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Weather: Easterly winds and cloudy.
Showery Tomorrow.

E. J. Cormier Is New Comptroller General of Province

Appointment Is Announced Today By Premier
Dysart

Has Long Public Service

Premier Pays Warm Tribute to Worth of New
Comptroller General—Other Appointments

Edmond J. Cormier, who has since last fall been acting Comptroller-General in place of the late W. A. Loudoun, has been appointed Comptroller-General for the province. W. A. Trites has been appointed deputy provincial secretary as successor to the late R. W. Bayley. Thomas O'Brien of St. George, a competent accountant, has been appointed as assistant to Mr. Trites. This was the information given to The Daily Mail at the premier's office this morning.

Mr. Cormier who becomes the new Comptroller-General has had an extensive experience in the provincial government service extending over twenty five years. He was born at Upper Buctouche, Kent county, and was a graduate of the Provincial Normal School and taught school for twelve years. He was for a time general merchant at Upper Buctouche and represented St. Mary's in the Kent county municipal council for six years. Twenty-five years ago Mr. Cormier entered the provincial service as clerk and secretary in the agricultural department. In 1915 he was promoted as assistant to the late R. W. L. Tibbits, deputy provincial secretary and King's Printer. In 1918 he was appointed assistant secretary of the Public Works department.

In 1924 during the Foster-Veniot regime the government created the department of deputy minister of public works, and Mr. Cormier was appointed deputy minister, being the first deputy minister of public works in the province. He served ten years and in 1927 became assistant Comptroller-General to the late W. A. Loudoun, and received a good training in this branch of the service under Mr. Loudoun. Since Mr. Loudoun's death last fall Mr. Cormier has continued to act as Comptroller-General. Mr. Cormier during his residence in this city has taken an active interest in community affairs and city welfare work. He has been a member of the Boy Scouts committee, the Y.M.C.A., fraternal softball league, and the A & B Club. In fraternal circles he has attained major rank in the Knights of Columbus, is a past grand knight of that organization, and served as state treasurer for New Brunswick for three years. Speaking to The Daily Mail today regarding Mr. Cormier's appointment,

BEAR ISLAND WOMAN VICTIM OF STRYCHNINE

Mrs. Cromwell Trafton, 54-year-old Bear Island resident, died this morning shortly after seven o'clock, little more than an hour after she had swallowed a full bottle of strychnine, possibly by accident. She died at the home of Fred Barr while she was being rushed by car to the office of Dr. Robertson, Keswick Ridge, for treatment. At the Barr home she was attended by Mrs. Clifford Barr, a registered nurse.

R.C.M.P. Corporal L. P. Ryder who investigated the case reported today that an inquest into Mrs. Trafton's death has been arranged for Saturday night at Bear Island. It is understood that the deceased has been in poor health. Her husband had seen her with a vial in her hand this morning and upon asking what she was taking, she said it was salts. Later she told him she had taken "wolf-poison." He at once notified the doctor and the police. Ralph Smith, a nephew, was the only other person in the Trafton home at the time.

Deceased had been twice married, her first husband having been Fred Manuel. The coroner's jury selected for the inquest on Saturday night is as follows: Harry L. Ingraham, Ambrose Hagerman, Alfred Rosborough, George Rosborough, Clarence Hagerman, Del Hagerman, and Harley Brown.

ment, Premier Dysart said: "Mr. Cormier has been an efficient worker in the public service for a long number of years and has brought his best ability to the service extending over more than a quarter century. He is a man of sterling qualities, with fine family background which embraces the best traditions of the wonderful French race. He has accomplished good work as a public servant and I am glad that the government has seen fit to elevate him to such a responsible and important position. Since the passing of the late W. A. Loudoun, Mr. Cormier has performed the extra work imposed upon him in a most satisfactory way to all concerned."

Our Education

Are our present day youths and maidens being educated in our schools today? This is a question which is being asked by educationalists today. The question is being asked in the Maritime Provinces. The matter has been discussed in all its pros and cons in The Daily Mail. It is the general belief that a shakeup is needed and will be made in our educational system and such a change is contemplated. And it will be none too soon.

The following is an article from the Summerside Pioneer whose editor has for several years taken an active interest in educational matters:

"A person unaware of the magnificent deficiencies in the courses of study used in the schools of the Maritime Provinces of Canada, might well look at these courses of study and stand aghast at the apparently terrific amount of learning which we cram into the heads of the youth of our land.

Those better acquainted with our educational system, however, are not so impressed. A prominent educationalist of the Maritimes, tells of a parent who came to see him regarding a job for a boy who had just finished school.

"What can he do," asked the educationalist.

"Do?" gasped the parent. "What can he do? He can't do anything—I told you he'd just finished school."

"In those words, lies a scathing indictment of our school system. The boy had finished school, but what did he have? As every one conversant with our system knows, he had in his head a mass of undigested knowledge which—if he were lucky—would help him on his way through college—not through life.

"Pupils leave school who can neither read, speak nor write the English language. They have not been taught to speak English correctly; they have been taught to mumble printed words, but they have not been taught to read, to extract from those words the meaning; they have been taught how to form letters, but the expression of the simplest thought in clear, intelligible words on paper, is for them a task of the first magnitude.

In education, as in other matters, it is time for a return to fundamentals, time to look facts squarely in the face—time to stop cheating our youth by making them think they are being educated in our present-day schools.

FINAL CONTROL OF TOURIST BUREAU SETTLED AS BOARD OF TRADE MEETS

Tourist Com. Head Blames Secretary for Criticism
—Question of New Bridge Debated—Outpost
Men to Be Recalled August 15

The meeting of the Board of Trade held at the new tourist bureau last evening developed into a very heated one. The question of patronage came up and charges of unfair distribution of tourist trade was rehearsed at great length. The matter of keeping George Jamier and Donald Yerxa at the tourist outpost in Newport and Ellsworth was brought up and on motion it was decided to allow these two tourist agents to remain at their posts until Aug. 15.

Alderman Crewdson representing the Publicity and Industrial Committee of the City Council stated that the hotels and private homes were not receiving enough tourist trade to warrant keeping these two tourist agents in the state of Maine. E. O. McDonald stated that these two men were doing good work. Their purpose was to send tourists to Fredericton. He said that the two had some 44,000 pieces of literature to distribute and only lately have they been given a chance—namely a sign "Information about Canada—Free" and a tent placed at an advantageous position—to prove their value. Mr. McDonald cited instances when tourists have come to this city as a result of this scheme.

R. L. Phillips in reply to Mr. Crewdson's motion said that he did not think the young men had been given enough time to prove their worth. He strongly urged that their stay be lengthened to see if their positions be justified. G. W. Hodge took the same ground.

The matter of travelogue sound pictures as an advertising medium was enthusiastically discussed. General opinion seemed to be in favor of them for next year. It was moved "that the young men be employed until the 15th of Aug." was made by George W. Hodge. It was seconded by E. O. McDonald and after considerable discussion was passed.

Alderman Crewdson acting in the interests of the Publicity Committee of the City Council made a motion that subsequently resulted in a lengthy discourse on the power of the Board's Tourist Committee. The motion that business cards, advertising the merchants of Fredericton, be placed in the Tourist Bureau. F.

Cedric Cooper, chairman of the Tourist Committee of the Board of Trade jumped to his feet and exclaimed "this is a tourist bureau—not an advertising agency!" He then opened the lengthy discussion on whether the Tourist Committee should or should not run the bureau. "It is time to lay the cards on the table in relation to all this talk of patronage," he said. All hotels should be listed and tourists allowed to choose. He claimed that Alex. Murray, secretary of the Board of Trade and director of the Bureau, was causing this criticism by sending tourists to his own home. The employees of the bureau have been ordered to divide the business evenly.

Mr. Cooper made it plain that the committee regulations had not been adhered to and friction had been caused.

Mr. Murray rose and explained that where hotels were concerned no favoritism had been shown, also that the entries in the record book of the number of parties was correct and that all private homes were receiving a fair share of the trade.

F. Cedric Cooper: "Is the Tourist Committee running the bureau or not?"

E. C. Atkinson, Ex-M.P.P.: "No!" Mr. Cooper then put up a strong defence for the committee of which he is chairman and pointed out that all important matters had been submitted to the executive but that the running of the bureau should be left in the hands of the committee or, "why have one?" He moved an amendment to Alderman Crewdson's motion; it read: "that all matters on tourist business be discussed by the Tourist Committee and reported back to the executive of the Board on Trade; and that the committee not be allowed to make any expenditures without the consent of the special committee of the Board." This was seconded by E. O. McDonald. More discussion followed when Hon. R. B. Hanson brought the matter to a head with "who is going to run this bureau anyway?" A vote was taken and Mr. Cooper's amendment was carried.

A number of local bills amounting to \$156.03 were moved paid by E. C. Atkinson; seconded by P. M. Levine and passed.

SITUATION CALLS FOR UNITED PATRIOTIC FRONT

No Decision Until The
Pas Deferred
Election

WINNIPEG, Aug. 6—At the last general election which was held here last week none of the several parties running has obtained a majority.

Yesterday a Conservative caucus had rejected Premier Bracken's proposal for the immediate formation of a coalition government—at least until after the deferred election in The Pas, where Mr. Bracken is a candidate, and in Rupert's Land.

The premier's proposal which suggested a union for four years with a division of cabinet representation on the basis of five Liberal-Progressives and four Conservatives, with himself and Mr. Willis alternating as premier, had previously been approved by a Liberal-Progressive caucus.

While it was said informal overtures already had been made by the government or its intermediaries to the Co-Operative Commonwealth Federation group for some form of coalition, it was believed in political circles there would be no further negotiations until after the deferred elections.

Present standing of the parties is as follows: Liberal-Progressives, 22; Conservatives, 16; C.C.F., seven; Social Credit, five; Independents, two; Communist, one; deferred, two.

"The public may judge for itself," said Premier Bracken today as he boarded a train for The Pas where he will carry on a two-week campaign. He said he was satisfied he had done the right thing in making his offer to Mr. Willis.

"Those who have the best interests of the province at heart," he continued, "Will, I feel sure, agree that a coalition of the 22 government supporters with one of the other groups is necessary if we are to solve the problems confronting us. The present situation calls for a united, patriotic front."

Mr. Bracken said he had no criticism to make of the answer given by the Conservative caucus to his offer, and pointed out the Conservatives had left room for reopening negotiations after the deferred elections. In the meantime he had behind him the unanimous endorsement of the Liberal-Progressive caucus and had been authorized to continue his efforts.

Nominations in The Pas and Rupert's Land will be held Monday. W. W. Kennedy, K.C., member of Parliament for Winnipeg South Centre, will be the Conservative candidate in Rupert's Land.

GOLFER FISHES

Turning from his trick shots in golf, Joe Kirkwood, famous golf expert, visited Hart's Island Pool last evening and caught a six-pound grilse. It was his first attempt at salmon angling. Mr. Kirkwood was a visitor here yesterday.

Board of Trade Hears About C.N.R. Bridge And Is No Wiser Than Before

BULLET-PROOF VESTS AREN'T, EXPERT FINDS

NEW YORK, Aug. 6—Bullet-proof vests aren't bullet proof, according to the tests made by Sergeant Harry Butts, head of New York's ballistic division.

Butts has blown holes through 150 vests, both of steel and aluminum, and claims, not only do the vests weighing fifteen to thirty pounds, not protect their wearers, but are likely to cause more serious wounds, when bullets carry with them bits of steel or cloth.

Inspector Harry F. Dittman, head of the riot squad, has ordered his men to discard their vests.

Butts found a test load of double-buckshot fired at 25 feet penetrated the vests.

Rebel Forces Are Advancing At Tremendous Loss

Attempt to Secure a Coast Passage for Supply
Shipments

Terrific Fighting Both Sides

Fascist Army Is Now Within Thirty Miles of
Madrid

NEWS 3 MONTHS OLD STYLE 130 YEARS AGO TODAY

One hundred and thirty years ago today the Fredericton Telegraph, the first newspaper to be published in Fredericton make its appearance. It was published in an office on the river bank, on Front Street near the Cathedral, by Michael Ryan. The first copy, which we have on our desk, contains the "latest news from London." The latest news is dated June 6th, just two months before the paper was issued. The paper was four pages of three columns each and contained very little local news.

WILL REDEEM CERTIFICATES

EDMONTON, Aug. 6—Prosperity certificates will be redeemed by Alberta's Social Credit Government on certain designated days every month, beginning with September, and the Government will accept certificates in payment of provincial sales tax, it was announced here recently.

With distribution of the first issue of certificates imminent, Hon. Lucien Maynard, Minister without portfolio in charge of social credit, revealed the Government has been authorized by Order in Council to cash any certificates presented for payment on the Thursday, Friday and Saturday following the second Wednesday of every month, starting with September.

"The Government also has been authorized to reissue any certificates so cashed," Mr. Maynard added. He said it would be necessary to send certificates to the Treasury Department in Edmonton on the days mentioned if Canadian currency is wanted.

Mrs. Arthur Hanlon and daughter, Miss Mary Hanlon and Miss Margaret Ahearn are visiting Mrs. Bruce Simmons at Savoy Beach.

ROBLEGORDO, Spain, Aug. 6—In a desperate struggle between rebels and loyalist troops for ultimate control of the capital, the worst battle of the rebellion has been going on for the past two days.

Two days of hand-to-hand fighting, so desperate and so constant that exhausted troops burned the bodies of fallen comrades for want of opportunity to bury them, have brought the insurgent advance to within 30 miles of Spain's capital city.

Three hundred Rightist warriors were killed and 1,000 wounded. The loyalist losses were not available.

Government man power, government guns and government airplanes offered great resistance to the onslaught of the insurrectionists—but eager Fascists said they could see their goal.

I stood behind a battery of 75 millimetre guns on top of El Alto de Leon—The Heights of the Lion—on the road to the capital and clearly saw in the distance the former Royal Palace.

The rebel forces now have clear sailing as far as geography goes for all three of General Emilio Mola's columns are striking at the capital.

Government troops are no less determined and no less desperate than the Fascists. For hours during the insurgent offensive Mola's soldiers dodged rifle fire, machine gun bullets, airplane bombs and even hand grenades dropped from government planes.

Thirteen pieces of rebel artillery were mounted on top of a sharp incline of the Village of Guadarramas. From that vantage point in the Guadarrama range the rebels' artillery can be directed at hosts of loyalists marching out of Madrid to aid of their comrades trying to hold the mountain passes against the Fascist advance.

(Near French Border)
MADRID, Aug. 6—Spanish rebels last night pushed the civil war front close to France's border in a bloody battle for possession of San Sebastian and advanced a step nearer Madrid at tremendous cost in dead and wounded.

Desperately the Fascist troops hurled heavy artillery fire along the road into Tolosa and nearby San Sebastian.

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NEW RATES FOLLOW ANNOUNCED INVESTIGATION

ARROSTOOK, Aug. 6—Following the announcement by Hon. W. S. Anderson, chairman of the Hydro Commission, recently that an immediate investigation would be made into the electric rates and service given the counties of Carleton, Victoria and Madawaska, the word has come.

New rates for electrical services supplied to customers of the Maine and New Brunswick Electrical Power Company, Arroostook Junction, as announced by the company's district manager, Romey Ayers.

The new charges are of "load promotional character on an objective basis" meaning a substantial reduction in consumers' costs and a corresponding decline in the company's revenue, according to his announcement.

The general set-up of the rate, Mr. Ayers said, will be as follows: First rate—Covering additional service charges applies to Maine and New Brunswick Electrical Power Company territory. Second rate—Domestic service optional objective rate applies to Arroostook Junction and Four Falls.

ANNUAL EVENT IN CANADIAN GOLFING WORLD

Totem Pole Tourney
Jasper, Sept. 6-12

MONTREAL, August 6—Of interest to golfers in the Maritimes is the announcement of Jasper National Park Golf Week, September 6 to 12 inclusive. One of the outstanding golfing events of the year in Canada is connected with this Golf Week, the Totem Pole Tournament at Jasper Park Lodge, Jasper, Alberta, this being the eleventh consecutive year of the tournament. The announcement is made by Joseph Van Wyck, General Manager of Hotels for the Canadian National Railways Systems.