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—**PROGRESSIVE** Conservative broadcast, D. L. Mathieson, Saturday over CFCY at 10.15 p.m.

—**SOCIAL EVENING** — On Wednesday night of this week a very enjoyable social evening was held by the Newman Club and their friends. During the evening there was dancing to the music of Doug Pineau and his orchestra. The prize for the elimination dance which was donated by Mayor Henry Wedge was won by Patricia and Shirley Watson. The Catholic Women's League very kindly donated a delicious lunch. Mrs. Abdo Arsenault, Mrs. Wilfred Perry and Mrs. Carol Delaney acted as chaperons.—S.

—**GOOD TROUT CATCH**—Although the trout fishing season has just started with rather poor results in the Alberton district. Hughie Morrison of Montrose showed the older fisherman a thing or two by landing a three and one half pound beauty while fishing at the Gordon Light Co. pond on Wednesday. The fish measured eighteen inches long and was the largest taken here this season. Hughie is eleven years old.—F

—**Y'S MEN CLUB**—Mr. R. L. Willet presided at the regular weekly meeting of the Summerside Y's Men's Club held last evening at Coyle's restaurant. Arthur Rogers was finesmaster. It was reported that the sum of $1,041.00 was forwarded the provincial president of the Boy Scouts Association, Judge Palmer, being the proceeds of the drive conducted in Summerside by the club in conjunction with the radio auction. It was suggested that more may yet come in. It was decided to hold next week's meeting on Friday. On motion it was decided to forward a letter to the Mayor and Town Council commending that body for their decision to set up a recreation area in the town. An interesting film on the House of Windsor from the time of Queen Victoria to the present was shown.—S

—**SEE INDIAN** River-Kensington play in King George Hall, Saturday, April 21.

—**PROGRESSIVE** Conservative broadcast, J. W. D. Campbell over CFCY, Saturday at 7.15 p.m.

—**FRACTURES FOOT**—Friends of Mrs. Arthur Hardy, Montrose, are sorry to know it was necessary for her to enter the Prince Edward Island Hospital on Thursday to receive treatment for a fracture of the foot which she sustained in a fall a few days ago.

— **LIBRARY COMMITTEE MEETS**—Rev. G. B. Cunningham presided at a meeting of the Alberton library committee last evening. Minutes and a financial statement were read by the secretary treasurer, Mrs. Joseph Callaghan. There was discussion regarding the raising of money and the feasibility of several suggestions will be investigated. It is expected to have the official opening of the new library in May. Mrs. A. C. Green, Mrs. Herbert Champion and Mrs. S. R. Burke were named a committee to work with the president in planning a program for the opening day. On motion of J. W. Waugh the meeting adjourned.

— **WORK ON BUILDING** — Carpenters are at work in the building on the corner of Water and Central Streets in Summerside which is owned by Mr.Harold E. Gaudet and was formerly Smallman's furniture store. At present a partition dividing the store from north to south is being built. It has been learned reliably but unofficially that the Enman Drug Co. Ltd. plans to lease the east section in which to open a branch drug store. The manager of this firm is Mayor Henry Wedge. It is understood that the T. Eaton Co. will open a mail order office in the corner section of the building and it is reported that the rear part with an entrance on Central Street willl be rented by the Robert Simpson Company for a similar purpose. There are reports that a medical clinic will be established upstairs but as far as can be learned it is only in the discussion stage. — S.

—Mr. J. H. Myrick, Alberon returned Tuesday evening from a visit to relatives in the United States. Mrs. Myrick has remained for a more extended visit

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Section Foreman At S'side Retires

Mr. Duncan MacDonald of Summerside has retired as Canadian National Railway section foreman here after over forty years service with the company. He started in railway work with the old Intercolonial Railway at Hunter River as section man in 1911, and in 1921 became section foreman. In 1924 he went to Alberton and in January 1927 was transferred to Summerside.

Mr. MacDonald is being replaced here by Mr. Victor K. Sanderson, section foreman at Grandview who has purchased the residence of the late Miss Ida Dawson, Cedar Avenue.—S.

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New School At Slemon Park Is Occupied

A new school which has been erected for the children of Slemon Park, the Summerside R.C.A.F. Station residential area, has now been occupied although all the building is not completed. This ten-classroom school is probably superior to any school in the province in its modern equipment, furnishings and design. The building is only one storey and each classroom has a door leading directly outside as a fire escape. The door can be opened from inside simply by pressing on a bar but it cannot be opened from the outside at all.

Practically all one side of each classroom is window space and the lower part of each window opens inward in such a way that no draft will be caused. The building is steam heated and the temperature in each room is thermostatically controlled so that each teacher can see to it that a suitable temperature prevails.

There is an interior telephone system by which each classroom is connected with the principal's office. Each room has an electric clock above the blackboard which is connected with a master clock in the principal's office and this clock system operates the automatic bell which sounds for the commencement and end of periods etc. Each classroom also has a loud speaker so that educational radio programs can be heard and recordings may be played.

A most interesting feature are the cloak closets which are at the rear of every room. There are five or six doors which are flush with the wall and when one is pushed they all open simultaneously revealing the clothes hooks within. All rooms are equipped with fluorescent lighting and in addition special lights are focused on the blackboard. Rooms are equipped with various sizes of cupboards, drawers, and shelves for the various classroom supplies.

The blackboards are of plate glass which is the latest thing in this type of equipment. One of the classrooms is fitted out as a kindergarten and this room is self-contained with its own wash room which has low set basins for the youngsters. There is also the necessary equipment for serving lunches to the children. A piano is one of the various articles of equipment provided for this room. The rooms throughout the building are decorated in different pastel shades.

There is a very nicely furnished office suite for the principal with a private wash room. In addition the building has two recreation rooms, a library, teachers' rest room, receiving and checking room and a stock room. The school was built by the Canadian Commercial Corporation for the Federal Government but it operates under the Provincial Department of Education.

Mr. Murray Shanks is the principal and Flight Lieutenant Alex MacRae, education officer on the station, holds the position of chairman of the school board. The construction contract is held by M.F. Schurman Co. Ltd. — S.

FIRST MINT

The first United States mint was established at Philadelphia in 1792 by Act of Congress.

WINNIPEG— (CP)— Residents of greater Winnipeg used 9,202,000,000 gallons of water in 1950. It works out to around 80 gallons a day per head of population.

Prior to the taking off by a group of French airmen from R. C. A. F. Station, Summerside, to spend last week-end as guests of the Kinsmen Club of Quebec, Mr. G. M. Mulholland, president of the Summerside Kinsmen Club, hands a letter for the Quebec Club president to Lieutenant Pozzo-de-Borgo of the French Air Force. F/L. L. G. Lacombe, R. C. A. F. conducting officer looks on.

European Airmen Graduate At S'side May 4

On Friday, May 4th the first graduation ceremonies of European airmen training in Canada under the North Atlantic Treaty Organization scheme will take place at R.C.A.F. station Summerside.

The group will consist of representatives from the Italian, Norwegian and Belgian air forces, who have trained at the Air Navigation School here.

This is regarded as a highly significant event, and it is hoped that such dignitaries as the Minister of National Defence, the Chief of Air Staff, air members, Nato country ambassadors and air attaches will be in attendance to present wings and to deliver addresses.—S.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire, England—(CP)— A new hospital being built here along skpscraper lines will have a swimming pool for the patients.

Health And

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in the Town Planning program. Future plans for this Division include the formation of plans for checking sanitary conditions in restaurants and the opening of a branch office in Summerside. The full cost of this program is paid from funds which we receive from Ottawa.

"Secondly: The Division of Dental Hygiene was set up last year. In this Division we have a Director and three Dental Technicians. The program outlined for this Division is still in its infancy, but the Director and his staff have in a few months completed a very effective survey which shows the great need for dental care for our younger children. With the help of the Federal Government we hope within a very short time to announce a proper program for dental care of our children who are commencing school.

"The present program takes care of the first grade children in our schools in cities and towns. The extended program will provide similar assistance to country districts. The Dental Technicians are all trained from funds provided by the Federal Government cut of the Professional Training grant.

"Thirdly: This past year we organized a Division of Nutrition which for the first few months worked with the Public Health Nursing Division. Beginning as from the first of the fiscal year—April 1st—the Director of this Division will be in charge of a program outlined by herself in which she will be able to co-operate with schools, hospitals and family groups. The full program is still in process of completion and will be announced shortly.

New Health Centre

"Other matters which have been partly paid for out of our construction grants from Ottawa include the new Health Centre on Prince Street. In this building we now house all branches of the Department of Health & Welfare. It is much more convenient to the general public and much more satisfactory to the staff to have all under one roof. Heretofore, the different offices were scattered throughout the town. In order to meet the Chief Health Officer or the nursing staff one was compelled to go to the Sanatorium building. The Vital Statistics Division was located in the same building. Old Age Pension Offices were on Great George Street. Offices for Mothers' Allowances, Social Assistance and extra-mural assistance for T.B. patients were in the Province Building. Now all are gathered in one building at 188 Prince Street, centrally located for the convenience of the public.

"This change has been an immediate problem for many years, but it was not until the past year that the present Government was able to accomplish what the public requested. It is now not necessary for the person who wishes to obtain a birth certificate to hire a taxi and drive out to the Sanatorium, have his taxi wait until the certificate is ready and then return to the City. The present location is well within walking distance of trains or buses.

"In this new building we have located our Central Laboratory. This Laboratory is equipped to provide service for human beings and for animals. The setting up of this Division is another of our joint Provincial and Federal extension programs.

"It is worthy of note that the Laboratory services in our Provinces are not duplicated in any other Province of Canada. The Ottawa officials are watching our program with much interest. It may well be a pilot plant for the rest of Canada. In no other place in this Canada of ours have we a joint human and animal pathology laboratory. Milk, butter and water testing is also carried on in this building. We train our own technicians and then when they are available, send them out to our branch laboratories in the general hospitals of the Provinces.

"The branch laboratories provide for human needs only, but are so much more convenient and accessible to our doctors and their patients in Montague, Souris and Summerside. There are so many other advantages from this venture that I regret that time will permit such brief reference to them. You can rest assured that this is a start and that if the Liberal Government under Premier Jones is returned on April 26, the program will be continued and extended.

Welfare Activities

"Ladies and gentlemen, I will now deal with the Welfare Branch of the Department. This is the Branch where the bulk of the money is spent. When it is said that the Health & Welfare Department is our largest spending Department of the Government the reference should be to the Welfare Branch. In the criticism of the Department's estimates at the recent session of the Legislature, there was no protest from the Opposition on the Welfare Branch expenditures.

"I would now point out to you, the electors of the Province, that our Health estimates amount to about three-quarters of a million dollars while the Welfare estimates amount to over one and one-half millions of dollars. The Opposition, if they had any serious criticism, should have had something to say about Welfare. In the session of 1950 I was, according to one newspaper reporter, the only one who had any criticism of the Welfare estimates. Unfortunately, I was in much the same position in 1951. This evening I am going to give you a report of our work for the past three years and an outlook for the future.

"In my first full year as Minister we passed a Mother's Allowance Act. This legislation was drawn by me and was passed by the House with few corrections. I had the advantage of having before me the legislation of other Provinces. The enactment of this legislation is a great advance in our Welfare program. It provides assistance for mothers of dependent children whose husbands are dead or unable because of illness to provide the necessities of life for their families. In supplying a degree of support to such mothers we are able to keep homes intact. We were the last Province in Canada to enumerate this legislation.

"To enumerate additional benefits therefrom let me point out **firstly** that in the cities and towns the effect of the Act was most noticeable because no social assistance was directly available from the Government for the residents of incorporated areas, and therefore the Mothers' Allowance Act helped materially in such towns. Secondly, that the grants under social assistance were lower than the present grants under the Mothers' Allowance Act. Thirdly, it made the recipient of assistance feel as if she were getting help not relief. I am not fully satisfied with the way this Act has worked out, and in the latter part of this address I will outline our future plans.

"In our social assistance program we have substantially increased our grants to needy families, but the program is not as complete as I would like to see it. This help to the needy must be linked with our Mothers' Allowance and Old Age Pension program. With the help of my Department officials I have been reviewing the work and summarizing the assistance program and will tonight make suggestions which we hope will stabilize assistance in the future.

Old Age Pensions

"Old Age Pension payments were increased during the year 1949. If all the Provinces accept the proposals of the last Dominion-Provincial Conference, we will see within one year an Old Age Pension of $40.00 per month to all people over seventy years of age as a matter of right, all paid by the Federal Government. This pension will be without a means test and will contain no lien provisions. There will be pension payments to persons between the ages of 65 and 69 inclusive, on a means test basis, paid by the Dominion and this Province in equal shares.

"I want to assure you, regardless of Conservative propaganda to the contrary, that it will not be necessary to introduce a sales tax or discontinue the gasoline rebate to farmers and fishermen in order to institute this Old Age Pension program. We have in this Province more aged people per capita than any other Province of Canada, therefore the payment of $40.00 per month to all people over 70 years of age will materially increase our purchasing power. You can rest assured that this extra money will not remain in the bank to draw interest, but will be spent wisely and well by our aged people.

"The date this legislation becomes effective is January 1, 1952, provided the final agreement can be signed with Ottawa. Do you want this agreement completed by the Liberal Government which started the negotiations, or by an untried and inexperienced Conservative group under Mr. Bell?

"As an additional provision for our aged population this Liberal Government completed as an Old Peoples' Home the splendid hotel property known as Beach Grove Inn. This work was started in 1948 and the building was opened in 1949. Today we have one of the finest homes for our aged people in any place in Canada. In fact, one lady from Massachusetts told us that the institution was better than any she looked over in her own country. You may say, 'What did she know about it?' Well, let me tell you she was looking for a home for an aged relative and had reviewed institutions in many places before saying that Beach Grove was one of the finest homes she visited and a credit to Prince Edward Island. The cost per patient per day last year was about $1.80. When you compare this with other institutions catering to the sick you will see that the Old Persons' Home is efficiently and capably managed.

"In our Welfare Branch we also contribute assistance to those who are recovering from tuberculosis. The grant is known as extra-mural assistance and is paid to T.B. patients outside the Sanatorium. With this help those who are recovering from T.B. can get the necessary rest and may thereby become fully recovered and self-supporting. In February of this year we assisted in opening a Convalescent Home at Montague. This is a home where Sanatorium patients who have an active disease and no home of their own can spend a further period convalescing and thereby make room in the Sanatorium for active cases. The Montague Home is not owned by the Government. We provided funds to assist the owner who made changes requested by the Division of Tuberculosis Control. The capital payments made by the Government are recoverable. The cost of maintaining a patient in the Provincial Sanatorium is quite high and the Government is anxious to know if the establishment of convalescent homes is the answer to reducing this cost. If the experiment proves satisfactory other homes may be provided in other centres of the Province.

Future Plans

"Let me now make reference to our future plans for the Welfare program:

(1) The Old Age Pension payment of $40.00 per month to be paid to all persons 70 years of age or over without a means test and payments to persons 65 to 69 inclusive with a means test.

"(2) Further assistance under the Mothers' Allowance Act to take care of the increased cost of living and to help mothers who hold real estate and who are unable to derive any income therefrom.

"(3) To investigate the feasibility of assisting homes in other communities to care for convalescing patients if the present convalescent home proves to be an efficient means of caring for our tubercular patients.

"(4) To review carefully the report of the sickness survey when it is completed and from this report to develop, with the assistance of the Dominion, a program to care for cripples and incurables.

"(5) To develop our Social Assistance program along the lines:

(a) That assistance be granted only to those who are willing to help themselves.

(b) That token payments granted for an indefinite period be discontinued.

(c) That advice in the use of family and community resources be given to solve financial problems.

"I have outlined a few of the developments of the past four years in the Department of Health and Welfare and some of our plans for the future. If you, the electors of this Province, return the Liberals on April 26th, we will continue our efforts to improve the position of the people. To ensure continued prosperity and to keep in office an administration which has shown itself capable of meeting the needs of our times. I would ask you to vote for your Liberal candidates next Thursday and thereby give Mr. Jones a mandate for another four years to carry on his farsighted and progressive policies

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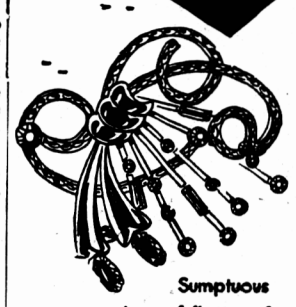

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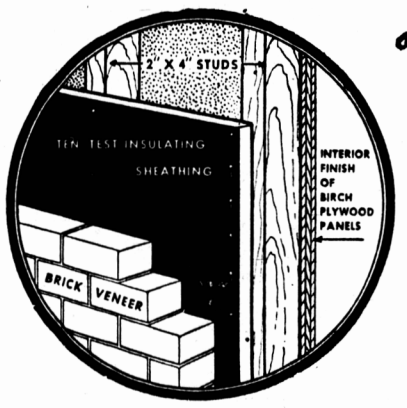

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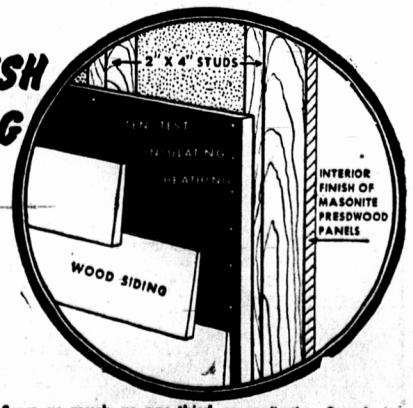

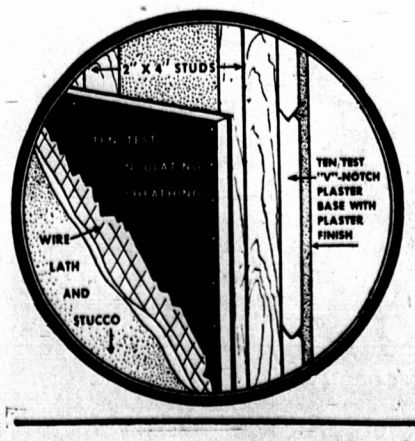

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