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MOMENT OF TRIUMPH FOR NEW PREMIER

VISIT OF QUEEN WAS 1959 HIGHSPOINT

MONTAGUE RECOVERS FROM BAD BLOW

These "pictures of the year" which comes to a close tonight recall events which have stirred, thrilled and deeply interested Islanders during 1959. The giant heavings of earth at RCAF Station Summerside (far left) as the multi-million dollar project there proceeds largely explain the phenomenal progress

story being written by Summerside itself. The glimpse of Premier Shaw (second picture) tells its own story, for it was caught on the evening of the election which carried his government into power. The view of Her Majesty (third picture), with Prince Philip beside her, taken as she chatted with Cecil Stewart

and Lt. Col. D.A. MacKinnon, at left and right, recalls what was "1959's biggest day" for many Islanders. Loss of Montague High School (right has been followed by swift adjustment to problem, with school work continuing almost uninterrupted.

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Death Toll On Island Roads Is Called 'Blot On History'



THE PICTURE of the three children with their snow house shows just one side of the reaction to yesterday's snow-storm. As is traditional with youngsters the kiddies thor-

oughly enjoyed the snow. Their house is built on Alley Street. The children are, left to right, Terry Steele, Gordon Lawlor and Betty Ann Thistle. The other side of the picture

was the trouble which motorists were having with their cars and other vehicles. Many were stranded by the first storm and had to rely in a push or a tow to get moving.

Bevan Illness Said Critical

LONDON (Reuters) — Aneurin Bevan, 62, deputy leader of the Labor party, is on the "danger list" following a major abdominal operation, his wife said Wednesday.

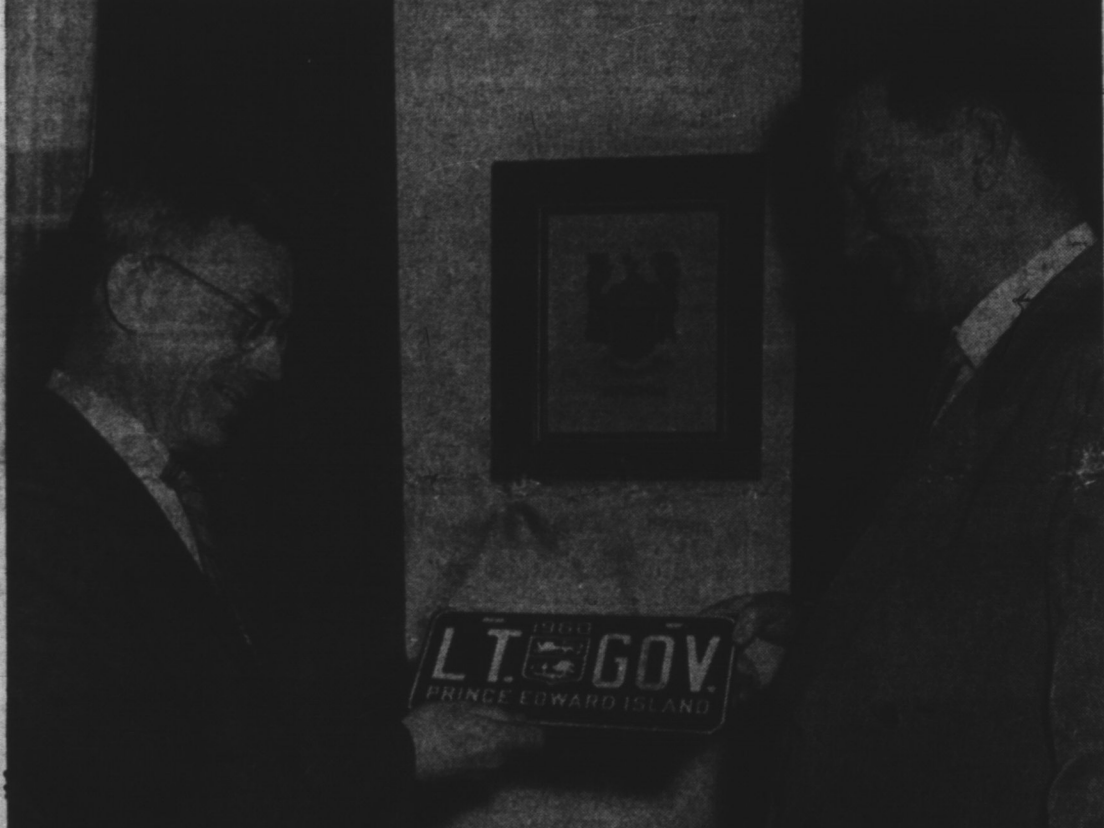
Mrs. Bevan, who serves as a Labor member of Parliament under her maiden name of Jennie Lee, seemed distressed as she left the hospital after a 30-minute wait.

But she added: "Let us not accentuate his illness. I am sure he will get better."

The nature of Bevan's illness has not been mentioned in medical bulletins. A report on his condition Wednesday night said he spent "a comfortable day" following the operation Tuesday.

It added Bevan's condition is "as satisfactory as can be expected" following such an operation.

The Welshman is No. 2 in the party after leader Hugh Gaitskell.



POINTING UP his plea for safe driving in the coming year His Honor Lieutenant Governor F. Walter Hyndman receives his smart new 1960 license plates from A.J. Gel-

lant, registrar of motor vehicles, who designed them. His Honor greatly admired the new plate and congratulated Mr. Gallant on the clever idea which permits all to know the

identity of the passenger in the official car. The presentation was made in the lieutenant governor's private office at Government House.

Lieut.-Gov. Asks Help Of Citizens

Apart from Her Majesty's wish, "the terrible loss of 30 lives on our island highways should be considered the year's most notable occurrence, Lieutenant Governor F. Walter Hyndman said last night in a year-end message.

His Honor added emphatically that "it is a blot on the history of our fair province."

"Obviously all the machinery of government has so far been unable to eradicate this evil from our midst," added his honor who appealed to every citizen to exercise "courtesy, caution and common sense at all times."

The text of the message is as follows:

"All the King's horses and all the King's men couldn't put Humphry-Dumpty together again". Many of you will remember this quotation from a nursery rhyme. Perhaps this is a strange way in which to begin my New Year's message. However, it reminds me of one of the most difficult problems facing our citizens—how to cut down, and preferably eliminate, the loss of life on our highways.

"Apart from Her Majesty's wish, and the change in government which occurred during 1959, the terrible loss of 30 lives on our highways in the year just past should, I believe, be considered the year's most notable occurrence. It is a blot on the history of our fair province."

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SIDE ROADS BLOCKED

Storm Disrupting Traffic On Provincial Highways

Heavy drifting and slippery surfaces giving little traction, was delaying and in some places completely stopping motor traffic on island roads yesterday and last night.

Side roads which were running at right angles to the prevailing winds, were filling rapidly and were blocked in many places.

On the whole traffic was kept moving on main highways though there were stories of motorists getting stranded in drifts in some areas.

John A. Macdonald, M.P. got stuck in a drift at Springfield last evening and he said the road between there and Kensington, and a spot in the Fredericton area

were the worst on the old Charlottetown-Summerside highway.

ROADS CLEARED

Word from Alberton last night

was that the storm held up motor traffic in Western Prince for a couple of hours yesterday morning but all main roads were re-

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April Start Seen For New School

Construction of a new high school to replace the one destroyed by fire December 11 will get underway April 1 provided that the necessary preliminary arrangements are completed at that time.

George A. Nicholson, a member of the Town's five-man board of school trustees said yesterday that the cost of the new structure would be in the vicinity of \$250,000, or approximately \$10,000 for each of the 26 rooms now under consideration.

Mr. Nicholson added that additional plans still only in the formative stage might require revision of this cost estimate at a later date.

Malcolm MacKenzie the deputy minister of education, and Douglas MacGowan, M.L.A. were present also.

Discussions revolved around financial arrangements—insurance, grants available etc., Mr. MacKenzie said. He added that the school would be so constructed as to serve as a regional high school, and when the demand arose.

Members of the Montague board present at the Charlottetown meeting were J. B. Ballam, chairman; A. A. Fraser, Gilbert Clements, Cyrus Shaw, Mr. Nicholson, and the board secretary, Lester MacLeod.

No Paper Tomorrow

Tomorrow being New Year's Day, the next edition of the Guardian will be published January 2nd.

Coal Probe Dates Told

SYDNEY (CP) — The Cape Breton Post says the Rand commission on coal will open hearings in Nova Scotia about March 15.

The paper quotes Mr. Justice Ivan C. Rand of the federal Supreme Court as saying in a telephone interview that the commission will spend about two weeks in this province. Hearings will be held at Halifax and Sydney.

Judge Rand said: "I want to cover the Nova Scotia situation with the utmost care. In addition to the formal hearings I want to visit Springhill and Inverness."

He said the investigation will be finished by September.

New Year Hopes Voiced In Canada

Canadians in all walks of life will start the new year full of resolutions but some may need psychiatric treatment to obtain their goal, according to one authority.

Dr. E. I. Stignora, professor of psychology at the University of British Columbia, said "usually such resolutions are tied up with some inner anxiety."

"And," he added, "good resolutions can result in negative reactions unless those resolutions are supported by positive plans aimed at achieving them."

But most prominent Canadians vouched in a Canadian Press cross-country survey had already laid groundwork in an effort to accomplish their resolutions.

AID BACKWARD CHILDREN

Mrs. Vera Perlin of St. John's, Nfld., said her hope for 1960 "is that . . . we may see in Newfoundland the first step to provide new health for every retarded child and its family through the establishment of a hospital training school."

In the last few years Mrs. Perlin has founded the Vera Perlin school for retarded children, become president of the Newfoundland Association of Help for Retarded Children and generally made the province more aware of mental health problems.

Mrs. Henri Vautelet of Montreal, immediate past president of the Canadian Association of Consumers and head of a national committee fighting trading stamps: "May 1, in 1960 remember: 1. A hungry world watches my laden table; 2. Oppose all promotion gimmicks and bribes to buy that increases prices and shrink what we have to share; 3. Strive as a consumer and citizen to be part of the answer to the year's problems."

ON FORMER SITE

The school would be built on the site of the former building but would face east and west rather than north and south as formerly. The main entrance would be on the east side.

Plans called for a permanent building built of brick, cement and steel, he said. A two-storey edifice space would be provided for two laboratories, a library and a study room.

Tuesday night the Montague board met with the minister of education, Dr. L. G. Dewar.

Canada Bank Interest Highest Since October

OTTAWA (CP) — The Bank of Canada interest rate Wednesday rose to 5.37 per cent from 5.28 last week with the sale of \$100,000,000 in 52-day government treasury bills.

The rate, an indicator of conditions in the short-term money market, now is at its highest level since early October when it was declining from peak levels in late

summer. Between Oct. 15 and last week it fluctuated between 5.08 and 5.28 per cent.

The bank rate—minimum charge by the central bank on its frequent loans to chartered banks—is set at one-quarter of one per cent above the average yield on the weekly sale of 91-day treasury bills.

31,862 Islanders Have Polio Shots

Forty-one per cent of the Island's citizens over 20 have had at least one polio inoculation, Dr. Tudor Gencheff, chairman of the adult polio vaccination project of the P.E.I. chapter of Canadian Foundation for Poliomyelitis, reported yesterday.

A total of 31,862 people have received polio shots, but only 6,024 have had three vaccinations and only 4,398 in the 20-26 age group have been completely vaccinated.

"In comparison with last year's figures, these are higher, but still not good enough," said Dr. Gencheff in a released statement.

Pointing out that one or two shots will not give satisfactory protection, Dr. Gencheff stated,

"It's a shame in this day and age where everyone has the opportunity to have protection against poliomyelitis, to be infected and die from this disease."

"P.E.I. LUCKY"

Dr. Gencheff said "P.E.I. was lucky in comparison with other provinces" to miss the brunt of the polio epidemics last summer and fall. A total of 1,712 cases were reported in Canada with 163 deaths. P.E.I. had seven cases and one death.

"The project as a whole has been working very satisfactory," Dr. Gencheff said. "We had a fairly good response from the people and our project secretary, Mrs. J.E. Flemming, organized

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Council Pay Is Suggested By Mayor Who Is Retiring

A move that would provide salaries for councillors and in-

creased salary for the City Mayor was suggested yesterday

by Mayor Edwin Johnstone who is retiring from the Council early in the New Year.

Mayor Johnstone suggested that the fact he is retiring gave him the ability to speak on this matter without anyone accusing him of trying to do something for himself.

At present Charlottetown's mayor receives a total of \$1,000. Of that \$670 is listed as salary and \$330 as expenses.

The Councillors receive no remuneration.

USUAL ELSEWHERE

Elsewhere in Canada, in communities such as Charlottetown and even smaller ones, it is becoming the established procedure to pay at least some salary to members of municipal councils, the mayor said.

Charlottetown's rapid growth, resulting in heavy increases in business transacted by council, makes it desirable for the city to move in the same direction to provide a token payment, if nothing more — in his opinion.

"The duties of members of council, including the mayor, have now become more than they should be expected to handle on a voluntary basis," the mayor declared.

SERVICES RECOGNIZED

In his reference to centres comparable to Charlottetown, the mayor noted that the salary of the mayor in Glace Bay is \$5,000 per year while councillors are paid \$700.

Dartmouth pays its mayor \$2,600 while councillors each receive \$900.

Fredericton, which is in process of amending its salary rates, now pays \$1,000 to the mayor and \$300 to each councillor.

Island Cattle Rustling Said Causing Concern

Cattle rustling is causing major concern to a portion of Central Kings County, it was learned last night.

J. Lincoln Dewar, New Perth said that a "responsible man"

came into his office yesterday and said he knew of sixty-four head that had been stolen from their farms this year.

Mr. Dewar did not reveal the man's name but he did say that one of his neighbors lost a good steer in the past month and another neighbour went back to his pasture early one morning to find two of his cattle tied to a road-side fence.

The early appearance of the farmer apparently scared off the rustlers, Mr. Dewar observed.

The New Perth man said that the rustling extends from his locality towards St. Peters and also east toward Souris, mostly on little travelled roads. These are no isolated cases, Mr. Dewar assured. He told of another man who found a strange cow in his field one morning for whom an owner was never found. The animal apparently got "hot" and the rustlers unloaded her by putting her through the farmer's gate at dead of night, he observed.

Modern rustlers operate by truck and they are hard to trace as tracks are not existent.

Yet the New Perth farmer who is also Federation of agriculture secretary for the province, suggested that something must be done to clean up the situation and stop the theft of farmer's cattle from their fields.

Bonds Story Is 'Surprise'

Liberal leader A.W. Matheson yesterday expressed surprise with the announcement of Provincial Treasurer McQuaid that the province's bonds had been insured for an amount exceeding six million dollars.

Mr. Matheson recalled that in a recent argument with the Minister, he had strongly contended that provincial bonds amounted to something over \$6,000,000 while Mr. McQuaid was just as strong in his contention that the bonds totalled slightly over \$4,000,000.

"It is strange indeed that the Provincial Treasurer would contradict himself in such a short period of time," Mr. Matheson observed.

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