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Address Given by the Hon. G. J. Doucet to the N. S. School of Assessors

(The following is a full text of an address deliverd by the Hon. G. J. Doucet, Provincial Secretary and M. L. A., for Richmond County to the Nova Scotia School of Assessors at Halifax and in his address dealt with the subject of assessment in a very able manner and outlined the advancement made in the training of assessors and the part being played by the Hon. Dr. McKeough, Minister of Municipal Affairs in the Stanfield Government and as Mr. Doucet remarked in his address that Bill 77 is big news for Nova Scotia and to the Assessors of the province."—Editor.)



By now you have gone through a careful study of the new Assessment Act. You have also studied assessment principles generally and in particular on their application here in Nova Scotia. I'm not so sure what I can add to any of this. Any words of praise which you well deserve, which I might submit would only be antoclimatic to the words of your Minister, and here I quote what he told you earlier this week and what, I'm sure, none of you have forgotten, "You're the best group of assessors in the country."

I thought perhaps, in a moment of vanity that I might sing to you, but your Minster quickly reminded me that this certainly wasn't my forte, and that I could't carry a note in the proverbial suitcase, even if I tried. I thought perhaps I might tell a story or two, but that is always a dangerous thing to do to a group of assessors, so I decided against that!

Mr. Chairman, by this time Dr. McKeough must be wondering, and more important, fearing what is coming next. Perhaps I'll fool him and try to become constructive for a moment.

Gentlemen, Bill No. 77 is big news for Nova Scotia, and big news for you, our assessors. You no doubt realize the confidence the Government and Dr. McKeough have placed in you with the passing of this Bill.

It wasn't so very long ago, as I'm sure Mr. Mosley well remembers, that assessment was perhaps the worst of a number of features of municipal administration that were very weak and needed sharp improvement.

The City of Halifax, the City of Sydney and I think perhaps the County of Halifax employed assessment officers on a full-time basis. The rest of the Province was assessed by more than four hundred assessors working on a part-time basis, paid in some cases less than one hundred dollars a year. The result, as in most expenditures, was that the municipal units in Nova Scotia were getting about exactly what they paid for. Very little attention was paid to the details of a property. In most cases, there were no property records such as the assessor of today has in his office. In practically all of the towns, three assessors gathered together around a table once a year, copied the roll from the previous year and made what changes they knew should be made in the ownership and in the values. In the rural municipalities, the situation was worse than this, because in nearly every case, the municipality was divided into assessment districts, perhaps twenty or thirty of these, and each district had its own assessors. Although the district assessors were supposed to achieve uniformity, it was quite obvious that this was a practical impossibility. And so, the Assessors School was started in 1952.

The next important step in the improvement of assessment practices was the appointment of Mr. MacGlashen as Director of Assessment for the Province. He immediately gave, and has continued to give active and energetic guidance and leadership to the municipalities. In no small measure, he is responsible for the fact that most of our municipal units have now had complete and fairly satisfactory reassessments; and that in all of our twenty-four rural municipalities there is now a full-time Director of Assessment.

The third important step was, of course the establishing of the correspondence course for assessors administered by the Institute of Public Affairs of Dalhousie University. There is simply no comparison at all between the assessor in Nova Scotia in 1966 and the assessor of 1952 when we first started oud school. Compared with the assessor of today, the average assessor of 1952 was not even an amateur. There were accordingly questions which had to be faced. The first of these was how could we best use the talents of the trained and capable assessors that we have in Nova Scotia to the best advantage of all our municipalities.

Where the problem was and is the greatest, is in the small rural municipalities and particularly, in the small towns. There are fourteen small towns that still have part-time assessors. For two or three weeks of the year, they are engaged in their usual methods of making a living. It would be unreasonable to expect that these part-time assessors should study assessment practices and assessment administration as you have done. It would simply not be worth their while to put the time and the effort into it unless they planned to seek assessment opportunities in the larger units. This, in effect, condemns the smaller towns and smaller rural municipalitie to the penalty that they can never have a full-time assessor, can never have a trained and capable assessor and can never have an assessor who will keep in constant touch with property transfers and property values and be readily available so that the ratepayer who feels he is suffering an injustice can call and discuss it with the proper official. I do not disparage the work of an assessment firm which has provided fairly good service to a number of municipal units.

The answer to this question as discussed with you previous to the introduction of Bill 77 and its eventual inclusion in the Bill, was the provision of larger assessment units, called Assessment Regions.

The suggestion is a very simple one. Instead of having one assessor or two assessors or three assessors for each individual municipal unit; instead of keeping each municipality in the Province in a watertight compartment as far as assessors and assessments are concerned; we divide the Province into assessment arears or regions. Each of these assessment areas will have its own Director of Assessment, its own assessors, its own clerical staff and its own equipment. The Director and his staff will make the assessments for all municipalities within the region.

Let us look at some of the benefits and advantages that we think will follow the adoption of this plan.

1. It is perhaps the most important advantage of all that we will be able to dispense with the services of the few remaining part-time assessors and to make available to all of the municipal units services of the highly trained and capable assessors whom we now have in Nova Scotia.

2. It necessarily follows that there will be a sharp improvement in the assessment rolls in those municipalities that hereto-

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A. KEITH & SON LIMITED
APPOINTMENT



Wyman A. Gilroy

Mr. Victor deB. Oland, President of A. Keith & Son Limited, is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Wyman A. Gilroy as Brewmaster. Mr. Gilroy, who has been with the Company for the past five years, previously held the position of Assistant Brewmaster. He is a graduate of Acadia University and completed his degree in Chemical Engineering at the Nova Scotia Technical College. In 1963 he graduated from the United States Brewers Academy.

Born in Springhill, Nova Scotia, he has been a resident of the Halifax area since 1959.

Mr. Gilroy is a member of the Engineering Institute of Canada, the Association of Professional Engineers of Nova Scotia, the Chemical Institute of Canada, and the Master Brewers Association of America.

VACATION VISTAS

There's a homey quaint log cabin
Nestled in among the trees
It's kissed by morning sunshine
And fanned by evening breeze.

There you watch the golden sunset
Dazzle on the blue Bras d'Or
And you sense the pulsing tide wash
As it leaves the sandy shore.

And a soft wind bids you welcome
Underneath a glowing moon
As the stillness of the night fall
Settles o'er a quiet lagoon.

And the sturdy pines and birches
Seem to guard a hallowed shrine
While the murmuring in the branches
Lull to rest the weary mind.

A. F. MacInnes
Dundee, C. B.

SUGAR AND SPICE
by Bill Smiley



SIGN OF SPRING

Ah, Spring,
You glorious thing;
You make me want to sing
Of marriages
And baby carriages;
And make me want to laugh
At a new calf;
And make me yearn for a bout
With a trout;
And make joy in squirrels;
And envy girls
Their poise
With boys
When the blood runs
And the sun suns,
And the fairways beckon
And the flowers reckon
It's time they put their dopey heads
Out of the mangey flower beds.

Well, that's about enough of that. Hope none of my students read it. In my day, I've written some pretty nasty pieces about spring, but she's bounced back every year. That bit of doggerel may finish her off for good.

And what a pity that would be. Winter puts the iron in our souls. But the slanting yellow rays of heat, the joyous chuckle of freed water, the voluptuous stench of rotten earth emerging from the shrouds of death turn that iron, by some magic, into pure gold.

I can be as grouchy as a hat-check girl about spring. But today I wandered about the estate and felt the tiny glimmering coal of my spirt fanned into something approaching a blaze.

There was the picnic table, bloody but unbowed, after six months under the snow. There was the barbecue outfit, in three scattered pieces, succulent beckoner to the charred red steaks of July. There was the lawnmowers, reminder of days when you wear nothing but shorts, sweat gloriously, and stop for a beer every 15 minutes.

Perhaps I should put them away in the fall. But when the ice age has left, and I go out and see them there, it's like meeting old friends. Rusty and ravaged, but familiar and dear.

Signs of spring everywhere. Sixty black squirrels, moved out of my attic, seeking acorns they missed last fall. Lady next door, who has four little ones, hanging out washing with a fifth imminent.

Endless chant of kids skipping. Moose bellow of impatient steamers in the bay, waiting for break-up. Fire sirens saluting the annual epidemic of grass fires.

Bitter lines around mouths turning to smiles. Overcoats and boots hurled into closets. Paint pots broken out. Teen-agers standing on corners, bunting like young calves. Women's hats—goofy, exotic, irreverent, awful. Old ladies tippy-toeing about, first time out since November. Kids up to their ears in mud.

Anglers and golfers bragging, speculating about the great new season. Housewives, coatless, shouting nothings to neighbors. Teachers cursing as they mark Easter exams.

Perhaps you can, but I can't imagine living in a country where the cycle of the seasons is almost unnoticeable. I like to be where the action is. I like spring to come like a shot of adrenalin, not a lukewarm cup of tea.

It is little wonder that myth and legend, poetry and painting and music, not to mention religion, celebrate the theme of regeneration in the spring. If there is such a thing as the indomitable spirit of man, which I firmly believe, it would be impossible without spring.

Think of it. A year in which the days did not lengthen, the sun did not warm, the green did not appear, the soul did not expand. We would be lining up at the ends of docks clambering for six-shooters, and packing the subway stations for hurling under-trains-purposes, by the first of June.

MRS. FLORA FORGERON

The death occurred at St. Anne Hospital Arichat, April 19th of Mrs. Flora Forgeron, of West Arichat, after a lingering illness. For the past number of years she made her home with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Boudreau, who tenderly cared for her.

The late Mrs. Forgeron, was highly regarded by neighbours and friends and was a devout member of the church of the Immaculate Conception, West Arichat.

Her husband the late Capt Jeffrey Forgeron, predeceased her a few years ago.

Surviving are three daughters and seven sons: Zelia in Hyannis, Mass.; Dorothy (Mrs. Clifford Boudreau), West Arichat; Elenora (Sister Alexis Marie), New Brunswick; Capt Wilfred, Capt Edmund, Capt. Clarence, Albert all of West Arichat; Capt. Edward and Capt. Abraham both of Halifax and Capt. Hubert of Port Royal.

The funeral service took place at the Church of the Immaculate Conception with Rev. A. Doucet, as celebrant at the Mass, assisted by Rev. Father MacDonald, of St. Joseph's Parish, Petit de Grat and Rev. Father C. P. Girrior, of St. Louis Parish, Louisdale. C. A. Boucher of Arichat, was in charge of funeral arrangements with interment in the Parish cemetery.

We join with our West Arichat correspondent, in extending our sincere sympathy to the bereaved family.



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GORDON STEWART WALKER

The passing of Gordon S. Walker of Port Hawkesbury, has removed one of the best known and highly regared residents of that town and his passing will be mourned not only in the community where he spent a lifetime, but throughout the Province and other parts if Canada.

The late Mr. Walker for many years conducted a successful banking and brokage business at Port Hawkesbury, known as the Walker Financial Company and only a few years ago sold out his banking interests to the Bank of Nova Scotia and up to two years ago was a consultant at the Hawkesbury branch. Well known throughout the counties of Inverness, Victoria and Richmond as well as the Mulgrave area, his Financial ability gained for him the highest regard of patrons and friends.

Always interested in community affairs, he devouted a great part of his time in the work of the Masonic Order and was a member and Past Master of Solomon Lodge No. 46, Port Hawkesbury as well as a prominent member of Keystone Chapter. His work in Masonic circles won for him the high office of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Province of Nova Scotia and previous to this honoured appointment held many other important offices in Grand Lodge and upheld the high ideals of this Ancient Fraternity. The late Mr. Walker was also a member of Faith Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, No. 54, Mulgrave.

Surviving besides his wife is one son, David Walker, Barrister at Lunenburg, N. S., also two brothers: George Walker of Kentville and Wayne Walker of Ont., and one sister, Mrs. Laidlaw of Kentville.

The funeral took place from Zion Robertson United Church, with Rev. Ronald Dempsey officiating at the church and grave.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Walker, son David and to the brothers and sisters.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OF CANADA

TENDERS

SEALED TENDERS addressed to Secretary, Department of Public Works of Canada, Room B 326, Sir Charles Tupper Building, Riverside Drive, Ottawa 8, and endorsed "TENDER FOR DREDGING OF APPROXIMATELY 12,000 CUBIC YARDS SCOW MEASUREMENT, CLASS "B" MATERIAL, BAY ST. LAWRENCE, N. S.", will be received until 3:00 P.M. (E.D.S.T.), WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 1966.

Tender documents can be obtained through: Chief Engineer, Room E-443, Sir Charles Tupper Building, Riverside Drive, Ottawa, Ont.; District Engineer, P. O. Box 2247, Ralston Building, 1557 Hollis Street, Halifax, N. S.

To be considered each tender must be submitted on the forms supplied by the Department and must be accompanied by the security specified in the tender documents.

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ROBERT FORTIER,
DPW—HR-66-58

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Leave Grand Anse	9.00 a.m.
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Leave Big Pond	11.00 a.m.
Arrive Sydney	11.30 a.m.

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McCABE — BOURINOT

St. John's Anglican Church, Arichat, was the setting for a lovely spring wedding on Saturday, April 23rd., at 3 p.m., when Laura Anne Bourinot, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall J. Bourinot, of Arichat, was united in marriage to Mr. Keith McCabe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McCabe of Middle Musquodoboit. Rev. Neil Williams performed the double-ring ceremony.

Mr. A. O. MacLean of St. Peter's was organist.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride looked lovely in her traditional floor-length wedding gown of Brussels lace, fashioned with Empire waistline, scoop neckline and long sleeves. The back featured a panel of organza with large bow. Her chapel-length veil of tulle illusion fell from a jewelled crown and she carried a cascade bouquet of red sweetheart roses.

The matron of honor was Mrs. James Dickie, sister of the bride; and Miss Elaine Fletcher was bridesmaid. Both wore identical floor-length gowns of gold peau de soie, featuring A-line skirt with Empire waistline and scoop neckline. Their full-length gloves and wedding-ring headpieces of the same shade completed their ensemble. They each carried a bouquet comprising of shasta daisies centered with a large chrysanthemum to represent a large daisy.

Miss Beverley Dickie, niece of the bride was flower girl. Her floor-length gown was of a deep turquoise and similar to that of the other attendants.

Dave Venoit of Mahone Bay, was best man and ushers were Lloyd and Cline Bourinot and James Dickie.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. The mother of the bride wore a pearl beige, two-piece dress with turquoise accessories and corsage of pink roses. The mother of the groom wore a navy blue and white two-piece suit with matching accessories and a corsage of yellow roses.

The toast to the bride was proposed by Dave Venoit and responded to by the groom.

Mrs. Fred McCarthy of Pictou sister of the bride and Mrs. Murray Cossitt of Sydney poured and the wedding cake was cut in the traditional manner and apportioned by the bride's aunt, Mrs. Fred Mauger. Miss Mary Dickie a niece of the bride was in charge of the guest book.

Those serving were: Maxine Rideout, Ann Kehoe, Mrs. Lloyd Bourinot, Mrs. Cline Bourinot, Sally Johnson and Masie Barnes.

For their honeymoon trip the bride wore a pale green heather suit with beige hat and accessories to match. Her corsage was of pink rose buds and lily of the valley.

Mr. and Mrs. MacCabe will take up residence in New Glasgow where the groom is employed with the Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Company, Limited, Central Office Staff.

They have the good wishes of their many friends for a long and happy wedded life.

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The Salvation Army annually provides nearly two and a quarter million meals and one and a quarter million beds for needy men.

Municipal Tax Sale

The following lands will be sold at Public Auction at the Court House in Arichat, Richmond County, Nova Scotia, on Tuesday, June 28, 1966 beginning at 2:00 p.m., UNLESS the Taxes, Interest and Expenses incidental to the Sale are paid in full prior to this time — as provided for in the Assessment Act, Revised Statutes of 1954 and Amendments thereto:

DISTRICT No 1

15. Building assessed to WILFRED DUGAS and located at Arichat.

4-A. Land assessed to LOUIS D. RICHARD and located at Arichat.

DISTRICT No. 3

24. Land assessed to LEONARD FOUGRE and located at Poulamond.

DISTRICT No. 4

9 Land assessed to ESTATE MARY MAUD FERGUSON and located at Whiteside.

21. Property assessed to RAYMOND JOYCE and located at Louisdale.

Property of Mrs. Mildred Avery, situated at Lower River Inhabitants.

6. Property of River Point Country Club, situated at Lower River Inhabitants.

DISTRICT NO. 6

8. Land assessed to MRS. MARIE (DENIS) DUGAS and located at Cannes.

13. Land assessed to ESTATE DESIREE DUGAS and located at Sporting Mountain.

13. Land assessed to ESTATE A. A. FOUGERE and located at Balmoral.

5. Land assessed to ESTATE MRS. BARBARA MacINNIS and located at Balmoral.

7 Land and Small Building assessed to WM. DANIEL POTTIE and located at Cannes.

4. Building assessed to EST. OF ROBERT THIBEAU and located at Hawker.

5. Land assessed to ESTATE CHARLES FOUGERE and located at Cannes.

DISTRICT NO. 7

19. Property assessed to CHARLES NEIL CARTER and located at Sampsonville.

65. Land assessed to ALLAN MacRAE and located at St. Peter's.

DISTRICT NO. 8

14. Land assessed to ESTATE J. A. Sutherland and located at McNab's Cove.

DISTRICT NO. 10

7. Land assessed to MURDOCK BIRRETTE and located at L'Ardoise.

8. Land assessed to FRANK BIRRETTE and located at L'Ardoise.

3. Property assessed to JOHN & THOMAS CLANNON and located at L'Ardoise.

2. Property assessed to MICHAEL EGAN and located at L'Ardoise.

44. Property assessed to DANIEL G. MOMBOURQUETTE and located at Lower L'Ardoise.

9. Property assessed to WALTER MacDONALD and located at Lower L'Ardoise.

2. Property assessed to EST. CHARLES N. PETERS and located at Lower L'Ardoise.

DISTRICT No. 11

2. Land assessed to OWNER UNKNOWN and located at Janvrin's Harbour.

13. Land assessed to JOSEPH COVIN and located at West Arichat.

13. Property assessed to RAYMOND GEORGE and located at Janvrin's Harbour.

DISTRICT No. 12

3. Property assessed to DONALD FERGUSON and located at Loch Lomond.

DISTRICT NO. 13

44. Property assessed to ANGUS A. MacDONALD and located at Framboise.

DISTRICT NO. 16

18. Property assessed to ALEXANDER BOUDREAU and located at Boudreauville.

DISTRICT No. 17

41. Property assessed to RAYMOND SAMPSON and located at Petit De Grat.

Further details are available at the Municipal Office in Arichat, Nova Scotia.

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Municipal Clerk & Treasurer
Municipality of the County of Richmond.

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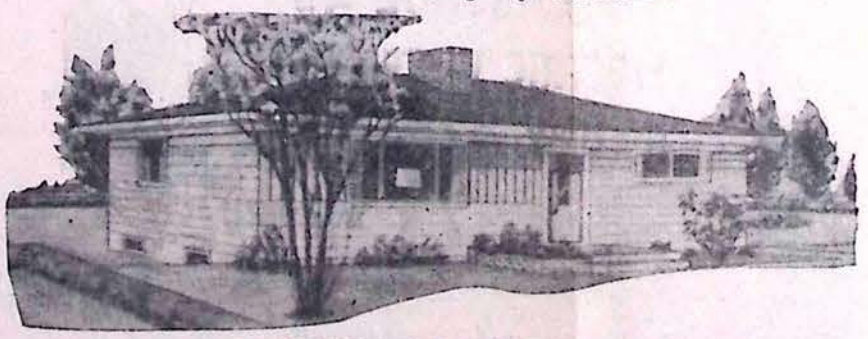
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Petit De Grat

Mrs. Minnie Landry is visiting in Pictou the guest of her sisters, Misses Emma and Alma Boudreau.

Capt. Martin Picco, returned to his duties at the Vocational School in Pictou, after sepnding the week end with his wife here.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Boudreau and children, Garnet and Colleen, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Amedee Boudreau, motored to Stellarton n Sunday. to visit Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ackerman and family. They also visited relatives in Pictou before returning home.

Mrs. Alphonse Landry (Mina) left for Boston, Mass., to attend the wedding of her niece, which will take place in the near future.

Miss Genora Landry, R. N., has accepted a position at the Infirmary in Halifax. We wis Genora the best of luck

Mrs. Louise A. Samson and three children, Odille, Eva and Ronald motored to Sydney on Saturday, accompanied by Mrs. Amedee Boudreau and son Gordon. Also Adrien Boudreau returning same evening.

Miss Jacinthe Bois, student at Mount St. Bernard Antigonish,was a recent visitor at the home of Mr .and Mrs. Amedee Boudreau. Miss Bois is a native of New Brunswick.

Mr and Mrs. Lawrence Boudreau and Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Boudreau and three chlidren of Bras D'Or were recent visitors here guests of Mrs. Bertha Boudreau and Mr. and Mrs. Adol Boudreau and family of Boudreauville.

Leon Landry spent the week-end here with his family. Mr. Landry is now employed at Riverport, in the Ciunty of Lunenburg at a large fish processing plant.

Mrs. Alcide Landry and children motored to Grand Anse on Thursday.

Miss Anne Landry who had been a patient in St. Martha's Hospital for a few days has returned to Truro to resume studies at the Nova Scotia Teachers College, at Truro. Her many friends wish her every success at the close of the term.

Mrs. Eveyln Boudreau visited her mother, Mrs. Florence Richard in Arichat recently.

Miss Candace Fraser of Sydney Mines and Mr. Oswald Boudreau of Bras D'or were recent visitors here guests of relatives and friends.

Tommy Burke of North Sydney was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Luger Boudreau, recently.

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D. J. MacAskill, SR	Lewis Cove Road	St. Peter's 208-33 Home (Grand River Dist.)
Archie MacCuish, SR	Lochside	St. Peters 122-32 Home
Robert MacIntosh, SR	Dundee	Louisdale 3-13 Home (Lakeview District)

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Hon. G. J. Doucet Addresses Assessors School

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fore have not been able to afford the services of a trained assessor.

3. Within each of the assessment areas, there should be a greater degree of uniformity in assessment than has been possible heretofore. There may be those who say that there is nothing to be gained by uniformity, but this is not, I think, quite in accordance with the facts.

4. It will be possible to use everywhere in the Province time saving and labor saving equipment.

5. The responsibility of the Director of Assessment and the ability of the staff will make possible the orderly preparation of the work and a much greater efficiency than many individual units are now able to attain.

6. It will now be possible to have a uniform date for filing of assessment rolls in all municipal is now the case. It will be possiunits and to have this earlier than ble to deliver assessment notices within a few days after the filing of the roll. This in turn should result in greater accuracy in the rol in names of owners and their addresses.

7. Again it should follow that particularly in towns, it should be possible for the councils to prepare their estimates earlier and to deliver tax bills promptly. This in turn would result in earlier payment of taxes, a better tax collection record and a reduction in the interest paid to the bank on borrowing for current expenditures.

8. In the field of public relations, it should be possible for the Director of Assessment in each area to arrange that he or members of his staff would be available in a given town on certain days or times. This is not the situation in some of our municipal units now. The Clerk or some other official must answer inquiriers and endeavour to discuss assessments. He should not be required to do this even if he were capable of doing so. In the result, there wuld be better public relations not only for the assessor, but for the clerk and the elected officials as well.

9. Because of this type of organization and because this will make it possible to attract better assessors, it should then be possible to attract to the assessment field persons not now assessors but having a high standard of ability and education. It is not enough simply to educate those who are now assessors. We must cntinue to think forward to the replacement of the many qualified assessors we now have as they retire from the assessment field. Certainly, positions under the new plan would be much more attractive. A given individual may not in the past have considered the assessment field, but with the greater attractions and the gerater challenges, he would perhaps now do so.

group of assessors who will readi-

10 We now have a qualified ly take their part.

11. If municipal units will find, I suggest, that they can work together successfully and more effectively in the assessment regions, then they will certainly be more ready to apply the same principle to oter functions of munipal administraton as well. Who knows, ths may be the cornerstone of a new desirable age of regional cooperation within the province.

The second main question which the new Assessment Act faces and does something about is the Assessment Appeal Courts. Not too many people, I think, were satisfied with the system that has been in effect. I except from this the Appeal Courts in the City of Halifax and the City of Dartmouth and pssibly in the City of Sydney. These Cities, and there may be one or two towns, have completely independent Courts and I think they are reasonably satisfactory, at least as far as I know.

Not so for the municpal units. system, so I won't bother going All of you are familiar with the into it. All of you, I amsure, also have heard people complain on the one hand that "there is no use in my appealing because the councillors will not do anything to reduce assessments;" while other people say "I don't know why everybody doesn't appeal, the councillors must always think of the next election." However, the real complaint did not so much relate to prejudices, if these did exist, but instead purely to qualifications. It was senseless to have highly qualified and trained assessors prepare assessments and then have the assessments that they had made subject to appeal to a court which might, and generally did, contain very few members wth proper qualifications at all. Changes were made to the Assessment Act in 1952 and 1959 to improve this situation, but I think I'm safe in saying that the effects of these amendments were not as favourable as had been hoped.

Gentlemen, the new Assessment Act gives you as assessors substantially more authority than before. Correspondingly, of course, it places on you an even greater degree of responsibilty. Dr. McKeough has assured us in the government that this responsibility was well placed.

The new system of Assessment Appeal Courts under Bill No. 77 has no doubt by now been completely explained to you. And I don't intend to go over it again at this time, except to say that I believe it to be a substantial improvement which will have a tangible and practical effect.

Perhaps before I conclude, I may be permitted a word on Dr. McKeough, who came to grasp with this important Department of Government very quickly. I think you will agree with me that under his leadership and in cooperation with Mr. Mosley and others, that this Department has taken on a new look. I myself, and all others know this man, have not yet been able to understand how he finds time to carry on a very, very busy medical practise some 300 miles away from Halifax, be the father of a family of six young children, and at the same time get done what he is getting done in the Department of Municipal Affairs.

The whole concept of assessment is as basic and fundamental to the municipal field as the three R's are to the field of Education.

The successful carrying out of the new Assessment Act will signify a bold new progressive step for this province. The success or failures of this undertaking will depend in no small measure on yourselves as Assessors. Dr. McKeough has raved to me about the cooperation you have given his department thus far. He has promised the government that this co-operation will continue. I know you won't let either him or his province down.

None of us should forget the primary purposes of the main changes in the new Assessment Act which are, briefly:—

(1) to obtain a fair distribution of the burden of municipal taxation throughout the province;

(2) to make possible a yardstick of comparison for evaluation and action.

This, gentlemen, is the challenge that faces you.

Thank you.

NEWS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY



FROM HOSPITAL

Charles E. Latimer of this place has returned from the City Hospital, Sydney, where he underwent surgery to a foot.

We are happy to report that our good friend and neighbor is much imprived and is able to be around again.

COMMISSIONER APPOINTED FOR 1966 CENSUS

OTTAWA — Francis A. Duann, of West Arichat, Richmond County has been appointed local Commissioner for the Census of Popul lation and the Farm Census, which begins June 1, 1966, across Canada. He will administer the Inverness-Richmond census district.

Following announcement of the Following annuncement of his appointment Mr. Duann stated that his Census distrct will be divided into 16 sub districts, employing a staff of 16 census takers.

Everybody will have the opportunity to "Be Counted for Canada" when Census takers call at every home in Canada startng on June 1. They will be taking the Population Census which consists of just five questions and the Farm Census which will also be simple but with more questions listed. They will also record all business establishments to develop a master list for the Census of Merchandising which will be completed by mail after the end of the 1966 fiscal year.

One aspect o fthe Census stressed by Mr. Duann as he made preparations to administer the Census locally was the need for public cooperation. He pointed out that in most countries of the world a census was carried out at intervals to take stock of human resources and to use a basis for public and private planning.

He urged everyone in the district to cooperate because "in the long run, everybody stands to benefit", he said.

RECENT VISITORS

Dr. and Mrs. G. R. Deveau were week-end visitors from Halifax. While here they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Samson.

Former residents of Arichat, friends here were pleased to see Dr. and Mrs. Deveau.

FROM BOYLSTON

Mrs. William Campbell, of Boylston and Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Simpson of Guysboro were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Bourinot.

Mrs. Campbell is a daughter-in-law of the late Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Bridgman and made many visits to Arichat during the time the late Rev. Wm. Bridgman was Rector of St. John's Parish.

It was nice seeing Flora and her friends whom we were pleased to meet.

TO OTTAWA

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lake are visiting in Ottawa at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Demers. We wish both Bob and Clara a very pleasant holiday.

JOINS C. G. S. HUDSON

Leo Marchand has joined the Survey Ship, Hudson and has returned from a trip to the Azores where the ship was engaged in Survey work.

We wish our good neighbor every success.

CARD OF THANKS—The family of the late Mrs Florence Forgeron of West Arichat, wish to extend their heart-felt thanks to their relatives and friends for their Masses sympathy cards, floral tributes, telegrams and letters of condodolence; also to all who came to the home.

A very special thank you to Rev. Father Doucett, P. P., Rev. Father Girrior, Rev. Father Mombourquettte. To the Rev. Sisters, Dr. J. E. Winter and to the kind nurses and staff of St. Anne Hospital, Arichat.

To the Choir, the organist; the Children of Marie, The Knights of Columbus; Canadian Legion Ladies Branch Ladies Auxiliary, Branch 150; to the R. C. A. F. Cadets and to the pall bearers, also to C. A. Boucher, Funeral Director.

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The Langley Shipping Company have been giving the Isle Madame and Canso area a splendid service for the past several years and in the last two years major repairs have been made to the Vanaheim and Fairmorse at a Lunenburg shipyard. Both ships are in excellent condition.

This is a serious blow to shipping both at Canso and Arichat and we are surprised and disappointed that such a drastic move was made by Ottawa to take the Fairmorse out of the Canso-Mulgrave Service and to curtail the serivce at Arichat.

Every effort should be made by the Board of Trade and business men of Isle Madame to make representation to Ottawa to have this service restored.

FROM SYDNEY

Mrs. Ethel Wilson of Sydney, was a recent visitor here at the home of her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Latimer. She returned on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Latimer who were also visiting Nelson's parents.

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RECEIVES GIFT FROM OVERSEAS CLUB

The Isle Madame Red Cross Branch, are most grateful to the Overseas Club, for their donation of $150.00 which used by the local branch to purchase a wheel-chair and other sick room equipment.

We understand that this Overseas Volunteer Club was organized by Canadian Women while overseas during the last war.

Miss Jean Adams, R. N., Director, Nursing Services, from Canadian Red Cross, Halifax, will be in Arichat on June 2nd to make the presentation of this sick room equipment to the local branch of the Red Cross, on behalf of the Overseas Club.

Mrs. Wilbert Stone who is the chairman for Red Cross Welfare, in this area, is to be complimented for her work in the organization and is always ready to do her part to help not only in Red Cross, but in other organizations in the community.

Gerald LeBrun is the President of the Isle Madame Branch of the Red Cross, who wishes to express his personal thanks to Overseas Club and to all the workers in the local and provincial organization of this Society.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Richmond County Board of Health Declaration of Clean-Up Period

To all Residents and Property owners in Richmond County.

The Period from May 23 to June 4, 1966 has been set aside as a clean-up period in Richmond County. Everyone is asked to co-operate and clean up all garbage, refuse or any other unsightly matter on their property that may be considered a nuisance.

After May 31, 1966, anyone who has not abided by this by-law shall be liable to prosecution.

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Mr. Hawley first came to North Colchester in 1962. Previously he was employed for 8 years as Supervisor in Bible Hill Schools, and Supervising Principal in Stewiacke schools, Colchester County in an admistrative position. He also served as Commanding Officer 596 Squadron Air Cadets and gained national recognition for the showing of his squadron the past four years.

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