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TO ATTEND MEETING
Rev. J. Donald MacKay left Summerside on Tuesday for New Glasgow, N. S., to attend the Maritime Synod committee on Sabbath schools and Young Peoples work, being held in the Westminster Church. He was accompanied by Mrs. MacKay.

Personals
—Friends will be sorry to learn of the recent illness of Mrs. Eustace Reeves at her home at Norboro, and wish her a speedy recovery. —Bur.
Messrs A.M. Johnstone, Burlington, and Murdoch MacLeod and Arthur Johnstone, Long River, were in Charlottetown on Thursday and Friday, March 27th and 28th., attending the Fat Stock Show and Sale. —Bur.

—Mrs. Gerald MacArthur, Birco Hill, and Mrs. George Adams Summerside, were recent visitors to Charlottetown where they visited Mrs. MacArthur's husband, who is a patient in the Prince County Hospital, and found Mr. MacArthur much improved since entering the Hospital for treatment. —S.

Registration Of Vehicles Heavy

Based on cash returns received from car, truck, and tractor licences, the past two days have been the heaviest in the history of registration in Summerside.
The registration activities are being conducted in the office of Sheriff Hubert Hall in the County Court House and a staff of four or five has been working steadily without a pause for the past four or five days, during the hours from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m., which the office is open.
Last Monday was the last day on which it was legal to drive a car on Prince Edward Island highways unless it carried the new licence plates and all cars in the Summerside area were being checked, and those found with the old plates were advised by the R. C. M. P. officers to secure their new licences immediately.
Many motorists in town during the past two days report that practically all the clay roads are in very poor condition for motor traffic; many of these roads are so cut up that cars drag in many places. In some sections there are places where cars have been getting stuck in mud. —S.

Markets At A Glance

(By The Canadian Press)
Toronto — All sections advance; trading brisk.
Montreal — Industrials firm, papers ease.
New York — Rails and oils lead decline.
Toronto — Bacon hogs, grade A, \$26 a hundredweight.
New York — Cotton closed \$1.25 to \$2.65 a bale higher.

New Treatment In Fight Against T. B. Is Tested

Nydrasid, the newest drug in the treatment of tuberculosis is being used on an experimental basis at the Provincial Sanatorium in Charlottetown.

This information was released yesterday by Dr. P. A. Creeman, director tuberculosis, Department of Health and Welfare.
In an interview with Dr. Eric Found, medical director of chest clinics, it was learned yesterday at Summerside that a sufficient amount of Nydrasid has been supplied for the experimental treatment of three patients at the Charlottetown Sanatorium through the courtesy of E. R. Squibb and Sons, one of the drug firms responsible for producing the new drug.

Treatment of these three patients by the use of the drug was started at the Sanatorium on Monday and it will take about three months before the results of the experiment can be assessed.

The patients who are now receiving the new drug have been carefully selected and are quite aware of the fact that no predictions can be made of miraculous results from the treatment at the present time. To date the new drug is not officially on the market but is being used on an experimental basis throughout Canada and the United States, and detailed case histories of patients in these countries who are receiving treatment will be forwarded to the drug company and when these are all assembled and studied a better knowledge of the value of the drug in the treatment of TB will then be made possible. Another name given to the new drug is Riminton which is being manufactured by Hoffman - La Roche Inc.

One of the advantages of Nydrasid or Riminton is that they are given in pill form and are taken by mouth, usually twice daily. This is an advantage over the proven antibiotic, streptomycin, which is administered by needle.

Although sensational articles regarding Nydrasid have appeared recently in current magazines, the public is reminded that further penalties for other than the first offence should be provided. The extra clause provides for a suspension of license for one year following conviction on a second or subsequent offence.

Highway Speeding

Attorney General W.E. Darby said speeding on highways had been causing his department much concern but that with a limited number of police it was impossible to adequately patrol the many roads. He mentioned the possibility of using cars painted white for Police Cars as is done elsewhere. Even if they cut down the fines received, they might have a deterring effect as the sight of one on the road almost invariably resulted in a general slowing of speeds.

However, he felt the best way to handle the whole problem was to give truckers a reasonable rate of speed at which they could travel, but to give them no leeway at all. He also later assured the House that when a license was suspended it stayed that way despite attempts to have it renewed.

Another change in the Act was put in to conform with recent changes in the Criminal Code of Canada. It deals with driving a vehicle while ability to drive is impaired by alcohol. On conviction of the charge the driver's license is automatically suspended for three months.
A further amendment was added on suggestions from the floor that

To Inquire Into Electoral Reform

The first indication of action in the Legislature on the matter of electoral reform mentioned in the Speech from the Throne came yesterday when Premier J. Walter Jones gave notice that a special committee of the House would be appointed to inquire into the matter. His notice suggests four points of issue for the committee to investigate. They are:

- (a) Revision of property qualifications of voters;
(b) Elimination of dual constituencies;
(c) Limitation of exercise of property votes to place of elector's residence;
(d) Institution of a single franchise qualification for all electors.

BUDGET DEBATE

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ment." He said it was bad enough to run it up that much in four years but now find they are further increasing it \$3,400,000 in two years. He thought it was a serious situation for a small Province boasting of a revenue of \$6 million and still going behind \$2 million. He thought the members of the House might not realize how bad it was.

Mr. Bell thought it was time to start watching the small expenditures.

Among the "foolish ventures" he

trial study must be awaited before knowing its true value.

For the present, the most that can be expected from Nydrasid and Riminton is that they carry certain possibilities of being an additional weapon to be used in conjunction with known standard weapons fighting tuberculosis.

listed the operation of the M.V. Eskimo which he said "hurt us greatly in our trade with Newfoundland and undid the work of businessmen for the past 50 years. She had been sold for \$65,000 but the Province had only received \$20,000 in cash. He wondered if the rest would be paid.

In the tourist loan business he was doubtful that some of the loans made were being properly handled. He cited cases of loans being made for the erection of cabins, but no cabins were to be seen on the properties and the mortgages were still outstanding.

The speaker was frankly critical of the many divisions being created in different Government departments and thought the Government might be getting top-heavy in employees and civil servants. Many buildings were needed to house the large staffs. He said the Department of Health and Welfare had 10 doctors to whom the Government paid salaries totalling \$61,500. Hon. Mr. Matheson, Minister of the department, replied "They are all underpaid. One of them could be getting \$20,000 a year elsewhere."

Executive Council

Rising costs of the Executive Council also caused him concern and he mentioned that Premier Thane A. Campbell had held four of the portfolios and only received \$4,000. He also compared travelling expenses paid then and now. In 1941 the year of the Rowell-Sirois report the total travelling expenses were \$2,050, while last year they were \$16,000. Travel expenses paid to employees looked more like grants than expense accounts as only in rare cases were there odd amounts stated.

Mr. Bell recalled that in 1935 there was an outcry against Ministers other than the Minister of Highways having a car supplied. Now he said the Premier and the Minister of Agriculture both

had them. Premier Jones said he had not been in the House in 1935, had only started in politics then. Dr. MacMillan said that was "the year of your discovery." Mr. Bell did not think these two should break the rule while drawing good salaries and suggested the Provincial Treasurer might save some money there. Mr. Darby asked "Want me to crack down?" and Hon. Dougald MacKinnon said "Let them walk."

Highway Problem

The Leader of the Opposition said the Department of Public Works and Highways caused most of the deficit of the Province. He agreed we had a big problem with our roads here and it was enough to worry us without taking on the Trans-Canada Highway as well. Of this he said we had already paid out \$1 1/2 millions "and we know how many miles of pavement we have for it." He thought we would be lucky to get out for the \$5 millions announced share of cost.

Regarding road machinery purchased annually by the Highways Department he thought there must be a terrific depreciation, or deterioration, as maintenance costs last year were \$245,000 and this despite the fact we were buying new machinery at the rate of over \$100,000 a year.

He was scared we were getting in too deep, especially on bridges where we had to spend large amounts for rights of way and were now faced with a possible \$3 million expenditure for a new Hillsborough Bridge. For that reason he thought we should go slow on the new highway.

His Party was pleased with progress made in education and with the salary increases given and to be given. It had to be done because teachers were trained in college were not staying in the profession due to the salaries being low. More should be done and he recalled Liberal election prom-

Minister Explains Reference In Speech To Geological Survey

In explanation of his statement that no geological survey had been made in this Province since 1883, Hon. W. E. Darby has shown The Guardian a letter received by the Director of Transport from Mr. George Hanson, chief geologist, Geological Survey of Canada, Federal Department of Mines and Resources, stating that "the last geological survey relating to the bedrock of Prince Edward Island was made in 1883 by R. W. Ellis." The letter adds that the overburden has been examined at various times by the Mines Branch as well as the Geological Survey. The last work by the Geological Survey on glacial drift and groundwater was done in the summer of 1948, 1949 and 1950 and covered only a small part of the Island.

Mr. Darby explains that the Milligan report, to which reference was made in yesterday's Guardian, and which is entitled "Geological Survey of Prince Edward Island", was a Provincial survey, primarily to locate gravel beds.

Mr. Darby explains that the rate of interest paid on annuities usually is related to the rate of interest on bonds. Since the bond rate had increased, the government felt that the rate on annuities should be increased.

The new interest rate will apply as from today. Annuities purchased prior to April 16, 1948, still carry a four-per-cent interest rate. Those sold since then carry three per cent.

Higher Interest On Annuities

OTTAWA, April 2—(CP)—The Canadian Government has decided to boost to 3 1/2 from three per cent the rate of interest paid on annuities.

An order-in-council providing for the increase was tabled today in the Commons by Labor Minister Gregg, whose department administers the sale of annuities. A Labor Department official

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