



Prominent quartet play leading roles

F. H. HALL
F. H. Hall, who, as district superintendent of Metropolitan Stores in the Maritimes, keeps close tabs on the operation of all stores including the new one opening here Thursday, has been in the organization for 36 years, during that time attaining the important position of general manager.

A native of Sarnia, Ont., Mr. Hall began his career with Metropolitan in Halifax and during the years 1934-35 and more than 15 years in the Maritimes.

He managed a number of units in the Maritimes including the Charlottetown store during the years 1934-35 and has been in his present post since 1959 with headquarters in Halifax. Mr. Hall is superintendent over some 26 stores across the Maritimes.

Visiting periodically since construction began in September, Mr. Hall has been here constantly for the past two weeks and will remain until after the official opening.

dent and charter member of the Kentville Lions Club.

Mr. Sturdy is married to the former Sarah Tate of Sackville, N.B. The couple have three sons, all educated in the Maritimes, in Nova Scotia and in Charlottetown.

Opening ceremony is slated Thursday

SUMMERSIDE—One of the most modern stores on Prince Edward Island, "The Metropolitan", will officially open to the public this week. The opening ceremony will be held Thursday morning, Nov. 25, at 8:30 with Mayor W. E. Jenkins cutting the ribbon.

Situated in a spanking new building on Water Street opposite Holman's, the store includes an air of welcome with its brightness and colorful design.

With the trend going to chain stores in Canada the Metropolitan Stores of Canada Ltd. owners thought it a sound policy to offer their services to the people in this area and in doing so have provided the community with a most modern operation.

This is the second Met store in the province. A store has been operating in Charlottetown for many years and three of the men connected directly or indirectly with the new store here had served in the Charlottetown store at one time or another.

F. H. Hall, Maritime district superintendent of Metropolitan Stores of Canada Ltd., was manager in Charlottetown during the years 1934-35; Joe

H. A. HARVIE
A Maritimer "who did good", Mr. Harvie is a native of Nova Scotia's Annapolis Valley. He joined Metropolitan Stores 35 years ago in London, Ontario where he now makes his home and operated lunch counters in London, Edmonton, and Montreal. For the past 15 years he has been directing the company's lunch counter operation from coast to coast.

Married to the former Ida Noyes of London, Ont., the couple have two daughters, Audrey and Patsy, and four grandchildren.

Mr. Harvie has been in Summerside for the past month and will remain until the department opens up and is operating efficiently.

New Summerside store is one of Met's largest

SUMMERSIDE—The newly erected Metropolitan store in Summerside is regarded as one of the largest of the vast network of company stores spanning the common front on Sydney, N.S. to Victoria, B.C. The only province without the advantage of a Met store is Newfoundland.

Situated on Water Street, the building measures 134 feet by 75 feet. The interior floor space measures 10,000 square feet and 1,600 linear counter feet. Total cost of the enterprise is said to be in the vicinity of \$200,000.

Fitzgerald and Snow, Summerside contractors employing 35 men, excluding plumbers and electricians, labored on the project since September 1.

Designed in the most modern concept of architecture for this type of store the building has a pleasing color scheme with unique lighting and modern fixtures.

Keith Pickard was the architect who drew up the plans for the building and Jerry Danhill of the company's construction department supervised the project here.

Subdivided into 40 departments the building will carry a full line of merchandise ranging from hardware to linens, and toys.

All the merchandise will be displayed in spacious counters of white birch and with the yuletide season fast approaching gifts for mom and dad, brother and sister at Christmas, will be prominent.

Another feature of the store will be the cigarette and tobacco section which will carry all types of smoking supplies along with cameras, transistor radios, etc.

AIR CONDITIONED
For the comfort of the customers the store will be air-conditioned and music will be piped into the building constantly.

For the convenience of customers there will be two entrances leading to the street, one leading into the main thoroughfare, Water Street, and the other exit at the rear of the building where a parking lot is situated.

A third entrance will allow customers to come or leave

Lunch counter feature in spacious new store

SUMMERSIDE—A feature of the soon-to-be opened 10,000 square foot Metropolitan store on Water Street here, will be the ultra-modern lunch corner.

A 20-stool open kitchen operation, the counter will have the facilities to serve all meals including breakfast, luncheon, afternoon snacks and full course meals.

H. A. Harvie, director of fountain operations for all Metropolitan stores across Canada who has been in Summerside for the past month overseeing the installation of the lunch counter facilities, said recently "we feel we have the most modern lunch counter operation in the Maritimes".

The installation of this counter will be only the seventh in 26 stores across the three Maritime provinces. It's anticipated though, that lunch counters will be installed in two other Nova Scotia communities where Metropolitan is expected to erect additional stores. Four

Army releases exercise dates

HALIFAX (CP)—The Canadian army announced here today that the fourth in a series of ten service exercises will take place Nov. 30 to Dec. 10.

The exercise, designated "Comorant", will involve Canadian land, air and sea forces and will be held in co-operation with the United States Air Force at the huge Harmon air base at Stephenville, Nfld.

The army said the operation will require the rapid movement of about 700 army troops, with necessary vehicles from Camp Gagetown, N.B., to Harmon air base using aircraft from the RCAF's Maritime Air Transport Command.

A Canadian navy ocean escort will also take part, along with the RCMP and the Newfoundland Rangers.

The exercise will be directed jointly by Maj.-Gen. G. A. Turcott, head of the army's Eastern Command and Air Commodore R. Lane, chief of transport command, in co-operation with Col. Leonard Eddington, commander of the Harmon air base.

Objectives of the operation will be to exercise army forces in co-operation with U.S. ground defence units; exercise army and air force units in problems associated with transport of troops and equipment by air and practice command units in the control of joint operations.

ALL LOCAL
The Summerside department is expected to have a staff of between 8 to 10 employees, all local. The counter will be under the supervision of Mrs. Patricia Paynter of Summerside who will take charge when Mr. Harvie departs.

Mr. Harvie stated that the lunch counter will be in operation from 8 a.m. for the convenience of those wishing breakfast and will remain open until store closing time each day.

The open kitchen operation consists of a central grill section and all of the most modern equipment available including refrigerated displays. The equipment is predominantly stainless steel.

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