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SUGAR AND SPICE by Bill Smiley



Those degrees bug me

Some pretty earth-shaking events occurred around our place lately.

First of all, my wife has taken up curling. Perhaps "taken up" is not the right phrase. "Falling down" might be closer.

The first time she stepped on the ice, her feet went to heaven, and her bottom went to the other place. The earth shook (you must have felt it) and she has the purple posterior to prove it.

She has fallen only about four times per game since, and has mastered the art to the point where she can look up from her sprawl with the injured innocence of a pro hockey player trying to pin a penalty on the guy who didn't trip him.

For years she has looked down on the sport. She thought the curling club was a place where men went to drink, smoke, play pool and poker, curl, and get away from their wives. And she was right.

Now she has learned that it is a cultural centre where women go to drink, smoke, play bridge, curl, and get away from their husbands. And she's right again, as usual.

But as long as she can do it with me, and keep an eye on me, she feels it is one of Canada's grand old sports. I used to get home from the curling club at midnight. Last time, we got home at 3 a.m., after being invited somewhere for "coffee". I wish I could get the same price for that coffee that the distributors do.

Anyway, the Old Battleaxe has been hooked. She doesn't know a hog from a hack, a skip from a drop-out, but with Hugh's old stretch ski pants on, and Hugh's old skiing sweater on, she's the prettiest curler on the ice. If she could sweep that ice the way she can sweep the kitchen floor, we'd be in the money every time.

The second earth-shaker around here was Kim's performance in the piano exams for her degree in music.

Not only did she knock off a first-class honor mark, but she topped the list of candidates. She can now add the letters A.R.T.C. after her name. That's longer than my degree.

That cost me. Kim phoned, collect, between music lessons in the city, and my wife phoned every relative between here and Zanzibar.

But for one wild and glorious moment, I thought it was over. After an accumulated 30 years of music lessons among her brother, her mother, and herself, I thought I was home free.

No more wincing as I wrote out cheques for the conservatory. No more trucking the kids all over the country, in blizzards, to play at festivals. No more sweating through performances. No more getting up at a quarter to seven to take her to the bus. No more.

It seems I was wrong. My wild and glorious moment was only a moment. She wants to carry on with lessons. And her mother is thinking of resuming lessons. And Hugh will be around one of these days, broken, crooked finger and all, ready to go back to it.

We now have two A.R.T.C. diplomas in the house. They look beautiful, side by side on the living-room wall. It's like sitting in a doctor's office.

But what really drives me out of my skull is that not one of them can play anything. As soon as the festival or exam is over, they take new pieces, and the old ones are dumped overboard. So, during any 11-month period of the year, nobody in my family has learned the new pieces, and they've forgotten the old ones.

Ask anyone to play a piece, for company, and you get the familiar whine, "I haven't anything ready."

I never heard of a guitar-player or a mouthorgan-player who lost his repertoire overnight. But I am here to testify that a piano player of classical music can't even whistle a tune, most of the time.

Aside from two degrees on the wall, and two pianos around my neck, all I've got out of the whole thing is three people who think they are gifted, talented, and couldn't play "Mary Had a Little Lamb", without six weeks preparation.

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The Ship of Bad Luck



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(The following interesting sea story was written by Mr. Thomas A. Boyle, of Halifax, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Dougald R. Boyle, of West Arichat. We are happy to bring this story to our readers, which is so ably written by Mr. Boyle.—Editor.)

"The terrible affair aboard the 4 masted brig, "The Harry A. Berwind", is a story without parallel in the history of the Spanish Main. A violent scene enacted on the rim of the world beggars' imagination.

The account of what occurred on this ship of horrors was published in a Wilmington newspaper and copied by the Philadelphia and New York publications, after the ship was arrested and brought to Port Wilmington and the three survivors, all coloured, were throw into jail and charged with murder on the high seas of four white crew.

Mrs. Catherine Hall, mother of Captain John Hall, was residing in West Arichat, Cape Breton, with her elder daughter Mary Ann, wife of Dougald R. Boyle. A letter from her son, John, had advised her of his promotion to "Captaincy" and of joining the "Berwind" as First Mate. It so happened one day that Dougald Boyle noticed an item in a New York advising the mutiny on the ship on which he knew John Hall was serving. He immediately wrote to the Editor of the paper asking for all possible information, stating his reason for wishing same. The Editor published his letter in full and a reader, who had avidly followed the case and saved all the papers intending to forward same to her son who was in the Navy, was kind enough to forward the complete set to Mr. Boyle, the son-in-law of Mrs. Catherine Hall.

Newly reconditioned, after a mutiny involving the death of a seaman, the 975 ton 4 masted brig, "The Harry A. Berwind" was ready to sail again with a new crew engaged at her home port of Philadelphia. Captained by E. B. Rumil and temporarily serving as Mate, Captain John Hall, a man named Smith was engaged as Engineer to operate a gasoline engine to assist in the hoisting of the many sails.

The foregoing were all six footers, leen, muscular men, well experienced to take care of any eventuality. The cook, a mere midget of less than five feet in height and, probably, scarcely more than 100 lbs., comprised the last of the white personnel.

My grand aunt, Annie Tyrrell, of Arichat, flatly refused to believe that one colored man could dispose of Captain John Hall. She said when he was attacked by two big sailors, off a brig taking on ice at Campbell's Whart at Arichat, he threw one over a fence into a field and the other in the waters of the harbor. Fully clothed he was obliged to swim and bring ashore the half drowned man.

The black, or colored members of the "Berwind," all deckhands, consisted of Henry Scott, Arthur Adams, Robert Sawyer and John Coakley. Scott, a huge mulatte, apparently well educated in the law of salvage, yearned from the outset of this voyage, to revenge his lowly state as "just another black deckhand" by becoming the sole survivor of the ship, worth in the vicinity of $40,000. Scott planned to murder all hands on the ship and having accomplished this he intended to waterlog the ship and float it into a port near home. There he would tell them ashore that the "Berwind" had run into heavy seas on its return trip and that the Captain had ordered the crew into lifeboats. The lifeboats, he would say, had capsized and he, Scott, had swum back to the ship, sole survivor of the accident at sea. He cleverly fostered hate and unrest between his fellow members and the white personnel, while clearly posing as a peacemaker.

By the time the "Berwind" reached Cardenas, on Sept. 15, 1905, the ship might as well have been carrying T.N.T. instead of coal. After discharging the cargo of coal the ship took on a cargo of lumber. Thence the ship called at Mobile, Alabama. From thence the brig, with her cargo of lumber, set out for her home port of Philadelphia.

Shortly after this the ship ran into a violent storm. It was "touch and go" that the ship survived. This was all recored in the ship's log. For the purpose of Scott nothing better could have occurred that could help his schemes. He would save the log, after murdering all of those on board.

The ever alert Scott knew the time was now ripe for the wholesale murder of all the crew, beginning with the Captain , then the Mate, Engineer and Cook.

Pussy footing, in his bare feet, around midnight to the Captain's cabin the wily assassin, apparently, murdered him while he slept. A slash across his throat by a long sharp bladed knife and all was over in seconds. Next day Scott was seen throwing over the ship's side buckets of bloody water.

The next on the list was Captain John Hall, serving as Mate. When he came on deck, at 4 a.m., he was greeted by a number of shots. Unarmed and wounded he dived for cover between the stacks of lumber stowed on the ship's bow. Well aware of his helpless state the wily murderer, ever pressing forward, forced Hall to dodge between the lumber piles. With a sudden desperate rush Hall managed to seize Scott's wrist and pointed it away from his person he then called on Sawyer for help. Sawyer made a few steps forward when Scott managed to let go a bullet in his direction. A badly scared Sawyer cried "Don't shoot me, Scott". Hall was fast losing consciousness when Scott fired two more bullets in the helpless Hall and threw him over the side.

Apparently, the now twice murderer considered rank most important in the despatch of his victims. He was ordering the Engineer to come up pronto to the deck from his small engine room below or he would riddle him with bullets like a sitting duck.

Fearfully, the unfortunate man climbed the few steps, imploring mercy. A blast from the murderer was the answer to his prayer. Wounded with a chest wound in moments he was covered with blood. "Get over the side" screamed the mad man. Suddenly picking up the mortally wounded man he had him over the rail. Smith, however, in his dying moments had taken a death grip on the rail, which Scott despite his strength, could not budge. He was obliged to use a fire axe to sever the

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"HANG THE CULPRITS"

To The Editor:

Dear Sir:—Hands which never milked a cow, turned a grindstone or picked a berry apparently take fiendish delight in torturing helpless old people and young children.

The charge "non-capital murder" is ridiculous.

There are no degrees to murder. Neither are there any degrees of death.

So, our present federal laws are an invitation to murder.

The late Sir Ernest Gowers' book, "A Life for a Life" favors eliminating the death penalty in England. This was a wise decision, where police carry no arms, and death by homicide is rare.

Not so here in our small province. The incredible torture, strangling and indescribable killing of the young and of helpless old people warrants drastic measures. Hang the culpits, say I.

Murder in Nova Scotia is rewarded with 16 years confinement in a warm comfortable institution, well fed, entertained by television, sports, games educated in the arts or taught a trade, fawned on by silly female well-wishers.

They never had it so good.

It is my humble opinion, it is high time to hurl that weak law to the bottom of the sea or to the moon.

Let's be sensible and halt this ever-growing murder rate. The federal law has to be changed. It used to be a life for a life.

It should still be so.

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(Mr. Boyle is a native of West Arichat and is now residing in Halifax.—Editor.)

Hon. L. D. Currie



In the passing of the Honourable Lauchlin D. Currie, Q. C., retired Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, it can be truly said that this distinguished gentleman spent a lifetime of service as a lawyer, at one time a Minister of the Provincial cabinet and later to the bench of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia from which he retired as Chief Justice, not so long ago.

The late Mr. Currie represented the County of Richmond in the Provincial Legislature and at that time was Attorney General in the Angus L. Macdonald cabinet. The people of this county took kindly to the late lamented gentleman and regardless of party politics supported him generously at all elections he contested. By his untiring efforts he gained the confidence of the electorate, who look upon him as a man devoted to his constituency. His efforts in relieving the municipality of a staggering debt to the province and the construction of the main highway from Grand Anse to Arichat will long be remembered and the other projects he sponsored in the County during his term of office.

The late Chief Justice had a keen interest in the people of this province both from a cultural and racial viewpoint. His early life as a miner in his native Cape Breton gave him a real understanding of social justice and it could be truly said he carried out his duties in a manner that won for him the highest respect of his colleagues and friends from every section of the province.

To the surviving members of his family we extend our sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

The Editor,

The Richmond County Record.

Dear Sir:—In reply to Mr. W. M. Poirier's caustic verbal barrage in the previous issue of this newspaper I marvel at the lack of knowledge that one person, a past president of a defunct organization could display at one time. He must have had help in drafting his long winded epistle of verbiage.

His vague use of an inferred "they" who are, quote "Inserting the thin edge of a wedge between the taxpayer and his money" alleges a conspiracy on the part of the elected employees of the county to mis-use public funds.

The collection and disbursement of municipal funds involves many people and the inane criticism by some less informed letter writers should be squelched.

Every receipt and book entry having regard to municipal funds is checked and re-checked by responsible people and later audited by an independent Auditing firm specifically employed to check for any irregularities.

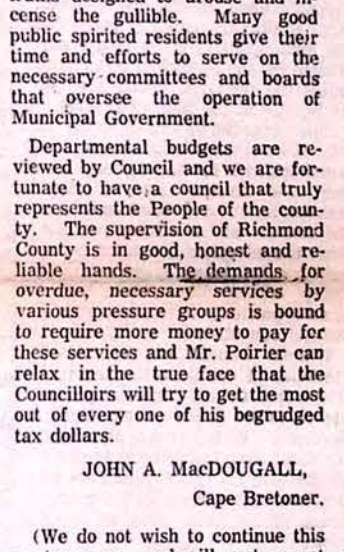
Constructive criticism is welcomed by most people but I failed to find anything constructive in Mr. Poirier's sad, sick lines. Instead they were filled with vague half-truths designed to arouse and incense the gullible. Many good public spirited residents give their time and efforts to serve on the necessary committees and boards that oversee the operation of Municipal Government.

Departmental budgets are reviewed by Council and we are fortunate to have a council that truly represents the People of the county. The supervision of Richmond County is in good, honest and reliable hands. The demands for overdue, necessary services by various pressure groups is bound to require more money to pay for these services and Mr. Poirier can relax in the true face that the Councilloirs will try to get the most out of every one of his begrudged tax dollars.

JOHN A. MacDOUGALL,
Cape Bretoner.

(We do not wish to continue this controversey and will not accept any further letters on this subject. We wish to state that opinions of others is not necessarily that of this newspaper. Letters to the editor at times become abusive and fail to serve a worthwhile purpose. We do not wish to impede the progress of our Municipality by publishing statements that may be misconstrued by some of our readers. Services must be paid for by our Municipality and we understand that if our assessment had remained the same as in 1968 the rate would have increased to alarming proportions due to a much larger budget to finance our services for 1969.—Editor)

Attends Council



HON. G. J. DOUCET
Minister of Education

Hon. G. J. Doucet, made his annual visit to the opening session of the Municipal Council here and in an address outlined the work of the Department of Education and oher Departments of government. which was of interest to the Municipality.

Mr. Doucet was given a warm welcome by the Warden and Councillors who thanked him for his address and kind words.

He's Handsome, He Cooks



One of the most charming, zzany entertainers to come along in many a moon to cheer up house-bound housewives in the afternoon is Graham Kerr, the "galloping gourmet" whose series, The Galloping Gourmet started on CBC television back in December and will be seen five days a week. Not only is Graham Kerr an entertainer, but he's also a world famous cook, capable of passing on valuable hints and recipes in, between jokes stories and homely advice.

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View From the Hill

This week in Ottawa, the Provincial Premiers and the Prime Minister are sitting down to discuss methods of Amending the Constitution.

Few people realize that Canada's Constitution is not a Recognizable Constution as such, but an Act of the British Parliament that outlines the rights of the Federal and the Provincial Governments.

The British North America Act in broad general terms, grants those rights effecting the country as a whole to Federal Government and those rights effecting individuals to Provincial Government.

Municipal Government rights are not mentioned in the B.N.A.Act but are granted to Municipalities by the Provinces.

Since the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights in 1948; we are more aware that individual rights, as a human being, should be included in the constitution of any free country.

The financing of the two levels of government recognized in the B.N.A.Act, is that Federal government is allocated Customs and Excise taxes and the field of indirect taxes and the Provincial government has the right to levy direct taxes on the individual.

Much of our tax problems are brought about by the evolving fact that the taxing authority permitted to municipalities is no longer sufficient for the municipal councils to meet the demands which are left to be met at the municipal level.

The continuous rising costs of education should be lifted from the municipalities for the obvious reason that in this age of rapid transportation and communication the nation as a whole benefits from the advanced education being paid for by the ratepayers of the many municipalities where there is no opportunity to exercise an advanced education.

Without benefit of the actual statistics I would estimate that Richmond County Schools graduate 50 to 60 Senior High School Students. With normal allowance for some drop out this would mean in the next few years there should be about 40 residents of the county reach professional standing each year.

It will be a long time hence before this country will have full opportunity to absorb 40 or 50 professional people into the local work force each and every year.

When you think of all the rural municipalities that are struggling to bear the high education costs it becomes more apparent that the poorer municipal units are in effect subsidizing the larger and wealthier units.

The present system of municipal taxation based on the valuation of a man's home is becoming more unfair as the years pass.

There are some economists and tax experts that say business should carry a greater load of this tax burden but it must be kept in mind that business passes on any increase in costs to their customers and again that's you and me.

Where then do we get the extra money to support our rising standard of living? There is only one answer to this much loaded question.

Money is produced whenever a person or a people produce more than they need of any commodity. Production costs have to be kept down to the level that permits sales of our products at competitive prices. These economic facts are so often negated or completely overlooked by our labor leaders in their drive for higher wages. They are also dismissed by the business man who seeks exhorbitant profits.

As Canadians we are stitting on the greatest known collection of natural resources. As Canadians we have the industrial potential and know-how to produce these resources into finished marketable products. As Canadians we amazed the world when the chips were down in the World War games of 1939 to 1945; as Canadians we have the solution within our reach; why then are we not headed in that direction instead of haggling over the language which our fellow Canadians choose to use. I do not deplore the encouraement of Bilingualism or Bi-cultureism. I do deplore any attempt to legislate the enforced use of any second language.

As a Canadian I feel we should have greater exposure to using French; I have apologized to many Canadians of French extraction for my ignorance of their language, This would not have been necessary if Conversational French had been taught rather than the correct grammatical French of which I learned so little.

The initial reports of the Constitutional Conference in Ottawa leads one to believe that the wishes of the Provincial Premiers to discuss financial matters first is temporarily predominant; however, before the week is out I feel certain our P.E.T. will have his innings on language rights.

Having the solution of Canada's problems all settled and outlined as above I can settle back on the Hill and enjoy the beautiful weather we have had and will have.

I still cannot imagine how Richmond County is going to get the proper financial return from those 40 professional class residents being turned out each year. It's time the wealthier areas that absorb them came across with some help with the educational costs. Like, would they believe, 87 ½% of ALL education costs instead of that percentage of some of the costs.

Ship of Bad Luck

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fingers of the now dead man.

His next victim was the poor little cook. Picking him up, like a football, he hurled him far and wide into the ocean. Uninjured he floated high, like a cork. With the wind and tide in his favor he soon disappeared below the horizon. There, however, was a wide smirk on his features which, to the wise, indicated confidence in survival; probably a strong swimmer it would require no feat to reach land. The winds were light and the seas calm when suddenly the poor little fellow, apparently attacked by one, or perhaps more, of the giant sharks which infest these Southern waters, was heard-his despairing screeching as he, apparently, was being chewed limb after limb by one or more of the giant sharks.

The wily murderer now took Coakley in his plans. This foolish fellow at first believed in the scheme and then changed his mind. On the morning of October 10, 1905, it was apparent that he planned to murder his three fellow men. Scott was now standing at the rail. He was leaning against the rail, completely relaxed. It was in this state that Sawyer and Coakley crept up behind him. Coakley had a heavy piece of wood in his hand. Scott heard the swish, but not soon enough. Knocked unconscious they tied him up. On searching his person they found a pistol and derk concealed in his shirt. The search was incomplete as the wily murderer had several more on his person. Complaining of the cold he pursuaded Coakley to cover him up with his overcoat. Thus concealed he managed to pry loose the rope which bound his hands. He now begged for a drink of water. When Coakley give him the water he shot and killed him by firing through the overcoat.

They were now thirty-two miles West of Cape Fear, off the coast of North Carolina and had sighted the "Buanch M. King". The two negroes, Adams and Sawyer, hoisted signals of distress. These were sighted by the "Blanch M. King", a ship on which Captain Hall had served previous to his boarding the "Berwind". Placing his mate and two sailors, with instructions to follow his ship to Southport, North Carolina, the Captain then placed the three negroes in irons.

On October 18, 1905, the three negroes were brought to Wilmington to await trial in the United States for murder on the high seas. According to martial law mutiny consists of at least three men. The law, wishing to convict the negroes called it mutiny.

Scott, cool, well-educated and sharper than any of them, made a good state witness against Sawyer and Adams. Immaculate in dress he made a good witness. His testimony was calm and deliberate. He nailed Adams and Sawyer to the Cross .He testified that Coakley had shot the Cook; that Sawyer and Adams had murdered the Captain, Mate and Engineer. He cleverly admitted shooting Coakley. Judge Thomas Purnell sentenced Adams and Sawyer to die by hanging. This was on November 9, 1905.

Scott was now placed on trial for his life. He was convicted of murder in the first degree with no recommendation for mercy. Then on July 3, 1906, after consultation with a religious adviser, the Rev. Robert Bennett, Scott astounded the country with a signed confession, in which he set forth the true details of the tragedy, assuming full responsibility for the five murders.

When Adams and Sawyer were informed of the fact Adams blurted out "I knew God would help us." Sawyer cried thankfully. On July 6, 1906, Scott walked, with martial step, unafraid. His voice boomed out singing the humn "Nearer my God to Thee." He broke off to assure Marshall Deckery, in chargo of the execution. "I want the thing to go off with a bang." His last words were "Let her go."

President Theodore Roosevelt saved Adams and Sawyer from death, but they were sent to the penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia. In 1910 they were pardoned by President Taft. Sawyer went to New York, where he dropped out of sight. Adams returned to the West Indies.

Thus wound up the tangled skein of a perfect murder plot that just fell short of reaching its ghastly success.

Once more the "Harry A. Berwind" was outfitted for service on the high seas. Suddenly, without warning, the complete crew deserted the ship. Some time later a complete new crew took over the ship. Within a few months the ill fated craft was a total loss, having been driven ashore on the rocky coast of Maine.

"A fitting end for the ship of bad luck," said the old salts of the ports of Philadelphia and New York.

HON. JAMES H. HARDING
MINISTER OF FISHERIES
FOR NOVA SCOTIA
ISSUES STATEMENT



Statement by Hon. James M. Harding, Minister of Fisheries for Nova Scotia.

The Nova Scotia Fishermen's Loan Board has been placed in the following position as a result of federal decisions to reduce assistance for construction of wooden fishing vessels. As agents for the federal government under the subsidy program the Board has recommended for approval, but been forced to defer action on construction, 22 fishing vessels which qualify for subsidy. The amount of money required in subsidy for these vessels is $1,055,573.20.

The federal government announced on February 5, 1969 that a total of $565,000.00 would be available in the fiscal year 1969-1970 for wooden fishing vessel construction, none of which is allocated to Nova Scotia except for a sum of $54,400. which in fact was paid in the fiscal year 1968-1969.

Correspondence between the federal and provincial fisheries Ministers indicates that the bulk of this $565,000.00 is to be allocated for the "evolution and improvement of vessels in Newfoundland." In view of the fact that the Nova Scotia fishing industry produces nearly half of the fish in eastern Canada this would appear less than fair.

Under present federal policies our Loan Board must for the present postpone its policy of promoting modernization of the Nova Scotia fishing fleet. This will also have serious adverse effects on development projects and the capacity of our fishing and fish processing industries to compete in the present fiercely competitive world markets.

The fishing segment of our economy is third largest in economic importance and its welfare affects the welfare of 13,000 Nova Scotians directly, and directly or indirectly most of our communities. Under present market conditions, the policy of all levels of government should be directed at assisting our industry to hold or improve its position as compared to world competition.

We can't agree with any policy which handicaps Nova Scotia in this respect.

Tax Tips

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

This income tax column has been prepared by the Sydney District Office, Department of National Revenue, Taxation. The questions used are common ones, and the answers usually straightforward. However, unusual circumstances sometimes alter the answer. If your question isn't answered here, or in the Income Tax Guide, phone 539-2150 in Sydney, N. S., or write National Revenue, Taxation Federal Bldg., Sydney, N. S., for free service.

1. Q. **What do I do, if after filing my return I discover it is in error?**

   A. If, after you send in your return, you have to change or add something do so by writing your district taxation office. DO NOT file another return and DO NOT write to Data Centre in Ottawa.

2. Q. **Is it important to have every space completed on a return?**

   A. Every applicable space should be completed because incomplete returns cannot be processed at the Data Centre in Ottawa. They are sent back to the district offices for correction, a process that may involve actual contact with the taxpayer and only after such correction has taken place, can the form be returned to Ottawa for processing, a delay which may well hold up payment of your refund.

3. Q. **It appears from my T4 slip that my employer has not deducted sufficient Canada Pension Plan contributions. May I pay the additional amount required and claim the increased deduction?**

   A. No, please do not make additional payments on your return, claim only the contributions per T4 slips. If it appears that you have been under deducted, check your employer first, there may be legitimate reasons for not deducting full contributions. If you are satisfied that the required contributions have not been withheld, attach a note to your return stating that your employer has failed to withhold sufficient Canada Pension Plan contributions.

4. Q. **May I treat the cost of clearing and breaking land as an expense?**

   A. Yes, if you are in the business of farming .See page 7 of the Farmer's and Fisherman's Guide for further details.

5. Q. **I've heard a lot about registration of charitable organizations for tax deduction purposes. As a donor to some charities, what should I know about this?**

   A. Canadian charitable organizations issuing receipts for income tax purposes must be registered, and all receipts issued for donations must show the registration number of the organization. If you have received a receipt which doesn't show this number, you should get in touch with the organiation and obtain a proper receipt.

Municipal Council News Briefs

RICHMOND COUNTY COUNCIL MEETS IN ANNUAL SESSION

The Second Annual Session of the Thirty Fourth Council of the Municipality of the County of Richmond convened in the Court House Chamber, Arichat on Monday February 3rd, 1969

Following tradition, the Session opened with the Councillors joining in prayer lead by Very Rev. A. P. Poirier of Arichat.

Warden Fougere thanked Father Poirier on behalf of the Council for his regular attendance at the opening Session each year. The Warden also welcomed all the members of Council and expressed his pleasure at having Hon. Gerald Doucet present at the session. The Warden congratulated the Clerk and Staff at the Municipal office for their efforts during the past year.

The Councillors all exhibited a consciencious devotion to their duties and proof of this was shown by the excellent attendance at each session throughout the week.

Most sessions of the Council were brightened by the attendance of High School student groups. The principal and teachers are to be congratulated on realizing the excellent example of democratic government in action at the Municipal level.

The Honourable G. J. Doucet, Minister of Education and M.L.A., for Richmond County was in attendance at the opening of the Session and in a very sincere address reviewed activities of his and other departments of government and plans set forth for the future. In closing he extended his best to the Warden and Councillors in their deliberations. His address was well received by the Council.

Reports of all departments were received and adopted. Briefs on various aspirations in different areas were heard and received.

The many Committees of Council presented their reports and recommendations.

The all important Finance Committee met on Wednesday evening and finalzied the budget and estimates.

On Thursday evening the Council were entertained at a supper sponsored by the Royal Bank, Arichat Branch.

Projected Expenditures for 1969 were finalized at $714,147.00. Less Grants and other income amounting to $292,398.00 leaves the amount ofof $421,749.00 to be raised from general taxes.

At the last session on Friday the general tax rate was set at $4.00 per $100.00 of assessment. A budgetary surplus should thns occur, that will help reduce an obvious increase in the tax rate next year.

The Warden and Councillors are to be congratulated for their devotion and capable handling of our Municipal Affairs at a time when they were faced with many requests for financial assistance and outlays and could not possibly entertain every one.

It was a most progressive Annual Session and it has become most apparent the public demands for services will reflect in increased tax rates.

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70. CBC LPRT's (NEW)

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For the proper conduct of the hearing it is imperative that the requirements of the Board of Broadcast Governors' Procedure Regulations be strictly followed. Any comment or opposition in respect to the above mentioned applications should be filed with the Secretary on or before February 20, 1969, in twenty (20) copies.

Copies of the regulations may be obtained from the Queen's Printer, Ottawa, Ontario.

Persons wishing to inspect briefs submitted with respect to the above application may do so during regular office hours at the offices of the Commission, 48 Rideau Street, Ottawa.

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ANNUAL MEETING
ST. JOHN'S PARISH

The Annual Meeting of St. John's Parish was held recently at the Parish Hall, Arichat with Rev. Arthur Turnbull presiding. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rector.

A large number were in attendance at the meeting from St. John's Parish, Arichat; St. George's Cape LaRonde and Holy Trinity Congregation, Port Hawkesbury. Two members of the latter are representatives on the Vestry of St. John's Parish, Arichat.

Leighton Amey the Treasurer, of St. John's Parish, presented his report which showed a surplus. The report was unanimously adopted and Mr. Amey was given much credit for his noble efforts.

The Rector's report was adopted with the exception of recommendations to remove the residence of the Rector from Arichat to Port Hawkesbury. The Rector's report revealed much progress in the parish during 1968.

Mr. Earl Lewis was appointed Junior Warden while Stanley Digdon moved up to Senior Warden. Fred Mauger retiring Senior Warden gave his report for 1968 which was unanimously adopted.

St. John's Parish, Arichat is the second oldest Anglican Parish in the Deanery of Cape Breton. St. George's Church, Sydney, better known as the garrison church, is the oldest.

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RIVER BOURGEOIS BOY GRANTED MERIT AWARD FOR SERVICE IN VIETNAM

The Incentive Award Board of the Public Service of Canada has granted a Merit Award of five hundred dollars to Mr. John Gilbert Beranger, a communicator with the Department of External Affairs, in recognition of his courage, initiative and devotion to duty during the Tet offensive in Saigon, Vietnam in February 1968.

On February 1, 1968, the day the heavy fighting began in Saigon, Mr. Beranger, who was serving with the Canadian Delegation to the International Commission for Supervision and Control in Vietnam, drove his motorcycle three kilometers from his living quarters to the offices of the Canadian Delegation at Camp Vo Tanh on the north-east edge of the Cholon district at considerable personal risk and of his own volition. At the camp he manned the Canadian communications centre for three days and three nights without relief. His route ran through a part of the city in which there were road blocks and barricades; at Cholon where the heaviest fighting took place. The immediate vicinity of Camp Vo Tanh was the scene of concentrated fighting for the three days that Mr. Beranger remained on duty.

Mr. Beranger is a native of River Bourgeois, Richmond County, Nova Scotia.

(John attended High School in Arichat and will be remembered by former class mates and friends on Isle Madame. We congratulate him on his outstanding service and courage.—Editor.)

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WALTER HENRY PETITPAS

The death of Walter Henry Petitpas, a well known resident of Arichat, passed away at St. Rita Hospital, Sydney on Friday, February the 7th. He was in his 86th year.

A lifelong resident of Arichat he engaged in fishing out of this port and retired only a few years ago. He was a very industrious man and was held in high regard by his neighbors and many friends.

Funeral took place from the C. A. Boucher Funeral Home, Arichat to Our Lady of the Assomption Church, of which he was a devout member. The Funeral Mass was celebrated by Very Rev. Father A. P. Poirier with interment in the Parish Cemetery. The funeral was largely attending.

Surving besides his wife, (the former Eugenie Briand) are four sons and five daughters: William, of Gloucester, Mass.; Walter of North Quincy, Mass.; Frank of Moncton; Joseph of Sydney; Mrs. James Fitzsimmons (Emma); Mrs. Casimir Peninski, (Alice); Mrs. Matthew Furlough (Marie Louise); Mrs. Pete Pouchelu, (Therese) all of Sydney and Rev. Sister Genevieve Petitpas, Convent, L'Ardoise.

Also surviving are 24 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

We extend sympathy to Mrs. Petitpas, her sons and daughters, in their bereavement.

Petit De Grat

Mrs. Evelyn Boudreau recently returned from a visit in Montreal and Toronto and is presently spending the winter months in her old homestead with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Boudreau.

Leon M. Landry, Assistant Manager at Riverport Seafood plant, called here during the week, on his way to Newfoundland on a business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Amedee Boudreau and son, Gordon, accompanied by another son, Emmaunel and his wife, Jacinthe, motored to Grand Falls, N. B., where they visited at the home of Mrs. Armand Bois and family.

They had a very enjoyable trip and report the weather as being extremely cold with lots of snow in that part of Northern New Brunswick.

Donald Landry a Grade XII Student in Arichat High School, spent the past week-end with his father, Leon Landry and family in Riverport, Lunenburg County.

Arnold Zakareassen and Dale Corkum of Lunenburg, both students at St. F. X. University, Antigonish, taking up Engineering spent the past week-end here as guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Amedee Boudreau.

John Fougere, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ozzie Fougere of East Boston, Mass., returned after spending a few weeks here visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. Alphonse Landry, motored to Halifax where she spent the past week-end visiting her daughter Genora and son-in-law, Tom Burke.

John and Adrien Boudreau, students at St. F. X. University, Antigonish, spent the past week-end at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie H. Boudreau.

Mr. and Mrs. Ludger Boudreau, motored to Halifax the past week to visit their little daugher, Charmaine who is a paient at the Infirmary.

Mr. and Mrs. George Boudreau and young son, Gerard, motored to Halifax on Tuesday. Gerard will enter the hospital for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Marchand (nee Diane Roussel) who were recently married at the (Marie Mediatrice Church), Le Goulet, New Brunswick, were visiting here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Boudreau and family during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Meagher and young children, Charlene and Bonnie Jean of Auld's Cove were visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Boudreau and family on Sunday.

Leon M. Landry and family, Sharon, Elaine and Mark, accompanied by Miss Debbie Rhodenizer, spent the past week-end here with relatives and friends. They returned to Riverport on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Forgeron of West Arichat, were visitors here during the past week accompanied by little Neil Jollymore. We are always glad to see Catherine and Albert.

Willie H. Boudreau returned home after spending a few weeks in hospital at Halifax for treatment. We are glad to report that he is much improved in health and able to be active again.

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ISSUING SCHOOL PAPER

Much credit goes to the High School Students, of the Isle Madame District High School, for their production of a School paper which contains some very interesting articles on their activities at the school. It is the intention of the paper staff to produce 14 editions before the school term ends.

This is a very worthy project and every encouragement should be given the young students in their work of producing the publication.

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WELCOME LETTER

We were happy to receive a letter from our good friend, Thomas A. Boyle of Halifax, who also sent along a very interesting sea story, which he composed, based on facts from American Law Courts. You will note that Capt. Hall was an uncle to Mr. Boyle on his mother's side of the family.

We also note by his letter that his sister, Mrs. Lucy Gargan is visiting with her daughter's family in New York for the past several months. Mrs. Gargan makes her home in Halifax.

Friends at West Arichat and throughout Isle Madame will also be pleased to learn that Tom's sister, Mrs. John Porper, now past 91 years, is in good health and is being taken care of by her youngest daughter in California.

We are happy to know that Mr. Boyle's health is good and he wishes to be remembered to all his old friends on Isle Madame and to the many living elsewhere in Canada and the U.S.A.

The Boyle family in Richmond County and other parts of Cape Breton contributed much in the field of education and at a time when salaries were not too attractive to teachers in those early days. Many members of the Boyle family followed the teaching profession and the contribution they made in the various school sections is worthy of note. Mr. Boyle's sister, the late Mrs. Kate Doyle, will be remembered by many for the service she rendered to the teaching profession during her lifetime.

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ARTHUR S. BOURINOT

The death of Arthur Stanley Bourinot, son of the late Sir John George Bourinot and Isabel Cameron Bourinot, occurred at his Rockcliffe Park home in Ottawa recently. The deceased retired from active law practice some years ago and at the time of his retirement was a consultant solicitor for the Metropolitan Life Assurance Company, in Ottawa.

He was a noted Canadian poet. A pilot in World War I in the Canadian Air Force, he was forced down over Germany and was held a prisoner of war until the end of hostilities in 1918.

In recent years, the late Mr. Bourinot was honored by King's University, Halifax, with a Doctor of Civil Laws Degree.

The late Mr. Bourinot's father was a native of Sydney, and resided in Ottawa the greater part of his lifetime where he was Clerk of the Canadian House of Commons, and was also the author of Parliamentary Practise and Procedure.

His father contributed to the early history of Cape Breton and to the whole of Canada by publishing the following volumes "Cape Breton and Its Memorials During the French Regime," this volume was dedicated to his late father, Senator John Bourinot, of Sydney; "Builders of Nova Scotia" and the "Constitutional History of Canada."

He is survived by his wife, the former Nora Sherwood, and two daughters, Mrs. Edwin C. MacDonald of New York, Mrs. Rex Lewis, South Africa; also four granddaughters.

Funeral services took place from Christ Church Cathedral, Ottawa. Interment Beechwood Cemetery, Ottawa.

M. J. Bourinot of Arichat, editor of "The Richmond County Record," is a cousin of the deceased; also Earl E. Bourinot of Montreal and John C. Bourinot of Halifax."

—Cape Breton Post.

ANNUAL HOSPITAL MEETING

A most encouraging annual meeting of the St. Anne Hospital Board was held at the St. Joseph Parish Hall, Petit de Grat on January 28, 1969. The administrator's report showed that our hospital is used to capacity. The president's report and other reports showed great progress during 1968.

Paul C. Doyle was re-elected a member of the Board and George Kehoe was also elected. The present members of the Board along with the two mentioned are Paul Baccardax, Mrs. D. O'C. Madden, Very Rev. A. P. Poirier, Rev. Arthur Turnbull, Raymond LeBlanc Joseph A. Mury, George A. Samson, Mrs. Rudolph LeBlanc, Antoine Thibeault, Fred Mauger, M. A. MacNeil, Gerard Boudreau, William MacDonald is the Provincial Government appointee and Joseph C. LeBlanc was appointed by the Municipal Council.

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Traffic tabulations for 1968 on such ferry operations, with comparative 1967 totals in brackets are as follows: Grand Narrows 37,050 (31,631); Englishtown 70,466 (61,128); Little Narrows 42,900 (40,111); Grand Passage 13,820 (13,071); Petite Passage 33,577 (26,984); and LaHave 17,557 (14,620).

TRAFFIC RECORDS HEAVIER

Volume of car and truck traffic across the Canso Causeway during 1968 was approximately 25 percent heavier than all previous records.

A Nova Scotia Department of Highways traffic report disclosed that from April 1, 1968 to the end of December 680,054 cars and trucks used the causeway, compared to 545,162 for the comparative period in 1967.

Total traffic, including motorcycles and heavy vehicles was 784,744 for the last three-quarters of 1968 as compared to 634,278 for the same months of 1967. Annual figures are compiled on an April to March basis.

During the last month of 1968, there were 54,628 crossings recorded on the causeway, compared to 43,946 for December 1967.

MARIGOLD CHARLESWORTH

One of the most highly respected directors in Canadian theatre is now in Halifax to direct two plays for Neptune Theatre's winter season.

An accomplished actress, too, guest director Marigold Charlesworth was born and educated in England but, oddly enough, made her theatrical debut as an amateur with the Montreal Repertory Theatre while attending school there during the war. After attending RADA, she acted in repertory and touring theatres in Britain and was a member of the company at the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre, Stratfort-upon-Avon.

After two years of playing in radio, TV, children's theatre and London's West End, Miss Charlesworth emigrated to Canada in 1956. Her roles here have included Juliet, in the Canadian Players national tour of "Romeo and Juliet;" Ellie Dunn, in "Heartbreak House" at the Crest; the Old Woman, in "The Chairs," at the Red Barn in Toronto.

Miss Charlesworth was a cofounder and director of the Red Barn, in Toronto and Jackson's Point, for five years; artistic director of the Canadian Players for one season, and is currently artistic director of the Theatre Hour Company.

Outstanding among the plays she has directed are "The Rivals," "Mrs. Warren's Profession," "The Fantasticks," "Murder in the Cathedral," "The Glass Menagerie," and "The Importance of Being Earnest."

She has filled many roles for CBC radio and TV, and been on the staff of the National Theatre School for three years. Miss Charlesworth received a Canada Council arts award to travel and study the theatres of Russia and Eastern Europe during 1967-1968.

She will direct Edward Albee's "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" and "Pygmalion" by George Bernard Shaw, for Neptune. The five-play Halifax season opens February 7, with the New York comedy hit, "Cactus Flower."

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