

NEW JAIL FINALLY TO BE BUILT

Institute aimed at Correction not Punishment

CHARLOTTETOWN (IIS) -- Details concerning the new Correctional Centre were released Monday by Premier Alex B. Campbell.

The Premier said the building will be located on a 200-acre site at the end of the Sleepy Hollow Road in West Royalty.

He said it would cost close to \$3-million and should be ready for use by early next fall.

Accommodation for 76 inmates will be provided in the split-level structure. A unique feature of the structure is that it will be primarily heated by wood, through the gasification of wood chips and the roof will have the proper angle and load-bearing characteristics for the future installation of solar heating panels.

Inside, inmates will be assigned sleeping rooms. Common areas will include a dining room, kitchen, library, hobby room, chapel, visiting and counselling rooms, medical room, and exercise facilities.

Although movement in and out of the building will be strictly controlled, the Premier said the new centre will be without bars on doors and windows. Inmates who have proved their good behaviour will be able to move freely within their assigned living and working zones. Some lockable rooms will be available for inmates on remand and for difficult prisoners.

The Premier said the philosophy behind the design of the Centre is that the reform of a wrong-doer can best be achieved through the person's own efforts, and this in turn requires a healthy working environment with opportunities for training and socialization.

He said that except for those who cannot participate due to medical problems, work and study will occupy a good portion of an inmate's day.

"Some will be involved in community work programs

or will be transported to nearby schools or training institutions. Some will remain in the Centre doing janitorial duties or learning to prepare meals under a qualified cook. Many will be directly involved with the reforestation program administered by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry on nearby lands along the Hurry Road. And there will be the need to continually harvest low-grade wood to provide fuel for the Centre's heating system."

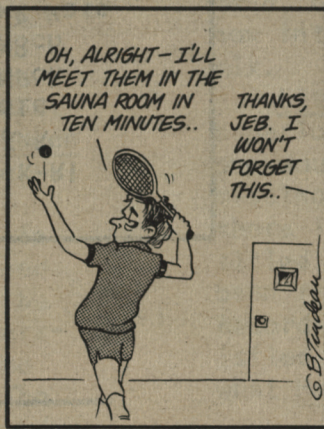
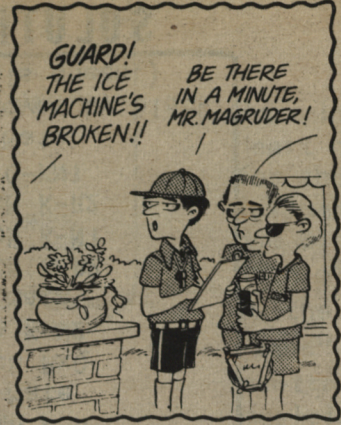
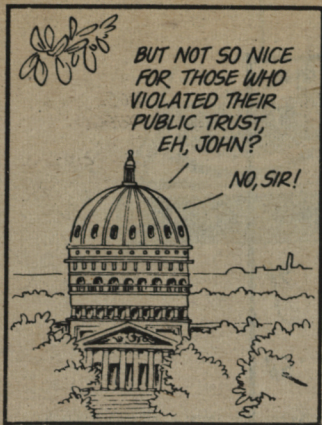
He said the inmates will also maintain several acres of vegetable garden plots, lawns and flower beds, under qualified supervision.

"In effect, the inmates will be growing some of their own food, providing the fuel for heating their environment, and at the same time will be acquiring skills that will provide them with jobs when they leave the Centre."

The Premier said social involvement for inmates will also be an important part of the rehabilitation process.

"We have made progress in this area already through the active recreation program that was underway this summer. To carry on this momentum, the government is prepared to set up a Citizens Advisory Committee, with seven members chosen from a cross-section of groups and individuals who have shown an interest in setting up inmate recreation programs."

"Changing the philosophy of corrections in this province is more than just erecting a new building. We must modernize the procedures to be used within the institution as well. We intend to establish a strict but fair code of discipline for both inmates and staff. Disciplinary procedures will be clearly defined. The form of legal recourse for those who feel unjustly treated will be clearly set out."



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ed on PEI. They may also have been nervous over the amount of control Dr. Millar wanted. He has been the president of many firms over the years and wanted about the same amount of power as he had in these.

Both of the Maritime candidates were among the first three to be cut. One was Dr. J.J. MacDonald, a professor of chemistry at St. F.X. The main complaint with him was once again a personality conflict. It was said that we may have gone a complete presidential term without getting a word in edgewise. That is, he was too domineering.

The only French candidate Dr. Claud Thibault, was also cut at the beginning. Although perfectly competent in administrative duties, being the Executive Director of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, he lacked the dynamic personality needed in this position. Many people, after talking to Dr. Thibault, couldn't remember what he said or what he was talking about.

Dr. Ken Ozmon, the only UPEI candidate was also cut from the first three. It is believed he only made it this far because of the pressure applied concerning an Island representative. This could be true but the choice was probably more connected with his inability to work with the

Island government. A President must be able to get along with government. Also, he would have already established many of his friends and foes within the administration. For this reason a non-Islander would be the best man for the job.

The final candidate to be discussed was Dr. Meincke's biggest competition. This was Dr. Thomas H.B. Symons, former president of Trent University. Many people were disappointed that he was not chosen. He had the experience, worked on many committees in government including the Ontario Human Rights Commission and wrote To Know Ourselves: The Report of the Commission on Canadian Studies. However concern was expressed on a few things. First of all and maybe most important was the fact that, at Trent, Dr. Symons had many assistants. The Search Committee were afraid that he might push all his work load onto others. Some of the Committee members were also concerned about his health. Dr. Symons is a heavy man. Some people doubted whether a man who lacked self-discipline would be devoted to his job like a president should.

This was not meant to add insult to injury to any of the candidates but to give insight into why Dr. Meincke was picked. No offense was ever intended in the writing of this article.