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Summerside and Prince County

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LUCKY S'SIDE FISHERMAN

Ernest Hardy, of Summerside was one of the lucky opening day fishermen, as is evidenced by his fine catch of 20 rainbow speckled trout shown here. Using worms for bait, Mr. Hardy made this fine catch "somewhere up west".

Meeting Planned On Ferry Project

A meeting of the directors of the West Point Ferries will probably be held next week to plan further action on the drive to obtain a ferry link with New Brunswick, Peter McCaull, Ellerslie, said yesterday. Buctouche and Point du Chene have been proposed as N. B. terminals.

Mr. McCaull who is president of the company and chairman of the committee named to promote the project, has just returned from a trip to France, where he saw his son who is serving in the air force, and visited the grave of his oldest son who was killed in the Second World War. The Ellerslie merchant was absent for several weeks.

Next step in the ferry project is to obtain specific details that were asked by the Canadian Maritime Commission when Mr. McCaull and Robert Grindlay, MLA, secretary of the ferry committee, met them in Ottawa several weeks ago.

Professional engineers will have to be employed to obtain and properly assemble the information asked for by the Canadian Maritime commission, it was learned.

Wellington Plans Survey

WELLINGTON — A decision to go ahead with a preliminary survey of the village of Wellington, was made last evening during a meeting of the village's ratepayers, held last night in the town hall.

With 26 ratepayers in attendance, much discussion took place on the feasibility of the project, which had been estimated to cost $500. When the vote was taken a large majority favored the resolution, although it was not unanimous.

In attendance at the meeting was Claude Smith, the provincial director of town planning, who outlined the many advantages of sensible town planning.

Several other visitors, including Alexander MacLean, chairman of the Parkdale Village Commissioners and representatives of Laurie A. Coles and Associates, were present.

BLACK POND BEAUTIES

'You should of seen the one that got away,' was not the story Gerald Tremblay, Ebbsfleet had to tell on his arrival home from fishing on the opening day. Here he is seen holding 14 of the 20 trout he landed at Black Pond. Eleven of them weighed 1¼ lbs. The trout were all landed in a little over four hours, despite bad weather.

$400,000 Regional High To Be Built In S'side Area

SUMMERSIDE BUREAU OF THE GUARDIAN

Plans for the erection of a new 16-room Summerside Regional High School, which will cost in the vicinity of $400,000 were announced last evening by Earl G. Cannon, chairman of the school's board of trustees, during an information meeting at the Summerside Legion, for the ratepayers of the 18 districts comprising the East Prince rural regional unit of administration.

Mr. Cannon called the building "a new conception in school design", and noted especially the two-floor octagonal classroom area, which is joined to the rest of the school by a corridor.

The more conventional part of the building will house an auditorium-gymnasium, a library, office and restroom space, showers and lockerrooms.

The eight classrooms which will extend around the octagon on each floor, will be reached by a corridor circling the structure and make an island in the centre, in which the washrooms will be situated.

The building plans were designed by Keith Pickard and it is hoped that the specifications will be completed within two weeks so that contracts can be let as quickly as possible.

Mr. Cannon noted that although it will be impossible to complete the whole structure by the fall school term, they hope to have all classroom space completed by Sept. 15.

In explaining the financing of the venture, Mr. Cannon stated that although they had not anticipated such a high cost, the ratepayers would be required to pay on an assessment rate of $8 per $1,000, which is the maximum that can be levied on them.

The rest will be paid by the provincial government, including grants for construction which will total at least $147,000.

Much discussion revolved around the distribution of the taxes between the proposed Summerside rural regional school and the Miscouche-Kinkora unit, after Mr. Cannon explained that each taxpayer would have the option of designating his taxes to the school of his choice.

Several persons expressed the view that the equalization grants are not making much difference where their taxes are designated, for if one unit ends up with a deficit while the other operates at a profit, the taxes will be redistributed.

Mr. Cannon said, "we are morally and legally responsible to provide education for our children until they are 18 years of age, and if we do not provide the facilities, we will have to pay their tution and transportation costs to some other school, possibly even Prince of Wales College, if others are not available."

He revealed that Summerside High School has already announced that it will accept no rural students for the coming school term.

Before introducing the regional school's new principal, Thomas Hall, the chairman of the board remarked," we are probably the only school with a full staff and no building".

Mr. Hall said that they have hired a staff of 10 topnotch teachers, and may possibly be hiring one more, depending upon the number of students enrolled. A survey is now being carried out to determine how many students will be attending the school.

TEACHERS HIRED

The teachers who have been hired to date include, Carl Smith, the vice-principal; Lloyd Simmons, a history teacher; Phylis Britton, and Mrs. Stevenson, for grades nine and 10; Kenneth Walker, for mathematics and physics; Mayne Yeo, Archibald Clark, history; Caroline Grimmer, as home economics teacher and Don Matheson as sports and physical education teacher.

Subject to the approval of the ratepayers at their next annual meeting, the five man board of trustees expects to have a senior matriculation, grade 13, and a remedial grade for those who are not quite up to standard in their grade eight entrance examinations.

To begin with the school will have three grade nines, and two each in grades 10,11, and 12.

Full capacity for the building will be in the vicinity of 480 students at 30 per classroom, however Mr. Cannon stated this was about 25 per cent more than is anticipated to begin with.

The members of the school board were introduced to the meeting and include, Capt. Lorne Cousins, Borden; William Miller, Lot 16; Edwin Lewis, Freetown, and Horace Wright, Bedeque.

S'side Is Considering Action To Collect Delinquent Taxes

SUMMERSIDE — The Summerside Town Council finance committee met recently with the president of Credit Investigation and Collection Ltd, Alex MacIsaac it was revealed during the regular meeting of council Monday evening.

Mr. MacIsaac outlined the services rendered by his firm as they apply to the collection of taxes, in this and other municipalities, both within and outside the province. Further discussion with Mr. MacIsaac on this matter is planned at a subsequent meeting.

The committee stressed in the report, the importance of an early decision on the subject of tax collection, due to the volume of outstanding accounts now owed by delinquent taxpayers, who have left the town and are scattered over Canada and Europe. The report stated that in Europe there is an international collection agency which has the organization for this type of collection.

Summerside lawyer, Neil R. MacLeod was appointed as chairman of the board of appeal for real estate, personal, education poll and motor vehicle taxes for 1962. Other members are J. Francis MacNeill and James B. Connell.

The fire department monthly report showed that the final release has been received from Crown Assets Corporation on the purchase of a vehicle to be used as a fire rescue unit. Also preparations are now being made to transfer the air fire-horn to its location in the new fire hall.

Freight Moving Record Said Set

More than 2,500 tons of Prince Edward Island potatoes were shipped from the Island by Canadian National Railways Sunday in a day of near-record traffic figures, the CNR reported yesterday.

Of the 122 loaded cars taken off the Island Sunday by the ferries MV Abegweit and SS Prince Edward Island, 112 contained potatoes. The ferries, in their 12 trips from Borden, also took 30 empties, including box, stock and tank cars.

In their 12 trips in the other direction, the ferries brought over 54 loaded cars and 82 empty refrigerator cars for further exports of the Islands potatoes. Total number of cars handled by the two CN ferries during their hard-working Sunday was 288, "a new record" according to CN transportation officials.

Excitement Of Festival Is Described

The excitement surrounding the Prince Edward Island Music Festival was described in an interview last night by Christopher Gledhill, the Island's director of music.

The element of "glorious uncertainty", prevails throughout the festival, the music director said.

"Will the favorite win, or will the accolade go to some unknown contestant from a remote area? This excitement is communicated to the audience, as they listen to the test pieces, their gaze possibly wandering to the impassive features of the adjudicator whose business it is to pick the winners—and give helpful criticism to all participants".

Mr. Gledhill noted that the festival is "well worth a visit" especially in the evenings which the committee reserves for the most ear-catching displays of musical prowess.

He pointed out choirs, vocal groups, instrumental groups and even family groups in wide ranges will be competing in this year's festival which begins in Charlottetown, April 30 and lasts through May 8.

WESTERN BRIEFS

IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. Brydon Smith, Alberton South, is a patient in the Western Hospital.

IS PATIENT

Hunter Weeks, Alberton, is a patient in the Western Hospital.

IS RECOVERING

Mrs. John H. Weeks, of Fredericton, P.E.I., is making a satisfactory recovery in hospital from her recent operation in the Prince Edward Island Hospital.

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Island and New Brunswick.

"It will bring the two provinces closer together and do a great deal for economic development generally. We can only hope that tenders will be called and construction begun as soon as possible."

Mr. DesBrisay said the New Brunswick government understands that surveys for the causeway took into consideration the possible effects on construction of the long - awaited Chignecto Canal through the isthmus joining New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

He said New Brunswick "certainly hopes" announcement of the causeway construction will not injure prospects for building of the canal.

Honorary secretary Michael Wardell of the Chignecto Canal Committee said the causeway will be "a very good thing."

ONE OF THREE

He described the project as one of the "three C's"—causeway, Chignecto canal complex and the Marine corridor road—for which this area has been pressing for years.

Mr. Wardell said he was sure the canal and the corridor road also would come.

At Hartland, N.B. president Frederick W. Dickinson of the Maritime Provinces Board of Trade said construction of the causeway would mean much in the promotion of bilateral trade between the two provinces.

"We in the Maritimes welcome it wholeheartedly and hope that the actual construction will begin in the immediate future.

Mr. Dickinson said the board of trade has long supported the causeway and about four years ago drafted a resolution to the federal government asking a feasibility study be done.

He said it was a step in the right direction for economic development in the Maritimes and would implement a "great stride in interprovincial travel."

JUBILANT

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ister of tourist development, said. He predicted a new era for the province's already expanding tourist industry as a result of the causeway.

G.G.K. PEAKE

"The news is very gratifying", Brig. G.G.K. Peake,, president of the Charlottetown Board of Trade, said on hearing the news. "It is something all the people in Prince Edward Island have been working and hoping for."

A. WALTHEN GAUDET

"A forward move in the development and progress of the province," Mayor A. Walthen Gaudet said. "It is nice to see the issue finally settled. The majority of our people have been looking forward to this."

R. GORDON SHAW

"The Island tourist business will double overnight when the causeway is completed." R. Gordon Shaw, president of the P.E.I. Tourist Association, said. He termed the announcement of construction of the long-sought mainland link as "the biggest thing that ever happened to us in the tourist business."

G.R. FOSTER

Gerald R. Foster, president of the P.E.I. Progressive Conservative Association said. "The Prime Minister's announcement on the construction of a causeway is, in my opinion, the greatest single statement ever made by a Canadian Prime Minister insofar as this province is concerned. The magnitude of the undertaking and the consequent effect it will have upon every phase of our economic and cultural life is impossible to forecast with any degree of accuracy.

"Despite our valid claims to such an easing of our transport problems, we nevertheless owe deep gratitude to the people of Canada through their representatives in the House of Commons, who today, by their reaction to the announcement, unanimously endorsed its construction.

"As president of the P.E.I. Progressive Conservative Association I do not necessarily receive the news as evidence of a political victory but rather as a further indication of the responsible manner in which the Progressive Conservative government and Island representatives continue to discharge their duties.

"May I join with all people of the province, regardless of politics, in thanking the Prime Minister of Canada and his government for causing our dream to become a reality".

ROBERT GRINDLAY

Robert Grindlay, MLA, secretary of the West Point Ferries committee, stated, "What I said in the Legislature still stands." He was referring to the opinion he expressed at an earlier session, that whether a causeway was built or not, there would still be a need for a ferry service to the western part of the Island. Mr. Grindlay said that the ferries committee would be meeting later this week, possibly on Thursday, and a statement would be issued at that time.

MAYOR J.E. MORRISON

Summerside Mayor J.E. Morrison said: "The announcement made today by Prime Minister Diefenbaker is one that will be welcomed by all our citizens. It will add considerably to the welfare of this town.

"As mayor, I and on behalf of all our citizens, wish to express our appreciation to the Prime Minister and to all our Island representatives for what can possibly be classified as one, if not the most important, accomplishment ever attained on our behalf.

"I feel that we should give particular thanks to our own representative, Dr. Orville H. Phillips for his efforts in this respect."

"I believe it only appropriate that we express our appreciation by accepting some of the inconveniences that might occur without with our present ferry service. I am sure that our citizens will be willing as a result of today's announcement to be more tolerant of our ferry system and will give the new ferry "Confederation," a fair trail before condemning it.

"Today's announcement is a start to fulfilling the terms of Confederation and I trust that there will be no delay in starting construction. We welcome this great improvement in our transportation system. It may well start a new era of prosperity for our town.

MAYOR B.H. YEO

Mayor Bruce Holmes Yeo of Montague said; "it is the most sensational event in the history of Prince Edward Island. It has been talked about and promised for several years and the government responsible for the gigantic undertaking should be congratulated." Mayor Yeo said he did not hestitate in intimating that his views were shared by the citizens of Montague and the surrounding communities.

A.L. TIBBITTS

A.L. Tibbitts, president of the Alberton and West Prince Board of trade said: "The Alberton and West Prince Board of Trade is pleased to learn that the federal government has found it feasible and economically possible to construct a causeway, linking Prince Edward Island to the mainland of Canada.

"The board has been advocating this project over the past few years and it is indeed gratifying to realize that the project is to become a reality.

"It will be a number of years however, before this project will be completed, therefore we must keep before us the inadequacy of the present day transportation facilities between this Island and the mainland and continue in our efforts to obtain adequate ferry service in the interval.

"It is our opinion that two boats comparable to the Abegweit should operate daily between Borden and Cape Tormentine, with a third boat also comparable to the Abegweit in reserve. Especially do we advocate a ferry service for the western end of this Island and go on record as supporting a ferry service running from West Point, Prince County, P.E.I. to a feasible port in New Brunswick.

B. GRAHAM ROGERS

Provincial transportation director B. Graham Rogers said "construction of the causeway will be one of the world's major engineering feats that will attract a great number of visitors during the course of construction and afterwards.

"This province will receive tremendous publicity because of the magnitude of the undertaking and I think engineers from many parts of the world will come to observe construction.

"The causeway will take quite a few years to build and we will have to have adequate ferry service in the meantime. A new ice-breaking, railway ferry is what is needed while the causeway is under construction. There will be tremendous amounts of materials for construction that will have to be ferried from the mainland. We need another ferry until the job is done—there would be no waste of money in constructing a ferry similar to the MV Abegweit as after the causeway is completed, the ferry could be used in Newfoundland or other parts of the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

"A causeway will boost ferry traffic at Wood Islands as many people still like the thrill of a boat ride in reaching or leaving the province. Many will arrive by causeway at Borden, motor through the province, and leave by way of Wood Islands.

"The causeway will call attention to this province possibly greater than did the novel, "Anne of Green Gables."

Mr. Rogers predicted that as a result of the causeway, Borden will became a large tourist centre. "Lots of people from the mainland," he said, "will build summer homes along the fine beaches on both sides of Borden. Even before yesterday's announcement persons from New Brunswick have shown interest in building summer homes near Borden."

ROY LEARD

Mayor Roy Leard of Alberton said: "it was most gratifying to learn that the causeway will be built and much appreciation must be shown to those responsible for this announcement that will be a boon to the Island as a whole. But let us not forget there may be many who would still appreciate a quiet boat trip for relaxation. This causeway will provide us with a third mode of transportation to and from the province."

CLAUDE IVES

Past president of the Summerside Board of Trade, Claude Ives, stated "The Island transportation is in such a bad state that we should build a boat comparable to the Abegweit, which could be done in two years, while waiting for the causeway to be built."

He explained that even if it was started immediately the causeway would not be completed for ten years and a new boat could be put to good use even after completion of the causeway, providing better service either at Wood Islands or for the western end of the province.

Mr. Ives noted that his feelings on the matter were those of the Summerside Board of Trade, as expressed in their last general meeting at which time they decided to unite with other provincial boards of trade to get a new ferry for Northumberland Strait, regardless of what causeway plans were made.

CHARLES LINKLETTER

Speaking as a vice-president of the Summerside Board of Trade, Charles Linkletter said the board was jubilant over the news that the causeway would be built, and noted that the Summerside board had taken a lead in calling attention of the government to the need for improved transportation facilities.

Referring to the time that might be required to complete the project, he said the Island should continue to press for construction of an ice-breaking ferry.

He said it was hoped that construction would start immediately, and that the new causeway would seem to indicate a whole new era of prosperity for P.E.I. in many ways additional to expected benfits to tourism, agriculture, fishing, and the possibility of greater industrial development.

2 Drivers Mistake Railway For Roadway During Storm

SUMMERSIDE — Unusual reports of storm experiences were heard yesterday as people began to move about, and ranged from unidentified motorists who mistook a railroad bed for a Summerside street, to Vern Smith, Guardian circulation manager, stuck east of Miscouche until almost midnight, ran out of gas with just enough momentum left to coast to a gas tank in St. Eleanors; and the experience of Conrad Plomp, who, after visiting his wife in hospital, left Summerside at the height of the storm to walk 12 miles to his home in Lower Bedeque because there was no one at home to tend to his livestock.

The strange sight of a car in the middle of the railway tracks was reported to The Guardian office in Summerside late yesterday afternoon, and a reporter who waded through the storm to the scene of the railway roadbed midway between First and Second streets, found a car of mainland registration, apparently abandoned by a commercial traveller who had mistaken the tracks for a Summerside street and had become stuck on the railway ties.

Stranger still was the fact that almost a block further west was another car also stuck on the rails, and it was reported this morning that a truck which went to pull the cars off the track also became stuck.

Temporarily storm - stranded motorists were returning home throughout the night and early morning hours following a snowfall of 14.8 inches fiercely driven in winds that reached peaks of 60 mph.

Snowplows, hastily restored to service after being converted to summer equipment, were back in action opening all main highway, and sunny, above 40 degree temperatures, provided comfortable weather for motorists who had to shovel snow.

WEATHER

TORONTO (CP) — Temperatures:

	Min. Night	Max. Day
Dawson	20	50
Vancouver	46	64
Victoria	47	60
Edmonton	34	56
Calgary	31	64
Regina	30	61
Winnipeg	33	50
Toronto	27	51
Ottawa	24	43
Montreal	34	45
Quebec	28	43
Fredericton	28	43
Saint John	27	39
Moncton	30	36
Halifax	31	43
Charlottetown	29	33
Sydney	32	36
Yarmouth	33	42
St. John's	33	42

HALIFAX (CP)—The weather office says an extensive high pressure should provide all regions with some sunny weather today. Daytime cloudiness will keep afternoon temperatures in the high 30s and low 40s.

Regional forecasts:

Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island: Sunny with a few cloudy intervals; little change in temperature; light winds. Low-high at Halifax and Yarmouth 30 and 45, Kentville 28 and 45, New Glasgow and Goshen 25 and 42, Sydney and Charlottetown 25 and 37.

Eastern N.B. counties, Lower St. John River Valley, Bay of Chaleur: Sunny with a few cloudy periods; little change in temperature; light winds. Low-high at Moncton 23 and 45, Fredericton 25 and 45, Saint John 28 and 45, Campbellton 20 and 40.

Upper St. John River Valley: Sunny, clouding over by evening; little change in temperature; light winds. Low-high at Edmundston 20 and 40.

Bay of Fundy: Light winds; sunny; visibility 10 miles; little change in temperature.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 10.06 a.m. and 10.26 p.m. At Rustico at 5.33 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. Sun rises today at 5.19 and sets at 6.41.

Englewood H & S Elects

CRAPAUD — Officers of the newly organized home and school association of Englewood Regional High School were installed at a meeting in the school recently.

Installation of officers, conducted by John Martin of Charlottetown, was as follows: President, Mrs. Clayton Crosby; vice-president, Rev. Bryer R. Jones; recording secretary Mrs. John Francis; correspondence secretary, Mrs. Edwin Ferguson; treasurer, Mrs. Max Thompson; chairman of home life, Mrs. Albert MacDonald; chairman school life, Mrs. Raymond Wood; chairman library, Mrs. Charles MacKenzie; chairman program, Mrs. Allison Lea; chairman community, Mrs. Charles Roberts; chairman membership, James Gordon, chairman public relations, Alex Dawson.

Mr. Martin spoke to the meeting on the value of home and school and showed a film "Drop Outs at School". Mr. Martin also mentioned the work shop at Hunter River and hoped that the area would have representatives at the meeting.

The next meeting of the Englewood Regional High School Home and School Association is planned for May 31.

Four Escape Injury At New Annan

KENSINGTON — Four occupants involved in a two car accident escaped injury when a 1956 Ford was reportedly sideswiped by a Volkswagen on Sunday afternoon about 4 o'clock.

The accident occurred near Ramsay's garage in New Annan, about one mile east of Kensington.

The Volkswagen, owned and driven by Charles Brown, who was accompanied by Ira Reeves, both of Irishtown, came to a stop on its roof after rolling over three times on the highway.

The Ford, owned and driven by Donald Thompson, of Long River, who was accompanied by Valerie Ellis, also of Long River, came to a stop against a culvert in the ditch.

Both cars were proceeding towards Summerside at the time of the accident and were extensively damaged. They were towed from the scene.

RCMP constables from Summerside investigated the accident.

Opposition Spokesmen Comment On Project

The following statements were issued last night by members of the Liberal Party and the New Democratic Party, following the announcement yesterday by Prime Minister John D. Diefenbaker that an election would be held June 18 and that a causeway would be built between this province and the mainland.

DR. BONNELL

Dr. L.M. Bonnell, acting opposition leader of the Liberal Party due to the illness of Leader A.W. Matheson, said:

"I am pleased to hear that it is feasible from an engineering point of view to build a causeway at Borden.

"We have known since 1957 that it was feasible from an economical point of view when it was announced by the then Minister of Public Works, Hon. Robert Winters, when he started the engineering survey.

"I am disappointed that the Prime Minister announced almost in the same breath that we were to have an election on June 18 and that a causeway would be built.

"I feel that this is too important a transportation project to be used as a political football.

"It seems to me that the Hon. Mr. Fleming, minister of finance, has not been informed of the result of these important studies because just a week ago he brought down the budget and never mentioned the building of the causeway, or never had any money in the estimates to start the project.

"It looks very much as if the federal government feels that the causeway promise is good for at least one more election.

"They used it in June 1957, again in March 1958, again in the provincial election in 1959, again in the federal bye-election of 1961 in King's County and now it is promised again for the June 18 election in 1962.

"I would not be surprised if our good Premier Walter R. Shaw will use it again in the provincial election in 1963."

NEW DEMOCRATS

A statement issued by the New Democratic Party in the province said that the "candidates congratulate the government on the timing of their causeway announcement.

"They regret, however, that still no date has been given for its commencement. As such they claim that again repeating this old causeway promise on the eve of an election is an in-

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