent the erosion of the approach fill and will also provide better berthing facilities at the wharf.

Plans and specifications were prepared in the Halifax District Engineer's office of the Department of Public Works. Mr. J. A. Brown, District Engineer at Halifax, will be responsible for supervision of the work.

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To Attend Students' Conference



R. S. MACLELLAN, M. P.

Two Maritime Members of Parliament have been invited by the Progressive Conservative Students' Federation to be the feature speakers at its Western Regional Conference.

Heath Macquarrie, M. P. for Queens, P. E. I., noted political scientist and lecturer, and Robert S. MacLellan, M. P. for Inverness-Richmond, will travel from Ottawa to Vancouver for the three-day meeting.

The Conference, sitting on February 4th, 5th and 6th, will feature seminars on major domestic problems and international affairs.

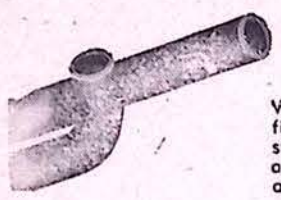
The Progressive Conservative Club of the University of British Columbia will be host to the Conference. All Universities in Western Canada will be represented at the meeting.

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Diary of a Vagabond

BY DOROTHY BARKER

There are some things you just never forget, like the blue of a summer sky, or little gusts of wind that playfully gather puffs of newly fallen snow and heap them like spun sugar in the lea of a rockery. The cold turquoise blue of the man's eyes I shall remember for always. They peered from a face that looked like an unmade bed beneath a coonskin cap set at a jaunty, devil-may-care angle atop his scraggily graying hair. This was Caribou Bill and he sat puffing his pipe beside a motheaten stuffed polar bear amidst a conglomeration of trapper's equipment in his self appointed job as curator of a roadside museum in Cranberry Portage, Man.

His was just one of several museums I visited during the past summer, while jaunting by rail to the Artic's rim and westward to the sands of the Pacific Ocean. And now, with winter folding in around our wee house, I like to light a fire on the field stone hearth and take each memory of my travels from where I tucked them away for future reference. These are the delightful travel experiences one encounters, which costs nothing to store and often prove to be priceless mental treasures over the years.

There was the mission museum at Churchill, where Eskimo artifacts are displayed in a small, smelly building supported entirely by the sale of picture postcards. The odour one gets used to, for it exudes from leather cured over seal oil fires and bottled embryos of polar bears and other creatures peculiar to the Arctic. Beaded mukluks and jackets, leather clad Eskimo dolls and the bone carvings from tusks of fur bearing seals fascinated me for hours, though the museum was little bigger than my livingroom. Some of the carvings are undoubtedly priceless for they are the early searchings of these people of the snows for artistic expression. Nowadays, soapstone carvings, created by a more commercially wise race of Eskimos, though still artistically exciting, haven't the stark originality of those gathered beneath the roof of the Churchill museum.

Its curator was not what I would call a cheerful character. He spoke broken English smattered with a French patois that burst forth in a high tenor key when members of the CNR tour were not beguiled into buying several dozen post cards. Both his welcome and salesmanship were of a poor variety and could have spoiled this adventure for me on the shores of the Hudson's Bay, had I not been enchanted by the authenticity of the collection.

Further south we stopped at Sam Wellar's "Little Northern Museum" at the Pas. This is a small gray shingled building where a retired school teacher, with this delightfully Dickensian name, has gathered literally thousands of items ranging from a robin's egg to the feathers from an Indian Chief's war bonnet. The taxidermy executed to create a lifelike appearance in hundreds of feathered replicas that lined the main room of the museum, was pretty grim in some instances, but the owner of the remarkable array had a charm and enthusiasm for his retirement hobby that was most convincing. It was not, however, confined to any specific type of collection. It was just anything and everything that had come to hand to collect dust over the years and amuse a former educator.

Like the frosting on the cake, I have saved the best for the last. I suppose all of us, at some time, are given to wondering what a multi-millionaire does with his surplus funds. I discovered the use one westerner has made of profits

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DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND FORESTS
Province of Nova Scotia

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E. D. HALIBURTON
Minister of Lands and Forests

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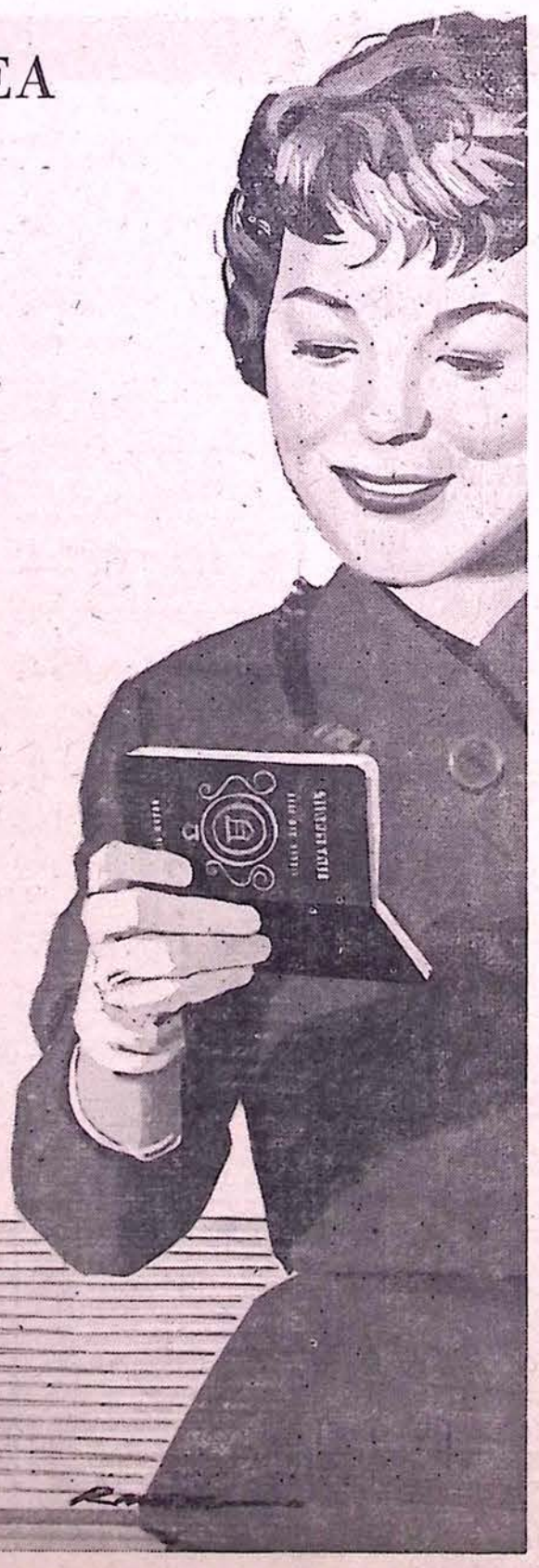
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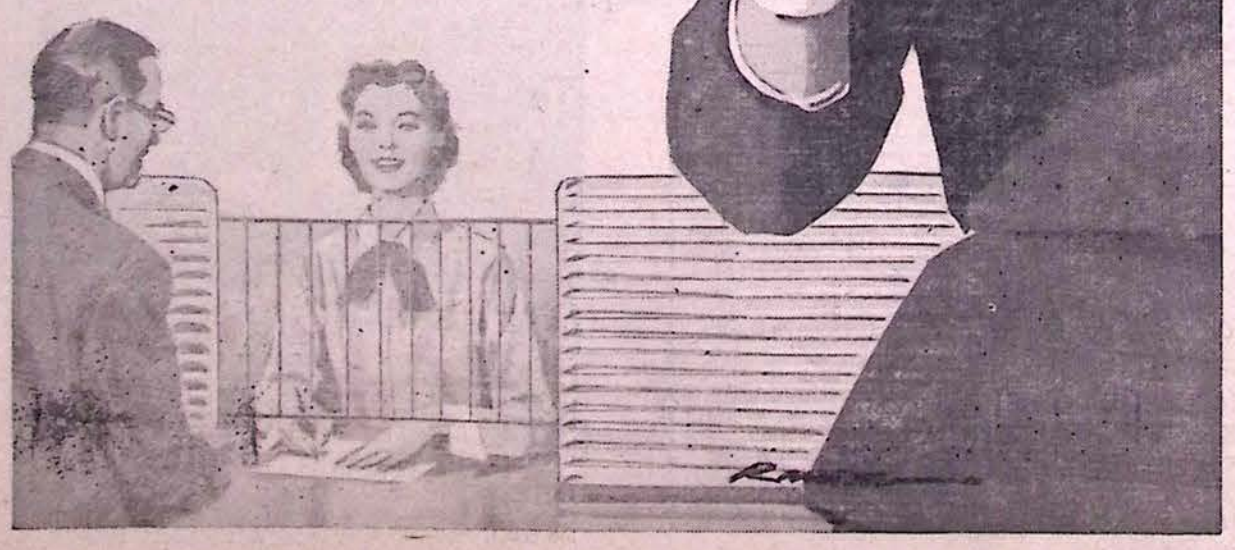
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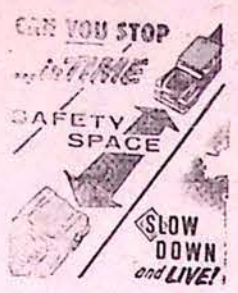


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BREAKWATER FOR L'ARCHEVEQUE.

Robert S. MacLellan, M. P. for Inverness -Richmond, has announced that a further contract has been awarded in the program to complete repairs to the breakwater structure at L'Archeveque.

The contract in the amount of $15,307.50 is for the renewing of a deck system in a section in the centre of the breakwater over a length of 135 ft., together with the placing of creosoted sheathing on both sides in the same area.

L'Archeveque is a very important fishing harbour and provides mooring and docking facilities for upwards of 30 fishing boats.

Repairs to the breakwater-wharf structure were commenced in 1959 with repairs to the outer 104 ft. This work was also done by Mr. Albert MacDonald of Port Hood at a cost of approximately $15,000.

The deck system on the inner 160 ft. of the structure was renewed by day labour in 1960 at a cost of approximately $4,700. This work was completed on October 15th.

When the present work is completed the entire breakwater-wharf will have been renewed. It is expected that the work will be completed by early July 1961.

NEWS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY



Business Visitor

Inspector of Schools, A. J. Saulnier, was a business visitor to Arichat, during the week.

Inspector Saulnier, was for a few years, Supervisor of Schools in Richmond, and was later transferred to Inverness County.

We were glad to see Alphonse, when he paid us a friendly visit.

A man well versed in educational matters, we are sure his inspectorate in Richmond will be a successful one.

Inspector and Mrs. Saulnier and family, reside at Barra Head, where he has purchased a property.

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Holds Service

Rt. Rev. W. W. Davis, D D, Coadjutor Bishop of Nova Scotia, was Celebrant at Holy Communion at St. John's Anglican Church on Sunday. Bishop Davis also delivered a very impressive sermon.

The Bishop was also Celebrant at Holy Communion at Port Hawkesbury, for the parishioners of Holy Trinity Parish, who at present are holding services in the Hawkesbury Temperance Hall.

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Returns Home

Eldon W. Durkee, General Assessor, was a patient in St. Anne's Hospital, Arichat, for a few days. He is now much improved in health, and has returned to his home in West Arichat.

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Council Meets February 6 th.

The Annual Session of the Richmond County Council, convenes at the Court House, Arichat on Tuesday, February 6th., and will be presided over by Warden Byron S. Langley.

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Spends Winter In Arichat

Miss Anne Jane Mauger, of Cape La Ronde, has taken up residence with her niece, Mrs. M. J. Bourinot, Arichat, for the winter months.

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Community Rink

Skating and hockey games are the order of the day and night, at the Arichat Community Rink, which up to the present is proving a worthwhile project.

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REPAIRS TO BE MADE TO WHARF AT POIRIERVILLE, N. S.

Ottawa- A $27,725 contract has been awarded by the Department of Public Works to Charles L. Wisen of Windsor Junction, N. S., to carry out repair work to the wharf at Poirierville, N. S., it was announced recently by Mr. Robert S. MacLellan, M. P., for Inverness-Richmond, on behalf of the Honourable David J. Walker, Minister of Public Works.

Mr. Wisen submitted the lowest bid of seven in response to advertising for public tenders. The scheduled completion is within five months.

The work consists of repairing a section of the ell, 80 feet long by 20 feet wide, with fully ballasted creosoted timber cribwork. The cribwork will be close-faced on the seaward side and open-faced on the harbour side. Additional minor repairs will be made to the remaining deck and guard.

The work is required so that vehicles can reach the outer section of the ell, which is in fairly good condition. Twenty-four fishing boats operate from the wharf with an annual average catch of $25,000. Poirierville is situated on the north side of Isle Madame, Richmond County, and is eight miles from Arichat and 14 miles from the nearest railway connection at Grand Anse.

Plans and specifications were preparedd by the Halifax District Engineer's office of the Department of Public Works. Mr. J. A. Brown, District Engineer at Halifax, will be responsible for supervision of the work.

SEVERAL PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS AWARDED

In this issue you will note where several public works contracts have been awarded in this County and we understand these projects are intended to relieve unemployment under the winter works program.

Mr. MacLellan, M. P., for Inverness-Richmond has been on the job in looking after his vast constituency and is getting his share of Public Works and we trust that everyone in need of employment at this time under this arrangement will receive their share.

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Visiting Her Daughter

Mrs. Olla Mauger, who had been visiting her daughter, Mrs. John LeVesconte, St. Peter's, is at present spending several weeks in Arichat, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. J. Bourinot.

Mrs. Mauger, who had been in poor health for the past few months, is now much improved.

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Birth

Born to— Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Boudreau, on December 29,1960, at St. Anne's Hospital, Arichat, a girl. Weight 9lbs. 8 ozs.

L'Ardoise News

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The death of Mr. Charles A. Martell, occurred recently at St. Rita's Hospital, Sydney, following a lengthy illness. He was a highly respected resident of this district. A carpenter by trade. His passing was learned with deep regret by a widespread circle of friends and acquaintances. His wife predeceased him several years ago. Surviving are four daughters and two sons; (Anna) Mrs. Hubert Sampson, Miami, Florida; (Florence) Mrs. Robert Wardrope, Hawaii, (Sadie) Mrs. Alfred Murray, Massachusetts, and Mrs. Linda Monbourquette, with whom he resided. Sons; Clarence at home and Harvey in Halifax.

Friends of Mrs. Nora Playter will be pleased to learn that she has returned home from St. Rita's Hospital, Sydney, much improved in health, having undergone a minor operation and a period of treatment.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Monbourquette, on the recent birth of a son, and also to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Oakley, on the birth of a son. Both babies were born at St. Rita's Hospital, Sydney.

Miss Serena Clannon is a patient at St. Rita's Hospital, Sydney, having undergone a tonsil operation.

Friends of Mrs. William F. Samson will learn with regret that she had the misfortune of falling on the ice and fracturing her leg. She is a patient at St. Martha's Hospital, Antigonish. All extend hope for a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Serena Pettipas, Toronto, is presently vacationing with her sispresently vacationing with her sister, Mrs. Mary Bona.

Mrs. Thomas McGrath, and son, Emmet, have returned from Sydney the past week, where the latter underwent surgery.

Mr. James Samson, who is vacationng with his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond G. Samson, was on a brief visit to Boston, recently, to attend a Coast Guard meeting.

Deepest sympathy is extended to Miss Mary C. Monbourquette and her brother, Lawrence, on the recent and sudden death in Montreal of their brother, Mr. Louis Monbourquette.

Pre Nuptial Shower

A pre-nuptial shower was tendered Miss Priscilla Theriault of this place, when friends met at the K. of C.. Hall, West Arichat, recently.

The Shower arranged by her friends, was a pleasant surprise to Miss Theriault, who was ushered into the hall, where a large gathering had assembled.

Gifts were presented by Miss Lorraine Marchand and Miss Viola Boudreau, on behalf of her friends, with each gift bearing appropriate cards to mark the occasion.

Miss Theriault graciously thanked everyone for their thoughtful remembrance.

A sumptuous lunch was served, after which best wishes were extended to Priscilla, for her future happiness.

Miss Theriault is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Theriault of this place, and for the past several years has been the efficient manager of D. D. MacDonald's Clothing Store.

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WHARF FOR WEST ARICHAT

Robert S. MacLellan, M. P. for Inverness -Richmond, has announced that the contract for construction of a new wharf at West Arichat has been awarded to Mr. Albert MacDonald of Port Hood. The contract is in the amount of $12,470 and completion is expected in the latter part of April, 1961.

The contract specifications provide for the construction of a creosoted, pile-work wharf 100 ft. long and 20 ft. wide, with a rock mound approach 150 ft. long and 20 ft. wide, complete with timber wing walls.

The contract also provides for the dredging of a berthing area in the channel to the wharf 20 ft. in width and 210 ft. in length.

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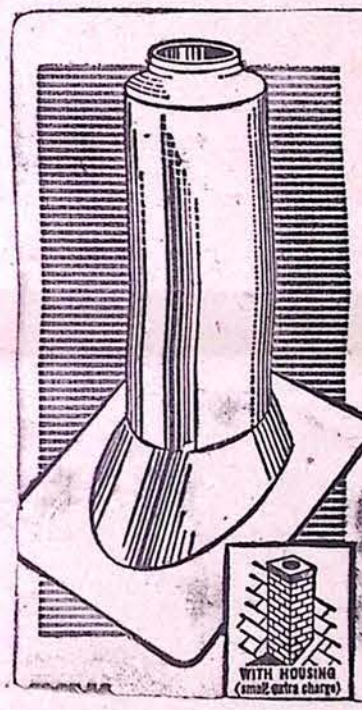


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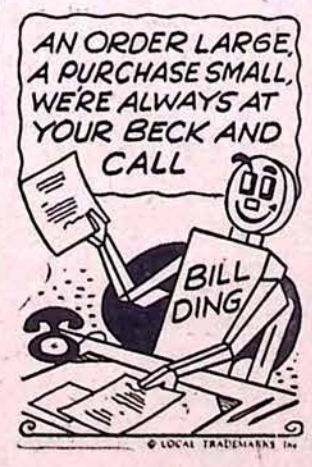
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C. W. L. Meet At Petit DeGrat

The monthly meeting of C. W. L. Ct. Joseph's Parish Council. Petit de Grat, was held in the Parish Hall on Jan. 15th. at 3 p. m.

The President opened the meeting with the League prayer. Roll call revealed 32 members, and one honorary member.

The Secretary then read the minutes of the last meeting and correspondence.

The Spiritual Convener reported that a spiritual Bouquet had been sent to the Diocesan Spiritual Convener to His Grace, Archhishop Larry of Halifax.

Social Action Convener stated that 292 lbs. of used clothing had been collected, some being distributed to needy families of the parish and the remainder was sent to Sydney.

It was noted that the sum of $3000 had been gathered by the Fund raising committee during the month of December, which was donated to the parish.

A rabbit pie supper and dance was planned for the 14th of February , in aid of the church funds.

Sister Marie L'Emmanuel then counseled the ladies present with reference to the most recent article in the "Canadian League" re the inherent dangers of the easy availability of salacious and indecent literature to our youth. She branded this type of reading as a public enemy against which we must maintain perpetual vigilance.

Father J. J. MacDonald then spoke a few words after which he closed the meeting with the prayer to our Lady of Good Council.

Diary Of A Vagabond

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gained by his faith in the future of prairie oil wells. Eric L. Harvey, Q. C.,LL.B., of Calgary, Alta., and his family have generously established the Glenbow Foundation in that city, which will prove a boon to students of the future and preserve forever, pioneer days in its display of material dealing with the human and natural history of western Canada.

It is a frustrating experience for any writer to try and expound his or her enthusiasm in just so many words. A book could be filled about this undertaking which is not a public museum as such, but is a tremendous store of literature, documents, paintings, Eskimos and Indian artifacts made available to students, authors, editors and others engaged in historical research.

To me it seemed a pity that I was requested not to mention by name members of the staff when I recounted my visit to the Foundation, two lovely old homes, which in themselves hold a store of memories, and a small church the congregation has outgrown.

I watched a woman lovingly reclaim an ancient book in her studio pearched among the treetops on the third floor of one house. She has hoarded old papers, vellum, bookbinder's tools and leathers to make her work authentic and restore old manuscripts to their original beauty.

In the basement of another house, staff members were delighted with a new donation of clothing worn by early settlers in the MacLeod district. Hours, I was told, would be spent to restore their early splendour, for these settlers brought with them from their aristocratic homes abroad many fine feathers to be worn at gay social gatherings in bleak prairie towns.

But perhaps for me, the most exciting collection comprises the pictures, paintings and drawings that not only give joy to those visiting the Foundation, but are loaned upon request for outside exhibition. Paintings by western artists ranging from Charle Russell to Gissing are displayed on huge, steel framed burlap portable walls, hung from the ceilings on traction units, which permit a visitor to easily view literally hundreds of the finest western pictures money can acquire.

This was my home town, city of the foothills. In these two homes I had been entertained as a girl. Now I had come back to greet familiar faces in faded photographs that hung from the walls of this priceless gift to posterity, The Glenbow Foundation. More than a quarter of a century separated me from the familiarity of these surroundings, but for centuries the history of the great west will be preserved, thanks to one man's generosity in sharing the wealth he has gained from a prarie's rich store.

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