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A Noted Arichat Mariner
Capt. Alexander H. MacKinnon

by Alexandra MacKinnon

Captain Alexander Hugh MacKinnon was born in Arichat, N. S. on August 25th, 1868. He received his education at the Arichat Academy and, at the age of sixteen, when he felt that he had learned all that the schoolmasters at that Institution could teach him, shipped before the mast on a brigantine, the name of which I do not remember. The Captain of the brigantine was the late Edward Thibeau of Arichat. It was fourteen years before he visited his home port again.

During the first years he sailed around the world on square-riggers some of which were the fastest ships of their day. On a voyage across the Pacific Ocean from Australia to San Francisco, the skipper said to him, "I'll stay with the sailing ships. I haven't many more years at Sea, but for a young man like you, steam is the thing. These beautiful ships will soon be seen no more." The young Alex MacKinnon listened to his Captain with a feeling of sadness in his heart. He realized the wisdom of the advice but he loved the life on the clipper ships and steam seemed to him without romance, glamour or beauty, but progress is progress; so in the early 1890's, after securing his first mate's ticket in London, he joined the Asiatic Steam Navigation Company as Third Officer on the "RANEE". If I remember correctly, the Asiatic Steam Navigation Company was a subsidiary of the White Star Line. Their ships were named after Indian Potentates and carried passengers and mail. They sailed out of Calcutta, called at Colombo, Rangoon and Singapore, Java and other ports. The cruise took 28 days. Captain MacKinnon remained with this Company for 20 years. I have in my possession a Boer War medal which he received while with them, so apparently some of their ships were troop transports during the war. I also have his Certificate of Competency Master. This document is interesting. It is dated 1896 and is a Colonial Certificate of Ccpetence, Master, with Her Majesty's Order in Council of the 19th of August 1889. It bears the signature of the Port Officer of Calcutta and Under Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

Captain MacKinnon received his first command with the Asiatic Steam Navigation Company in 1900. His first ship was the "RAJAH" then the "RANEE". There must have been others but the records have been lost.

Shortly after the outbreak of World War I, he went to England and joined the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company. The first ship he commanded was the "HANSLEY" a troop transport. Then the DART also a troop transport. Then for two years he commanded the "BERBICE", a naval hospital ship. Then the "CONWAY" a troop transport, then the "EKATERINEOSLAV". This last ship was used to transport Russian refugees from Sevasatopol to what was then Constantinople.

All through the war Captain MacKinnon seemed to bear a charmed life. He navigated through water infested with mines and submarines without a mishap. Only once did a German submarine surface alongside him. When he was on the hospital ship BERBICE. She was well marked and it was obvious to the German that she was unarmed. Anyway the submarine submerged without giving trouble. Things were more exciting during the Russian Revolution. On one occasion Captain MacKinnon was arrested in Sevastopol when martial law was declared while he was ashore. He was in serious trouble until he found an interpreter who could speak French.

In 1921 he became very ill in London and was advised to retire. He returned to his native town of Arichat. His health improved and for about five years, he commanded the SS ARICHAT which made the daily run from Mulgrave to Petit de Grat to Arichat. In 1928 Captain MacKinnon made one more trip to Europe, where he purchased and brought back a ship for parties in the Maritimes. His health again failed and he retired competely from the Sea. He passed away in 1931 in his native village of Arichat.

(The foregoing was written by the late Capt. MacKinnon's daughter, Alexandra, and we are happy to bring this biography of Capt. MacKinnon's seafaring days to our readers, many of whom were acquainted with the highly regarded gentleman, when he resided in Arichat after his retirement. The MacKinnon residence is now occupied by Capt. and Mrs. Newman Skinner and family.

Arichat can well feel proud of Capt. MacKinnon and the many masters who came from here, and from other parts of Isle Madame.

From time to time we will bring stories of the seafaring career of other masters who have passed on but memories of their exploits still fill the pages of history. —Ed.)

Cape Breton Lures

No matter where I go, the more
Cape Breton means to me;
Like sunsets o'er the blue Bras d'Or
And night's tranquillity.

The air like some fine heady wine
The purling waters pure;
The pungent scent of spruce and pine,
That never lose their lure.

The beacons on the rugged coast
That fling their beams to sea;
But what I like about it most,
The hospitality.

HARVEY McKENZIE

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BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE

The Eastern Counties Regional Library Bookmobile schedule for this area is as follows:
Thursday, July 24

St. Peters, Post Office, 9.45-10.45
Louisdale, School, 11.30-12.30

Arichat, Marbro Restaurant 2.00-3.00 o'clock.

CBC'S MAN IN MOSCOW



When news stories break in the U.S.S.R., many Canadians get first-hand reports from Ab Douglas on CBC radio and television news programs. Douglas (pictured above on location in the Soviet capital) was appointed CBC Moscow correspondent in October, 1968. As the CBC's man at the Kremlin, Douglas files frequent reports for regular CBC radio and TV newscasts and contributes to information programming specials. Douglas, 39, has 18 years experience in news reporting and, as Moscow correspondent, plays a vital role in CBC's worldwide news gathering and reporting service.

On Membership Committee CMA



W. J. (Bill) STEPHENS

W. J. Stephens, President of J. W. Stephens Limited, Sydney, who has long been associated with the Canadian Manufacturers Association and is a director of the Nova Scotia Division of the CMA has been advised by B. A. Smith, Manager of the Membership Department that Mr. Stephens has been elected to the Membership Committee at the Annual General Meeting held in Toronto.

In making the announcement, Mr. Smith was quoted to say, "It is indeed a pleasure to advise you of your election to the Membership Committee at the Annual General Meeting for Canada held in Toronto this week. Congratulations to you for a good job well done."

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Mrs. Annette Fixott

Mrs. Annette Fixott, in her 92nd year passed away at the MacDonald Rest Home, Antigonish recently. The late Mrs. Fixott had been a guest of the MacDonald Rest Home for the past several years and during her stay there was a general favorite with the staff and other guests at the Home.

The late Mrs. Fixott was a native of Arichat, a daughter of the late Capt and Mrs. Daniel LeNoir.

During the greater part of her life she resided at Sydney where her late husband, Harry Fixott was employed as a Superintendent at the Bar Mill of the Sydney Steel Works.

For many years the late Mrs. Fixott and family spent the summer months at the LeNoir homestead and was always highly regarded by her friends. Always of a cheerful disposition her memory will be cherished by members of her family, relatives and many acquaintances..

The remains rested at the Boucher Funeral Home, Arichat and the funeral Mass was held from Notre Dame Church of which she was a devout member during her residence in Arichat. Rev. Vernon Fougere was celebrant and also conducted the service at the grave. Interment was in the LeNoir lot in the old parish cemetery of Notre Dame.

The pallbearers were D.O'C. Madden, a cousin of the deceased; M. J. Bourinot, a cousin of the deceased late husband; Hillary Bowen; Harry Marchand; Raymond Landry and Wilbert Stone.

C. A. Boucher was in charge of all funeral arrangements.

Her husband predeceased her some years ago. Surviving is one daughter, Mrs. Lois Coates of Sydney and one son, Gerald Fixott in Ontario.

We extend our sympathy to the bereaved family.

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Leo Sampson

We received word recently from Cascades Point, Que., informing us of the death of Leo Edwin Sampson, which had occurred early in the year. The late Mr. Sampson who was in his 70th year was a native of Sampsonville, Richmond County and was a son of the late Leon Sampson and Ann Burke.

He took up residence in Cascades Point, Soulanges County in the Province of Quebec ,some years ago and engaged as a Chief Engineer on the Great Lakes up to four years ago, then he went as an engineer and teacher at the Institute of Technology and the Thermic, at the campus at the City des Jeunes, at Vaudreuil, Quebec.

The late Mr. Sampson was a highly regarded resident of Cascades Point and during his early life in his native Nova Scotia he

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Bill Smiley

Talk about wild weekends

Having one 18-year-old daughter around the place is enough to turn you white before your time, as I can verify. For most of last week, we had three and it's quite an experience.

One of them had auburn hair, brown eyes and freckles. This was one way we could tell our own from the others, who also had brown eyes. Another was that they were neat and tidy and made their bed and didn't spill things and didn't slouch around in ripped, faded jeans and my oldest shirt.

Early this spring, one of our history teachers organized a trip for his students, during the vacation, to Washington D.C., because they were studying American history. It was a success. They saw numerous historic sites and visited a high school in that city.

There they were warmly received. As kids will, they responded with, "Why don't you come to Canada and visit us some time?" You know how this happens. You're away from home at a wedding or something, meet someone you like and, vowing that you must see more of each other, throw out one of these meaningless invitations.

Then one day a strange car, full of strange people, pulls up at your house. A couple and four kids get out. Your wife's hair is up in curlers. You have a two-day beard and smell like a goat after mowing the lawn.

Yep, it's Elsie and Herb, the couple you met at the wedding, except that you can't remember their names. And they were just coming this way on a trip, and thought they'd drop in and say hello, and they've been looking all over for a motel, and everything's full up.

Well, that's what happened. Our history teacher got a letter saying that 85 students and four teachers from the Washington school were arriving, as invited. All they needed was billets and a schedule of sightseeing

He arranged a program that would exhaust an elephant; historical sites, band concert, dance, boat trip, canoe rides. And billets. There was no problem there. Our own kids were practically fighting over the visitors. One girl, who comes from a family of eight, snatched four of them.

Kim arrived at our place with the two prettiest chicks from that entire high school: Sheila and Caroline. It was 11 p.m. they'd been on the road since five a.m., and were not only tottering, but a little shy. But we got along fine, and shooed them off to bed.

The next three days and nights were enough to kill anybody over 20. The first day, they visited our school and completely disrupted the schedule, which everyone enjoyed thoroughly. By dinnertime, our two guests had lost all shyness and were giggling and talking frantically about what they were going to wear for five different events next day.

Suggested curfew was 1: p.m. They went out with Kim and all three got in at three.

Remember, these were city kids .They were used to concrete and asphalt and apartments. And here they were in a small town with green grass and blue water everywhere. And houses on big lots, with trees and shrubs and lawns and lilac bushes.

Saturday night was the grand finale, with a beach party for the visitors and their teen-age hosts — about 120 people. There must have been 500 at it, as every teeny who could get out to the beach gate-crashed the party. I know, because I took the girls out to it and promptly lost them in the happy, milling mob.

Party ended at five. Bus left at 6. In the a.m., that is. My *wife kissed the girls. They gave us a thoughtful present, lugged all the way from Washington. I took them to the bus. Confusion and emotion were rampant, with tears flowing freely, and kids wildly writing down addresses.*

I got a big hug and kiss from Sheila and Caroline, stuck them on a bus and headed home for a few desperately-needed winks.

Four nights and three days of people meeting other people and liking each other, and learning something, and treating each other as individuals.

Perhaps I forgot to mention it, but the visitors were all Negroes.

Toronto Telegram Syndicate

Officers Elected at
Knights of Columbus Meeting

The regular meeting of Laurence Kavanaugh Council No. 4607 Knights of Columbus was held in the Council Chambers on Thursday evening June 26th. The Meeting was opened by Grand Knight John A. A. MacNeil.

A letter was received from Isle Madame District High School seeking aid for members of the School Band who were going to Acadia University for a period of musical instruction. The Council decided to donate $100.00 to help them defray their expenses.

A letter was received from the new State Deputy for Nova Scotia L. B. MacIsaac notifying the Council of a meeting and installation of officers at Antigonish, on the 5th of July. The Council authorized the required officers to attend.

The Council Activity Committee reported on a very successful social evening when the Clergy and Past Grand Knights were honored. The Immediate Past Grand Knight John E. LeBrun was presented with a PGK's Pin and a PGK's Certificate. The First Grand Knight of the Council, J. H. LeBrun, who also served an additional term as Grand Knight, was presented with a suitable gift. All other Past Grand Knights received PGK Certificates.

Those elected to office for the ensuing year were: Grand Knight, Francis X. Martell, Pondville; Deputy Grand Knight, Rev. Albert Doucet, West Arichat; Chancellor, Leo Gallant, Arichat; Recorder, Paul Baccardax, Poirierville; Warden, Wilbert Stone, Arichat; Financial Secretary, Arthur E. Terrio, D'Escousse; Treasurer, Ernest Paon, Pondville; Advocate, PGK Edwin L. Power, Arichat; Outside Guard, C. A. Boucher, Arichat; Inside Guard, Narcisse Goyetche, Arichat; Trustees, Wilfred C. Forgeron, West Arichat; John E. LeBrun, Arichat; J. Stanley Marchand, Pondville.

The new Grand Knight announced that the General Program Chairman would be PGK John E. LeBrun. He thanked the Council for their confidence in him in electing him to the highest office in the Council and promised to do his best for the Council. He appealed to all members to take part in the Council projects.

The new General Program Chair man announced that a barbeque for members and their families would be held at Pondville on the 20th of July and asked for a good attendance.

The retiring Grand Knight John A. A. MacNeil announced that he had received a telephone call from State Deputy L. B. MacIsaac, appointing him District Deputy for this District. The members of the Council expressed pleasure at the honor accorded the Council.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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STUDENT AT ST. JOHN'S PARISH

Rev. David Price, B. A., a student of King's University, Halifax, has been appointed to St. John's Parish for the summer months to hold services both at Arichat and Port Hawkesbury.

Rev. Douglas Burton, of Mulgrave Parish is priest-in-charge and will be the celebrant at all Communion Services.

Rev. and Mrs. Price have taken up residence at St. John's rectory, Arichat for the next two months.

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Minister

To Those Planning To Hunt Moose

Application forms for Moose Hunting Licences are now available at the Halifax Office and all District Offices of the Department of Lands and Forests.

Please note applications must be on the form provided and must be returned to the Department by August 1, 1969. Licence fee: $15.00. **Do not forward fee with your application.** Minimum age for applicants is 18 years. If the applicant has changed address during the past 12 months, application form should include previous address in addition to present address.

Any person who was issued a licence to hunt Moose in Nova Scotia in 1968 will not be permitted to hunt Moose in Nova Scotia in 1969.

Only one person in any one household is entitled to hold a Moose Hunting Licence and only **ONE** application per person is permitted. Employees of the Department of Lands and Forests are **NOT** eligible to apply for a Moose Hunting Licence.

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View From the Hill

June 6th, 1969, marked the 25th anniversary of the invasion of Hitler's fortress Europe. Canadian soldiers who landed in France on that date in '44 contributed to the date in history when Canadian prestige on the world scene was at its peak.

The attack on "ALMA" proved to be most successful and the reserve battalion the North Nova Scotia Highlanders came ashore to move through the lines established by the initial assault regiment, the Queen's Own Rifles.

To the left of the Queen's Own Rifles on "NAN" RED beach the gallant Quebecer's of the Regiment de la Chaudiere had met greater oppostition and were delayed in clearing their objectives.

The pre-attack briefing had established the plan to encircle the city of "POLAND" and then to capture it the next day.

On the evening of June 6th, 1944 I was on the high hills looking down into the city of Caen or "POLAND" as it had been code-named This was the ultimate "D" Day objective of our regiment according to the pre-attack planning. I say this despite the fact that the many books written about operation 'OVERLORD" as the initial attack was named.

The books all have said that no unit achieved their objective that day. As a member of that great and famous regiment The Queen's Own Rifles, I now claim that we had reached our ultimate objective for the day which was the high ground overlooking Caen.

The town on the shore where we had landed that had been "ALMA" to us was actually the town of Beny-sur-Mer.

The regiment lost some 79 men of the 720 on strength that day. It is some tribute to the memory of these men that I now claim the honor that was due to their sacrifice.

The present-day TV programs make war seem to be one success after another when dealing with the great German Army but it could no be farther from the truth.

The Apollo space program owes most of its success to the Hitler-backed rocket program and its production of V2's.

I recall in the days of struggle through Normandy watching the smoke trails going straight up from position well behind the German lines and wondering what was the cause of these smoke trails.

As the days went by, the news of the first V2 landings in England came out; and I then knew what the smoke trails were.

The German technology that produced the V2 could have altered the course of history drastically if they had had the time to perfect their ultimate weapons.

Logistics have set out that it took some 17 men in the army to back up each man that landed that day in 1944. To have been one of those who landed with the first vehicles on the beach was a unique opportunity to live a history-making event. To have survived the almost 10% casualty rate makes one realize how lucky you were. Memories of the day's happenings are many and varied, from the first flush of dawn, that exposed the widespread lines of assault craft, LCT's, LCA's, troop transports, fast moving MTB's, while far on the flanks of the convoy could be seen the great battle cruisers while overhead there was a virtual umbrella of fighter planes. "Hollywood" at its best could not assemble such a production. And this was the REAL thing.

We all knew that the day might prove to be our last but we had been well trained for the day ahead and though apprehensive of the unknown dangers we each knew what was expected of us, and we felt the others would do their part to make the attack successful.

The brilliant field strategy of General Montgomery during the European campaign has since been negated by the decisions at Potsdam and other meetings of the politicians but to have survived the campaign in Normandy was a rare experience in a human lifetime.

Times and values have changed but the memories of those war years will be felt by many as long as the last veteran of the 2nd Great War survives.

"At the going down of the sun and in the morning, We will remember them!" "Lest We Forget."

JOHN A.

Rev. Vernon Fougere Celebrated His First Mass At St. Joseph's

PETIT DE GRAT — Rev. Vernon Fougere, son of Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Fougere, of Petit de Grat, was ordained to the priesthood on May 31, 1969 in Sacred Heart Church, Sydney. Officiating at the ordination ceremonies was His Excellency William E. Power.

After graduating from Saint F. X. University, Father Vernon spent four years at the Grand Seminary of Montreal where he prepared himself for the priesthood.

Father Fougere was ordained among his family and friends in Sydney. From a front pew, Mr. and Mrs. Fougere saw their son become a servant of God. Following the ordination ceremonies the newly ordained priest and his immediate family attended a banquet in his honor.

On Sunday, June 1, Father Vernon celebrated his first mass in St. Joseph's Parish Church at ten thirty. The priests attending Father Vernon at his first mass were Rev. J. J. MacDonald (P.P.) Rev. Ronald Forgeron along with two of his fellow seminarians, Rev. Robert Harris and Rev. Brian Connolly. The parish church was filled to capacity with friends and relatives crowding the aisles to take pictures of remembrance as Father Vernon celebrated his first Mass.

Following the mass, Benedict Samson made a dissertation on behalf of the parishioners expressing congratulations and best wishes for a happy and fruitful life in the service of God. After the dissertation, Mr. James Samson presented Father Vernon with a gift of money from the parish. Mr. Wilfred Duann, then presented Father Vernon a monetary gift from the workers at Booth Fisheries. Miss Marlene George, niece of the newly-ordained priest, presented him with a gift of money on behalf of the YCS of Petit de Grat, a gesture of appreciation for his chosen life.

At twelve noon a banquet was held in the Petit de Grat Parish Hall. The banquet was attended by Father Vernon's immediate family relatives and close friends. Some of the vistors and relatives from out of town were: Mrs. Jeanne Richard, Montreal; Mr. Raymond Goyetche, Montreal; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Goyetche and family, Everett, Mass.; Mrs. Edgar Bouchie, Glouceser, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. Simon Fouere, Halifax; Mr. John Goyetche, Halifax. Also with Father Vernon for his first mass and banquet were ten fellow-seminarians accompanied by Rev. Neil Willard, Chancellor of the Grand Seminary of Montreal.

Rev. J. J. MacDonald was Master of Ceremonies at the banquet at which he introduced a number of speakers. Among the speakers was Rev. A. P. Poirier who spoke briefly, congratulating Father Vernon on his ordination to the priesthood especially since he was the first for the parish of Petit de Grat. Father Monbourquette followed with a toast to the Queen. Father MacDonald then introduced Rev. Neil Willard, who gave a brief account of Father Fougere's life as a seminarian. Sister Vivian Fraser was then called upon to give a toast on behalf of the sisters and the parish. Robert Fougere said a few words on behalf of the family wishing Father Vernon continued happiness and success in the service of God.

The afternoon ended with Father Fougere meeting friends and giving his first priestly blessing to his family, relatives and countless friends and parishioners.

In the evening there was a gathering of family and friends at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Fougere.

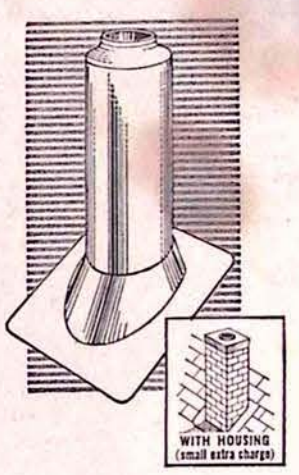
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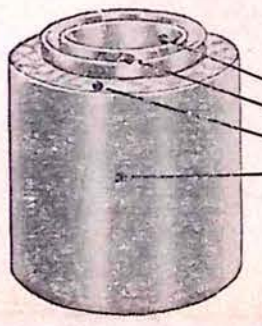
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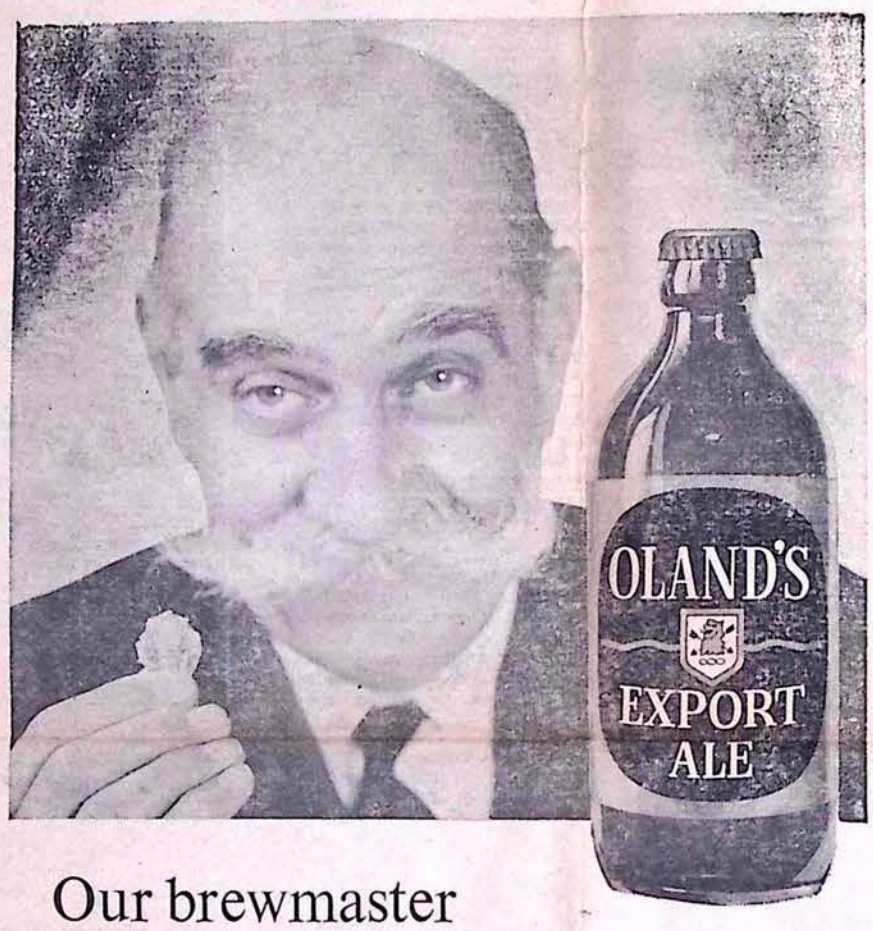
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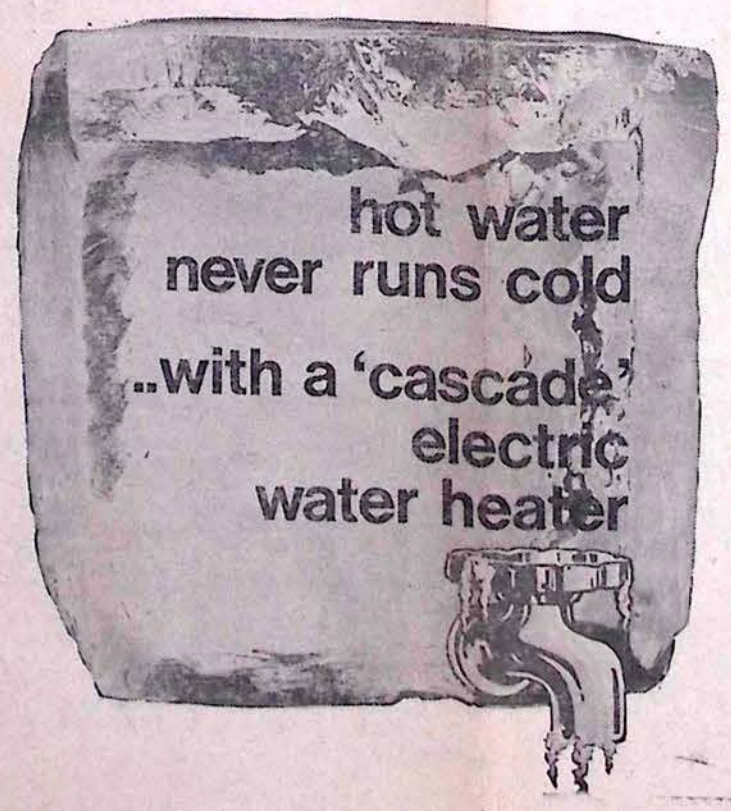
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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ISLE MADAME AND LOUISDALE AREA CANADIAN RED CROSS

The Annual Meeting of the Isle Madame and Louisdale Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society was held recently in the Municipal Building, Arichat.

The Meeting was chaired by Rev. John J. MacDonald of Petit de Grat who gave a report on the Red Cross activities during the past year. He reported that the Red Cross Campaign for funds had netted one housand and forty dollars this year from all areas here.

Mr. Leo Gallant, Chairman of Blood Donor Campaigns gave a report of attending the Blood Donor section of the Red Cross Convention held at Halifax. He gave a detailed report on the setting up of Blood Donor Clinics and their cost. As yet there were not enough Blood Donors in the Arichat Area to set up Blood Donor Clinics and here, he thought that there should be between two hundred and two hundred and fifty Donors for a Clinic to be held.

Mr. Ernest Paon reported on his attendance at the Main Convention. Reports of the Financial Campaign held through the Province was discussed and the Budget for the coming year was estimated to be higher than last year. He also reported on Emergency Aid and Red Cross Supplies.

The Water Safety Program was discussed and it was decided to continue the program the same as in the last two years if an instructor could be procured. The Secretary was instructed to write the Provincial Chairman of the Water Safety Program of the Red Cross Society in regard to procuring a qualified instructor.

The Sickroom Loan Cupboard Committee reported on the number of invalid aids on hand. They recommended that since the Laurence Council No. 4607, Knights of Columbus had donated a wheelchair last year several other organizations would be requested to combine on purchasing a hospital bed as the Branch only had one in stock and it was in continual use.

In the Annual Elections the following officers were elected for

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NEWS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY



SOUTH MOUNTAIN SCHOOL HOLDS SEVERAL HONORS

Although South Mountain School is not the largest school section in Richmond County, it certainly holds a record as prize winners.

This school serves the South Side of West Bay and the teacher is Mr. Will B. Pringle.

The following is an account of the awards made to the pupils of this school.

This year South Mountain School had two winners in the Nova Scotia Forest Fire Poster competition. The winner of the second prize was Florence MacInnis for the Province and she was also first prize winner for the County; Jackie Calder was a second prize winner for the County in the same Contest. This school has the distinction of having five winners in the same contest which we believe is a record for the Province.

Last year this school reached the top again when Bruce Pringle won a first for the Province and a first for Canada in over 80,000 entries. Bruce, accompanied by his father, had a four-day all-expenses paid trip to Ottawa and a $50.00 cheque included. Bruce's poster can now be seen in Post Offices across Canada.

Bruce and his father, who had a most delightful trip, went by plane to Ottawa and returned by train. While in Ottawa they were taken on guided tours of the Capital, had photos taken, visited the Parliament Buildings, the Prime Minister's residence, the residence of the Governor General and on of the most remarkable events, attended an outdoor play at night under the lights at the Parliament Buildings. This play portrayed the history of Canada and was much enjoyed by both Bruce and his father.

The man who made the presentation this year remarked, "This winning has become a habit for South Mountain School."

Another win for the School came from the 4H Quiz Contest. The team from South Mountain School won first prize and was comprised of Bruce Pringle, Donald Calder, Bobby MacIntosh and Billy Pringle. This award is held for one year by the winning team.

We congratulate the teacher and students on their accomplishment.

Visitors to Arichat

Mederic LeBlanc of Port Colborne, Ont., accompanied by his aunt, Jeannette Hureau and cousins Gary and Coline Theriault all of Halifax, were motor visitors to Arichat during the week and while here were guests at the Isle Madame Motel.

Mederic is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond LeBlanc of Port Colborne and this was his first visit to Arichat since leaving here ten years ago. They were our good neighbours for many years and it was indeed nice seeing Mederic again.

Miss Huerau was on the staff of the Royal Bank branch here before taking up residence in Halifax where she is on the staff of the main branch of the Bank in that city.

It was nice seeing Jeannette and her nephew Gary and niece Coline delightful twins of Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Theriault of Halifax.

Motor Trip

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Stone accompanied by Mr. Stone's stepmother, Mrs. Josephine Stone were on a recent motor trip to the Annapolis Valley.

At Smith's Cove, Digby County, they visited Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Roop the former Alvina Stone.

They report a very pleasant trip and were much impressed with the scenic beauty of the Valley.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Pardy (Aurine Samson) of Arichat, a boy at St. Martha's Hospital, Antigonish. Congratulations.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John B. Richard, recently at St. Anne's Hospital, Arichat, a daughter. Congratulations.

Visiting in PEI

Mrs. Stuart Packer of Martinique is visiting in Alberton, PEI, and while there a family reunion of the Perry family (of which she is a member) will be held.

We wish her a happy holiday.

Transferred to Windsor

Corp. Cecil Dole of the Arichat detachment of the RCMP has been transferred to Windsor, N. S.

Corporal Dole and Mrs. Dole and young son Brian left for Windsor where they will take up residence.

Corp. Dole was a valued member of the Arichat Lions Club and before leaving for Windsor was honored by the Club.

While stationed here Corp. Dole carried out his duties in a very efficient manner.

We wish Cecil, Rose and Brian every happiness in their new place of residence.

To Germany

Rudolph Doiron of West Arichat, has received word from his daughter, Estelle and son-in-law Douglas O'Neil of Halifax informing him of their transfer to Germany for the next three years.

Cpl. O'Neil has been with the RCAF for a number of years and prior to this posting he was stationed in Newfoundland.

We join with Mr. Doiron in wishing them a pleasant stay in Germany.

From Toronto

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Bouchard and two children, are visiting at the homes of their respective parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bouchard Arichat and Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Duann of Petit de Grat.

After spending their holidays here they will return to Toronto where they have been residing for the past several years.

Holiday Visitors

Mr. and Mrs. M. Rabchenuk and son of Nashua, N. H., are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vander Samson of Little Anse. Mrs. Rabchenuk's mother is a native of Petit de Grat.

Mr. Rabchenuk operates a trucking service in New Hampshire and holds the distinction of bringing the first express load of freight from New Hampshire to Canada at a time when the highways were narrow gravel roads.

From Calgary

Mr. and Mrs. Auburn McGrath and young son, of Calgary, Alta., are visitors to Arichat at the home of his brother Morton and sister, Mrs. Thilmon Landry.

Auburn has served in the Canadian Army since World War II and in recent years served in Germany, the Middle East and other parts of the world. Auburn will retire from the Army in August.

Mrs. McGrath is a native of London, England, and came to Arichat as a war bride after World War II. She has made several visits to her home in recent years.

It was nice seeing Auburn and Gloria.

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CORRECTION

In our last issue was was stated that Wilfred Thomas Forgeron, son of Capt. and Mrs. W. C. Forgeron, West Arichat, received his Master of Education Degree at St. F. X. This was incorrect and should have read Bachelor of Education Degree. We are sorry for the error, and wish Mr Forgeron much success in the future.

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Survey Ship Hudson To Embark On Long Voyage

In November, the Canadian government scientific ship Hudson embarks on a voyage of discovery: a 47,000-mile trip right around the Americas.

From Halifax, the ship will travel south in the Atlantic to Cape Horn, north in the Pacific, across the Northwest Passage in late summer and back to Halifax by mid-October. If the Hudson can get through the frozen northern passage, it will be the first ship to circumnavigate the Americas. Even more important, the 11-month-long voyage will add significantly to the world's knowledge about the ocean, says the Imperial Oil Review. Scientists aboard the Hudson - from Canada and other nations - will study such things as the escape of carbon from sea water into the air, the movement of water masses and the chemical nutrients in the sea.

The ocean is a vast, tempting reservoir of food, drugs, minerals, and energy. But getting this wealth is another thing. With few exceptions, taking minerals from the sea is not yet economical. The exceptions include gas and oil.

Offshore wells in the free world now produce five million barrels of oil a day - 17 per cent of the total production. Offshore activities ranging from early seismic work to full-scale production - are underway in at least 80 countries, including Canada.

So far, Canada has no producing wells off its coasts. But Canada has offshore areas with great potential. Including the Arctic islands, the country has an immense coastline on three oceans - estimates of the length range all the way from 60,000 to 117,000 miles, depending on how it is measured. Canada also has a huge continental shelf - possibly larger than that of any other nation. Its area is an estimated 1.5 million square miles - almost 40 per cent as large as the total land area of Canada.

The first deep exploratory drilling in the open ocean off Canada was in the Grand Banks region in 1966. It was done by Imperial Oil and Pan American Petroleum, who together drilled two holes on the Banks but neither produced any oil. In 1967, Shell became the first to start exploratory drilling off the west coast and subsequently drilled a dozen wildcats. Last winter, plans were announced for exploration wells to be drilled in both Hudson Bay and offshore from the MacKenzie delta in the Arctic. Imperial may start drilling on its offshore MacKenzie delta holdings in the next few years.

Each step farther from land brings oilmen new and challenging problems. How, for example, do you drill in the Arctic? What kind of drilling vessel is appropriate in an area with open water for only three or four months of the year? How would wellheads in shallow waters withstand the tremendous pressure of ice scraping along the bottom? These are the problems oilmen will have to solve as well as the more familiar challenges - such as undersea pressure - that confront all explorers of the deep.

Pressure has peculiar effects on the divers who help install the wellheads that control the well and perform other tasks in undersea drilling and producing. Down to 100 feet, divers can use compressed air. Deeper than 150 feet, they get high on the nitrogen in air; one man suffering from these 'raptures of the deep' offered his mouth-piece to a passing fish. For the deeper descents, divers use a more expensive breathing gas - a mixture of helium and oxygen. But helium changes the diver's voice into a Donald Duck quack and takes heat from his body so that he quickly gets cold.

Of all the new equipment, drilling rigs are the most imposing. Some of them are stationary. Some are mobile and can be towed to sites where they may drill in more than 1,000 feet of water. The most common mobile rig has a platform that can be jacked up above the waves on legs standing in water as deep as 300 feet. Drilling can also be done from floating vessels, either ships or giant 'semisubmersibles' that are towed to the drilling site and then partially sunk. Ships are generally less expensive - and less steady in rough seas - than semisubmersibles. One of these huge semisubmersibles is being built at a cost of $12 million to drill exploration wells in 1970 for Imperial and Pan American on the Grand Banks. As tall as a 32-storey building from top to bottom, it will be the third such giant built in Canada.

The high cost of these rigs shows just how expensive offshore drilling can be. It will cost Imperial-Pan Am nearly 15 times as much to drill a well on the Grand Banks as it does in the Rainbow area of northern Alberta.

Canada is also one of the few countries building commercial submersibles. The Canadian submersible, called the Pisces, is built by a Vancouver firm. It has manipulator and grappling arms, and a life support system to last two men 72 hours. One model is designed to go down to 6,500 feet. Last year, the Bedford Institute chartered Pisces-I to make test dives in the Arctic to depths as great as 1,520 feet.

New Provincial Camping and Picnic Park Officially Opened At St. Peter's



Battery Park, located at St. Peter's, on (Highway Trunk 4), on the historic and picturesque St. Peter's Canal. This park includes 40 Campsites with Fireplaces and individual parking lots as well as boating and swimming. Also provided are 25 picnic tables and ample parking for daytime guests.

This park is located on a Rolling Hillside and the sea entrance to the St. Peter's Canal can be viewed from this point and not too far away is the beautiful Bras D'Or Lakes. On the North bank of the Canal can be seen the Nicholos Deny's Museum, better known as a Trading Post. Many artifacts of Pioneer Days can be viewed here. The Museum is opened to the public daily.

The park was officially opened by the Hon. George Snow of the Nova Scotia Department of Lands and Forests on Friday, June 27, 1969.

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LEO SAMPSON

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followed the sea and was a general favorite with crew members on ships which he was engaged as an engineer.

We were personally acquainted with the genial Leo and were looking forward to seeing him again as we understand he had planned a trip to his old home in Sampsonville this summer.

At the funeral Mass his nephew, Rev. Father Gregory Samson was the celebrant at St. Pierre Church of which the deceased was a devout member. He was also a valued member of the Knights of Columbus.

He is survived by his wife and a son, Ernie.

We extend sympathy to Mrs. Samson and her son in the loss of a beloved husband and father.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OF CANADA

EXTENSION OF TIME

NOTICE is hereby given that the time for the reception of tenders for GROUND IMPROVEMENTS, POST OFFICE BUILDING, LOUISDALE, NOVA SCOTIA due 3:00 P.M. (ADST) Wednesday, July 23, 1969, is extended to 3:00 P.M. (ADST), WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 1969.

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Mrs. Lennox Mauger who was visiting friends and relatives in Halifax has retunred home.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mauger who recently returned from Toronto, have taken up residence in the late Edward Mauger dwelling.

Congratulations are extended to Ralph Mauger, on being a prize winner at hte closing exercises of the Isle Madame District High School, Arichat. Ralph is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Mauger.

Hubert Mauger was a recent visitor at the home of his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Mauger with whom his mother, Mrs. Lillian Mauger resides. Hubert's many friends and relatives were happy to see him.

Mrs. Douglas Landry of St. Peter's who underwent a successful operation at the City Hospital, Sydney, has returned home and friends will be pleased to learn that she is well on the way to complete recovery. Eva is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mauger of this place.

John J. Mauger is visiting his wife and family. over the weekend.

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