

U. N. B. PROFESSOR CONDEMNS LOCAL JAILS

Economics Authority Says Our Jail Food and Conditions Bad

Professor B. S. Keirstead of U.N.B. Discussed Question Introduced by Daily Mail and Gives Intelligent Statement.

Professor Burton M. Keirstead of the U.N.B., a graduate of Oxford University and recognized as one of the leading professors of economics in Canada, discusses the jail question. He takes the ground that the jail is not for housing criminals, it is merely a house of detention or a place for petty offenders unable to pay fines and for those unable to pay their debts. He condemns the whole jail system. He insists that the proper accommodation, health safeguards and adequate diet should be provided for those who are detained in the jails. In this he is endorsed by political scientists and sociologists.

Professor Keirstead says that some few jails in New Brunswick meet the proper conditions and are to be commended, but that the York County jail is one that does not meet any of the proper conditions. In regard to the York county jail Professor Keirstead says there is no adequate segregation, no adequate accommodation, no proper medical inspection, exercise insufficient and conditions in some respects unhygienic.

Professor Keirstead's statement is as follows:

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The Editor of The Daily Mail.

Sir: It seems to me a pity that the movement towards reform of our gaol system should stand as it does—in danger of being quashed by mistaken opposition. I hope I shall not be thought to be entering into any controversy which may exist as between certain individuals or journals if I request the courtesy of your correspondence column to bring before the public certain considerations on our gaols.

Our gaols form a part of our system for the enforcement of law and the protection of our civil liberties. Their function, however, must not be

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HIGH TRIBUTE PAID TO PREMIER LEA OF P. E. I.

OTTAWA, Jan. 11—High tribute was paid by Prime Minister Mackenzie King to Premier Walter M. Lea, premier of Prince Edward Island, whose death occurred yesterday in Charlottetown.

Immediately he heard of Mr. Lea's death the prime minister wired messages of sympathy to Mr. Lea and Hon. George DeBois, lieutenant-governor of Prince Edward Island.

Recalling the friendship which had existed between himself of Mr. Lea since 1919, the prime minister spoke of the high sense of public duty which held the provincial premier to his tasks at a time when it was apparent that his health was being endangered.

Mr. Mackenzie King said:

"I am deeply sorry to learn of the death of Mr. Lea. He has been an intimate friend of mine since I became leader of the Liberal party in 1919 and re-entered Parliament as member for the constituency of Prince, P.E.I."

"When visiting the Island at the time of the recent general election, I had long and pleasant conversations with Mr. Lea, as my colleagues and I also had at the time of the recent Dominion-Provincial Conference in Ottawa. It was apparent on both occasions that Mr. Lea's health had been greatly impaired by the illness which confined him to his house during the period of the provincial elections in Prince Edward Island last year."

"To Mrs. Lea and to her sons and daughters this tribute to the late premier by the people of Prince Edward Island should prove a real consolation in their present sorrow. They will have in their bereavement the sympathy of all parts of Canada."

The Bus Franchise

The Daily Mail has on a number of occasions since the question of a franchise for a bus service in Marysville, Devon and Fredericton became of interest intimated that it is a pity that when an opportunity came to get such a service that two companies should have been brought into the field when there is room for only one.

There is room for only one and the service provided by that one company should extend throughout the whole community.

The condition which we have here of a city and two towns adjoining with hundreds of people coming from the towns into the city every day in pursuit of their employment or education or for some other purpose and of numbers going from the city to the towns is one which ought to be dealt with in a large way. Petty jealousies should be frowned upon.

No good reason can be advanced why there should be more than one public utility serving these three communities whether the utility is providing electric light, telephone or bus service. A dual service is wasteful, expensive to the people requiring the service and ultimately destructive to itself.

The Daily Mail has considered this question from all aspects and has reached the definite conclusion that as an organ of public opinion it should point out plainly to its readers in this City and in the two towns what in the opinion of the Daily Mail the situation is.

It makes no difference to the Daily Mail what company provides the service but it does make a difference to this paper and to the citizens of the three communities in question what kind of service is provided and on what terms that service is rendered.

Marysville and Devon have accepted \$2500 each for their support of a partial service disconnected from the Fredericton service for ten years. \$2500 spread over ten years means very little. To be able to ride from the Town of Marysville to the Victoria Public Hospital, to the Fredericton High School, to the Experimental Station, to the Fredericton Exhibition or to any other place on the bus line without paying an extra fare for the service is a much more important thing for the city and that town and something that the Town Council of Marysville ought not to throw away.

To be able to enter a bus in either South Devon or North Devon and for one five cent fare to be able to travel to any point covered by the bus service in the City of Fredericton as far west as Ryan's Brick Yard and as far south as the Experimental Station is something which the Town Council of Devon should not deny its citizens.

One company can give that service and offers to do so; two companies cannot do it.

If the N. B. Telephone Company should propose to establish a telephone exchange in Devon and should say to the Town Council: for this privilege we will pay you \$2500 to cover the next ten years and during those ten years the exchange office in Fredericton will charge every customer an extra five cents when he wishes to telephone to any person in Fredericton what would thoughtful people think of that proposition? But that is what the proposed arrangement about the buses means to these communities.

As stated the Daily Mail is not interested in the companies contending for the franchise. The Daily Mail is interested in the inhabitants of Marysville and Devon and Fredericton and in the improvement of these communities.

The usual arrangement in this province is for the company obtaining a bus franchise to pay 2 p.c. of its gross earnings for the privilege. That same arrangement was offered in this case to Fredericton, to Devon and to Marysville. With present traffic between the two towns and Fredericton that 2 p.c. will undoubtedly amount to more than the \$250 per year which is substantially what each of the towns has agreed to accept for the next ten years.

How much more the 2 p.c. will amount to each year as the traffic develops and increases no one knows. The reasonable probability is that it would be substantially increased.

Moreover Mayor Clark acting for Fredericton at the conference between the representatives of the three towns generously offered to relinquish to the towns of Marysville and Devon any share which Fredericton would fairly be entitled to in the traffic between the two towns and the city. The representatives of the town apparently failed to appreciate this offer. If they did appreciate it they threw it away. They also apparently failed to realize that when they undertook to sell a ten year franchise covering a part of the area to be served they at the same time undertook to sell along with that franchise the right of the citizens to travel without extra charge through the balance of the area to be served.

The loss of the citizens of Devon in the extra fares to be paid by them during the next ten years as a result will amount to many times the \$2500, which the present Town Council of Devon has agreed to accept.

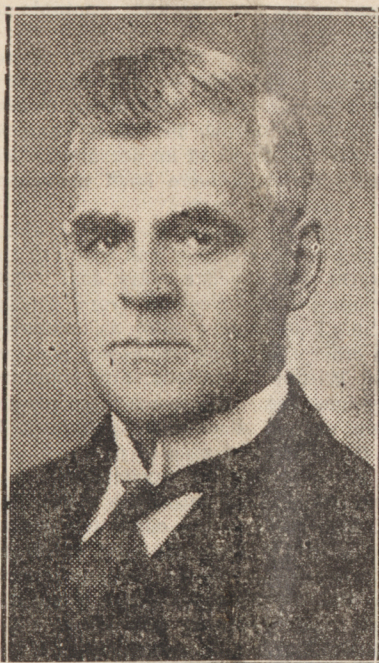
The loss of the citizens of Marysville in the extra fares to be paid by them will also amount to many times the \$2500, which the Town has agreed to accept in place of the citizens rights for the next ten years.

To the eyes of some a little ready cash looks much more attractive than the rights of citizens for years to come.

Like Esseau they sell their birthright for a mess of porridge. Thoughtful and unselfish representatives do not receive and spend in advance during their short periods in office what their successors should be entitled to share.

It is the duty of thoughtful citizens in the three Towns to examine this situation. An example will show the proposed arrangement unsound and burdensome. Steps should be taken at once to put an end to it.

Modern Ideas



HON. A. A. DYSART
Who Has Modern Ideas On Provincial Educational Matters.

LOWER RELIEF COSTS FOR N. B. MUNICIPALITIES

Seventy-five per cent of unemployment relief expense will be borne by Federal and Provincial grants during the period from December 1 last until the end of March, 1936, it is announced here by Premier Dysart. This leaves a balance of twenty-five per cent to be paid by Municipalities as compared with one-third heretofore.

The premier explains that this plan gives to municipalities substantially the full benefit of the increase in the lump grant by the Federal government, and was the limit to which the local government could go without imposing new burden on the provincial treasury.

The increase in the Federal grant applies for four months from the first of December last and the government, said the premier, had made the arrangement with municipalities to apply also from December 1 to run concurrently with the period for which the Federal government has made provision.

The provincial government has been meeting here for the past two days.

EDUCATION FOR YOUTH TAKES A 'VISUAL' TREND

Purchase of Motion Picture Machine by School Board a Sign

"Visual education" a phrase which will mean much to the teaching profession of the future, assumed the cloak of reality recently with the purchase by the Fredericton Board of school trustees of a new motion picture machine. The machine will be used in the common grades of this city and the high school to augment oral studies in natural history, science, travel and kindred subjects. The pupils will be able to see and understand their studies by illustration now. This is a huge step forward in the evolution of education in this province.

Discussing this latest trend in education today with The Daily Mail, R. D. Hanson, secretary of the board of school trustees explained that the films used will deal with historical, scientific and travel subjects, as well as many others, and it will have the two-fold benefit of education and entertainment for the pupil. He hastened to add that entertainment and education go hand together anyway and provide the very basis of education in the ideal society. The pictures will explain and show the pupils and enable them to get a much clearer grasp of the study subject. For example if the children are studying fisheries and

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Premier Dysart Suggests Important Changes In Educational System

Missing Child is Found in the Bannister Home

Sensational developments in the Pacific Junction tragedy have followed one another with startling speed. None was more startling than the announcement by police at Moncton last night that a baby, believed to be the six-months' old girl child of the Lakes, thought to have been cremated in the raging flames which destroyed the log cabin home, had been found in the upstairs section of the home of Mrs. May Bannister, 40 year old mother of the two accused youths, and Frances, 15, held as a material witness. Mrs. Bannister was at the Moncton police station last night, having been questioned at length and was being held for further inquiry. The only member of the family still at home was the 13 year old daughter Marie.

Mrs. Bannister stoutly maintained, police said, that the baby was her own child, born two months ago in a "tourist cabin near Fox Creek." She had had no medical attention at the time of the alleged birth, but a woman came to the cabin every night for two weeks she was there to attend to her, police declared. Mrs. Bannister said. The child's name the woman told the police was "Yvonne."

Received "Tip"

A 'tip' that a 'baby' was at the Bannister home, and it might be the missing Lake child" was received by the police at Moncton from a source as yet unannounced. City Police Matron Maude LeBlanc, who was said to have received the tip, notified Chief of Police L. S. Hutchinson and Inspector H. V. Harris. The city police and R.C.M.P. have been working hand in hand in the case.

Inspector Harris, Mrs. LeBlanc and Officer J. K. Randall left at once for the Bannister home and soon after their entrance found the baby in an upstairs room. The child was alive and apparently well, they said, but "if it was a six months old child it looked pretty small for its age," Inspector Harris remarked.

Both Omar Lutes and his wife telephoned last night for a description of the Lake baby girl, said she had always "been very small for her age." Marks of identification, such as a heavy growth of jet black hair and a 'squirish' head were peculiar to both the baby said found in the Bannister house and the Lake child, police and Mr. Lutes agreed when talking to one another by telephone from Moncton to Pacific Junction last night.

Taken to Moncton

The police party took Mrs. Bannister into custody for questioning and brought her to the Moncton police headquarters, but decided to leave the baby at the home with Marie Bannister, the only one of the Bannister family not now held by the authorities. Remaining with Marie, while the police returned to Moncton for investigation at that end was Milton Trites, about 50 years of age, who lives alone in a house across the road from the Bannister home. Trites was ordered to remain there until the police returned, the officer stated. The heavy rain, and the fact that the baby would have to travel in an open sleigh, made the police decide the child would be better off at the house, at least for the present.

How the baby was not noticed by the police when they went to the home to arrest Arthur, Tuesday, on the murder charge, was still unsolved early this morning, no official statement being forthcoming. It was possible, it was said, that the child was not there earlier in the week, but was at another house in the vicinity. Mrs. Bannister, questioned last night, had contradictory stories to tell regarding this feature, police said.

Attending Physician

Dr. R. J. Caldwell, who attended Bertha Lake when her baby girl was born six months ago, could not provide an accurate description of the Lutes child, when asked over long distance telephone. Others stated that she had a marked growth of hair,

when born, but that was not unusual, the doctor pointed out, and was not sufficiently an outstanding test to impress this birth on his memory.

Police at Moncton say that Mrs. Bannister was 'vague and contradictory' when asked 'for an explanation about the baby found at her home.'

She told them, they said, that she had stayed at a Moncton hotel Saturday night. Police went to the hotel and investigation satisfied them that 'no woman had registered there that night,' they said.

"Then she told us that she was staying at another hotel in Moncton Saturday night, and had the baby with her, but we checked up and found this was not true."

"Another story she told was that she had been absent from her own home Sunday night but didn't know where she had been at that time. On going home, late Sunday night, she said she found a man and woman in her house and that they had a baby with them. She heard them say, she

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WEEK OF PRAYER GREAT BENEFIT TO COMMUNITY

The churches of South Devon, co-operating with the Christian Adventist church, North Devon, have been uniting this week in the International Week of prayer. These meetings have been, proportionately speaking, well attended and will prove of great good to the several congregations.

On Monday evening the service was held in Gibson Memorial United Church, and was conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. A. Burge and Rev. D. L. Kennedy. Rev. Mr. Burge gave the message on "World Evangelization", which was well received by an attentive audience. On Tuesday service was held in the United Baptist Church conducted by the pastor, Rev. D. L. Kennedy, assisted by Rev. Mr. Burge. Rev. Mr. Burge delivered the address of the evening his theme being "The Heralded Mind" and from the Gospel story he brought an attractive and inspirational message. The speaker thought that the human mind of today was much the same as in the time of Jesus and the causes of the hindrance to the Kingdom of God being established on the earth very similar. Wednesday evening's meeting was again held in Gibson Memorial church with the Rev. H. Ferguson presiding and Rev. D. L. Chown of Fredericton as speaker taking as his theme "Laborer's together with God", a helpful message to his hearers. On this evening Rev. Mr. Burge addressed the meeting at the Adventist Church, North Devon. On Thursday evening a good congregation again greeted Rev. Mr. Chown in the United Baptist Church, his message being based upon "As many as received Him to them gave He the power to become the children of God". It was a talk which the church of God needs in this day, and one which is needed would be taken to Jemseg for interment.

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Matriculation Examination High School Leaving and Home Studies May be Abolished.

The initial step has been taken by the Provincial Government for revision of study courses and the adoption of more modern text books in the schools of New Brunswick. At the same time, the situation is being canvassed with the hope of eliminating the matriculation examination as an essential for high school graduates entering University, and also the high school entrance examinations.

"The government, sitting as the Board of Education," announced Premier Dysart, "took the whole situation under review and has set machinery in motion to achieve the desired objectives."

"A committee was appointed, consisting of Dr. A. S. McFarlane, Chief Superintendent of Education, Dr. C. C. Jones, President of the University of New Brunswick, and Dr. H. H. Hagerman, Principal of Normal School, who will advise on the appointment of a province-wide subsidiary committee of school teachers to report on the matters of school courses and text books."

"The main committee will submit a report to the government concerning matriculation and high school entrance examination, securing what advice and information may be required from the subsidiary committee."

Commenting on the situation, Premier Dysart stated that there seemed no doubt that drastic changes were necessary. "It is our hope and expectation," he added, "that new text books and a new alignment of instruction will be introduced at the fall opening of the schools and we anticipate that the rigid principles of high school entrance and admission to institutions of higher learning will be modified this current year."

Asked if the question of home study had been included in the range of reorganization plans, the premier said that it has repeatedly been brought to the attention of the government.

"I am personally of the opinion," he added, "that children should be spared their hours out of school to promote their physical wellbeing. And I think further that it is a matter which might very well receive consideration by these special committees."

MRS. AMY COLWELL DIES

Mrs. Amy Colwell, widow of the late Chas. Bingley Colwell of Jemseg passed away about 1 o'clock this morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Morville Fletcher, McKean St., North Devon, after an illness of some weeks. She had resided with her daughter for the past six years but most of her life had been spent at Jemseg. She was a member of the Baptist Church and was much revered by all who knew her. Surviving is one son, Everett Colwell of Ontario; six daughters, Mrs. Edna Cox of Halifax; Mrs. Viola Palmer and Mrs. Mildred Frost of Gardner, Maine; Mrs. Geo. Margison of Presque Isle, Maine; Mrs. Chas. Webb of Hamstead, N.B.; Mrs. Morville Fletcher of N. Devon; also one brother, Geo. W. Coy of this city, and one sister, Mrs. Archie W. Burlock of Presque Isle, Me. The funeral will take place Sunday evening at 8.30 at the late home, and Rev. D. L. Kennedy will officiate. The remains will be taken to Jemseg for interment.

B.N.A. PHASES TO BE CONSIDERED BY DOMINION-PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE

OTTAWA Jan. 11—Some phases of the British North America Act will be discussed at Monday's meeting here of the Dominion-Provincial Conference Committee on financial problems, prior to the more detailed study of the act at a later meeting of provincial attorney-generals with Hon. Ernest Lapointe, minister of justice.

When Finance Minister Dunning convenes the financial committee Monday, pursuant to a resolution adopted at the Dominion-Provincial conference a month ago, he will have Mr. Lapointe associated with him and several of the provinces will send their attorneys-general, in addition to provincial treasurers.

In accordance with action taken at the Dominion-Provincial Conference Mr. Lapointe will call a special committee on the question of B.N.A. amendments either Jan. 20 or Jan. 27. No date has been fixed pending further discussions with the provincial premiers.