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Triple Drowning At Portugal Cove Sunday

To Vacate Office



W. L. Mackenzie King
CANADA

Canadian Premier Is Retiring

Tells Friends He Will Vacate Office This Autumn

DOMINION TOUR

OTTAWA, May 16—(C.P.)—Prime Minister Mackenzie King told friends during the week-end he will definitely leave office some time this autumn. He plans to visit various parts of Canada before he quits. This session of Parliament is the last session in which he leads the government. He will stay on the job however, until the session ends. There are hopes the common car, finish its business by the end of June. If not it will adjourn until September.

The exact date when Mr. King hands over the office of Prime Minister will depend on the convenience of his successor. Not even Mr. King knows the date. The Liberal convention in August will choose a new national leader but that does not mean Mr. King must resign immediately. The prime ministership is an appointment of the Crown, not of the party.

The new leader, whoever he is, will need some time to look over available cabinet material and form a new government. When he has done that Mr. King will hand his resignation as Prime Minister to the Governor-General and advise His Excellency to call on the new Liberal leader to succeed him. After he quits as Government leader he will continue to sit in the Commons as member for Glenora until the end of the present Parliament. But he will not contest the seat in the next general election.

Mr. King said his trip in Can-

75th. Anniversary Services At George St. United Church

Church Has Played a Significant And Inspirational Part In Religious History of This City

Crowds of worshippers moved early yesterday morning and last night to George Street United Church, there to mark the 75th anniversary of a church, whose part in the religious history of the city has been both significant and inspirational. Both services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. A. R. Baggs and the preacher was Rev. C. M. Nicholson, D.D., President of Pine Hill Divinity Hall.

It was at half past ten o'clock on the morning of May 27th, 1873, that with flags and banners waving, a procession marched west from Gower Street Church to Buchan and George Streets, and there a vacant land with prayer and praise, the corner stone of George Street Church was laid. The first minister was Rev. G. S. Milligan, M.A.

At yesterday's church services, the 23rd minister, Rev. A. R. Baggs in special words paid tribute to the men of the past, and asked that we who still remain do honour to the memory of those gone on before and strive to carry on their noble work.

He read the names of the first Trustee Board and of the present Trustee Board

Original—Rev. G. S. Milligan, M.A., Hon. J. J. Rogerson, Hon. C. R. Ayre, Hon. James Angel, Hon. R. White, Hon. J. B. Ayre, Mr. J. Steer, Mr. H. Duder, Mr. Wm. Withycombe, Mr. C. Duder, Mr. John Angel.

Present—Rev. A. R. Baggs, Mr. H. J. Russell, C.B.E., Mr. C. C. Pratt, O.B.E., Mr. Frank Penny, Mr. G. E. Taylor, Mr. John Angel, Mr. D. E. Pelley, Capt. S. Hill, Mr. J. E. Butler, Mr. R. H. Ayre, Mr. Chas. Brown, Mr. H. M. Maddick, Mr. W. P. Goobie, Mr. W. E. White.

As the services continued, significant dates in the church's history were again remembered. On May 27th, 1872, the corner stone was laid by Stephen Rendell.

ada will give him an opportunity to go among the people and personally thank them for their support during the more than 20 years he has been Prime Minister. He is also considering the advisability of a trip to Europe before he retires. When he toured Western Europe last year he received an excellent reception which his friends have told him placed Canada in a most favorable light. On the trip he was unable to go to Italy and Greece. Now some of his advisers say he should visit those countries before he steps down.

M.H.A. On Dec. 14th, 1873, the church was dedicated. The first minister was Rev. G. S. Milligan, and he was followed by:

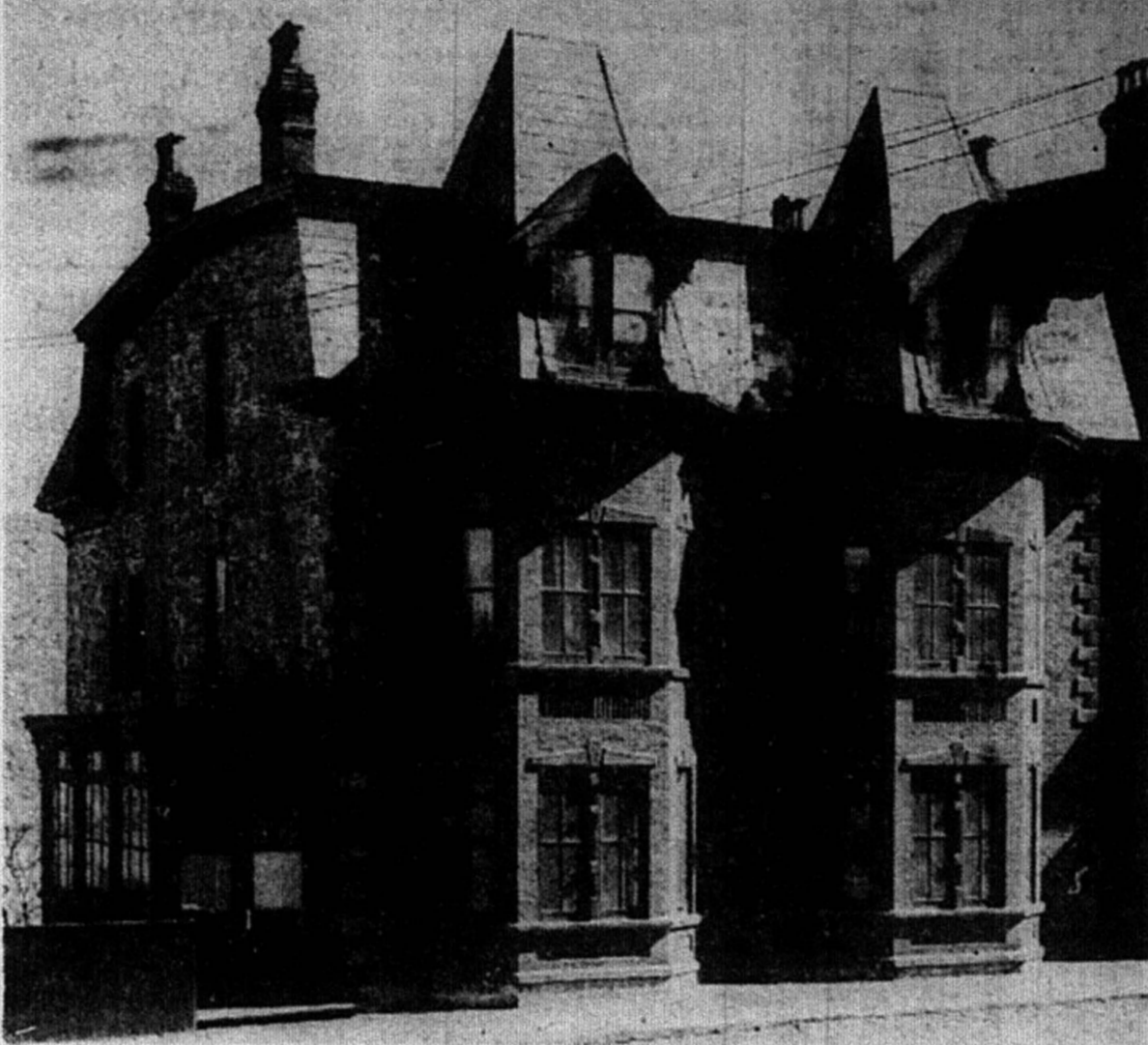
- Rev. Thos. Harris—1875-78.
- Rev. Job Shenton—1878-81.
- Rev. T. H. James—1881-83.
- Rev. George Boyd—1883-86.
- Rev. Geo. J. Bond, B.A.—1886-89.
- Rev. James Dove, D.D.—1888-90.
- Rev. A. D. Morton, M.A.—1890-93.
- Rev. H. P. Cowperthwaite, M.A.—1893-96.
- Rev. J. T. Newman—1896-98.
- Rev. Geo. E. Neal—1898-1900.
- Rev. J. L. Dawson, B.A.—1900-02.
- Rev. W. T. D. Dunn, D.D.—1903-05.
- Rev. Chas. Hackett—1906-09.
- Rev. J. W. Bartlett—1910-14.
- Rev. N. M. Guy, M.A.—1914-16.
- Rev. D. B. Hemmeon, B.A.—1919-21.
- Rev. R. E. Fairbairn—1921-25.
- Rev. C. H. Johnson, M.A., B.D.—1925-30.
- Rev. I. F. Curtis—1930-36.
- Rev. A. A. Rogers, B.D.—1936-40.
- Rev. A. F. Binnington, M.A.—1940-44.
- Rev. A. R. Baggs—1944.

The first Recording Secretary was Mr. George R. Mews, the first Treasurer Hon. C. R. Ayre, the first Sunday School Superintendent, Mr. J. E. Peters, and the first Secretary-Treasurer Mr. Campbell Macpherson.

These parts of a proud history were revealed in the religious ceremonies at both services. At the service yesterday morning the young son of Mr. Campbell Macpherson was presented to the preacher, Rev. C. M. Nicholson, D.D., as the great-grandson of the church's first secretary-treasurer. At the morning service, His Excellency the Governor Sir Gordon Macdonald, K.C.M.G. read the lesson, whilst at the evening service, the lesson was taken by Rev. Dr. I. F. Curtis, who had once himself served as pastor of George Street United Church (1930-36).

Solos were sung by Mrs. Caskie

Red Cross Branch Purchases Hostel Building



Entirely confident of the continued support of generous business men and citizens of all classes, and spurred by the pressing need for proper care and comfort of sick persons awaiting hospitalization, the newly-formed Red Cross Branch announces the acquisition of the splendid building shown above, formerly the residence of Mr. Earl S. Pinsent, east of Devon Row.

This is a four-storey, brick and stone-built, self-contained building, eminently suitable with very few minor changes, for the purpose of a hostel and has been re-

ported on by a reputable city architect as being in first-class condition. The garden slopes in the rear where all four storeys have a Southern aspect, which makes it ideal for the purpose intended.

The first floor will contain a modern kitchen and a dining room capable of seating up to forty persons. The second floor will be used for the men's ward while the third floor will be devoted exclusively to women, both having all modern facilities. The top floor will be given over to the staff. There are

(Daily News photo) two staircases and a wide veranda. This is a well-lighted, well-heated fully-equipped building and has been acquired at a price far below the lowest possible cost of erection under present conditions. The well-kept garden will be an added pleasure to the occupants during the summer months.

The committee is to be congratulated on acquiring such a fine building on a splendid site and it is understood that prompt steps will be taken to make it ready for occupancy as soon as the present owner vacates.

Motor Car Plunges Over Pier Head; One Occupant Escapes

Bodies of Victims William Duff, James Snooks, And Harold Francis Were Recovered Yesterday Afternoon

Taking to their death three of its four occupants, a 1940 model De Soto car, D-156, plunged off the pier at Portugal Cove into the icy waters of Conception Bay yesterday morning. Rescued from the fate that befell his companions was a young man named Kevin Devine of Campbell Avenue who managed to escape from the vehicle as it left the wharf.

The dead are: William Duff, age 19, of Campbell Avenue, owner and driver of the car. Harold Francis, age 18, of Beaumont Street. James Snooks, age 24, of Mundy Pond Road.

William Duff was married and the father of one child. The other men were single. The accident occurred about 11.30 o'clock in the morning but the bodies were not recovered until approximately 3.15 in the afternoon as the depth of the water where the car had plunged was more than 24 feet and the task of getting it back to land was a very tedious one.

So far as can be established, the driver of the car, applied the brakes as it neared the end of the pier but the surface of the latter was very slippery due to the light fall of snow and as a result the vehicle did not stop. Devine, who was occupying the seat next to the driver, succeeded in leaving the car as it hit the water and the backwash drove him against some shores of the wharf to which he clung until rescued. Devine who was practically exhausted. He was conveyed to the residence of William Hibbs, J.P., where he was attended by Mrs. Hibbs.

Shortly after the tragic incident had happened, Mr. Hibbs telephoned the information to Chief of Police L. Strange and he, accompanied by several members of the C.I.D., immediately proceeded to the scene. Later a number of Portugal Cove residents, including Dawson Rose, Gordon Mitchell, Walter Day and I. Greeley, succeeded with the aid of a grapple, in removing the car from the water. A wrecking truck, operated by Gerald Summers, had been summoned and it took the car, which was damaged, to Fort Townshend.

The bodies of Snooks and Francis were removed from the rear seat while Duff was taken from behind the driving wheel. They were placed aboard the police van and taken to the morgue. Later an examination of the bodies was made by Doctor Anderson and he pronounced death due to drowning.

Regarding James Snooks, it is tragic affair.

Big Steel Refuses To Grant Wage Increase

Looms As Big Hurdle For John L. Lewis In Mine Wages Negotiation

PITTSBURGH, May 16—(C.P.) The steel industry's refusal to grant wage increases Sunday loomed as a hurdle for John L. Lewis to surmount when he starts bargaining Tuesday for higher pay for the soft coal miners.

The mammoth United States Steel Corporation, owner of 20 mines, was the first in steel to turn down the pay boost demands of the steelworkers and it was big steel which had a lot to say about the wage increase granted Lewis United Mine Workers last year. The steel firm, leader of the avowed fight on inflation with its stand for wage stability and its price reductions, hardly can be expected to say no to the United Steelworkers and yes to the miners employed in its own pits. Balancing that factor in the negotiations which Lewis asked the operators to open next week is the fact that the soft coal shutdown in March and April of this year depleted the coal stocks to near vanishing point.

SEALING SHIPS
Very little weekend news was received from the various sealing ships. Some reported that on Saturday scattered seals had been taken.

learned that he had but recently arrived in the city from Gander, where he was employed to spend a brief holiday. Francis was Duff's brother-in-law.

Much credit and praise go to the men who rescued Devine and recovered the bodies of his companions. The weather was very disagreeable yet they remained on the scene many hours in order to get the car and its occupants out of the water. Head Constable Roche and Constables Tilley, Hunt and Lee of the C.I.D. also were at the scene for sometime conducting an investigation into circumstances surrounding the

Award Junior Engineers Cash Prizes For Papers



E. M. TUFF, JR., E.I.C.

The annual students' and juniors' night of the Engineering Institute of Canada, Hamilton branch was held recently at McMaster University. Principal event was the presentation of papers by three junior members, for which cash prizes were awarded.

In presenting their papers before an attentive audience the three junior members created such an impression that the three judges had difficulty in grading. The papers were judged on presentation. Earlier they had been graded along other lines, and the presentation this time was the culmination of the branch competitions.

Receiving the first prize was E. M. Tuff, Jr., E.I.C., a member of the engineering department of the Otis-Penson Elevator Company, for his paper on the control of vertical bi-parting freight elevator doors.

Ted is a graduate of Prince of Wales College and Memorial University. He graduated from the Nova Scotia Technical College with the Degree of Bachelor of Engineering. In Halifax he joined the RCNVR as sub-Lieut. and was stationed at Vancouver. On his discharge from the Canadian Navy he proceeded to Hamilton, Ont., and is now employed with the Otis-Penson Elevator Co. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Tuff formerly of 69 Hayward Avenue, now residing in Canada.

WELCOMES NEW SHIP
Message sent to the railway states that the S.S. Springdale was the recipient of an excellent reception when she entered Nipoe's Harbour Friday afternoon. Small boats escorted the new ship to the pier and guns were fired. At the pier there was a huge sign in which was written "Welcome S.S. Springdale."

Selected F. P. U. President For Ensuing Year

Other Executive Members Also Elected

The new president of the F.P.U. is Mr. Charles Granter, editor of the "Fisherman's Advocate" at Port Union. This announcement was contained in a message reaching the city yesterday which also advised of the following results: C. B. Yetman of Port Union, first vice-president; Captain Malcolm Rogers of Fair Island, second vice-president; Joseph Hobbs of Keels, secretary-treasurer. The former president of the organization, Mr. K. M. Brown, O.B.E., was chosen its honorary president. Mr. Brown, who entered his resignation at the start of the F.P.U. convention, gave many years of valuable service to the organization and receives his new appointment as a tribute to the great work he has done. The convention, which was a very successful one, closed shortly after six o'clock Saturday evening.

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Mr. Edgar L. Hickman

Will Address the Voters of the West End

(BOTH LADIES AND GENTLEMEN)

AT

8.30 o'clock This Evening

IN THE WEST END COMMITTEE ROOMS OF ECONOMIC UNION WITH U.S.A.

LOCATED IN THE BUILDING RECENTLY VACATED BY R.E.W.A. DRY GOODS STORE

(Just West of Horwood Lumber Co.)

Temperatures

At 3 a.m. the temperatures were as follows:
City—30 above, cloudy.
Torbay—29 above, cloudy.
Argentea—32 above, clear.
Gander—27 above, clear.
Botwood—29 above, clear.
Buchans—29 above, clear.
Stephenville—29 above, clear.

MAIL DELIVERY
Message received from the area report that residents of Grand Bank have forwarded a petition, asking that the Terrenceville weekly mail service be resumed, to the secretary for Posts and Telegraphs. For sometime past delivery of mail in that area has been somewhat irregular.

Some snow fell on the Gall Top hills during the weekend. The railway, however, advises that this fall of snow was light and did not impede traffic.

Other late local news on pages 4 and 7.