CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gamble, Cascumpec, shown here, celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary last Tuesday. Mr. Gamble is a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Silas Gamble, Cascumpec, and Mrs. Gamble (Carletta Stetson), is a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Getson, of Unionvale. They were married at the home of the bride's parents by Rev. E.A. Westmoreland on Nov. 27, 1907. All their life has been spent in Cascumpec where they are respected members of the community and active members of the United Church. They have two sons, Gerald, O'Leary, and Horace at home. There are four grandchildren, Lorraine and Mary, Cascumpec, and Robert and Gayle, O'Leary. On Tuesday the family and friends assembled at the old home for evening dinner.

Farm Board Chairman Refutes Liberal Criticism

There is absolutely no attention paid to an applicant's political beliefs when he brings an application before the Farm Establishment Board, Chairman R. A. Profitt, Freetown, said yesterday as he replied to a recent criticism from former agriculture minister Eugene Cullen.

"When an applicant comes before the board, we have no interest whatsoever in his political affiliation.

"I am sure that if Mr. Cullen had consulted the leader of his party, or some of the elected representatives of his party, who have been giving me help in getting some loans approved, he would never have stooped so low or made such an unfounded attack on the Farm Establishment Board." Mr. Profitt said.

The board has had to refuse some loans; and in other cases, where it did approve, it has been found "we have made loans where our judgment and trust have been completely betrayed, and where the applicant has proven quite unworthy of our consideration and the government's help," he added.

"It is possible that we shall always have these disappointments in the operation of the Board, as I find it is quite impossible to sit behind a desk and decide with any degree of certainty if a young man before me is of good character or has the knowledge and ability to run a farm successfully.

In the light of these facts, I feel sure that Mr. Cullen, in his own interests, will hasten to retract this unjust and misleading insinuation," Mr. Profitt said.

Mining Co. Drops Rights To Property In Ungava

QUEBEC (CP)—Atlantic Iron Ores Limited, controlled by United States and German interests, has not taken out its operating licence on exploration rights on 134 square miles of territory in Ungava, it was learned Tuesday.

A bill extending the time limit for the company to take out the operating licence to next Jan. 1 was the subject of months of heated debate in the legislature's last session.

The bill provided that a notice of intention by the company that it planned to take out the operating permit must be given by Dec. 1.

An official of the natural resources department disclosed Tuesday the notice has not been received.

He said the department believed that world conditions in the iron ore field had led the company, controlled by Cyrus Eaton of Cleveland and Alfried Krupp of West Germany, to decide against taking out the permit.

With iron ore deposits being found in comparatively accessible areas of Africa and other regions, the company probably decided against trying to extract ore from Ungava which is open to navigation only three months of the year, he said.

SUBJECT OF DEBATE

The bill was the subject of a long debate between the Liberal government and Union Nationale opposition, although it centred principally on the date the company would be required to be in production.

The bill was drafted by the government set the date at 1970. The opposition wanted the date set at 1966.

This is the second time the company has failed to take out an operating permit. Originally it had been scheduled to acquire the permit by July, 1959.

Should the company seek a further extension of the date another bill would have to be approved by the legislature, the official said.

WESTERN BRIEFS

VISITING FRIENDS

Mrs. A.C. Green, Alberton, is visiting briefly with Mr. and Mrs. Ramsay Hardy, Parkdale.

IN CHARLOTTETOWN

Mrs. Victor Cameron, Alberton, is spending this week in Charlottetown.

RECENT GUESTS

Captain and Mrs. John R. B. MacGuire of Guysborough, N.S., were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hastings, Alberton.

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Council, the proposed National Economic Development Board, and other government agencies.

An annual report by the board chairman would be submitted to parliament.

Establishment of the board recognized the fact that in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland there is "a special situation, deserving special attention, deserving special consideration and demanding special action," Mr. Flemming said.

He spoke on the government resolution which must be cleared by the House before the bill itself—with its detail that was lacking in the minister's speech—can be introduced.

PASSAGE INDICATED

Speedy passage of the resolution was indicated. The Liberals gave it immediate support. The Social Crediters and the New Democrats also hinted they will back the measure.

H. J. Robichaud (L—Gloucester) suggested the government may be using the board as "another scapegoat" for delayed action on the Chignecto Canal. He also sought assurance that the Atlantic board will not conflict with the proposed National Economic Development Board.

Social Credit Leader Robert Thompson wondered whether the two proposed boards and the existing Atlantic provinces economic council will overlap — even as to purpose.

Malcolm MacInnis (NDP — Cape Breton South) said he hoped the proposal will not result in more procrastination and delay. "We require action," he said.

Mr. Flemming, also forestry minister, said the board will inquire into and report to the federal government on projects, both by government and industry, that promise to speed up the growth of the Atlantic area economy.

Projects would be studied for both their direct and indirect economic impact.

He said in part:

"The board must 'advise' only after careful consideration of all the facts and not on preconceived ideas or prejudices.

"It should assist and encourage new resource exploration and development; the location of cornerstone plants; the development in primary-resource industry areas, of secondary industry related industrially or economically to the primary industry; and other enterprises which can have an impact on the course of economic progress."

The minister added that the board must realize "that there is no substitute for initiative and subsequent action."

Mr. Flemming said many policies, measures and projects already have been suggested as deserving the board's urgent consideration.

SUGGESTS PROJECTS

He mentioned these, among others:

The Chignecto complex of canal, tidal-power and industrial development.

The causeway from New Brunswick to Prince Edward Island.

Development of Manganese exists in Carleton county, N.B.

Development of an immense ore deposit containing a large percentage of tin in Charlotte county, N.B.

Further development of New Brunswick marble deposits.

Assistance in setting up certain "cornerstone" plants which, it is claimed, would be likely to generate other industries.

Development of the existing steel industry in Cape Breton and the problems of the coal industry.

Connection of the Atlantic provinces as one unit for power purposes.

PROMISES JOBS

Mr. Flemming said the board has "tremendous possibilities" which should increase income levels in the Atlantic area and "ultimately contribute to greatly increased employment."

Reviewing the need for a board, the minister said there is grave disparity between living standards in the Atlantic provinces and those in the rest of Canada.

Average incomes in the Atlantic provinces were lower by more than a third. Per-capita investment was only half that in other provinces. Lack of job opportunities was much greater. Since Confederation, more than 500,000 people had emigrated from the Maritimes.

"In the light of growing population and the tendency towards mechanization, it would be rash to assume that the labor surplus from the Atlantic region could be absorbed in the rest of Canada in the years to come, even if it were considered justifiable as a national policy."

SAYS SITE A BOON

There was a need to create job opportunities in the area, to solve the transportation problem and also pay "some special attention to the possibilities of cultivating markets where we may have natural advantages compared with other parts of Canada by reasons of our location on the Atlantic seaboard."

Mr. Flemming said many people believe that "public investment to a more than average degree" is necessary to improve conditions in the area so it will be attractive to industry.

"I find myself in agreement with that concept," he said.

Mr. Flemming said the proposal to create the board is a chance for all MPs in the House to "step beyond the bounds normally imposed on us by party affiliation."

CONFIRMS STAND

Mr. Robichaud said the resolution confirms what the opposition has been fighting for during the last four or five years.

"We are not looking for handouts (in the Atlantic provinces), we are only fighting for our rights." He said Canada is one of the few countries in the free world in which depressed areas do not receive special treatment.

He asked Mr. Flemming to confirm, as indicated during a campaign speech by Prime Minister Diefenbaker, that at least $1,000,000,000 will be poured into the region in the next 10 years. How would this be distributed?

Mr. Robichaud also said it has been suggested "by sources close to the prime minister," that the Chignecto Canal and Fundy Tidal Power Development would be the first things tackled. He asked whether this would be done.

The Atlantic Development Board, he said, should be given the power to implement its own recommendations. A capital assistance fund should be provided.

He also asked why the government was insistent on getting so many reports on the feasibility of the Chignecto Canal. The government didn't hesitate to spend hundreds of millions of dollars on the South Saskatchewan Dam.

ABHORS WORD

Mr. Thompson said he has come to abhor the word "welfare" as it is applied to the four Atlantic provinces.

Welfare payments to the area now totalled nearly $200,000,000 a year.

If this money was spent for five years on setting a climate for private industry in the area, "the Atlantic area wouldn't need any more welfare and wouldn't need any more subsidies."

It is useless to carry on with a policy that encourages the continuation of something nobody wants, he said.

Mr. Thompson said that with $200,000,000 a year for five years the Chignecto Canal could be built if it proves to be "scientifically and technically feasible, as I believe it is."

In addition, a "Montreal turnpike" could be built to improve communications with Upper Canada. Power could be developed in the Fundy at the Upper Saint John River. Research could be carried out on use of resources and development of markets.

At least now a cabinet minister (Mr. Flemming) was admitting the area needed help.

He said that since confederation, all tariff negotiations have been conducted with a view to helping the country's main industries, most in central Canada.

Future negotiations should consider the Atlantic provinces. If Nova Scotian railway cars and equipment could be marketed in the United States, we could have one of the largest industries in the nation."

RAISED QUESTION

Mr. Flemming in his speech noted that last April 18 Robert C. Coates (PC — Cumberland) raised the question of a development fund for the area and feasibility studies of public projects, referring to an article in the Atlantic Advocate.

At the time, Prime Minister Diefenbaker replied by saying the government was considering the Atlantic Development Board.

Mr. Flemming said Mr. Coates' question was based on the March, 1962, issue of the Atlantic Advocate which contained an article under the heading Plan of Action.

The magazine article first quoted scripture: "Unto everyone that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath."

The Advocate then asked: "Does familiarity with it breed acceptance? Should the Maritimes be content with this philosophy?"

Mr. Flemming continued to quote The Advocate:

"A chain is as strong as its weakest link; and the economy of Canada is as strong as its weakest region."

The minister said such assertions are definitely thought-provoking. He added:

"My opinion about them would be expressed in terms like these:

"That some parts of our great country may have natural advantages of geography, of natural resources leading to industrial development, of somewhat less severe climate which might contribute to acceleration of population beyond the average.

NEED ATTENTION

"But, that the central government, with these situations in mind, should properly devote some special attention to those areas which, for one reason or another, have lagged behind the rest of Canada.

"The Atlantic provinces are a region that comes under this general heading."

Mr. Robichaud agreed with The Advocate's statement about the weakest link.

Mr. Thompson quoted extensively from The Advocate. He read this from the January issue:

"The Atlantic region has been a drag on the economy of Canada by being low in production and high in unemployment, twice as high as the rest of Canada in terms of unemployment as a percentage of the labor force.

"The region has been aided and subsidized by an ever-increasing amount by the government of Canada, to enable its people just to live, to keep from starving. The region has cost Canada something between $130,000,000 and $200,000,000 a year in aids and subsidies to enable its people to survive. All of every payment is gone by the end of every year. Nothing is left. In the next year the aids are continued, and so on, ad infinitum."

Mr. Thompson commented:

"Unfortunately, this is all true of what has been the background of events in the Atlantic area and it need not be so—it should not be so."

Later in his speech, he again quoted the same issue:

MUST ATTRACK INDUSTRIES

"Industry can be attracted to the region if certain prerequisites are provided. The Chignecto Canal and the tidal power development of Chignecto Bay are two public works projects that are essential prerequisites to industrial development. These projects could transform transportation through the development of coastal shipping and provide abundant electric power at a cost competitive with any now prevailing in any area of Canada.

"These assets, together with our winter ports, would make the region an ideal production area for processing not only our own plentiful resources but imported commodities also for re-export to world markets.

"The cost of the capital investment in these public works projects bears no relation to any need for retrenchment resulting from Canada's present foreign exchange difficulties. Investment in capital projects which will themselves be productive has no relation or likeness to spending for non-productive purposes. It is not inflationary.

"Anyway, there is no inflation in the Maritimes; there is every evidence of deflation. What is required is a positive program of self-liquidating public works projects and a capital budget financed out of loans."

Mr. Thompson said these words are well taken and he agrees with them.

"Except for that last phrase, I could not have stated the needs of this area better if I had tried to do it myself.

"Here again is evidence that there has been tremendous thought and research put into the very thing which it has been stated is the function of this board."

Death Sunday Of J. Arsenault

ALBERTON — The death of Joseph Arsenault of Alberton occurred Sunday night in the Western Hospital, following a lengthy illness.

A son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Arsenault, he was born at Fortune Cove 86-years-ago and lived there until he moved to Alberton about ten years ago.

For many years he was a valued employee at Gordon's Garage, first in Cascumpec and then in Alberton. His pleasing manner which won for him many friends.

Last spring he began work on the CGS "Tupper."

Twenty- four years ago he was married to Jean Arsenault who survives him. Their children are William, who is a student at Prince of Wales College, Merrill and Cecil in Charlottetown, Joyce and Carolyn in Summerside, Gail, Gary, Myles, Blair and Darlene at home.

Four sisters also survive, Miss Carrie Arsenault in New York, Mrs. William Doucette (Margaret) in Taunton, Mass., Mrs. Alexander (Millie) in New York, and Mrs. Alban Arsenault (Janette) in Rowlan.

The funeral will be this (Wednesday) morning from his late residence to St. Anthony's Church in Bloomfield for Requiem High Mass at 10:30. Interment will be in the Church cemetery.

DEMAND OUSTER

CHICOUTIMI, Que. (CP — The city council has demanded that CNR President Donald Gordon resign. Council passed a resolution Monday night calling on Prime Minister Diefenbaker to ask Mr. Gordon to resign on grounds that he has permitted racial discrimination and has contributed to "digging a ditch" between French- and English-speaking Canadians.

WEATHER

TORONTO (CP) — Temperatures issued by the weather office:

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	-10	2
Vancouver	36	42
Victoria	42	45
Edmonton	12	33
Calgary	23	34
Regina	19	21
Winnipeg	27	39
Toronto	40	46
Ottawa	30	40
Montreal	37	38
Quebec	21	31
Fredericton	21	46
Saint John	27	48
Moncton	27	46
Halifax	37	51
Charlottetown	32	44
Sydney	36	44
Yarmouth	43	52
St. John's	33	38

HALIFAX (CP)—The weather office says a disturbance is moving towards the region and should spread cloud into all areas today. Rain should also move into southwestern Nova Scotia.

Regional forecasts:

Halifax and vicinity, Northern Nova Scotia, Eastern Shore. Clouding over during morning; mild; southeast winds 20. Low-high at Halifax 33 and 48, New Glasgow and Goshen 25 and 45.

South Shore, Annapolis Valley: Cloudy with rain beginning in the evening; southeast winds 20; mild. Low-high at Yarmouth 33 and 48, Kentville 26 and 48.

Cape Breton: Sunny, clouding over in late afternoon; mild; light winds increasing in afternoon to southeast 15. Low-high at Sydney 28 and 44.

Prince Edward Island, Eastern N.B. Counties, Lower St. John River Valley: Sunny, clouding over in early afternoon; very mild; southeast winds 15. Low-high at Charlottetown 26 and 44, Moncton 28 and 45, Fredericton 24 and 45, Saint John 26 and 45.

Upper St. John River Valley, Bay of Chaleur: Sunny, clouding over in late afternoon; very mild; light winds increasing in afternoon to south 15. Low-high at Edmundston 25 and 45, Campbellton 28 and 45.

Bay of Fundy: East winds 15 increasing by mid-morning to southeast 25; cloudy with rain beginning in the evening; fog patches; visibility 10 miles lowering in fog and rain to one-half mile; temperatures in the 40s.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 3:49 a.m. and 5:16 p.m. At Rustico at 12:54 a.m. and 11:55 p.m. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. Sun rises today at 7:06 and sets at 4:35.

Island Development Eyed By All Provinces

O'LEARY — The Conservative program for development of the resources of Prince Edward Island has caught the attention of all the provinces of Canada, Premier Walter Shaw told a large and enthusiastic audience in O'Leary Regional High School last night.

"We have twelve projects under ARDA, one of which is research into the resources of western Prince County," the premier said, while expressing amazement at opposition criticism of the program.

A statement by a Liberal speaker that you have to be a Conservative to get a farm loan is definitely a falsehood Mr. Shaw said.

Under the Conservative government every person and district is treated alike. We have opened up the first, second and third districts with highways, parks, schools and industry and have plans for continued expansion in the years ahead the premier said, in a stirring and loudly applauded address.

The Liberal's offer of a one dollar minimum price for a seventy-five pound bag of potatoes could well become an obstacle to marketing. There is a shortage of potatoes and if the market is left alone there is every indication the price will go over the one dollar, the premier stated.

Potatoes are being loaded in Charlottetown now for Newfoundland at over a dollar a bag. There is a danger that the minimum could turn out to be the ceiling price he continued.

In a brief reference to the New Annan processing plant he asked the people present if they really wanted a processing plant in O'Leary.

Others speakers were J. W. Don Campbell and Hubert Gaudet, candidates for re-election in the First District of Prince, Hon. L. G. Dewar, MD, and Robert Grindlay, second district representatives and Dr. Orville H. Phillips, MP for Prince County. Following the meeting lunch was served.

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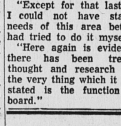

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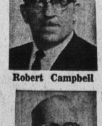

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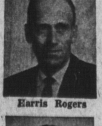

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