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Fisheries Minister Announces New Seal Hunting Measures

Further control measures to regulate sealing operations on the Atlantic coast have been announced by federal Minister of Fisheries H.J. Robichaud.

The new regulations prohibit the taking or killing of hood seals in the entire Gulf of St. Lawrence region, and extend the area in the Gulf in which the season's total kill is limited to 50,000 young harp seals.

This area, designated as District 2 in the 1965 Regulations, included all the waters and territories south of 50 degrees north latitude, and west of a line from Cape Ray, Nfld., to Cape North, N.S. The eastern boundary of District 2 has now been extended to a line from Channel Head, off Port-aux-Basques, Nfld., to Scatar Light on Scatar Island, off the northeastern tip of Cape Breton Island, N.S. This change is being made to protect young seals which may drift eastward of the Cape Ray - Cape North line.

The open season dates for operation from ships and aircraft are unchanged from last year, extending from March 7 to April 25 in the Gulf, and from March 12 to April 30 on the "Front" - as sealers refer to the entire Labrador and Newfoundland coastal region east of the Strait of Belle Isle.

Sealing licences for aircraft will now be restricted to aircraft registered in Canada. Use of helicopters and other aircraft for transporting sealers or skins is confined to District 2 in the Gulf. In other Gulf districts and on the Front, aircraft may be used only from a land base and solely for spotting purposes.

Land-based seal hunters, known as "landmen", will now be required to be licensed. Another revision extends the period in which "panned" seals - i.e., those killed on the ice before being moved to ships or land bases. Regulations now require that all seal skins must be removed to the base of operations within 24 hours of the day the seals are killed. Following this period no seals may be killed unless there is active effort to move to the operating base the skins of seals killed the previous day.

The previous regulation had specified that transfer of skins should take place on the same day the seals were killed. This relaxation of the regulation is to prevent spoilage of pelts, such as is reported to have occurred last year, when the pelts were taken on board ship without being sufficiently cooled.

Specific permission of the Minister of Fisheries will be required to take or move a live seal from the immediate vicinity in which it is found.

Again this season, representatives of humane societies and conservation groups have been invited by the Department of Fisheries to observe sealing operations and judge the effectiveness of seal protection regulations. Departmental officers will maintain close surveillance of sealing operations to ensure that regulations are strictly observed.



PERFORMERS of the Royal Winnipeg Ballet and their director are seen behind stage before curtain time at the Confederation Centre last night.

FROM THE LEFT are Heien McKergow, director Arnold Spohr; Richard Rutherford and Beverley Barkley.

Ballet Group Seen Best In Long Time

By CHRISTOPHER GLEDHILL
A good house enjoyed one of the best ballet evenings that we have seen in Charlottetown for a long time. The absence, due to an injury received in the afternoon by Sheila Mackinnon, necessitated certain changes in the programme, which may have had a certain unsettling effect on the dancers at certain points, but the difficulties were overcome to a large extent.

This is a corps that excels in energy rather than polish, though certain dancers have plenty of the second quality, notably Sonia Tavernier and Fredric Strobel in the Don Quixote pas de deux, a last minute substitution, which was executed with notable grace and precision.

Tribute, the opening number, was an unfortunate mischance which prompted him to say, "the wrong person has gone out."

The evening concluded with Les Whoops de deo, a high spirited and engaging mesalliance of classical ballet and the cultus of the Wild West. Any minute I expected Pop Cartwright himself to drop in with his sons. This was danced and mimed and spoken and shouted and squealed and clapped with tremendous verve, and showed off the qualities of this company at its best. The audience was delighted and went home in fine spirits after several curtain calls.

A great part of the success of the evening was due to the efforts of the small but versatile orchestra under the direction of Carlos Rausch. This is certainly a step in the right direction. We have been satisfied for too long with the "vaidant" efforts of one or two pianists trying in vain to achieve the impossible feat of reproducing the sound of an orchestra.

Mr. Campbell also said there was a serious lack of farm labor and "the government is doing nothing about it."

Mr. Campbell who started his address shortly before five o'clock made a motion for adjournment and the House was adjourned until 2.30 this afternoon.

The Pueblo Indians of southeastern United States reached a high state of culture before their civilization vanished about 700 years ago.



ENJOYS SKI-DOO AT 87
Joseph McInnis of Sea Cow Pond, hale and healthy at 87 years of age and very active around the farm, is an ardent sportsman who loves the great outdoors. Mr. McInnis spends his leisure time driving a Ski-Doo owned by his grandson Lewis, and reports it a wonderful means of transportation in snow-bound areas.

Guest Speaker Discusses Community Development

SUMMERSIDE — Rev. Allan F. MacDonald, MA director of extension department of St. Dunstan's University, spoke on "a plan for community development" yesterday at the first meeting of the Rural Development Council here yesterday.

Father MacDonald set forth "a plan of action for the development of our rural community", emphasizing he was not saying the last word on any particular subject since "there is room for disagreement and debate on almost every level of inquiry" in social planning.

The speaker said the best definition of community development he knew was that of the United Nations — "a process designed to create conditions of economic and social progress for the whole community with its active participation and the fullest possible reliance upon the community's initiative."

He focused his talk on the Island's human resources, noting that P.E.I. must be seen in its context as a small part of the continent, and affected by the major social movements of the day, especially urbanization, the movement of the population from the country to the city; industrialization and automation; and the changing social structure away from the traditional community.

He stressed the freedom of the individual and that no plan of community development could succeed if it ignored this basic freedom. He submitted that any such plan must be based on these tenets: since the subjects of community development are persons, they must always be treated as such and their freedom and right of self-determination must be respected; that all persons are capable of some development; that some degree of leadership exists in all groups; that the social needs of the person are realized through his involvement with his social group.

The speaker mentioned the community schools launched during the past year at Tignish, Mt. Stewart and Kensington, and stated that the establishment of such schools for adult education in as many Island centres as possible is a basic need in the rural development program.

He observed the possibility of conflicts between government and smaller organizations, and spoke at length on the need for co-operation. "The relations between various interested groups and government should be co-operation and co-ordination he said. "This implies the recognition by each of mutual rights and responsibilities. It could make a place for a healthy and very necessary debate about most public and social issues—a debate that could contribute so much to the clarification of issues."

Various social groups, he continued, all of which have their own special interest, implies an element of division. This is the reality of such a society, where the special interests and pursuits of one separate him from others. Consequently, there may be little communication between the farmer and the labourer; for example—wage policies; the tourist home owner and the fisherman; between the co-operative and the private business establishment. There is need of communication, and I would emphasize that the rural development council can contribute much to this communication between these groups.

In closing Father MacDonald suggested that a vital contribution of the council could be the bringing together of representatives of every interest in society for the discussion of the issues of great concern to the rural people. There was extensive discussion on Father MacDonald's paper. A motion made by Rev. Gerald Steele of Alberton that the council retain services of a field man was tabled, after a great deal of discussion. During the discussion, Lincoln Dewar, secretary of the P.E.I. Federation of Agriculture, asked whether or not the meeting approved of a proposal by the federation that the council be recognized as "official advisory committee to the government in the ARDA program". This question brought on a great deal of discussion, with the general consensus of the meeting seeming to be that the council, which is now an entirely voluntary organization, did not want to be officially appointed by the government unless it meetings and make recommendations could be independent and hold discussions as it saw fit and on its own terms.

With the meeting also agreeing that the council had no right to dictate the federation's resolutions, and that it was best to express neither approval nor disapproval of the federation's proposal, a resolution by Father Steele was finally passed almost unanimously: "that the resolution sponsored by the Federation of Agriculture be incorporated in their brief, if they so desire."

A motion was passed that the original motion by Father Steele (which had been tabled) "that the council retain the services of a field man" be taken into consideration by the steering committee and the executive and the pro's and con's of the motion be presented at the next meeting.

WESTERN FUNERALS
ARSENAULT FUNERAL — The funeral of Thomas Andrew Arsenault of Duvar was held Monday morning at St. Anthony's Church, Bloomfield where Requiem High Mass was celebrated at 9.30 by Rev. Clarence Pitre. Pallbearers were: John Platts, Thomas Gallant, Paul Gallant, Evzebe, Alvin and Joseph Arsenault. Flower bearers were Ronnie, Donnie and Johnnie Arsenault, Kevin, Nelson and Albert Gallant. Interment was in the church cemetery.

MACDONALD — At Morell on Monday, Feb. 28, 1966, Reginald A. MacDonald of Maple Hill in his 63rd year. Resting at the Charlottetown Funeral Home until three o'clock at which time they will be forwarded to the home of his sister, Mrs. A.B. McAdam, Morell. Funeral will be held Thursday morning, leaving the house at 8:45 for Requiem High Mass at St. Andrew's Church, Mt. Stewart, at 9:30. Interment in the church cemetery.

The meeting then adjourned, with the time and place of the next meeting being left to the discretion of the executive.

The Rural Development Council held its organizational meeting on January 19 after about a year of informal meetings. Present yesterday were representatives of the Prince County Welfare, Blanche Hogg of the local employment commission office, two officers of the East Prince Fishermen's Association, Mrs. Frank Ross of the Womens Institutes, two men of the H.G. Acres consulting firm which has been retained by the provincial government for the ARDA program, Edgar MacCallum, provincial director of adult education and Rudi Dalenback, ARDA rural development officer for P.E.I. Reid Sangster, provincial director of potato marketing and research, appeared briefly and introduced two members of the Catellif firm from Montreal, which is hoping to get 200-300 acres of cucumbers grown on the Island to be processed in Montreal.

J. David Stewart, a former provincial secretary, minister of municipal affairs and minister of tourist development in the Shaw cabinet yesterday expressed his concern to the members of the Legislative Assembly over what he termed, "this heading rush to total security that is taking place in Canada today. This rush, on the part of politicians to promise to provide security from 'womb to tomb,'

"I have had the opportunity," said Mr. Stewart, "of visiting two great countries that operate under socialistic systems, namely Russia and New Zealand, and frankly I was not impressed with what I saw. Great mediocrity, that feeling of everything being dull grey and every evidence of complacency, stultification, lack of individual effort and then the loss of independence and finally freedom."

"It seems to me that we, here in Canada, are running headlong into this same type of welfare state, and unfortunately, the people who are advocating this and the great mass of people that are accepting it, do not have the foggiest idea of what they are walking into."

"The immediate result appears just lovely, but the end result, as I have seen it, would be the ruination of this Canada of ours."

"In my opinion there is room for some serious thinking in the area of social service priorities. There is a vast difference between providing limited, really needed security and the free-for-all welfare schemes where everyone is spoon fed from the cradle to the grave."

"Might I have the temerity," said Mr. Stewart, "to suggest to our political leaders that they draw a distinction between social security for the needy, and rampant welfare for everyone."

"And might I also suggest that they have courage to tell the voters that today nothing is being done."

PREMIER SHAW left before Mr. Stewart had finished his statement.

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