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Tuna Now Appearing In Isle Madame Waters Could Become Tourist Attraction

During the past few years, sightings of the "Big Fish" in the province's western waters have been fewer and fewer and landings have diminished to very few Tuna taken during the season. However, Capt. Frank Keddy, a prominent Purcell's Cove Tuna fisherman and his beautiful craft, ASHTAR II have tracked the "Big Fish" to Isle Madame waters.

Capt. Keddy reported great schools of Tuna along the coast, and this prompted a group of interested people to take in a day of fishing with him.

The group consisted of Charles Landry, Wilfred Boudreau, Rudolph Keating, Lubin Boudreau and Lloyd Bourinot. Clarence Cottreau, a professional Tuna fisherman from Purcell's Cove was Capt. Keddy's mate.

The first thing we noticed, after making ourselves aquainted with the spotless craft, was the great care these men took in preparing and setting the bait which in this case was fresh mackerel and herring.

After a short steam, we were on the grounds and Charlie Landry was in the chair. Anxious moments were spent as two large tuna followed the bait, casually bumping it but, no takers.

The watch in the chair revolved with no luck as many fish broke water all around us.

Capt. Keddy and Lubin Boudreau, proved their culinary skills by preparing a beautiful fresh mackerel dinner and we were in the midst of enjoying this when Capt. Keddy yells into the galley: "We're hooked."

All hands hit the deck simultaneously which turned out to be the greatest mass confusion since the Great Chicage Fire. Lines here, rods there and Rudolph Keating in the chair. There was a time when we were not quite sure if Rudolph had the fish or the fish had Rudolph. However, after skilful manouvering of the boat by Capt. Keddy and expert guiding at the chair by Clarence Cotheau it was apparent that Rudolph had the situaion well in control and was proving himself as a real powerful angler.

The fight lasted 14 minutes and an air of disappontment passed amongst the group as the Tuna shook the hook free and headed for open sea. After Rudolph uttered a few appropriate words we all congratulated him on a short but real good fight.

We continued fishing the rest of the day with no luck and returned home bitten by the thrills of Tuna Fishing and eagerly awaiting another trip in the near future.

TAKEN UP WITH ISLE MADAME

We recently received a nice letter from Gunnar and Betty Peterson, of Homewood, Illinois, both of whom had returned to their home in the U. S., after spending the holidays at their summer home in Janvrin Island. It was nice meeting the Peterson's while here and we are taking the liberty to publishing a part of their letter showing their appreciation for the beauty of Isle Madame and the courtesy of its residents:—

"We have just returned home after the most wonderful 4 weeks of our lives—on Janvrin Harbour. We can scarcely call it a vacation, since we already think of ourselves as residents and look forward to a time when we can economically move to Janvrin year round. There surely is no more beautiful place in all the world than the Isle Madame Area. The people of Janvrin Harbour were as friendly and helpful as one could only wish for in an ideal circumstance. After all, we were outsiders and new residents."

Grandmother Hall "Most Unfortunate Woman Ever"

By T. A. BOYLE

At the time of the potato famine in Ireland, Captain William Bowdren transported his family, consisting of his wife, four boys and one girl, to Belle Isle, Nfld. From there he was engaged in transporting salt fish to the farther parts of the continent. It was the "Age of Sail." Of his four boys, two disappeared without trace, in violent ocean storms.

Catherine was the only daughter of Capt. William Bowdren of Southern Ireland. It must have been a gala day for the captain and his wife when Catherine, a tall, winsome lass of 16, stepped on board the brig "L'Empereur," as the wife of Captain Thomas Tyrrel of Arichat, Nova Scotia.

Despite England's ban on education in the Southern parts of Ireland, that unhappy country, dedicated men and women tramped the bogs and the hills to bring education in the arts, science, domestic skills and medicine to avid students.

So it was that from such small beginnings orators, scientists, authors and doctors, soon rivalled the graduates of England's famous University of Oxford. A born sailor, Catherine accompanied the captain on all his voyages, with the exception when he was compelled to land at New York where she gave birth to a female child; whom she named "Mary Ann." Land bound, because of the child, she missed his last voyage.

It was about 3 o'clock in the morning when the captain's sister, Lucy Tyrrel, woke all hands, screeching and screaming that "Captain Tom" and all his crew had perished in a dreadful storm. She said she saw the four-masted ship stripped of most of it's sails and the pale frightened faces of the crew peering out of the forecastle, while "Captain Tom" was trying to cut down the masts and that he said ,"If I had good men I could save the ship. A few seconds more and the ship and all hands disappeared in the raging sea.

ENGAGED AS MIDWIFE

Leaving her young daughter in Arichat, in the care of the Tyrrels, to be educated at the nun's school, Catherine engaged in midwife nursing. Of her many cases she always liked to recall when Sir Alexander Graham Bell engaged her to take care of his wife during her pregnancy at Baddeck.

Shortly after this event she married Captain John Hall, master of a full rigged ship of 800 tons. Two boys and one girl was the result of this union. Meanwhile the couple had purchased a house in Halifax. Only one more payment was required when the dreadful news of the loss of the captain, ship and all hands was received. In the meantime her eldest daughter, Mary Ann, had married Dougald Boyle of Mabou and Arichat.

Distributing her children among the Tyrrels and Dougald Boyle's, back to work she went again—this time as a stewardess on a large coastal steamship. Only one more payment was required for the title to the house. The default of one payment rendered the whole transaction null and void. As it was the day of no money orders she gave the last payment to a friend who was going to Halifax. He never made the payment—so the savings of years went up in smoke. Of her friend's conduct she always maintained that "He was a Thief," but liquor had gotten the best of him.

Now well past 70 she and her two sons, John and Patrick, made their home with her eldest daughter, Mary Ann, married to Dougald Boyle of West Arichat; while her daughter, Lily, settled with relatives in the United States.

BAKER'S DOZEN

She was indeed a blessing to the ever increasing Boyle family, the baker's dozen of 13. Here it was that the education in the arts, the skills such as medicine was made use of. A tape measure was all she required to make a dress or a suit of clothes.

John, the elder son, was an apt student and quickly obtained Grade XI provincial certificate. Subsequently he went to New York to join his sister and to take instructions in navigation. After serving for several years as first mate, by study and experience, he qualified as Master of Sailing Ships in any Ocean.

No captain's berth being immediately available he engaged as first mate on the ill fated "Berwin", on a voyage to Cardenas, Cuba. It was early in the year 1904 when he informed his mother, by letter, of his promotion.

Only a few months later this mother was informed by her daughter in the U.S. that all the white members and one Negro were foully murdered in a mutiny led by a giant Negro.

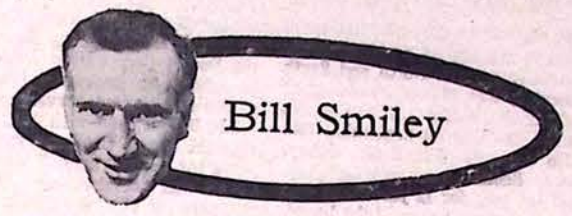
In after years her surviving son, Patrick, then of California, enumerating her dreadful losses: two brothers and two husbands by the the sea; the dreadful murder of her eldest son, John, on the high seas and the total loss of a life's savings by a drunk, said, "She was the most unfortunate woman who ever lived."

POST NOTE:—Captain Thomas Tyrrel's ship, "L'Empereur" was built on "Creighton Island" by the original Simon Landry, who named her after this hero, Napoleon Bonaparte.

At the age of 78 the end came peacefully to this grand old lady, who had successfully sailed the "Seven Seas."

Her remains were interred in the Catholic cemetery at West Arichat a lonely grave a long distance from her place of birth in Ireland and the graves of her parents in Bell Isle, Nfld.

(The foregoing authentic story was written by Thomas A. Boyle, a grandson of Mrs. Catherine Hall, a courageous Irish lady, who had many misfortunes during her lifetime and who also brought much happiness into the homes of her relatives and friends, which is still cherished by her grandson, Thomas Boyle and by his sisters. We were happy to learn that Mrs. Hall was the nurse in attendance at our birth and we feel greatly honoured at having such a wonderful lady in attendance at that time. We can now recall our late parents speaking kindly of the late Mrs. Hall and also the Boyle family whose friendship has been so sincere and noteworthy down through the years.Editor.)



Good neighbor Bill

We all know what happens to good Samaritans, don't we? They end up holding the bag.

Receently we acquired a kitten. It was practically over my wife's dead body, but Kim insisted she was going to crack up psychologically if she didn't have a little brother for company. As usual, Dad was the catalyst. No pun.

It turned out to be a little sister, as I've mentioned, but that was to be expected. She was a little beauty and immediately took over the house with that mixture of charm and utter arrogance that only a female kitten can muster.

Even the Old Battle Axe became fond of the thing, despite the usual clawing of furniture and drapes. Kim was ecstatic. I'm the only one in the family who can barely be civil to cats. I'd as soon have a baby gorilla, or a pet anaconda, as a cat.

Pip, the kitten, had been retrained, after a traumatic lapse when the painters were here. All was serene. She had run of the house, slept with Kim, and began spending some time playing in the back yard making like a tigress with insects and worms. Tragedy struck Sunday afternoon. I was sitting outside, reading, when I heard the unearthly but unmistakeable scream of an animal in its death-throes.

I couldn't believe our kitten could make such a noise. But it was definitely feline, and she'd been playing around in the yard only a little while before. Leaping up, I spotted the direction of the wails, and ran out to the road. There was Pip, head down, wailing wildly, crouched in the middle of the road, as the cars sped by.

I picked her up as gently as possible, certain she'd been run over, or at least hit by a car. She squealed piteously and clutched my sweater. She was shuddering with terror and pain.

I carried her in like a wounded bird and called my wife. Whe was horrified. The kitten was obviously in shock, eyes glazed, head shaking. Her hind legs seemed paralyzed and I thought her back must be broken. Her face was bloody and half her nose seemed to be missing.

We put her in her box-bed and stood about, wringing our hands. My wife shrieked, "She's shrinking!", and I agreed. Creatures seem to do that when they're dying.

My wife wailed, "Her eyes are funny, and her ears are tuning inside out." I ageed. The kitten shivered uncontrollably. The death rattle was imminent.

"Better tell Kim," quavered the boss. "She'll never forgive us if Pip just dies and she isn't here."

Once again I agreed, and raced upstairs, where Kim was watching Hamlet on TV. My face as long as a foot, I intoned, "Kim, you'd better come quick. I think Pip's been run over, and she's in bad shape."

She looked up, startled, and said, "Dad, what have you been into? Here she is, right here." And sure enough, there was Pip lying snoozing on the couch, as elegant as Cleopatra waiting for Mark Antony.

Well, you don't have to be Sherlock Holmes, do you? I'd rescued the wrong blasted cat. There was some excuse. My tender heart. The thing was screaming. And it was exactly the same coloring as Pip.

The reason my wife thought the beast was shrinking was that it's about a month younger than Pip. The reason it's eyes were dull is that it's retarded, I'm sure.

Kim promptly produced a saucer of milk. The cat with the broken back and paralyzed legs just as promptly walked over to it and drank it, though still shivering, then curled up and slept for two hours. It's bloody nose was probably from gravel spattering under a car's wheels.

Well, what do you do? Throw it back on the road? Pip and my wife are furious, one at having an interloper, the other at having two cats when she didn't want one. Kim is delighted and determined to keep the ugly, stupid little mutt, who eats like a lion.

And I, as usual, despite the fact that this is a cat story, am in the dog-house, where good Samaritans frequently find themselves.

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CANADIANS CHAMPIONS SWEEP NORTH AMERICA MUSIC COMPETITION

Collegiate national champions from Canada swept to victory over U.S. title holders in both the pop and folk music categories at the North American College Music Championships, held on August 23 at the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto.

Vocalist Cornelia Boucher from Nova Scotia Teachers College, bested Don Smith from the University of Illinois, in the popular music category.

A swinging folk group from College Jean de Brebeuf in Montreal, Les Contretemps, won the folk competition over Vassar College's G-Stringers and the Pretorians, a folk trio from Eastern Oregon State College.

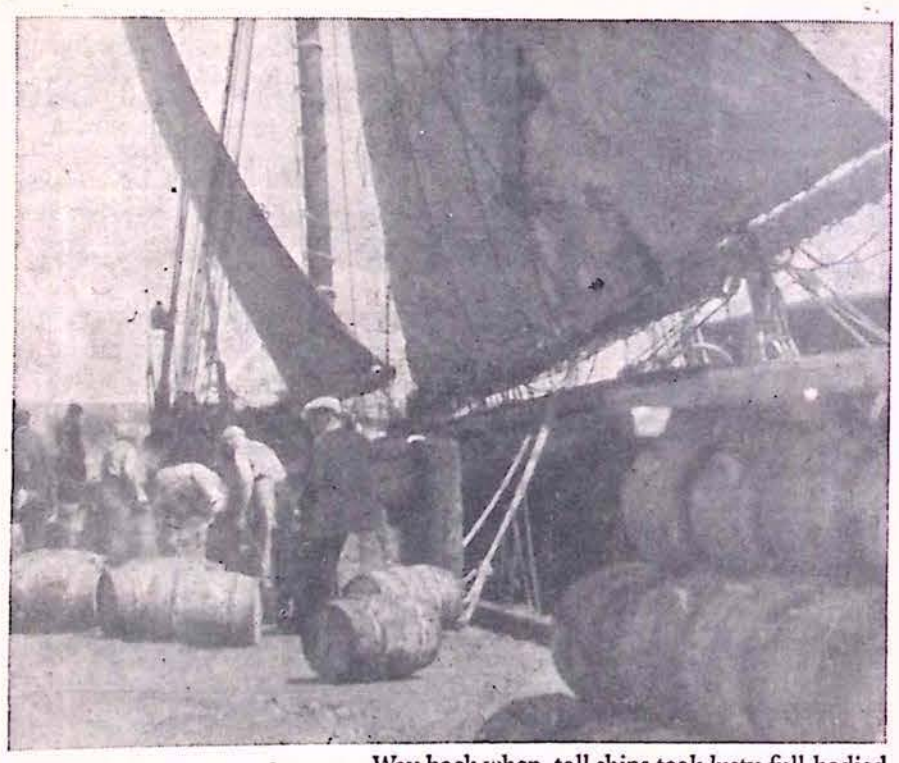
Miss Boucher and Les Contretemps won the right to represent Canada by taking top honors at the Canadian College Music Championships on August 22 at the Canadian National Exhibition. Canadian finalists, in addition to the national champions, were Mara Loves, a rock group from the University of Toronto and McMaster University; a folk duo from Shelburne Collegiate, Just the Two of Us; Les Goelands from Universite Laval; and Gilly and the Bird from Laurentian University.

The U.S. national champions were winners of the Intercollegiate Music Festival competition in St. Louis last May.

Judges for the competitions were CBC television producer Drew Crossan;Wally Crouter, a Toronto radio personality; educator Clem DeRosa; vocalist Gail Garnett; and Gerald W. Purcell, recording company president and personal manager.

More than 6,000 spectators watched the exciting conclusion of the championships. The Canadian and North America College of Music Championships, as well as the Intercollegiae Music Festival, are produced by Bob Yde Associates, a Leeburg, Flordia, organization.

(This news item came from the North American College of Music Championships, Leeburg, Florida, and we are happy to bring this release to our readers, more especially, because our own Cornelia Boucher of Arichat won the competition in the popular music category. Cornelia is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Boucher, of this town and it's predicted that Cornelia will be heard from in the future and we congratulate this youthful singer and musician and wish her continued success.—Ed.)



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MORLEY G. TAYLOR
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Morley G. Taylor, who has spent most of his life as a public utility executive in both North and South America, was elected president of Industrial Estates Limited at its annual meeting on September 5th.

He replaces Frank H. Sobey, Nova Scotia businessman, who held the post for 12 years and who was elected chairman of the board. The previous chairman, J. C. MacKeen, becomes honorary chairman.

Mr. Taylor brings a wealth of executive experience to the board.

A native of Parrsboro, he is a graduate of Acadia University, Nova Scotia Technical College and Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

For the last nine years he has been president of the Canadian International Power Company, Montreal. He retired from that post in May and now resides in Halifax.

The 65-year old executive was general manager of the Nova Scotia Power Commission from 1955 to 1959 when he directed a vast extension of plant services.

Mr. Taylor was with the International Power Company in Venezuela for many years. From 1938-55 he was president and general manager of electric utilities subsidiaries of the company.

He was one of the early directors of IEL. He is also a director of Deuterium of Canada Limited, the Montreal Engineering Company, and a number of other firms.

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FROM ONSLOW

While in Halifax the past week we had a call from Mr. and Mrs. Byron Langley, of Onslow and we regretted at not being home, however they left us a much appreciated note and kind regards.

For many years Mr. Langley was Warden of the county and for over 30 years served his district and county well.

Both Byron and Irene are held in high regard by their many friends in Richmond County and the Strait area and far beyond the borders of the Causeway.

We extend our best wishes to the genial couple for continued happiness throughout their lives.

FROM SYDNEY

Ven. Archdeacon and Mrs. A. F. Arnold, of Sydney are visiting at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lewis.

During the annual session of the Anglican Synod in Halifax early in the summer, Archdeacon Arnold was presented with a scroll in recognition for over fifty years service in the ministry.

Now in his retirement both he and Mrs. Arnold reside with their son and daughter-in-law, Col. and Mrs. Carl Arnold at Sydney.

Friends here are always delighted to see the Venerable Archdeacon and his good wife.

NEW HIGHWAY

The highway from the intersection on the high street beginning at Alexander (Tye) Marchand's residence, is being graded, widned and filled. This new piece of highway will connect with the paved highway at the late Albert Edwards dwelling.

This road besides affording an excellent view of Arichat town and harbour, will also be welcomed by dirvers of transport trailers and trucks going and coming to the Booth Fisheries plant at Petit de Grat.

We are sure everyone will be grateful to Hon. Gerry Doucet and the Department of Highways for having undertaken this worthwhile project to take care of the increasing heavy traffic on this side of Isle Madame.

SUMMER VISITORS

During the summer Albert MacDonald of the Bay State Bindery, Boston, Mass., was visiting relatives and friends in the Grand River and Framboise area.

Mr. MacDonald's father who was the founder of the Bay State Bindery was a native of Framboise, this county and at his death the business was taken over by his three sons, Albert, John and Hector, who still carry on the business at 51 Melcher Street, in Boston, near South Station.

The MacDonald brothers during the past year contributed generously with books for the St. Peter's District High School and in recognition of their gift, the St. Peter's School Year Book was dedicated to these fine gentlemen.

It was nice meeting Albert when he paid us a visit early in the summer and again visited us accompanied this time by his brother John and their good friend and ours D. A. Macleod of Halifax and like the MacDonald brothers is also a native of Framboise.

Mr. Macleod is now retired and resides in Halifax where we were happy to meet him at the annual Synod of the Anglican Church in Nova Scotia in June. At that time Mr. Macleod was an observer for the Presbyterian Church of which he is very prominent in the city of Halifax and his work in the church in Nova Scotia has been outstanding.

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AN EVENING PRAYER

Forgive us for the smiles we failed to give,
Smiles on which saddened hearts may live,
And yet—and yet we failed to give

Forgive us for the words we've left unsaid,
Words that feed hungry hearts like bread,
And yet—and yet were left unsaid.

And for the little deeds we've left undone,
That might have cheered some lonely one,
And yet—and yet were left undone.

Forgive us, Thou who knowest us so well,
That we have failed our love to tell
In smiles and words and deeds as well.

ANNUAL INSTALLATION
K. O. C. OFFICERS
AT WEST ARICHAT

Upward of sixty members, their families and guests attended the Annual Installation for the newly elected officers of Laurence Kavanagh Council No. 4607 Knights of Columbus in the Council Rooms in West Arichat at 8:00 p.m., Sunday evening. This was the first official function of the Council since their rooms were redecorated. The main hall layout received much praise.

The installation of officers of the Council was conducted by District Deputy John A. A. MaiNeil assisted by District Warden Arthur E. Terrio.

The newly elected Officers installed into office were:—Grand Knight, Francis X. Martell; Deputy Grand Knight, Rev. Albert Doucet; Chancellor, Leo Gallant; Financial Secretary, Arthur E. Terrio; Warden, Wilbert Stone; Recorder, Paul Baccardax; Treasurer, Ernest Paon; Advocate, P. G.K. Edwin Power; Trustees: John E. LeBrun, J. Stanley Marchand and Wilfred C. Forgeron; Inside Guard, Narcisse Goyetche; Outside Guard, Cornelius Boucher.

The special speaker for the evening was Past State Deputy, W. C. Boudreau of Sydney. He was introduced by Rev. Albert Doucet. Mr. Boudreau spoke on the subject of Catholic Associations in the present day world as described by the documents of Vatican II. Mr. Boudreau's address was very well received and enjoyed by all those present who complimented him following the meeting.

Following the installation of officers a delightful buffet lunch was served in the upstairs clubroom.

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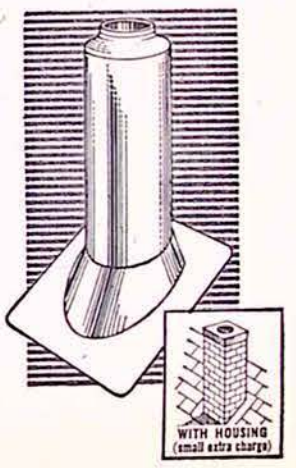
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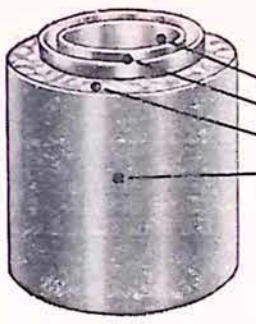
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NEWS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY



WEST ARICHAT NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Trueman left for Ontario after spending several weeks at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hyacinth Fougere.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Dugas accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Ben Terrio of Barnstable, Mass., were motor visitors here visiting his brother, Edmund and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Samson, left for Montreal to visit her sister, Mrs. O'Riley for several weeks and while in the city visited "Man and his World."

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Briand of Halifax spent several weeks here visiting Mrs. Briand's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Meunier.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Langlois of Hamilton, Ont., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Mury.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Babin spent their vacation visiting friends in Newfoundland.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry LeJeune of Mulgrave and young son were week-end visitors at the home of his sister, Mrs. Cecille Comeau.

Mrs. Tonie LeJeune of Halifax was a week-end visitor at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe LeJeune.

Mrs. Edward Forgeron of Sydney accompanied by her two daughters, Ann and Allen visited friends and relatives here recently.

Mrs. Etienne LeBlanc of Chéticamp visited her brother, Thelma and also attended the Allen-Gerroir wedding which took place here.

Mr. and Mrs. John Doran of Medford, Mass., visited her mother, Mrs. Maud Dugas and other relatives for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fougere left for Dartmouth where they will take up residence. Mr. Fougere is employed in the dining service of the CNR between Halifax and Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bouchard have taken up residence in Toronto. Mr. Bouchard is a great singer and we wish him every success and may the young couple have much happiness.

Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Young of Dartmouth and their three children were recent visitors at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Meunier.

Mrs. Wilfred Poirier visited her daughter, Mrs Dan MacKay and also her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Poirier all of Antigonish.

Mrs. Arthur Samson accompanied by her brother, Thelma were motor visitors, guests of her sister, Mrs. Etienne LeBlanc, Chéticamp.

FROM BOSTON

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Muise of Boston, Mass., and their daughter, Mrs. Joan Bobbles of Wakefield, Mass., were summer visitors here guests of Mrs. Juliet LeBlanc. Also visiting Mrs. LeBlanc was her sister, Mrs. Lilly White of Halifax who was honored by her sisters, brothers and other relatives, on her birthday while here.

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REPORTING NEWS

It is difficult for us to report all the news about town and County and it is indeed a courtesy to us and to visiting guests when personal items are sent to us for publication. Just pick up your phone and call 29 informing us of our visitors or any other news item you may wish to have us publish.

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TO MONTREAL

Mrs. Margaret Hake and her sister, Mrs. Agnes LeBlanc left for Montreal, where they will spend the winter with Mrs. Hake's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Ross.

Mrs. Hake and her sister were guests of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles DeCoste, Arichat.

Friends will join with us in wishing them a very pleasant winter and look forward to their return again next summer.

CORNELIA BOUCHER DOING WELL

It is always nice to learn of the success of young people in our County and Miss Cornelia Boucher of Arichat, Isle Madame, is to be complimented for her continued success as a vocalist as well as a musician.

In a recent issue of the "Telecaster" a week-end supplement of the "Chronicle-Herald" we noted a large display advertisement and an attractive photo of Cornelia, sponsored by business firms in the Strait area and Isle Madame, extending good wishes to this talented young lady. We were very disappointed that "The Richmond County Record" was not solicited to have their name appearing with the other firms.

At this time we again extend good wishes to Cornelia and look forward to hearing good news of her continued accomplishments.

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VISITING PARENTS

Mr. Henry Martell of C.F.B., Cold Lake, Alberta was visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Venard Martell and his brothers at Pondville. Henry was on two weeks leave after attending a course in Shearwater in Halifax.

Henry returned by Air Canada to resume his duties in Air Defence Command. He was accompanied to the airport by his mother, Mrs. Alma Martell, his brother Herman, Mrs. Hubert Martell, Mrs Abel LeBlanc and his aunt, Mrs. Claudia LeBlanc.

While Henry was here he attended the LeBlanc-Rideout, wedding the first family wedding he had the pleasure to attend in 17 years. Henry expresses his gratitute to all who made his stay such a pleasant one.

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TRANSPORTATION: — Car going to Port Hawkesbury daily. Passengers wanted. For further particulars contact: Cline Bourinot, Arichat, N. S.—Phone 273.

TAKEN FROM OUR FILES OF APRIL 1927

The following news item appeared in the Record of an April issue in the year 1927 as follows:—

"We have just heard from our old friend, T. A. Boyle. We had been wondering where Tom had mysteriously disappeared to since he left his native heath two years ago. He has bobbed up at Port Menier, Anticosti, Que., where he has been since last November in the employ of the Anticosti Corporation as a timber cruiser and surveyor and is getting along fine, being well pleased with that line of work. The corporation that owns the island had over one hundred thousand cords of wood cut last winter and Tom and his assistants are now cruising and surveying for next winter's cut. Tom may take a trip down to the old place in August.

The Tom Boyle referred to in the item now resides in Halifax and several nice stories have appeared in the Record during the past year and one will be found in this issue. Tom is a native of West Arichat and during World I served in the Canadian Army and after the war operated the Boyle farm at West Arichat.

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TO AULD'S COVE

Mr. and Mrs. Fred McCarthy and family have taken up residence in Auld's Cove, near Mulgrave. where they recently purchased a new mobile home.

For the past two years they resided in ono of the Hilary Bowen's dwellings in Arichat and previous to that occupied the Gilbert home at Bosdet's Point, West Arichat.

Mr. McCarthy is Superintendent for the C. E. McCarthy Electrical Company of New Glasgow, in the Strait area and recently completed the electrical contract at the large vocational school and new elementary school at Port Hawkesbury. At present he is engaged with his crew installing the lighting system at the new Causeway Rotary.

ATTENDS CANADA GAMES

Morton S. Binet, our efficient Registrar of Deeds, accompanied by his son, Edward, attended the Canada Games at Halifax recently. While in the city they visited members of his family.

Before returning they motored to other parts of the province.

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FROM BEDFORD, MASS.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Joyce of Bedford, Mass., were recent visitors to D'Escoussse where they spent some time at the home of his sister, Mrs. Bella Poirier and his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Britten.

Mrs. Poirier had been a patient at St. Ann Hospital, Arichat and we are pleased to report she is now much improved in health.

Albert left D'Escousse some years ago and took up residence in Massachusetts where he is engaged as a Marine Engineer.

Friends both on the Northside and in Arichat were pleased to see Mr. and Mrs. Joyce.

NEW RESIDENTS

Mr .and Mrs. Mike Ferns and family have taken up residence in the Hilary Bowen residence on High Street.

Mr. Ferns is in charge of security at the G. E. project in Point Tupper.

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FAREWELL PARTY

A farewell party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bouchard, Arichat, on the eve of the departure of their son Robert for Toronto.

Robert is a talented singer and his record the "Irish and Country Sides of Robert Bouchard", has become very popular and his fans are looking forward to more productions from this young singer. Robert has also been heard on TV programs as well as radio over CJCB, Sydney and CJFX Antigonish.

Mrs. Bouchard has since joined her husband in Toronto. We wish them both continued happiness and success.

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Official Opening of Chateau St. Louis at Fortress Louisbourg

OTTAWA — What was once the largest fortress in the new world is rising again on the rocky coast of Cape Breton Island. Completion of the first phase of the $12 million reconstruction of the Fortress of Louisbourg as a National Historic Park is being marked by the opening of the Governor's Wing of the rebuilt Chateau St-Louis on September 8 by Jean Chretien, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

The project, located 23 miles south of Sydney, Nova Scotia, was started in 1961 and work is expected to continue until the mid-1970's. The historical reconstruction is the most extensive in the world today combining both military and civil aspects.

The fortress is being rebuilt on the foundations underlaying the 200-year-old rubble remains of one few fortified towns in North America, and among the last of its kind built anywhere. The reconstruction will simulate Louisbourg in 1745, before it was besieged and captured by an expedition of New Englanders with British naval support. Returned to the French in a peace settlement, it was captured by the British in 1758 and demolished in 1760.

The reconstructed ten-room Governor's Wing, its authentic mid 18th century antiques forming the largest collection of period French furnishings in North America, recreates the original with its lavish furniture, upholstery and draperies.

The furnishings were assembled in France and Quebec over a three-year period for the National Historic Sites Service by Jean Palardy, a leading expert on 18th century French-Canadian furniture. Antique objects ranging from 18th century-style flour barrels and armoir locks to faience (glazed earthenware) dishes and wine glasses that could not be acquired, were reproduced, faithful to the originals, under Palardy's supervision. His selection is based on a bankruptcy list for Governor Duquesnel who died in 1744 and whose possessions were sold to clear debts.

Reconstructed in the Chateau area and open to the public are the field-stone Governor's carriage house and stables, guardhouse, soldiers' barracks, powder magazine, the King's Storehouse, artillery storehouse and icehouse.

Visitors will be able to tour the reception and interpretation centre, the Governor's wing of the Chateau St. Louis and from walkways on the fortress site, view reconstruction underway and archaeological excavations.

BACKGROUND

Construction of the original Fortress of Louisbourg was begun in 1720 and took some 25 years to complete. Louisbourg was a synonym for impregnability in its day, and the money spent on its construction (much of which lined the pockets of corrupt or inefficient contractors) dismayed even Louis XV, who reportedly said he expected to awake one morning at Versailles and see the walls and towers of Louisbourg rising on the western horizon.

In the 1740's the 30-block walled town was populated by some 3,000 French soldiers and 2,000 civilians. Its focal point is a Citadel, comprising the Chateau St-Louis and a fortification on the landward side, called the King's Bastion, which is now to be opened to the public.

Named after Louis XIV, the chateau served as the town's main official building, and its three stories housed the governor's plush apartments, officers' and soldiers' quarters, a chapel, bakery and stores.

In its time the Chateau was the largest building in North America.

About 364 feet long, it was just 35 feet shorter than the Center Block of the present Parliament Buildings in Ottawa.

As a result of partial attempts at reconsruction made in the early 1900's, the King's Bastion casemates, foundations of the Chateau St-Louis, and the hospital and Intendant's house were known as landmarks for some years. In 1935 the museum buildings were erected and Miss Katharine McLennan was named Curator. Her notable scale model of the 18th century fortress is still on display.

Systematic reconstruction began with the King's Bastion in 1963 and the Chateau St-Louis in 1965. In 1967, construction moved outside the Citadel with rebuilding of the King's Storehouse, or Magasin General, chief storehouse for government supplies.

Designed to protect French fisheries in the Gulf of St. Lawrence and St. Lawrence River route to colonial Quebec, the fortress was also a trading center for exchange of goods between Europe, the West Indies, New England colonies and Canada.

A focal point for the continuing Anglo-French conflict in Acadia. Louisbourg was used by the French in 1744 as a base for attacks against English settlements at Canso and Annapolis, and French-privateers operated off the New England coast, harassing the shipping and fishing industries.

The fortress was first besieged and captured in 1745 by a militia force of New Englanders aided by a British naval blockade of Louisbourg harbour. Following the treaty of 1748, it was returned to the French who strengthened the fortifications. In 1758 it was besieged and captured a second time by British forces under Sir Jeffrey Amherst and James Wolfe, who was to take Quebec the following year.

In 1760, fearing Louisbourg might be returned to France at a forthcoming peace, the British systematically destroyed the fortress. Much of the stone was used to strengthen British fortifications in Halifax, a military counterbalance established in 1749 after Louisbourg was returned to the French.

Louisbourg suffered from the myth of its own strength. In 1745, the French Minister of Marine, Maurepas, did not send adequate naval protection, believing the fortress itself sufficient to ward off attack. Forifications poorly built, maintained and manned, and the fact that the fortress itself represented an outmoded military concept helped to undermine it.

About one-fifth of the fortress town will be reconstructed. Thus the visitor will be able to see Louisbourg as it flourished contrasted with the town in ruins.

Louisburg was designated a National Historic Site in 1928, and established as a National Historic Park in 1940. From its 18th century destruction the site served as a quarry for sandstone, brick and rubble. House foundations in the locality, roadbeds, and the present causeway to the fortress have been built from the ruins.

Reconstruction plans are based on extensive archaeological and historical research. The "dig" turns up evidence still existing on the site, allowing architectural engineers to prepare drawings on which reconstruction will be based. Archival research revealed the original use of buildings and even rooms. It also turned up original building plans and contractor's invoices showing quantities and types of material and labor actually used in the 18th century job. However, on-the-spot modifications were made, and the archaeological work ensures authenticity.

Although modern engineering methods are used, buildings must duplicate the appearance of the 18th century structures. While hidden steel is used to reinforce masonary, and modern quick setting cement substituted for the crumbly line mortar used to bind the original walls, bricks were specially made to match the originals in size, color and texture; slates were brought from Virginia; and an expert French slater was brought from France.

An impetus to the Louisbourg project came in 1961 with the recommendations of the Rand Commission (a Royal Commission to investigate the decline of the coal mining industry in Cape Breton and its economic consequences) for employment of displaced Cape Breton miners. As a result, 159 miners have been retained on the project as stone cutters and masons decorative iron workers and carpenters. In July 1969, only 40 remained. Most have written provincial examinations entitling them to journeymen's papers, and many have moved on to jobs in industry.



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