

CITY NEWS PAGE

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Causeway Is Seen Used For Political Purposes

The Conservatives are now using the causeway project for a political football, charged Opposition Leader Alex W. Matheson yesterday as he was asked to comment on Works Minister David Walker's statement that the oft-promised causeway survey report was not available and is not in sight.

The Island's people have been fooled a time or two, Mr. Matheson charged. The Conservatives here used the causeway promise to get elected in September and now that they are in power the federal government evidently believes it will be a good election promise for the next contest.

Acting Premier the Hon. R. R. Bell said last night that he was very interested but that he could make no comment until he talked to the Premier.

Mr. Matheson, who along with former Works Minister Winters and former MP for Queens, Neil Matheson, was one of the original sponsors of a causeway, expressed grave concern that the matter has now become "a purely political football" which the PC's hope to use in winning another election.

Mr. Matheson said the engineers based his opinion on the fact that only last summer while he was premier of the province, engineers engaged in the survey work reported to him verbally that there were no obstacles that could not be overcome in the construction of the causeway.

Mr. Matheson said the engineers made reference to tidal movements but pointed out that openings in the causeway could be constructed more cheaply than fill could be placed.

"Very large sums of public money have been spent by the federal government in making this survey, and the people of this province have a right to know, now, what these results are," said Mr. Matheson.

Commenting on the suggestion that the causeway report might be held up pending surveys on the Chignecto canal project, Mr. Matheson said, "I never heard of anything so ridiculous as the Chignecto scheme. It is another of Mr. W. O. G. G. G.'s pipe dreams like uniting Quebec with the Maritimes. — You can imagine how Maritimers would go for that."

The Liberal leader recalled the remarks of Premier Shaw when he was elected leader of the party. He said Mr. Shaw's acceptance speech contained something of a warning to the Prime Minister who was present for the occasion.

Mr. Shaw, he recalled, had told Mr. Diefenbaker that if he thought things were not going right on the Island he (Mr. Diefenbaker) would find the Premier camped on his doorstep to see that matters were corrected.

"Well, Mr. Shaw is in Ottawa now, and I sincerely hope what he is camped on Mr. Diefenbaker's doorstep — because, if ever matters needed straightening out, they need it at the present time," Mr. Matheson observed.

Mr. Matheson said he (Tweel) would not do it if he (Murchison) was sober and the accused replied that he would fight him any time, any place, she stated.

Murchison then took of his glasses and put them on the counter, took a swing at the accused and missed. The accused then took of his glasses and took a swing at Murchison, she declared. When the cops came, the accused asked them to take Murchison home, but they said they would have to take him in and book him, she added.

Under cross examination Miss Bearisto stated that Murchison was still sitting down when the accused grabbed him. She didn't agree with Miss Aylward's statement that Murchison had struck the first blow, but said that she had heard Murchison call the accused "down to the lowest."

Murchison was about two and one-half feet from the accused when he did swing, she said. She did not think he (Murchison) was in any condition to fight.

The case will be continued before Magistrate Johnston on Dec. 4 at 4 p.m.

Court Hands Out Two-Year Term

A term of two years in Dorchester Penitentiary was imposed on John Francis MacDonald, Prince Street, Charlottetown, by Magistrate K. M. Martin, QC, in City Police Court yesterday.

At his arraignment a week ago on the charge of unlawful possession of stolen goods, a typewriter and an adding machine, the property of Evangeline Beverages, and known to have been obtained by the commission of the indictable offence of theft, the accused had entered a plea of guilty.

Charged with speeding a resident of Belvedere Avenue, Charlottetown, was remanded until Friday for sentence.

Of two persons arrested for being drunk and incapable, one from the city was dismissed when the informant failed to appear, and the other also from the city was fined \$10 and costs or five days in jail.

Mechanic Has Close Call

A mechanic with Foundation Maritime Limited had a narrow escape about 3 a.m. yesterday when he slipped from the scow at the south pier of the Hillsboro bridge and spent an anxious half hour holding on to a mooring rope before fellow workers were able to rescue him.

Tom Vincent 40, a mechanic from Halifax is recovering from exposure after being taken by ambulance to the Charlottetown Hospital. He was one of the members of the night crew working on the bridge project and in the height of the storm lost his footing and fell overboard.

In being swept by the swift flowing current, he managed to grasp one of the mooring lines of the scow and held on in the frigid water until the company tug was brought to his aid and co-workers pulled him aboard.

Latest reports from the hospital indicate that Vincent is resting comfortably, despite his harrowing experience.

banquet room with the club president Jack Sutherland in the chair. The Ladies' Auxiliary of the YMCA served a delicious turkey supper and provided a most attractive birthday cake, baked by Mrs. Myrtle MacKay.

The president read a telegram of congratulations and good wishes from the International Director for the Maritimes, Purdy Cougle, Woodstock.

A program of hilarious party games and square dancing was carried out under the direction of Dave Ward, Ralph Jenkins, Hiram Atkinson and Art Duvar. Mrs. Ron Atkinson and Mrs. Jack Kirby acted as pianists.

Guests included members' wives, Arnold and Areta MacLean, Mrs. Grace MacKinnon, Miss Ann Bell and a club member of some 20 years ago, Alton Burke, now of Ottawa.

OFTEN CONFUSED — The Canada lynx is a silvery-grey animal with a black-tipped tail, while the smaller bobcat is a reddish tinge.

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Alpha Y's Men Celebrate 34th Birthday — The Alpha Y's Men counted themselves fortunate last night in having three charter members present to cut their 34th birthday cake.

The three members were Jack MacNair, Reuel LePage and Reg. Taylor. The annual celebration took place in the YMCA

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Court Confers Citizenship On Four Queens Co. Residents

Canadian citizenship was conferred on four persons in Queens County Court yesterday before Judge C. St. Clair Trainor. They were welcomed as new citizens by representatives of the IOOE and C.W.L.

Receiving the citizenship certificates were Hattie Pearl Culliffe, Richard Samuel Patten, formerly of Puerto Rico and presently a student at St. Dunstan's University; Joseph Petrus Van Schaick and Dirk Visser.

Members of the Imperial Order, Daughters of the Empire who welcomed the new Canadian citizens were Mrs. W. M. Brehaut, Mrs. E. T. MacLeod, Mrs. J.B. Murley and Mrs. Burton Lewis.

Mrs. Percy MacDonald, provincial convener of immigration for the Catholic Women's League, also extended a welcome to the new citizens. Representatives of Holy Redeemer, St. Pius X and St. Dunstan's Basilica C.W.L. parish councils also were present.

BLAKETOWN, Nfld. (CP) — A shipment of mink worth \$15,000 left here Thursday by truck for Fortune, Nfld., where it will be put aboard a vessel for the French Islands of St. Pierre et Miquelon. The animals, from the ranch of George McNeil of Blaketown, were purchased by the French government for a mink ranch it is establishing on the island off Newfoundland. Mr. McNeil will supervise initial operations at the St. Pierre ranch.

TO-DAY and SAT. (NIGHT) — He invented the rub-out and the one-way "ride" and introduced the tommy gun to gangland!

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TRACADIE MAN INJURED IN CRASH

A 71-year-old Tracadie man, John David Austin suffered a crushed chest and a severe gash near the left eye, when the above vehicle plunged off the highway near Ten Mile House at approximately 1:30 p.m. yesterday. Police said the driver of the vehicle, James Angus McInnis, of Tracadie was in custody and would appear in court this morning on charges arising out of the incident. Hospital reports indicated that Austin's condition, while serious, was not at the moment critical.

Restaurant Assault Case Adjudged After 9 Testify

Archibald Murchison of Point Prim said in court last night that Daniel Tweel of Charlottetown smashed him on the mouth and hit him on the forehead near the left eye sometime after 5 p.m. on the evening of Oct. 15, 1959.

The 76-year-old plasterer on whose information Tweel is charged with assault by striking on the face with his fist, was the first of six Crown witnesses to give evidence before Stipendiary Magistrate James B. Johnston in a three-hour session that was adjourned a few minutes before 10 p.m.

THREE FOR DEFENCE — In addition three defense witnesses were called by defending counsel, J.O.C. Campbell, QC, Crown Prosecutor Gerald R. Foster represented the Crown.

Mr. Murchison testified that the accused came over to where he and a Mr. Connolly were sitting in Tweel's Restaurant shortly after the balance of his coffee had been spilled on the table and told him to get to H... out and pay.

He then got up, picked up the two checks and got a smash in the mouth from the accused, the witness said.

Next he pulled off his glasses as quickly as he could, laid them on the counter, turned to his left and got hit on the forehead near the left eye. The arrival of the city police was the next thing he remembered.

The police took him to hospital where he got two stitches between the eyebrows, and was then discharged. He spent the remainder of the night at the Revere Hotel to where the police drove him.

DRINKS ADMITTED — Under cross-examination by Mr. Campbell, Mr. Murchison stated that he was sober though he did have a drink at two that day, one after entering the restaurant from a bottle handed to him by a friend.

He added that he knew nothing about a gin bottle found later in the seat he had occupied. If his friend had rum on him when arrested later, he knew nothing of it.

There was no argument prior to the fight Mr. Murchison declared. He took off his glasses for fear that he might be hit in the eye, but at no time did he hit the accused or try to defend himself.

He had known Connolly for six years and had met him that evening on the Kent-Great George corner. They had entered the restaurant together.

On re-direct examination by Mr. Foster, Mr. Murchison said that he was 76 years old last Nov. 24.

OVERHEARD-TALK — Glen James McCabe of Iona said that he had heard the accused say to Murchison, "Look at that mess in front of you. You had better pay that bill and get out."

He added that Murchison then got up in his seat and the accused caught hold of him by the coat and told him a second time to pay the bill and get out.

The accused then shook Murchison two or three times, hit him, and then Murchison fell to the floor. The accused then ordered Murchison to get up and get out.

Murchison asked that the cops be called but the accused said it was better to leave them where they were and get out.

The cops arrived five or 10 minutes after this but he did not know who had called them, McCabe said. Meanwhile, Murchison was standing on the floor "with blood running out of him."

FACE BLOODY — There was blood all over his face, but he did not know where it came from, McCabe said. The accused ordered Murchison to stay in one spot and asked him for the money.

Murchison did not say anything but he saw money in his hand before he was hit, witness said.

Cross-examined by Mr. Campbell, Mr. McCabe expressed the opinion that Connolly was "pretty full", though he had not seen any drinking in the booth occupied by Connolly and Murchison.

He said he thought Murchison had a drink in him, but could not say as to his condition. Murchison did not swing at Tweel at all, he said.

It was his opinion that Murchison had spilled his coffee, but he could not say how he spilled it.

NO AID GIVEN — Questioned by Magistrate Johnston, Mr. McCabe asserted that no one had gone to Murchison's assistance prior to the arrival of the police.

Milton Oswald Poole of Rosemeath said that he and his son Barry were having lunch at the counter when he heard the accused tell Murchison to pay his bill, and get out.

Murchison rose to his feet and said he could pay his bill and then the accused grabbed Murchison by the clothing and pushed him back against the seat.

After the pushing, he could no longer see clearly, but did see the accused remove his glasses, set them on a table and raise his fists belligerently.

HEARD THUMP — As they were behind him he saw no blows but heard a loud thump, Mr. Poole said. On turning around he found Mr. Murchison was on the floor. He was cut about the face and considerable blood was flowing down his face.

He heard somebody say something about calling the police, but he was outside the restaurant at the time they arrived.

Called next by Crown Prosecutor Foster, Barry Poole corroborated the evidence given by his father.

Final Crown witnesses were Sara Jane Hall of Charlottetown and Marlene Peters of Winslow.

THROUGH WINDOW — As told by Miss Hall and corroborated immediately after by Miss Peters, through a window on the restaurant's Kent Street side they had seen the accused grab hold of Mr. Murchison's clothing, saw the accused take off his glasses and put up his fists to Mr. Murchison, saw Murchison take off his glasses, saw the accused hit him about the mouth or chin, saw the accused hit him again, and saw Murchison fall.

DEFENCE WITNESS — First witness for the defence, Susan Aylward, of Parkdale said she was working in Tweel's restaurant at the time and had served coffee and sandwiches to Mr. Murchison and his friend,

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J. F. PELLERIN, manager of the Charlottetown Hotel, is shown above with Mrs. Robert Younker, president of the Lionettes, at the Charlottetown Hotel during the drawing of the winners of the fruit cakes. Mr. Pellerin drew the names of Joey Brown, Mt. Edward Road and Mrs. Fred Egan, 84 McGill Avenue.

Two members, Mrs. Bill Brown and Mrs. Stan Downe volunteered to attend the meeting for the Retarded Children's Association which will be held this Monday evening.

The meeting was then adjourned followed by a lunch served by the hotel.

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