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"Alone," I said—but only so In freedom from the noody's cares. Tomorrow may bring weal or woe, But evening all its hurts repairs.

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Social Happenings

His Honor Receives Citizens of Province

One of the most largely attended and most enjoyable gubernatorial receptions in many years was held last evening in the Assembly Chamber when over 500 guests were presented to His Honor the Lieutenant Governor Col. Murray McLaren.

Miss McClaren the Hon. Premier and Mrs. A. A. Dysart were also in the receiving line.

Representing every county of the province of New Brunswick guests were presented at the southern end of the chamber which was banked with palms, ferns and early spring flowers. The dignity of the carpeted Assembly Chamber hung with portraits of Their late Majesties King George III and Queen Charlotte, first rulers of the present reigning house of Windsor, and of New Brunswick's former Lieutenant-governors lent appropriate atmosphere for the occasion.

The guests were announced by Major C. A. Williams, A.D.C. and presented by Major T. C. Barker, A.D.C. His Honor was also attended by Major W. Gordon Jones. McGinn's orchestra provided a delightful program of popular music for the dancing. The bright hues of the gowns worn by the ladies and the dress uniforms of the officers attending were in direct contrast to the more sombre evening clothes of the gentlemen present.

Miss MacLaren was wearing a becoming gown of white mousseline de soie fashioned in slipper heel length and having inserts of Chantilly lace. In her hair she wore a diamante bandeau and her corsage was of orchids.

Mrs. Dysart wore a Schaparelli model gown of white crepe with a beaded bodice made on long lines with train and a tiara.

Mrs. J. B. McNair, wife of the attorney general, wore a gown of silver lame, with a sweeping circular skirt, trimmed with black velvet, silver hair ornaments and an ermine cape.

Miss Mary Dysart, daughter of the premier, wore a Schaparelli gown of star blue satin with tight bodice and full sweeping skirt, a flowered evening veil and a corsage of coral flowers.

Mrs. C. C. Jones, wife of the president of the U.N.B., wore a gown of black crepe with sequin trimming and brilliant clips and pearls.

Mrs. Richardson, wife of Most Rev. Archbishop Richardson, wore a gown of black satin trimmed with green made on long lines with a train and green maraschino trimmings.

The Countess of Ashburnham wore a French model black gown with a black net jacket heavily embroidered with rainbow sequins, diamond ornaments, an ermine cape, silver shoes.

Miss Jean Anderson, niece of the Countess, wore a powder blue gown trimmed with three colors of taffeta ribbons.

Mrs. A. P. Paterson of Saint John, wife of the minister of education, federal and municipal relations, was wearing a black crepe gown with a train and gold over gold satin, the skirt fashioned with a train. Her corsage was of orchids and she wore diamond ornaments.

Mrs. H. Ralph Gunter, wife of the member for York County, in a gown of black crepe with a sequin jacket and a corsage of orchids.

Mrs. T. C. Barker, wife of the governor's secretary, was wearing white printed chiffon gown with a corsage of violets.

Mrs. F. H. Copp, wife of the member for Westmorland County, in a gown of purple cut velvet.

Miss Marion Copp in a gown of white chiffon trimmed with mauve and green and mauve slippers.

Miss Mildred Copp wearing a gown of pale blue taffeta trimmed with pale pink and corsage of pink roses.

Mrs. Barry, wife of Chief Justice J. H. Barry, wearing a gown of black

Birthday Party

Mrs. Cattley, wife of Professor R. E. D. Cattley entertained yesterday afternoon at a delightful birthday party in honor of her daughter, little Miss Elizabeth Cattley who was celebrating her third birthday. The guests included, Mary West, Sally Scovell, Norval Balch, Cynthia Balch, Ian Wright, Leslie Wright, Mary Jane Robinson, Jacqueline Robinson, Joan Golding, Barbara Golding, Iris Bliss, Jeanette Allain and Patsy Gallagher. The young hostess received many lovely gifts.

Mrs. Cattley was assisted by some of the young guests.

V. O. N. Dinner

The annual dinner of the Victorian Order Nurses was held last evening in the Pythian Hall. The tables were covered with a beautiful table cloth loaned for the occasion by the Countess of Ashburnham and many beautiful flowers. The Pythian Sisters were in charge of the dinner.

Mrs. J. A. Richardson is entertaining at the tea-hour this afternoon at Bishop's Court.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Ralph Gunter entertained at a breakfast party after the Governor's Reception early this morning. About thirty-five guests were present.

Mrs. H. Ralph Gunter went to Saint John this morning and expects to return this evening.

Mrs. Dysart, wife of Premier A. A. Dysart, is entertaining the wives of the members of the Legislature who are in the city at the tea-hour.

St. Thomas Hockey Players Entertained

The members of the St. Thomas College hockey team were entertained by the members of the St. Dunstan's Young People's Society last evening in St. Dunstan's Hall. The weekly meeting had been postponed for the purpose of allowing the Society to be hosts to the visiting hockey team which had come to the city to play U. N. B. The team was accompanied by Rev. Father Grant who was also present at the social function where a sing-song and games were enjoyed followed by refreshments. Vocal numbers were rendered by Tommy Thompson and Roy (Happy) McLean.

The visitors were welcomed by Rev. Father Allan MacDonald, Vice-President of the local association and the evening was closed with three cheers for the college representatives.

Velvet on train, a sequin jacket and an ermine cape.

Mrs. Young, wife of F. T. B. Young member for Gloucester County, wearing a gown of white satin with black trimming and pearl ornaments, and a corsage of flowers.

Mrs. Walter C. Lawson, Minto, pink printed satin, and a corsage of violets. Mrs. J. G. Boucher, Edmundston, in burgundy chiffon and a corsage of lilies of the valley.

Mrs. W. E. Anderson, black net over black taffeta, worn with corsage of American Beauty roses.

Miss Shirley Anderson, a white chiffon velvet gown and corsage of roses.

Mrs. J. Barry Smith, a gown of hyacinth blue crepe, embroidered in matching sequin, her slippers were of Dresden and silver.

Supper was served at midnight in the committee room by the Picardy Chapter of the I.O.D.E. The handsomely appointed serving table had a cloth of lace and was centred with a silver basket of multi-colored spring flowers and carnations flanked by silver candelabra containing green tapers. Members of the Chapter served.

The efficient convenor of the supper was the regent of the Chapter Mrs. T. C. Barker.

MONCTON

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"This route has been chosen in an effort to avoid fog, the great enemy of flying. Almost anything else can be overcome except fog, but we believe we have a route almost entirely free of that menace. From Moncton east it is intended to ask private enterprise to join with us in setting up routes—there is already a private route from Moncton to Charlottetown—and we hope to have routes to Halifax, Saint John and Sydney."

Mr. Howe said \$530,000 had been spent in the Maritimes on airport facilities. Seven fields were under construction and five were built. With money to be spent this year he was sure the Maritimes would be as well equipped as any part of the country.

Questions Fairness

Conservative Leader Bennett asked if it was fair and equitable for the Maritimes to be left to private enterprise for air development. He asked if this could be balanced against the fact a subsidy was given for an air service between Edmonton and the Yukon, considering the population of that part of the country.

"I am giving the Maritimes the best service I can give them," replied Mr. Howe. "I am not giving them a second rate service."

It had been estimated that 90 per cent operating efficiency could be reached on a route from Montreal to Moncton but the Montreal-Saint John route would mean only 60 per cent efficiency.

When the full service went into operation, there would be tenders called for feeder services from Moncton to Charlottetown, Sydney, Halifax and Saint John.

Good, efficient equipment would be demanded, "just as good and comfortable for passengers as we fly on the main lines." The planes would not be as fast as the main liners because the services were short.

The feeder services in the Maritimes, the minister continued, would operate on radio beams and suitable facilities would be built for passengers and mail.

"If the Maritimes feel we should have government-operated services, we will have government-operated services," continued Mr. Howe, "but I think we should have private operation." He added he was prepared to receive any Maritime delegation on this subject.

"We are stopping at Moncton because it is the best thing for the Maritimes," he emphasized. "If it was better to go on to Halifax, we would go on to Halifax and the same thing is true of Saint John."

"We are going to see the Maritimes are well served just as soon as possible," he added.

The discussion of Trans-Canada Air Lines developed on estimates of the department of transport, several of which passed through the House.

MACKENZIE

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no commitments whatever had been made with Empire or other countries.

Mr. King was answering a statement made by C. G. MacNeil (C.C.F.) Vancouver North, who declared that throughout Canada there was grave concern regarding developing international trends.

"For one reason," declared the West Coast member, "it is urged that the Government should provide an opportunity for the discussion of the general policy proposed with relation to the defense of Canada."

"Preparations for defense are necessarily the outcome of foreign policy," he said. "It is desirable that the Government should give whatever assurance may be possible, indicating that existing commitments and plans do not contemplate participation in external war. It is hoped that the Minister will make a statement before proceeding to the principal items of the estimates, as to the relationship of the defense program to needs which are solely Canadian."

"Such a statement might serve to obviate unnecessary inquiries or criticisms from those who do not oppose reasonable measures of defense, but who are uneasy as to the purpose and degree of defense," Mr. MacNeil said.

INTERESTING PROCEEDINGS AT THE LEGISLATURE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON

Dr. McGrand and Mr. Stairs Open Debate On Address; References to Departed Public Men

DR. McGRAND

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Infantile Paralysis and it was a pleasure to know that, while we had over 160 cases reported, there were only four deaths, and out of that number of 160 cases, only four or five cases have shown evidence of paralysis. Convalescent serum, blood transfusions and laboratory services were given free, and in spite of that, the cost to this Province was only \$1,200.00. It speaks well for the efficiency of the Department of Public Health in this service it gives this Province.

Potatoes

Of late we have heard considerable discussion about the recession of business in the United States. No doubt we will feel its effects in this Province in due time, but this has been offset by the increase of the potato market in South America. During 1936 we sold to those countries, 70,000 crates of potatoes. This was increased to 530,000 crates in 1937, and this business was not confined to potatoes alone, but some 3,000,000 feet of lumber was used in making crates and left nearly \$35,000 for labor and handling charges in Saint John. This creates a very happy situation and causes business to look towards South America, not only as a market for potatoes, but for our fish and other products as well.

Pensions For Blind

During the past year, there was established in this Province, pensions for the blind, and to date 400 persons are receiving that pension.

It is a most deserving piece of Legislation and one too long delayed. It is a pleasure for us to realize that New Brunswick is the first Province in Canada to establish pensions for the blind. It is a still greater pleasure to know that it was the present Premier of this Province who brought this question to the fore at the Interprovincial Conference in 1936 and strongly advocated its adoption and administration along with the Old Age Pension scheme.

While New Brunswick was about the last Province in Canada to give Old Age Pensions to our people, it was the first in Canada to give pensions to the blind.

Old Age Pensions

Old Age Pensions have been successfully administered in this Province. About 11,000 old people now enjoy its benefits.

It would be impossible, however, to administer any such scheme with 100 per cent efficiency. Slight errors occur, and will occur in any human agency, and those who read of events not with their eyes but with their prejudice, will find something to criticize. There are some who feel that our average monthly pension of about \$13.50 is too low as compared with other Provinces.

It is true that our average monthly pension is the second lowest in Canada. But it is \$2.90 per month higher than Prince Edward Island, and about 65 cents higher than the average of the three Maritime Provinces. It would be better to compare our average with our sister Maritime Provinces than to compare it with the Western ones.

However, it is the second lowest in Canada and there are several reasons for it. One, it has been the experience in every Province of Canada to raise the average pension as years go by. Second, the majority of our population is rural and the more rural the population, the lower the pension.

Third, New Brunswick has more people over 70 years receiving the pension than any other Province.

Fourth, the Western and more industrial Provinces have a greater number of unemployed than we have, and this raises their average.

Fifth, many of the other Provinces put a lien on the property of those who get pensions and refund this from their estates.

It is only fair to discuss these reasons a little further, and explain how they affect the average pension.

Our average has gone up during the past year about 40 cents, Prince Edward Island went up about 58 cents, Nova Scotia went up as well, in fact every Province in Canada experiences from year to year a higher average in pensions, becomes the tendency in adjustment pensions is to raise rather than lower them.

When we consider that British Columbia has had pensions since 1927, Manitoba since 1923, Saskatchewan since 1923, Alberta since 1929, Ontario since 1929, Prince Edward Island since 1933, and Nova Scotia since 1934, we realize that the accumulation of these yearly increases tends over a period of years to raise the average several dollars.

If we continue to raise our monthly average for the next ten years (which is the length of time British Columbia has had the pension) it would, by the same rate that we have raised it in the past year, bring our average to \$18.00 per month. This is

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MR. STAIRS

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York County

It is quite appropriate at this time that I might say something about the County of York, which I have the honor of representing in this House. York County is one that affords many advantages over some of the other Counties in this Province. It is not only one of the best farming sections, but it is also noted as a lumbering centre. While it affords splendid opportunity for farming, I believe that in the past farms have been neglected on account of the favorable opportunities that the lumbering business has provided, but today York County is gradually swinging into line as a farming centre. The whole Saint John valley is well adapted to mixed farming, and already we see signs of improvement along those lines. The Nashwaak Valley contains some of the best farms and finest homes that can be found anywhere, and as we go up the valley to Stanley Village, nestled as it is among the hills, we find it surrounded by a fine farming section, where farmers are interested in agriculture and livestock. We also have the beautiful Keswick valley, also well adapted to all kinds of farming; and as we cross to the western side of the river, we find farms and farm houses equal to any that can be found in rural districts in New Brunswick. We also have beautiful lakes and streams, which abound in all kinds of fish. These are surrounded by forests that provide the best hunting ground that can be secured in the province. Along the Maine border, we have North Lake and Spednic Lake; near Canterbury we find the noted Skiff Lake, one of the finest summer resorts of New Brunswick; Deer Lake, Killbuck Lake, Lake George, Charley Lake, the beautiful Magaguadavic Lakes, Yoho Lake, Ayres Lake, Indian Brook Lake, Bear Lake, Fiddle Lake, Burnt Lake, and various others, including last but not least the lovely spot known as Davidson Lake, one of the coming show spots of York County.

The well-known streams of Pokok and Shogomoc attract particular attention—the falls at Pokok being a show spot—the Nackawick, Coac, and Macnaquac which provide splendid fishing opportunities, all these beauty spots add to the attraction of York County.

Much is being done by the Government to encourage the farmers in co-operative marketing. In the past fiscal year approximately ten thousand hogs were marketed in this way, and between 2,500 and 3,000 farmers have been served in this way. Much is being done to encourage the youth of our Country to remain on the farm—the Agricultural School at Fredericton has opened its second course in the present year, and today we have around seventy young men attending that school. Every branch of farming is being improved, and efforts are being made to encourage the farmers in obtaining a better grade of livestock, and the results are today we have some of the best herds of dairy cows that can be found anywhere. Also encouragement is given the farmers in the raising of horses—already thousands of dollars have been sent to Ontario and the Western Provinces for the purchase of horses that should have been raised in New Brunswick.

The problem in the past was to keep the boys on the farm—produce had been low, the farm had been a drudgery, and the lure of city life had a tendency to take the young people away; but today we find that a change is being brought about; the home is being made more attractive, especially since the hydro has been brought to a large number of the rural homes, and we hope that in a few short years practically every home in the rural section will be served with electric lights and power, as well as the urban centres. When this is done, we will have gone a long way in solving the problem of keeping the youth at home.

Congratulates Government

It is gratifying to note that the past year has been one of substantial recovery; conditions have improved so much that confidence has been restored, business and industry have taken on new life, and we face the future with courage and determination. The Government should be commended on the wonderful showing it has made in the year which has just closed, after providing for all the different Departments, and assisting ten thousand of our aged people with pensions sufficient to provide for their necessities of life, also the satisfaction and comfort of knowing that they will be cared for in their declining years of life. And even with this added expenditure, we find the Government, at the end of the fiscal year, with a balance on the right side of the Ledger, we have balanced the Budget. It makes us feel that we are living in a new era—the dawn of a new day.

Provisions have also been made for payment of pensions to the blind, which is another step in caring for

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