

## HUNTINGTON DIARIES 1931

### MEMORANDA FROM 1930

Louisburg, NS. Jan 1, 1931

Town Officials

Mayor, Melvin S. Huntington

Councillors: Clarence Peters (Presiding Councillor)

Jeremiah Smith

James Crowdis

Norman MacRury

Two vacancies on the council board since February 4, 1930.

Town Clerk, Beecher M. Spencer

Stipendiary Magistrate: Beecher M. Spencer.

Medical Health Officer: Freeman O'Neil, M.D.

Policeman, Truant Officer, Sanitary Inspector, Gaoler, Poundkeeper and Inspector of Fire

Ordinances: Wesley Tanner.

Public School Staff:

Principal: Victor A. Fisher

Vice Principal: Miss Alice Ley

Miss Rachael MacLean

Miss Blanch Cross

Miss Evelyn Smith

Miss Mary Hiltz

Clergymen in charge of the various Louisburg congregations:

Roman Catholic: Rev. D. H. Doyle

Anglican: Rev. L. H. Draper

United Church of Canada: Rev. D. A. MacMillan

Presbyterian: no settled pastor.

Assessors:

Beecher M. Spencer (town assessor)

John N. MacDonald

Dougall Campbell

School Board

M. S. Huntington, chairman

Clarence Peters

James Crowdis

James MacPhee - Government appointee

Edward MacDonald - Government appointee

**JANUARY 1931**

**Thursday 1**

Louisburg

Cloudy and mild with moderate southwest wind. Heavy rain at night beginning at about 6 P.M.

At our annual New Year family gathering, we had the following guests: Mrs. Z. W. Townsend, Fletcher Townsend, Wesley Townsend, Emerson Grant, Mrs. J. N. Spencer and Miss Cynetta King (Mrs. Townsend's maid) and Miss Maud Huntington, R. N. With Mrs. Huntington, myself and Miss Minnie Evis, who is stopping with us, there were a total of ten persons present.

**JANUARY 1931****Friday 2**

Louisburg

Light fall of snow in the early morning and a few light squalls during the day. Mostly clear and comparatively mild with light northwest wind. Snow fall about 1 inch.

**JANUARY 1931****Saturday 3**

Louisburg

Cold in the morning but moderated early in the day. Remarkably clear with light to moderate northwest to southwest winds. A few light snow squalls at night. Min temperature 10 above zero.

**JANUARY 1931****Sunday 4**

Louisburg

Mild and partly clear with light northwest wind.

At 11 A.M., and 7 P.M., Mrs. Huntington and I attended services in the First United Church. Rev. D. A. MacMillan conducted both the morning and evening services.

**JANUARY 1931****Monday 5**

Louisburg

Mild and mostly cloudy with light variable wind.

**JANUARY 1931****Tuesday 6**

Louisburg

Snow storm in the forenoon which turned to rain at noon and continued raining during the afternoon and early part of the night.

Fresh easterly wind increasing to a moderate gale and changing to southwest during the night. Snow fall about 4 inches. Streets very wet and slushy.

## **JANUARY 1931**

### **Wednesday 7**

Louisburg

Cloudy, foggy and mild with occasional showers. Wind southwest.

Attended choir practice in the First United Church at 9 P.M.

## **JANUARY 1931**

### **Thursday 8**

Louisburg

Moderately cold and partly clear with moderate to fresh northwest wind.

Attended "Week of Prayer" services in First United Church at 7:30 P.M., and also attended a meeting of the Board of Stewards of the First United Church at the close of the prayer service at which the estimates for 1931 were brought down and approved of by the board.

## **JANUARY 1931**

### **Friday 9**

Louisburg

Clear and moderately cold with light northwest wind. An ideal day.

The death took place this morning at Sydney of Mr. Martin Levatte Sr.

## **JANUARY 1931**

### **Saturday 10**

Louisburg

Cloudy and chilly. Snow began to fall at about 1 P.M., turned to rain at about 2:30 P.M., and rained heavily all the remainder of the afternoon and late into the night.

Fresh to strong northeast wind shifting to southeast. Snow fall about 2 inches.

## **JANUARY 1931**

### **Sunday 11**

Louisburg

Rain and fog in the morning. Cloudy all day. Wind southeast, shifting to northwest in the afternoon.

Streets almost entirely bare as a result of last night's rain.

Attended service in First United Church at 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. Communion service at 11 A.M., and service of song at 7 P.M. Both morning and evening services conducted by Rev. D. A. MacMillan.

## **JANUARY 1931**

### **Monday 12**

Louisburg

Clear and moderately cold with moderate northwest wind.

The body of the late Martin Levatte Sr. arrived on the morning train from Sydney and was taken immediately to the English Church where the funeral service was held by the Rev. F. R. Holburrow of Sydney assisted by the Rev. L. H. Draper of Louisburg. Interment took place in the English Church cemetery on Clarke's Road.

## **JANUARY 1931**

### **Tuesday 13**

Louisburg

Clear in the morning, becoming cloudy early in the forenoon. Rain began to fall at about 2 P.M. and continued during the afternoon and evening. Wind southeast increasing to a strong breeze.

Canadian Government steamer "Lady Laurier" arrived.

## **JANUARY 1931**

### **Wednesday 14**

Louisburg

Clear and mild with light westerly wind. Thawing during the greater part of the day. An ideal day.

Attended choir practice in First United Church at 9 P.M. at the close of which the annual meeting of the choir was held. The following officers were elected for 1931: M. S. Huntington, Chairman, Miss Margaret Stacey, secretary-treasurer, Mr. John A. MacDonald, choir leader. All of the above being re-elected, Mr. Hugh Beaver was elected to represent the choir on the official board in the place of Miss Bessie MacInnis who held the office during 1930

## **JANUARY 1931**

### **Thursday 15**

Louisburg

Cloudy, chilly and raw with moderate to strong northeast wind increasing to a terrific gale during the night. Snow began to fall at about 9 P.M.

Attended and presided at a meeting of the Town Council at 7:30 P.M.

## **JANUARY 1931**

### **Friday 16**

Louisburg

Snow storm and terrific gale from northeast and north. Wind moderated in the evening. Snow fall about 9 inches.

Steamer "Watuka", Capt. Luke Holmes, arrived for shelter and anchored in the upper harbour.

## **JANUARY 1931**

### **Saturday 17**

Louisburg

Clear and moderately cold with moderate to fresh west to northwest winds. Streets and highways badly blocked with snow drifts.

Steamer "Watuka", Capt. Holmes, sailed enroute for Sydney.

Government steamer "Lady Laurier" sailed.

## **JANUARY 1931**

### **Sunday 18**

Louisburg

Partly clear and moderately cold with light northwest to west winds.

Attended service in the First United Church at 11 A.M., and 7 P.M. Rev. D. A. MacMillan conducted both the morning and evening services.

After the evening service, Mrs. Huntington and I visited the home of Capt. and Mrs. MacPhail and remained there until about 11 P.M.

## **JANUARY 1931**

### **Monday 19**

Louisburg

Clear and moderately cold becoming milder in the afternoon with light northwest to southwest winds. Minimum temperature about 15 above zero. An ideal day.

## **JANUARY 1931**

### **Tuesday 20**

Louisburg

Snow storm accompanied by heavy easterly wind in the morning. Snow was followed by rain which made the streets very slushy and wet. Cleared during the day. Snow fall about 3 inches.

At 7:30 P.M., in company with Mrs. Huntington, I attended the annual meeting of Congregation of the First United Church which took place in the former St. James Church. Rev. D. A. MacMillan was chairman while A. W. Stacey was on motion, elected secretary.

## **JANUARY 1931**

### **Wednesday 21**

Louisburg

Sydney

Mostly clear and moderately cold with light westerly wind.

Left Louisburg on the 3:50 P.M. train enroute to Sydney for the purpose of attending the annual meeting of the Cape Breton County Joint Expenditure Board which is to meet in the Council Chamber in the Court House at 10:30 A.M. tomorrow. I arrived at Sydney at about 6 P.M. and stopped at the Vidal Hotel. At 7:30 P.M., I attended a "Talkie" picture at the Strand Theatre.

## **JANUARY 1931**

### **Thursday 22**

Sydney

Clear and moderately cold with light to moderate west to northwest winds.

At 10:30 A.M., I attended the opening session of the annual meeting of the Cape Breton County Joint Expenditure Board in the Council Chamber of the Court House. The following members of the board were present: Sydney, Mayor James MacConnell, Deputy Mayor, H. N. Chisholm, Alderman A. D. MacDonald, Angus MacDonald, E. M. Provost, Glace Bay: Councillors: Foster, Wilton, MacIntosh, Sydney Mines: Councillors: Cann, Henry, Lochman. North Sydney: Mayor F. L. Kelly, Councillors J. G. Hachett, New Waterford: Mayor W. J. Hinchey, Dominion: Mayor F. J. Mitchell, Louisburg: Mayor M. S. Huntington, Municipality of the County of Cape Breton: Councillor: Dan Ferguson, Deputy Warden, John Broderick, Warden, H.D. MacLean. The afternoon session opened at 2 P.M. with all of the above members present and adjourned at about 5 P.M.

At 8 P.M., in company with Dr. Arthur S. Kendall of Sydney and D. Baxter Lawly, assistant secretary of the Canadian Federation of the Blind, Toronto, I attended a lecture delivered by Dr. J. C. Webster of Shediac N.B. on Frederick Walle De [blank], first Governor of the Island of Cape Breton when it became a separate province in 1784. Dr. Webster also dealt with the founding of Sydney and the establishing of a Government by Governor [blank]. The lecture was well attended and was very interesting and instructive. At the close of the lecture on the initiation of Judge Walter Crowe, Dr. Webster and I spent the remainder of the evening with the Judge at his home 235 Esplanade. Dr. Webster intends lecturing at Glace Bay tomorrow night on the subject of "Old Louisburg".

## **JANUARY 1931**

### **Friday 23**

Sydney

Clear and cold with moderate northwest wind. Min temperature about 6 above zero.

I attended the 10:30 A.M. and the 2 P.M. sessions of the Joint Expenditures Board in the court house with the same members who were present at both sessions yesterday. The concluding session closed at 6 P.M. At 12:15 P.M., I was the guest of Dr. Arthur S. Kendell at the weekly luncheon of the Sydney Kiwanis Club at the Isle Royale Hotel. During the luncheon, D. Baxter Lawly, assistant secretary of the Canadian Federation of the Blind delivered a very interesting talk, World Economic Conditions.

This morning I was surprised and shocked to learn that Mrs. D.W. MacDonald, wife of D.W. MacDonald Supt. of the Sydney and Louisburg Railway had died suddenly yesterday evening at

her home, 27 Tain Street, Sydney. Mrs. MacDonald was around the city visiting during the afternoon and was apparently in her usual health until she was suddenly stricken and passed away within two hours never regaining consciousness. Besides her husband, she leaves three sons and two daughters, all of whom have reached manhood and womanhood. For a number of years the family were residents of Louisburg when Mr. MacDonald was driving one of the coal company's locomotives engaged in hauling coal from the colliery towns to Louisburg.

## **JANUARY 1931**

### **Saturday 24**

Sydney

Louisburg

Clear and cold with moderate northwest wind. Min temperature about 2 above zero. A few light snow squalls occurred in the morning.

I returned to Louisburg on the morning train leaving Sydney at 7:55 A.M., and arriving at Louisburg at about 10 A.M.

## **JANUARY 1931**

### **Sunday 25**

Louisburg

Sydney

Cold and mostly clear with moderate north west wind. Min temperature about 4 above zero.

At about 11:30 A.M., a special train left Louisburg enroute for Sydney to convey persons who wished to attend the funeral of the late Mrs. D.W. MacDonald. About one hundred Louisburg citizens took advantage of this train. Among them being myself and Mrs. Huntington. Passengers were picked up at other stations enroute so that when the train reached Sydney, it consisted of four well filled cars. On arriving at Sydney, we proceeded to the house of the late Mrs. MacDonald, thence to St. Andrews United Church where service was conducted by Rev. John Pringle D.D., on the arrival of the funeral party at 2:50 P.M. During the service, in addition to the hymns "Breathe on me Breath of God" and "Thy way not mine O'Lord" by the choir, Mrs. George Beaton sang a solo entitled "Face to Face". At the conclusion of the service, the funeral cortege proceeded to "Hardwood Hill" cemetery where burial took place. The Pall Bearers were; C. J. MacDonald, Allan MacDonald, Rod MacNeil, Hugh MacPherson, Kennelly Ranson and Arthur Townsend. Returning, we left Sydney at about 4:40 P.M., expecting to reach Louisburg at about 6:15, but when we reached Glace Bay we learned that a number of the party had missed the train at Sydney. Consequently, we waited one hour at Glace Bay in order to allow the tardy ones time to come from Sydney by train car and join us there. Leaving Glace Bay at 6:20, the balance of the journey was made without incident, arriving at Louisburg station at 7:10 P.M.

## **JANUARY 1931**

### **Monday 26**

Louisburg

Mostly clear and moderately cold during the greater part of the day. In the morning, there was a fall of snow amounting to about 3 inches.

## **JANUARY 1931**

### **Tuesday 27**

Louisburg

Moderately cold in the morning but mild during the day with light to moderate northwest to southwest wind. Cloudy in the afternoon and evening. Min temperature about 15 above zero. Attended and presided at a meeting of the Town Council at 7:30 P.M. At this meeting, we accepted the offer of 97 for \$3000 of town bonds made by Fletcher Townsend. The above bonds are 15 years at 5 per cent.

Today being nomination day for candidates for the office of Town Councillor, the following nominations were filed with the town clerk: Michael MacKenzie, Paul P. Bates, D. J. MacInnis, D. J. Matheson and Capt. William W. Lewis. As there are only five candidates to fill 5 vacancies all of the foregoing candidates will be elected by acclamation one week from today. The retiring councillors, none of whom offered for re-election are: James H. Crowdis, Jeremiah Smith and Norman MacRury. For the past year, we have been short two councillors which accounts for five vacancies to be filled on the council board at the present time. Of the retiring councillors, Jeremiah Smith has served 26 years on the council board being first elected on Feb 2, 1904. On Feb 5, 1918, he was defeated but was again elected on Feb 4, 1919 and has served until the present time. Councillor MacRury was first elected on Feb 5, 1918 retiring Feb 1920 and again elected on April 30, 1929 by acclamation to fill vacancy caused by resignation of councillor Arthur Cann. Councillor Crowdis elected Feb 1, 1927, re-elected Feb 5, 1929, each time by acclamation.

Mr. William W. Lewis Jr of this town and his bride formerly Miss Catherine Matheson, who were married in New York on Jan 17, arrived home on the morning train. They were met at the station by a party of their friends under the leadership of James Crowdis and Geo. Lewis and placed on board of a decorated and placarded motor truck and escorted at a slow rate of speed to the home of Geo. Lewis on Warren Street. The newlyweds did not seem to be annoyed at the noisy demonstration.

## **JANUARY 1931**

### **Wednesday 28**

Louisburg

Cloudy and mild with snow flurries in the forenoon. Clearing in the afternoon and becoming cold. Light to moderate north to northeast wind. Min temperature about [blank].

At 9 P.M., Mrs. Huntington and I attended choir practice in the First United Church.

## **JANUARY 1931**

### **Thursday 29**

Louisburg

Clear and cold in the morning. Moderating early in the day and becoming cloudy and mild in the afternoon. Light northerly wind changing to southeast in the evening and increasing to a moderate breeze. Min temperature about 2 above zero.



At 7:30 P.M., I attended the annual meeting of the Louisburg Volunteer Fire Brigade in the coal company's firemen's quarters. At this meeting all the officers of the previous year were re-elected.

## **JANUARY 1931**

### **Friday 30**

Louisburg

Snow followed by some rain. Stopped raining and cleared shortly after noon. Snow fall about 1 inch. Fresh southeast wind shifting to northwest in the evening and becoming colder.

## **JANUARY 1931**

### **Saturday 31**

Louisburg

Cloudy with light variable winds. Snow began to fall at about 3:30 P.M., and continued during the evening. Wind northeast during the snow storm. Stopped snowing and cleared before midnight, snow fall about 4 inches.

Canadian Government steamer "Stanley" arrived in the afternoon.

The Sydney Daily Post of today announced the death on Thursday last of Seymour H. Huntington at his late residence, 495 Townsend Street, Sydney, NS. His age is given as 45 years. The deceased was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Huntington and was born at Salmon River, Grand Mira, Cape Breton Co. NS. The family later moved to Mira Ferry where they lived for several years afterwards moving to Sydney, NS. Two brothers of the deceased live in Sydney, Joseph and John Kenneth. Also one sister, Mrs. Murchison. Another sister, Mrs. Duncan MacKenzie lives at Mira Gut. Addison, another brother, is at present in the United States. The funeral is to take place this afternoon at Hardwood Hill cemetery, Sydney.

## **FEBRUARY 1931**

### **Sunday 1**

Louisburg

Mostly clear and moderately cold with light north west wind. Min temperature P.M. about 4 above zero.

Mrs. Huntington and I attended service in the First United Church at 11 A.M., and 7 P.M. Rev. D. A. MacMillan conducting both services.

## **FEBRUARY 1931**

### **Monday 2**

Louisburg

Clear and cold with moderate westerly wind. Min temperature A.M., about 2 below zero, P.M., about 3 below.

The death occurred at about 6 P.M., of Mrs. Robert Bagnall at her home in Louisburg, aged 77. Mrs. Bagnall had been ill but a short time. Besides her husband, she is survived by one son, Nelson, who has been residing in Montreal for a number of years. He arrived home yesterday morning owing to the illness of his mother.

## **FEBRUARY 1931**

### **Tuesday 3**

Louisburg

Moderately cold and remarkably clear with light west to southwest wind. Min temperature about 5 above zero.

Shortly after one P.M., an airplane circled over Louisburg several times and then set out in the direction of Sydney. This plane was likely from the Cape Breton flying field near Glace Bay. On its wings was painted CF - CAZ.

Town elections. The five candidates which were nominated to fill five vacancies on the council board of the Town of Louisburg were declared elected by acclamation at 9 A.M. by B.M. Spencer, Town Clerk. The following are the new councillors: Michael MacKenzie, Paul P. Bates, D. J. MacInnis, D. J. Matheson and Capt. W.W. Lewis. Capt. Lewis was the first Mayor of Louisburg taking office in Feb. 1901 and retiring in Feb 1909. D. J. MacInnis was one of Louisburg's first councillors having served from the time the town was incorporated in 1901 until Feb 1902. D. J. Matheson has also had previous experience in town affairs having served on the council board of the Town of Louisburg from Feb. 1902 until Feb. 1904.

Miss Minnie Evis, who has been living with us since the summer of 1927 and attending school, left us today. She appears to be tired of going to school and evidently thinks she should have more freedom. She has two sisters in this town, Mrs. Percy Cross and Mrs. Cecil Stevens and she will probably make her home with one of them. She is in her 17<sup>th</sup> year and formerly belonged to Isle-aux-Morte, Newfoundland.

## **FEBRUARY 1931**

### **Wednesday 4**

Louisburg

Clear and mild becoming cloudy in the afternoon.

Dutch ocean going tug "Roodezee" arrived in the morning for bunker coal.

Steamer "Watuka", Capt. Luke Holmes arrived from Liverpool, NS for a cargo of coal.

## **FEBRUARY 1931**

### **Thursday 5**

Louisburg

Clear and mild with light winds.

Attended and presided at a regular meeting of the town council at 7:30 P.M. At this meeting, the following councillors were sworn into office by me: Michael MacKenzie, Paul P. Bates, D. J. MacInnis, D. J. Matheson and William W. Lewis. After the oath of office had been administered to the new councillors, short addresses were delivered by all the councillors and myself. The following committees were appointed for the ensuing year: Street & Bridge: Councillors MacKenzie, Matheson & Lewis, and School: Mayor Huntington, Councillors Bates and Peters. Finance: Mayor Huntington, Councillors Lewis and MacInnis, Police: Councillors Bates, Matheson and Lewis. License: Mayor Huntington, Councillors MacKenzie and Peters, Arbitration: Mayor Huntington, Councillors Lewis and MacInnis. Assessment: Mayor Huntington, Councillors Peters and MacKenzie, Poor: Councillors MacKenzie, MacInnis and Lewis. Public Property: Mayor Huntington, Councillors Lewis & MacKenzie, Electric Light: Councillors Matheson, Bates and MacInnis, Health: the whole Council, Law and amendment: the whole Council. Dr. Freeman O'Neil was reappointed Medical and Health offices for the ensuing year. Councillor Clarence Peters was reappointed Presiding Councillor. Tonight's meeting was the first at which we had a full Council board (six councillors and Mayor) since April 4, 1929 when Councillors Arthur D. Cann and Alfred Tilley resigned. Dr. Freeman O'Neil of Sydney who has been Medical Health officer of the Town of Louisburg for the past number of years, arrived from Sydney in an airplane in order to be present at tonight's meeting of the town council. Don MacPherson, who was in charge of the plane was afraid to trust the harbour ice for landing place, so he headed for Grand Lake about 4 miles out of town where a landing was made in safety. The Doctor then walked into town.

## **FEBRUARY 1931**

### **Friday 6**

Louisburg

Moderately cold in the morning. Mild during the day with some frost at night. Light variable wind. Min temperature A.M. about 12 above zero.

Steamer "SAMBRO" arrived and took bunker coal and sailed.

Revenue cutter "STUMBLE INN", Capt. Croft arrived in the evening.

## **FEBRUARY 1931**

### **Saturday 7**

Louisburg

Clear and cold with light northwest wind. Min temperature A.M. about 10 above zero, P.M. zero.

## **FEBRUARY 1931**

### **Sunday 8**

Louisburg

Clear and cold with moderate northwest to west winds which during the early part of the night shifted to southwest. Min temperature A.M. about 2 above zero.

Mrs. Huntington and I attended services in First United Church at 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. Service conducted both morning and evening by Rev. D. A. MacMillan.

## **FEBRUARY 1931**

### **Monday 9**

Louisburg

Snow storm in the early morning followed by rain. Stopped raining at about 10 A.M. Mild and cloudy during the remainder of the day. Strong southerly wind in the early hours of the morning which moderated early in the day changing to northwest in the afternoon. Snowfall about 4 inches.

## **FEBRUARY 1931**

### **Tuesday 10**

Louisburg

Rained heavily all day with moderate northeast wind which changed to southwest during the night. Silver thaw in the afternoon threatened to demoralize the telephone and telegraph service around town, but before night the weather became slightly warmer and the "glitter" thawed off without doing any serious damage within the town. Around the Sydney and the mining districts, the storm was very much more serious and did a tremendous amount of damage putting telephone, telegraph, electric light and train services entirely out of business and isolating the entire district from the rest of the world.

Uncle John N. Spencer who had been ill and confined to his bed for the past four months passed away at about 4:30 P.M. Mr. Spencer was stricken early in October with what was supposed to be a light stroke of paralysis and since that time had been confined to his bed. His mind seemed to be quite rational during the early part of his illness, but was followed by delirious spells and for the last two or three months his mind appeared to be entirely deranged. He did not appear to suffer much during his illness, but was very restless during the greater part of the time. For the last three or four days, he was unconscious. Death came quietly and he passed away without a struggle.

(Newspaper clipping dated Feb 10, 1931. Respected resident of Louisburg passed away)

## **FEBRUARY 1931**

### **Wednesday 11**

Louisburg

Cloudy, foggy and mild during the day followed by showers in the late afternoon and heavy rain during the night. "Silver thaw" during the evening and night covered all out doors with ice and made the streets very dangerous for pedestrians. Light variable wind during the day which changed to northeast in the evening. Very disagreeable at night.

At about 9:30 A.M., in company with Mr. A.W. Stacey, I visited the cemetery of the First United Church on Clarke's Road and selected a lot for the burial of the late John N. Spencer. I also procured the services of Nelson Tanner and Alex MacDonald for the purpose of digging a grave on the lot selected.

## **FEBRUARY 1931**

### **Thursday 12**

Louisburg

Cloudy and mild but becoming colder in the afternoon with a few snow squalls and moderately cold at night. All out doors covered with a coat of ice in the morning as a result of last night's silver thaw, but early in the day it all fell off without any very serious damage with the exception of a number of telephones being put out of commission. The destruction as a result of last night's ice storm was very great around the Sydney and the mining towns completing the destruction caused by the storm of Tuesday. In addition to the entire Telegraph, Telephone, train and electric light services being destroyed, a great number of valuable trees in the towns and district are ruined. At present and for the last two days, Louisburg has had no communication with the outside would by Telegraph or Telephone.

The funeral of Uncle John Nathan Spencer took place in the afternoon leaving the house at 1:30 P.M. and proceeding to the First United church where service was held. The hymns sung in the church were as follows: "In the Cross of Christ I Glory", "Shall we gather at the river" and "Abide with me". There was also a brief service held at his late residence before leaving for the church during which the hymn sung was "The Lord's My Shepherd". Interment took place in the First United Church cemetery (formerly Methodist). Rev. D. A. MacMillan conducted the services at the house, church and graveside. The Pall Bearers were as follows: James Crowdis, Alonzo A. Martell, M. L.A. Robert Peters, James Townsend, Frank Comeau and Neil MacRury. Mrs. Huntington, Mrs. J. N. Spencer, Angus MacIntosh and I drove with Fletcher Townsend in an automobile, but getting stuck in the snow a short distance from the cemetery, we preceded the remainder of the distance on foot.

## **FEBRUARY 1931**

### **Friday 13**

Louisburg

Clear and mild with light variable wind. A perfect day.

Steamer "LINGAN", Capt. Lewis arrived for a cargo of coal.

Canadian Government steamer "MONTCALM", Capt. Mercier, arrived at about 1:30 P.M. and will likely remain at this port for the rest of the winter season.

## **FEBRUARY 1931**

### **Saturday 14**

Louisburg

Cloudy and mild with a few light showers. Moderate southerly wind increasing to a fresh breeze during the night.

Steamer "FERNFIELD", Capt. Brushett, arrived in the evening for bunker coal.

Today's issue of the Sydney Daily Post placed the amount of damage to wires and poles of the Telegraph, Telephone and Electric lines in Cape Breton during the "silver thaw" of last Tuesday

and Wednesday, at \$250,000. No ice storm of equal severity has ever been known on Cape Breton Island.

## **FEBRUARY 1931**

### **Sunday 15**

Louisburg

Heavy gale in the early morning with some rain. Showery during the forenoon. Cloudy in the afternoon and becoming colder at night. Wind southeast shifting to southwest and to northwest in the evening.

Attended the following church services: First United Church at 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. Both services conducted by Rev. D. A. MacMillan. Mrs. Huntington was not out to church in the morning owing to a severe headache but was out in the evening. At the close of the evening service, a "sing song" was held lasting about a half hour which seemed to be enjoyed by the congregation.

In the afternoon, we had the following visitors: Mr. & Mrs. William Phalen, Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Burke and Fletcher Townsend.

Steamer "FERNFIELD" sailed.

Steamer "CANADIAN MILLER", Capt. Boulton, arrived for part cargo of steel products.

In the forenoon, in company with B.M. Spencer, Town clerk, I visited the office of A.A. Martell and signed three deeds transferring properties held by the Town of Louisburg to the following persons: Jeremiah Smith, G. B. Hiltz and Freeman Mosher. Alexander Bates was the witness to the signatures.

## **FEBRUARY 1931**

### **Monday 16**

Louisburg

Clear and moderately cold during the morning and evening and mild during the day with light varying from northwest to southwest. Min temperature about 16 above zero. Streets very slippery. A perfect day.

Steamer "WATUKA", Capt. Luke Holmes, arrived from Liverpool, NS for a cargo of coal.

Steamer "CANADIAN MILLER", Capt. Boulton which arrived here yesterday began loading a part cargo of steel products in the afternoon.

In the forenoon, in company with B.M. Spencer, Town Clerk, I visited the office of A.A. Martell, Notary Public and signed three deeds transferring properties held by the Town of Louisburg to the following persons: Jeremiah Smith, G.B. Hiltz and Truman Mosher. Mr. Spencer as Town Clerk also signed these documents. Alexander Bates was the witness to the signature.

## **FEBRUARY 1931**

### **Tuesday 17**

Louisburg

Moderately cold in the morning and evening but mild during the day. Remarkably clear with light variable wind. Min temperature about 18 above zero.

Steamer "WATUKA", Capt. Holmes sailed for Liverpool, NS with a cargo of coal.

Steamer "LINGAN", Capt. Lewis sailed for Halifax with a cargo of coal.

At 7:30 P.M., I attended and presided at the annual meeting of the school board in the town hall. This meeting was to have taken place on last Tuesday, Feb 10, but owing to the bad weather and the death of Uncle J. N. Spencer, it was postponed until tonight. The personnel of the board with the new appointees are as follows: M. S. Huntington (reelected Chairman), Clarence Peters, Paul P. Bates, James MacPhee, and John A MacDonald. The two latter being the Provincial (Government appointees), John A MacDonald was recently appointed in the place of Ed. MacDonald whose term had expired; this being his first appearance at a meeting of the board. After a short address of welcome to the new members by the Chairman and responses by all the other members of the board, the business before the meeting was taken up and disposed of. At this meeting the estimates for school purposes for the 1931-32 term were brought down and approved of by the board.

## **FEBRUARY 1931**

### **Wednesday 18**

Louisburg

Clear and cool with moderate to fresh northeast wind.

Attended choir practice in the First United Church at 9 P.M.

## **FEBRUARY 1931**

### **Thursday 19**

Louisburg

Moderate to fresh northeast wind. Mostly clear becoming cloudy in the evening. Very chilly. Snow began to fall at about 9:30 P.M. and continued during the night.

Attended and presided at a regular meeting of the Town Council at 7:30 P.M. with all the councillors present. At this meeting a resolution was passed urging the Federal Government to extend the Canadian National Railway from St. Peters to Louisburg. Also a resolution asking the Provincial Government to amend the Provincial laws at the present session of the Legislature so that adequate protection may be afforded the water supplies of the towns and cities of our province from pollution. The water resolution was prompted by an order-in-council passed on April 2, 1931 granting an authorization to use the water supply of the Town of Louisburg for the purpose of stream driving.

In the evening, a "shower" was held at our house for the benefit of Mrs. Walter Pearl, a recent bride. There were about thirty five ladies present who presented Mrs. Pearl with many useful gifts.

Nova Scotia Legislature opened its annual session at Halifax, NS. Hon. Frank Stanfield, newly appointed Lieut. Governor, officiated.

## **FEBRUARY 1931**

### **Friday 20**

Louisburg

Snow storm which began at about 9:30 last night, continued until about 3 P.M., and was then followed by hail for several hours and again turned to snow during the night. Fresh to moderate northeast to east winds. Snow fall about 15 inches.

Steamer "CANADIAN MILLER" Capt. Boulton which loaded about 2000 tons of steel products during the week bunkered and sailed enroute for Vancouver and points on the Pacific coast.

## **FEBRUARY 1931**

### **Saturday 21**

Louisburg

Light east to southeast winds. Mild and foggy with a light mist or drizzle part of the time. Thawing during the day. Ground covered with a thick mantle of wet snow. No frost during the night.

### **BECKETT FOUND GUILTY**

George Alfred Beckett of Glace Bay, a native of Newfoundland, was found guilty of the murder of Nicholas Marthos, Glace Bay taxi driver.

His trial took place at Sydney before the Supreme Court Judge, Hugh Ross presiding. Crown Prosecutor, Neil R. McArthur and J. W. Moddin conducted the prosecution while Malcolm Patterson acted for the defense. Sentence will likely be passed at the conclusion of the present term of the court which is in session at Sydney.

## **FEBRUARY 1931**

### **Sunday 22**

Louisburg

Clear and very mild with moderate to fresh north, northeast to northwest winds. Remarkably mild for this season of the year. Thawing all day and the snow being rapidly turned into slush. Strong northeast wind during the night accompanied by a drizzle of snow. Streets very slushy owing to the extremely mild weather.

Steamer "WATUKA" Capt. Holmes arrived for a cargo of coal and docked at the coal pier.

British steamer "DENPARK" Capt. Olaf Paulsen arrived for bunker coal.

Steamer "LINGAN" Capt. Lewis arrived and anchored in the stream.

Accompanied by Mrs. Huntington, I attended service in First United Church at 11 A.M., and 7 P.M. Both services were conducted by Rev. D. A. MacMillan. A song service was held at the close of the regular service.



At about 2 P.M., accompanied by William Phalen, I visited the home of John A. MacDonald and spent about 2 hours. Mr. MacDonald had been partly laid up with a cold for the past few days.

## **FEBRUARY 1931**

### **Monday 23**

Louisburg, NS

Strong north, northeast wind. Snow in the early morning followed by a "silver thaw" and a drizzle of snow and rain during the day. Colder with snow squalls and increasing wind at night. Snow fall about 3 inches. Very disagreeable.

The telephone service of the Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Co. which was disrupted by the ice storm of Feb 10 was resumed today between here and Sydney, one line being in operation.

## **FEBRUARY 1931**

### **Tuesday 24**

Louisburg, NS

Strong north, northeast wind with snow squalls in the morning followed by a light drizzle of snow and rain during the greater part of the day. Wind moderated in the evening. Mild during the day with light frost in the morning and evening. Min temperature about 30.

Steamer "WATUKA" Capt. Holmes sailed for Liverpool N.S., with a cargo of coal.

Steamer "DENPARK" Capt. Olaf Paulsen, sailed for east Africa via Suez Canal.

Fatal Accident on board steamer "LINGAN".

Robert James Sweeney, aged 19, a native of LLANNON, Wales, was killed almost instantly by falling into the hold of the steamer "LINGAN" as she lay at anchor in the harbour. The accident occurred at about 7:40 A.M. The deceased passed away within an hour without regaining consciousness. Coroner, Douglas MacDonald, held an inquest in connection with the accident at 1:30 P.M. when a jury consisting of the following jurors brought in a verdict of "accidental death", John Gillis (foreman), Percy MacKinnon, Alex. MacDonald, William MacKinnon, Harry Johnson, John R. DeFries, Neil MacRury, Jerry Smith Jr., John Parsons, Dannie MacDonald, John Hill, John Lahey.

Attended and presided at the assessment appeal court in the Town Hall at 2 P.M. The court consisted of Councillors Clarence Peters, Michael MacKenzie and myself. This is the 6<sup>th</sup> year in succession in which I have been Chairman of the annual appeal court. The following appeals were before the court and disposed of: Cecil Pearl, Firman Fleet, A. J. MacInnis (Glance Bay), Mrs. Regina O'Toole, Horatio Tanner and Arthur D. Cann. In each case, the prayer of the appeal, except in the case of A. J. MacInnis, was granted. I concurred in all the decisions except one respecting property of A. D. Cann on Main Street. Mrs. Regina O'Toole applied for "widow's exemption" which was granted.

(Clipping from Halifax Herald dated Feb 25, 1931 - "Fatal fall of 30 feet in the hold")

## **FEBRUARY 1931**

### **Wednesday 25**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and very mild with light northeast wind. Foggy with a light mist during part of the afternoon. Min temperature about 30.

The funeral of the late Robert James Sweeny, who was accidently killed on board the steamer "LINGAN" took place in the afternoon. The service was held in St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church at 1:30 P.M., and conducted by Rev. F. R. Holborrow of Sydney. After the service in the church, the funeral cortege proceeded to the Anglican cemetery on Clarke's Road where interment took place. The service at the grave was conducted by Rev. L. H. Draper, Pastor of St. Bartholomew's Church, Louisburg. The hymns sung were: "Jesus, lover of my soul" and "Lead kindly Light". Six shipmates of the deceased acted as Pallbearers. The funeral which was largely attended by the people of the town as well as the crew of the ship, was in charge of undertaker, D. M. Johnston.

#### **BECKETT SENTENCED.**

Today's Sydney papers contained the news that George A. Beckett, who was convicted of the murder of Nicholas Marthos on Feb 21, was sentenced by Judge Ross to be hanged at Sydney on April 30, 1931. Beckett murdered Marthos at Glace Bay on Sept 22, 1930 and sometime later was arrested in Newfoundland and brought back for trial. Nicholas Marthos "Nick the Greek", Glace Bay taxi driver was found in his car on a street in the outskirts of Glace Bay on Sept 22, 1930 in a badly battered condition. He was taken to the General Hospital where he died a few hours later without regaining consciousness.

### **FEBRUARY 1931**

#### **Thursday 26**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and very mild with light variable winds. Mostly northeast. Misty in the evening. Min temperature about 30.

Canadian Government steamer "Montcalm" sailed at 1 P.M., and returned at 4 P.M., with an automatic buoy which she dropped at the lower end of the harbour. She then sailed to the assistance of the Government steamer which was reported stuck in the drift ice off North Sydney.

Steamer "SAMBRO", Capt. Renouff, arrived at about 9:30 P.M. for bunker coal. The Sambro reported drift ice about one mile off shore from Guyon Island to Louisburg. This is the first report of drift ice off this port this season.

### **FEBRUARY 1931**

#### **Friday 27**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy, foggy and very mild with light northeast wind. Min temperature about 30.

There is a small quantity of loose drift ice in the harbour, the first to make its appearance this season.

Steamer "SAMBRO", Capt. Renouff, after bunkering, sailed for St. Pierre and Newfoundland ports.

Newfoundland Government passenger and mail steamer "KYLE", Capt. Taverner, arrived at about 2:30 P.M., from Port-au-Basque, Newfoundland with a quantity of mail and 50 passengers. The mail and passengers were landed here and departed on the 3:50 P.M. train. This is the first arrival of a Newfoundland passenger boat at Louisburg this season.

Steamer "LINGAN", Capt. C. D. Lewis, sailed in the afternoon for St. John, N.B. with a cargo of coal.

## **FEBRUARY 1931**

### **Saturday 28**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and mild with fresh to strong north to northwest wind. Min temperature about 30.

Newfoundland Government steamer "KYLE", Capt. Taverner, sailed for Port-au-Basques, Nfld. in the early morning with passengers and mails.

Ocean-going tug "FOUNDATION FRANKLIN" arrived for bunker coal and sailed during the night for St. John's, Nfld.

Steamer "WATUKA" arrived at about 8 P.M. for a cargo of coal.

## **MARCH 1931**

### **Sunday 1**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and mild with light northwest to west wind.

Newfoundland Government steamer "KYLE" arrived at about 1:30 P.M., from Port-au-Basque, Nfld. with passengers and mails. A special train left here at about 5 P.M., with the passengers who arrived on the boat.

Canadian Government steamer "MONTCALM", Capt. Mercier, which on last Thursday went to the assistance of the Government steamer "STANLEY" which was stuck in the drift ice off North Sydney, arrived here at about 4 P.M.

Mrs. Huntington and I attended service in the First United Church at 11 A.M., and 7 P.M. Both morning and evening services were conducted by Rev. D. A. MacMillan.

In the afternoon in company with William Phalen, visited the waterfront where the "KYLE" and "WATUKA" were lying. On board the "KYLE", there were four colored men who were returning from a concert tour of Newfoundland and while waiting for the train to take them to Sydney, they rendered a few vocal selections which seemed to be greatly enjoyed by those who had paid a Sunday afternoon visit to the dock.

## **MARCH 1931**

### **Monday 2**

Louisburg, NS

Mild and mostly cloudy with moderate to fresh north, northeast wind. Min temperature P.M. about 16 above zero.

Government steamer "MONTCALM", Capt. Mercier, after bunkering, sailed at about 8 A.M. but returned at about 11 A.M. with the Louisburg automatic buoy.

Newfoundland Government steamer "KYLE", Capt. Taverner, sailed at noon with passengers, mails and freight for Port-au-Basque, Nfld.

Mrs. Z. W. Townsend, who has been visiting us since Thursday, Feb 19, returned to her home today.

Steamer "WATUKA", Capt. Holmes, sailed at about 1 P.M. for Liverpool, NS with a cargo of coal. It is reported that this is to be the last trip of this boat for some time. On returning from Liverpool, she is likely to go to Halifax for repairs.

Uncle Joseph D. Spencer arrived on the evening train and is the guest of his sister in law, Mrs. Janetta Spencer.

## **MARCH 1931**

### **Tuesday 3**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and mild becoming cloudy in the afternoon. Light northeast wind.

Government steamer "MONTCALM", Capt. Mercier, left port on buoy service at about 8:30 A.M. and returned again at about noon.

Steamer "CANADIAN CONQUEROR", Capt. Wyman, arrived from Halifax at about 7 P.M. to load a small quantity of steel products.

## **MARCH 1931**

### **Wednesday 4**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and chilly with fresh to strong easterly wind which developed into a heavy gale during the night.

Steamer "CANADIAN CONQUEROR", Capt. Wyman, which took on board a small quantity of steel products last night, hauled over to the coal pier this morning and proceeded to take bunker coal preparatory to sailing for New Zealand and Australian ports.

Newfoundland Government steamer "KYLE" arrived at about 3 P.M. from Port-au-Basque, Nfld. with passengers and mails.

Drift ice began to enter the harbour in the morning and before night all of the harbour west of the coal shipping pier was filled with slob ice. This is the first time this season that Louisburg harbour was full of ice.

Today is "Pay Day" on board the Government steamer "MONTCALM" and groups of her crew who are mostly French Canadian, are to be seen in and around the post office obtaining money orders to send to their homes in Quebec. The merchants of our town also found business better during the evening owing to some additional cash being put into circulation.

Uncle Joseph Spencer who arrived here on last Monday evening, left for Sydney on the 8:45 A.M. train.

## **MARCH 1931**

### **Thursday 5**

Louisburg, NS

Heavy easterly gale with some light snow in the morning and a light drizzle of part snow and part rain during the day followed by some snow at night. Wind moderated in the evening. Snow fall about 4 inches.

An exceptionally heavy sea is running on the coast today as a result of the heavy easterly gale which has been in progress since early last night.

The drift ice that entered the harbour yesterday still remains but there does not appear to be any on the coast outside the harbour.

Word received by radio that the steamer "ROSILIND" was sending out S.O.S. calls.

I attended and presided at a regular meeting of the Town Council at 7:30 P.M. Councillors present: Lewis, Bates, Matheson, MacInnis and Peters. At this meeting, the estimates for 1931 were brought down amounting to \$13,508.12. The estimated revenue for 1931 is \$15,115. The tax rate for the current year was set at 4.25 per cent. Discount allowed on taxes paid before May 1, 1931, 3%, before July 1, 2 ½%. Taxes unpaid by Aug 1, subject to interest at the rate of 7%.

## **MARCH 1931**

### **Friday 6**

Louisburg,

Clear and mild with light east-northeast wind becoming cloudy in the late afternoon.

Today's Sydney papers report the gale of yesterday as one of the worst on the Nova Scotia and American coasts for a long time. The high wind was accompanied by an unusually high tide which caused an enormous amount of damage along the Atlantic coast of both Canada and the United States.

The steamer "ROSILIND" is reported as having lost her propeller and is drifting helplessly off the Nova Scotia coast.

Newfoundland Government steamer "KYLE" sailed at an early hour with passengers, mails and freight for Port-au-Basques, Nfld.

Steamer "CANADIAN CONQUEROR" which was ready to sail yesterday morning is still in port owing to the ice blockade in the harbour.

### **MARCH 1931**

Saturday 7

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and mild with light easterly wind. Drizzily for a short time in the afternoon.

Harbour full of slob ice.

Steamer "LINGAN", Capt. C.D. Lewis, arrived in the morning and docked at the coal pier. The "LINGAN" is from St. John, N.B. and expects to load a cargo of coal next week.

Steamer "CANADIAN CONQUEROR", Capt. Wyman, sailed at about 8 A.M. for New Zealand via the Panama Canal.

Newfoundland Government steamer "KYLE", Capt. Taverner, arrived at about 1 P.M. with passengers, mails and freight from Port-au-Basque, Nfld.

Canadian Government steamer "STANLEY", Capt. Gilbert, which had been imprisoned in the ice at North Sydney since Feb 26, arrived here in the afternoon. After picking up buoys which were dropped in the lower end of the harbour, she will proceed to Halifax.

### **MARCH 1931**

Sunday 8

Louisburg, NS

Light easterly wind. Cloudy and mild.

Steamer "MONTCALM", Capt. Mercier, sailed for North Sydney enroute for St. Paul's Island with supplies.

Government steamer "STANLEY", Capt. Gilbert, which arrived here yesterday from North Sydney, sailed for Halifax in the morning.

The drift ice which filled the harbour on last Wednesday still remains but as it is of the light slob variety, it does not present a very serious obstacle to navigation.

Mrs. Huntington and I attended service in the First United Church at 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. Both morning and evening services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. D. A. MacMillan.

Newfoundland Government steamer "Kyle", Capt. Taverner, arrived at about 2 P.M. with passengers, mails and freight from Port-au-Basque, Nfld.

Mrs. Annie Peach died at about 6 A.M. after an illness which lasted several months. Mrs. Peach was upwards of 85 years of age. The son is Vincent Peach of Kenora, Ontario and the daughters are Mrs. Absolam Peach, Port Morien, Miss Oretha Peach, Louisburg and Mrs. Annie Wilcox, Louisburg with whom she resided.

## **MARCH 1931**

### **Monday 9**

Louisburg, NS

Moderate to strong easterly wind. Cloudy and chilly. Snow began to fall at about 5 P.M. and continued throughout the night. During the night the wind increased to a gale.

Newfoundland Government steamer "KYLE" sailed at about 2 P.M. for Port-au-Basque, Nfld. with passengers, mails and freight.

Newspapers of today's issue announced that the Red Cross liner "ROSILIND", Capt. Reginald Kean, which lost her propeller on March 5, had reached Halifax at an early hour yesterday morning in tow of the Dutch tug "ROODE ZEE", Capt. Kling. The "ROSILIND" lost her propeller in a 69 mile gale on last Thursday morning and drifted helplessly for 37 hours until picked up by the "ROODE ZEE" which put out to her assistance from St. John's, Newfoundland. The accident is reported to have occurred about 265 miles east of Halifax. (Newspaper article from Halifax Herald dated March 9, 1931).

## **MARCH 1931**

### **Tuesday 10**

Louisburg, NS

The snow storm which began yesterday ended at about noon after a total of about 15 inches of soft snow had fallen. Cloudy and mild with a light drizzle of snow in the afternoon. Moderate to light northeast wind.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Annie Peach took place from her late residence at 1:30 P.M. The remains were taken to St. Bartholomew's Church where the funeral service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Turner of Port Morien. The burial took place in the English Church cemetery on Clarke's Road. Rev. L. H. Draper, pastor of St. Bartholomew's Church conducted the service at the grave. The Pall bearers were as follows: Porter Wilcox, William Severance, Edward MacVicar, John A. MacLeod, Wesley Townsend and M. S. Huntington.

Rev. L. H. Draper who has completed a 49 continuous pastorate of St. Bartholomew's Church owing to bodily infirmities, has been unable to conduct service in his church regularly. For the past year, he has had to have a clergyman to assist him at most all funerals that have taken place from his church during the past year.

At 8 P.M., Mrs. Huntington and I attended a concert in the Masonic hall given by a group of coloured men known as the "Jubilee Singers". The concert party consisted of seven performers.

## **MARCH 1931**

**Wednesday 11**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and mild with light west to south west winds.

Steamer "WATUKA", Capt. Holmes, arrived from Liverpool, NS at about 1 A.M. and loaded a cargo of coal during the day.

**MARCH 1931****Thursday 12**

Louisburg, NS

Mild and mostly clear with moderate southerly wind.

Steamer "WATUKA", Capt. Holmes, sailed for Liverpool, NS with a cargo of coal.

Steamer "CANDIAN IMPORTER", Capt. Jackson, arrived in the morning for a load of part cargo of steel products.

Attended and presided at a special meeting of the Town Council at 7:30 P.M. All the Councillors were present except Councillor Bates.

Dominion Parliament opened today at Ottawa. In the absence of the Governor General who is not expected to arrive in Canada before the first part of April, Right Hon. Lyman P. Duff, Administrator, officiated at the opening ceremonies.

At tonight's Council meeting, two resolutions were passed protesting against two bills which the city of Sydney has before the Provincial Legislature. One is seeking legislation to enable the city of Sydney to collect Poll tax from any person liable for poll tax who may be temporarily employed in the city even if he has already paid poll tax in some other town or municipality. The other if passed would exempt the city of Sydney from any further contributions to the support of the Cape Breton Hospital. Copies of the above resolutions will be forwarded to the Hon. G. S. Harrington, Premier of Nova Scotia, Hon. W. L. Hall, Attorney General, Hon. John Doull, Provincial Secretary, Mr. A.S. MacMillan, M.L.A., Leader of the opposition and Mr. A. A. Martell, M. L.A. for Cape Breton West and Richmond.

**MARCH 1931****Friday 13**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and very mild with light variable wind and a few light snow squalls in the early part of the night.

**MARCH 1931****Saturday 14**

Louisburg, NS

Light drizzle of snow all day with light northeast wind. Snowfall about 3 inches.



Harbour clear of ice. The drift ice, which filled the harbour for the last ten days, all disappeared early in the day leaving the harbour once more free of ice.

The steamer "CANADIAN IMPORTER", Capt. Jackson, sailed at about 7 A.M. for Vancouver and other Pacific ports via the Panama Canal. This boat which arrived here on Thursday morning, loaded about 500 tons of steel products besides taking about 1200 tons of bunker coal.

Steamer "LINGAN", Capt. C. D. Lewis, sailed in the afternoon for Halifax with a cargo of coal.

## **MARCH 1931**

### **Sunday 15**

Louisburg, NS

Mild and mostly clear with light northeast wind.

Mrs. Huntington and I attended service in the First United Church at 11 A.M. and 7 P.M., both services being conducted by Rev. D. A. MacMillan.

The streets of the town are still well covered with snow. Notwithstanding, the recent mild weather there is no bare ground visible. Reports from the country districts state that there is at least two feet of snow on the country roads.

## **MARCH 1931**

### **Monday 16**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and comparatively mild with light northeast wind.

The Ladies Aid of the First United Church held a Bean supper and Fancy Sale in the Orange hall in the evening.

## **MARCH 1931**

### **Tuesday 17**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy with moderate easterly wind.

In company with Mrs. Huntington, I attended a play entitled "Breaking in". This play was put on by 14 of the pupils of Louisburg High school in the Masonic hall at 8 P.M. under the direction of V. A. Fisher, Principal. The hall was crowded to the doors. There being standing room only long before the show started and quite a number were unable to gain admission. The proceeds which amounted to about [blank] are to be used in the purchase of a radio for the school. The following are the high school pupils who took part: Christine MacLean, Ernest Skinner, Ella Tutty, Elizabeth Mosher, Cletus Lynk, Ester Peters, Charles Martell, Muriel Parsons, Arthur Townsend, Daniel Kelly, Winnie Cunningham, Margaret Murphy, George MacLean and Donald Skinner.

## **MARCH 1931**

### **Wednesday 18**

Louisburg, NS

East to northeast gale with snow. Snow which began in the morning at an early hour, continued all day and during the night making the streets almost impassable. Heavy drifts in many places completely tying up traffic. One of the most disagreeable days of the season.

Accommodation train which left here at 8:45 A.M. and due to return in the evening, was unable to reach here and had to remain at Glace Bay. Express train which arrived here from Sydney at about 10 A.M., and due to return at 3:50 P.M., had to remain here all night owing to the road being blocked with snow drifts.

## **MARCH 1931**

### **Thursday 19**

Louisburg, NS

Moderate northeast wind with a light drizzle of snow during the greater part of the day. The total snow fall of yesterday and last night is estimated at about 18 inches.

Railroads and highways blocked with snow and traffic at a standstill. The town streets were broken during the forenoon and traffic was resumed to some extent in the afternoon.

The express train, under conductor James MacLean which was held up since yesterday, left here about 9:30 P.M., for Sydney arriving there at about 11:30. The accommodation train in charge of conductor William Phalen due here at 5:30 P.M. yesterday, arrived here at about 9:30 P.M. being preceded by a snow plow and plunger.

I attended and presided a regular meeting of the Town Council at 7:30 P.M.

## **MARCH 1931**

### **Friday 20**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and mild with moderate northeast wind. Light drizzle of rain in the forenoon and light "silver thaw". Snow squalls during the night.

## **MARCH 1931**

### **Saturday 21**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and mild with moderate to fresh northeast wind. Snow melting rapidly and streets very slushy.

Steamer "LINGAN", Capt. Lewis arrived from Halifax in the afternoon for to load a cargo of coal.

## **MARCH 1931**

### **Sunday 22**

Louisburg, NS

Mild and remarkably clear with light northeast wind.

Mrs. Huntington and I attended service in the First United Church at 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. Both morning and evening services were conducted by Rev. D. A. MacMillan.

## **MARCH 1931**

### **Monday 23**

Louisburg, NS

Very mild and remarkably clear with light winds varying from northeast to southeast.

Owing to the mild weather, the snow is rapidly disappearing leaving in its place slush, mud and patches of bare ground.

Newspapers of today's issue announced the loss of the sealing steamer "VIKING" near Horse Island, White Bay, Newfoundland. The "VIKING" was engaged in the seal fishery when an explosion took place which blew the stern to pieces. Reports say that about 25 lives were lost.

## **MARCH 1931**

### **Tuesday 24**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and chilly with moderate east to northeast winds.

Fire at the residence of Walter Tucker. At about 7 P.M., Mr. Tucker discovered that the floor under the grate in one of his rooms was on fire. He succeeded in extinguishing it before it got much headway without having to call out the fire department. Approximate loss, \$75.

## **MARCH 1931**

### **Wednesday 25**

Louisburg, NS

Mostly cloudy and comparatively mild with light northeast to southeast winds.

## **MARCH 1931**

### **Thursday 26**

Louisburg, NS

Mild and partly clear with light northeast wind.

Fire at the residence of S. A. Rafuse. At about 2:45 P.M., fire was discovered on the west wide of the kitchen roof. When discovered, it had burned a hole about 2 feet in length. Mr. Rafuse called me on the telephone. I at once responded and with the help of Stephen Murphy and Hugh MacIntyre, who were near at hand, succeeded in extinguishing the blaze before any very serious damage was done. The fire department was called out by the coal company's whistle but before any of the fire equipment arrived, the fire was all out. Approximate loss: \$100.

## **MARCH 1931**

### **Friday 27**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and mild with light easterly wind.

## **MARCH 1931**

### **Saturday 28**

Louisburg, NS

Mild and partly clear with light northeast to east winds.

#### Welsh Artists.

At 7:30 P.M., in the First United Church, two Welsh Artists, Risca Williams, Baritone and Idris Hopkins, pianist and accompanist, rendered a programme of vocal and instrumental music. Mr. Williams, who is a survivor of the sinking of the Lusitania, also delivered a lecture on that awful disaster which occurred on May 7, 1915 while the Cunard liner Lusitania, Capt. Turner was enroute from New York, U. S. A. to Liverpool, England. Of the passengers and crew on board about 1200 were lost. The Lusitania was torpedoed by a German submarine during the Great War.

## **MARCH 1931**

### **Sunday 29**

Louisburg, NS

Mild and partly clear with light southerly wind.

British steamer "CALUMET", Capt. Addison of the Elder Dumpster line enroute from Africa, arrived for bunker coal at about 7 A.M. and docked at the coal pier.

Mrs. Huntington and I attended service in the First United Church at 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. Both morning and evening services were conducted by Rev. D. A. MacMillan. At the evening service the address was delivered by Mr. Risca Williams of Wales. His subject was "sincerity in prayer". Mr. Williams also sang two solos during the service. The first was "A dream of Paradise" and the second was "Jesus, lover of my soul" to the tune of [blank]. He was accompanied by Mr. Idris Hopkins at the piano.

## **MARCH 1931**

### **Monday 30**

Louisburg, NS

Mild and cloudy followed by rain at about 11:30 which continued during the greater part of the afternoon. Fresh to strong southerly wind. Fog at night.

Mr. Risca Williams and Mr. Idris Hopkins who held a concert and lecture in the First United Church on Saturday night and took part in the service in the same church yesterday evening, left on the 8:45 A.M. train for Sydney.

#### Fire at the residence of James Dowd.

The fire alarm sounded at about 10:30 A.M., for a roof fire at the home of James Dowd on Kent Street. The firemen responded quickly and the fire was extinguished before any very serious damage was done. Approximate damage \$50.

## **MARCH 1931**

### **Tuesday 31**

Louisburg, N.S.

Mild and mostly clear with light southwest to west winds.

Attended a meeting of the Louisburg Fire Brigade at 7:30 P.M. Chief, G.B. Hiltz presided, 13 firemen present.

At 2 P.M., I visited the public school and gave a talk on the early history of Louisburg to the pupils of grades 4, 5, 6 & 7.

## **APRIL 1931**

### **Wednesday 1**

Louisburg, NS

Cloud and mild with some fog. Rain began to fall at about 6 P.M. Light southwest wind.

British steamer "CALUMET", Capt. Addison, sailed at about 7 A.M. for St. John, NB. While in port, she took on board about 1200 tons of bunker coal.

The streets of the town are entirely bare, with the exception of a few patches of ice. Mud has taken the place of the snow which has been with us so long. The fields and country roads are still pretty well covered.

## **APRIL 1931**

### **Thursday 2**

Louisburg, NS

Rain during the greater part of the day. Wind southerly.

Attended and presided at a regular meeting of the Town council at 7:30 P.M. All the members of the Council were present except Councillor D. J. MacInnis. At this meeting Neil Murphy was appointed Policeman, Jailer, Truant Officer, Sanitary Inspector and Inspector of Fire Ordinance. Also electric light meter reader for the Town of Louisburg.

## **APRIL 1931**

### **Friday 3**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy, mild and foggy. Partly cloudy in the afternoon. Light southwest wind.

Steamer "LINGAN", Capt. Lewis arrived from Halifax in the afternoon for a cargo of coal.

In the evening, the choir of the First United Church rendered a Cantata entitled "From Manger to Cross" in the First United Church. There were about 120 present. At the close of the Cantata, the members of the choir were guests of Mr. & Mrs. John A MacDonald, Choir leader and organist respectively where a very pleasant social evening was spent.

## **APRIL 1931**

### **Saturday 4**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and foggy with light southwest wind. Some rain during the afternoon.

The Earl of Bessborough sworn in as Governor General of Canada.

The Earl and Countess of Bessborough arrived at Halifax this morning on board the C. P. R. liner "Duchess of Bedford", Capt. H. Sibbons. R. N. R. Lord and Lady Bessborough were accompanied by their two children, Lady Mayra, aged 13 and Viscount Duncanson, aged 18. The Viceregal party were met at the landing by the members of the Federal and Provincial Governments and escorted to the Province building where the oath of allegiance and the oath of office were administered by Mr. Justice Thibadeau Rinfret of the Supreme Court. Three addresses were then read. The first by Premier R. B. Bennett on behalf of the Dominion, the second by Premier G. S. Harrington for the Province and the third on behalf of the City of Halifax by Mayor Louis Gastonguay.

The ceremonies being over, a luncheon was served in the "Nova Scotian" hotel which was attended by the members of the Federal Cabinet, Provincial Cabinet, members of the Local Legislation and other invited guests. Luncheon being over, the Viceregal party left by train enroute for Ottawa. Lord Bessborough is the fourth Governor General to be sworn in at Halifax. The three previous ones were as follows: Marquis of Lorne, Nov 23, 1871, Earl Grey, Dec 10, 1904, Duke of Devonshire, Nov 11, 1916.

## **APRIL 1931**

### **Sunday 5**

Louisburg, NS

Mild and clear with light northerly wind. An ideal day.

In company with Mrs. Huntington, I attended service in the First United Church at 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. Both morning and evening services were conducted by Rev. D. A. MacMillan. The regular quarterly Communion service was held at the morning service.

## **APRIL 1931**

### **Monday 6**

Louisburg, NS

Cool and partly clear with light northeast wind.

At 6:30 P.M., Mrs. Huntington and I attended a supper and Fancy Sale in the Parish Hall held under the auspices of the ladies of St. Bartholomew's Church.

Neil Murphy was sworn in by B.M. Spencer in the afternoon as Police Officer, Sanitary Inspector, Truant Officer, Jailer and Inspector of Fire Ordinance and entered on his duties.

## **APRIL 1931**

**Tuesday 7**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and cool with rain during the afternoon and evening. Rainfall about 3/4 inch.

Attended and presided at a regular meeting of the School Board at 7:30 P.M. Commissioners present: Clarence Peters, Paul Bates, J. A. MacDonald and M. S. Huntington. The principal business of the meeting was the selection of the teaching staff for the 1931-32 term. The following is the slate of teachers: Principal, Victor A. Fisher, Alice Ley, Blanche Cross, Evelyn Smith, Mary Hiltz and Annie Pope. Annie Pope is the only new appointee. All of the others are members of the present staff. Rachael MacLean, who is at present a member of the staff, did not offer for reappointment owing to ill health.

Dominion Coal Company's tug "CRUIZER", Capt. Bragg, which has been stationed at this port during the winter months, sailed for Sydney at about 2:30 P.M. to take up her duties at the port during the summer season.

**APRIL 1931****Wednesday 8**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and foggy with light variable wind, mostly southwest.

Steamer "FERNFIELD" arrived bunkered and sailed.

Mrs. Huntington and I attended choir practice in the First United Church at 9 P.M.

**APRIL 1931****Thursday 9**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and chilly during the forenoon. Clear in the afternoon and evening with fresh to moderate northerly wind.

**APRIL 1931****Friday 10**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and chilly with moderate to fresh southwest wind.

Death of Mrs. James MacPhee.

The death occurred at her home on Main Street at about 6 P.M., of Mrs. James MacPhee. Mrs. MacPhee, who before her marriage was Miss Catherine Gillis of Grand Mira, had been in poor health for many years, but was usually able to be about the house until about a week ago. She was about 70 years of age.

**APRIL 1931****Saturday 11**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and cool with fresh to strong southwest wind. Light showers in the evening.

At 8 P.M., I attended a meeting of the Board of Stewards of the First United church. This being the first meeting of the board during 1931, election of officers was the first business before the meeting. On motions, John H. Skinner was elected Chairman and John A. MacDonald was reelected Secretary. The following members were present: John H. Skinner, John A. MacDonald, William Phalen, Neil MacRury, John N. MacDonald and M. S. Huntington.

## **APRIL 1931**

### **Sunday 12**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and cool with moderate northwest wind.

In company with William Phalen and Mr. & Mrs. John A. MacDonald, I attended the funeral of the late Mrs. James MacPhee at 2 P.M. The funeral service which was largely attended took place in the Roman Catholic Church and was conducted by Rev. Father D. H. Doyle. The Pall Bearers were: John Power, D. J. Matheson, Alex Bates, D. J. MacInnis, Hugh Lynk and M. S. Huntington.

Mrs. Huntington and I attended services in the First United Church at 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. Both morning and evening services were in charge of the Rev. D. A. MacMillan. At 7 P.M. instead of the regular service, the choir rendered a Cantata entitled, "From Manger to Cross". This Cantata had been previously rendered in the First United Church on Friday evening (Good Friday) April 3, 1931 and was repeated this evening by request.

At 3:30 P.M., Mrs. Huntington and I visited the home of Mrs. Z. W. Townsend and remained there for supper, returning home at about 5:30.

## **APRIL 1931**

### **Monday 13**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and cool with fresh southwest wind becoming cloudy in the afternoon.

Death at Sydney of George D. Muggah after an illness of about a week. Mr. Muggah was Prothonotary of the County of Cape Breton for the past twenty years and was well and favorably known throughout the county.

Conductor Michael MacKenzie of the Sydney and Louisburg Railway, who has been off duty through illness for about [blank] months, resumed his duties today. He will be in charge of the freight and accommodation train which leaves here at 8:45 A.M. and returns in the evening. William Phalen, who has been in charge of this train for the past number of months, will for the present run out of Glace Bay as conductor on coal trains.

## **APRIL 1931**

### **Tuesday 14**



Louisburg, NS

Cool and mostly clear with moderate south west wind which changed to easterly in the evening.

Death during the night of James Hart aged 89 years.

## **APRIL 1931**

### **Wednesday 15**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and chilly with north, northeast wind which increased to a gale during the night. Snow squalls in the afternoon and snow storm at night.

Dominion Coal Company's tug "ASCUPART" which wintered here, sailed for Sydney at 9 A.M. to take up her duties at that port during the shipping season. The "Ascupart" is in command of Capt. D. W. Ley of this town.

### **FIRE**

Fire on roof of school house.

At 11:45 A.M., Freeman MacKenzie notified me that the roof of the school house was on fire. I immediately ordered the sounding of the fire alarm and in a few minutes, a sufficient number of the Fire Brigade responded to take the hose reel and 300 feet of hose to the fire hydrant near the school from which we got an excellent stream of water which extinguished the fire in short order. The fire, while not very serious, burned a hole in the roof about three feet across. The plaster over the Principal's room and in the hallway was damaged to some extent by water which came down through the roof. Total damage approximately \$300.00.

In company with Mrs. Huntington, attended choir practice in the First United Church at 9 P.M.

## **APRIL 1931**

### **Thursday 16**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy with snow squalls during the greater part of the day. Fresh northerly wind which followed the heavy gale of last night died out to a light breeze in the afternoon. Snow fall of last night and today amounted to about six inches.

At 7:30 P.M., I attended and presided at a regular meeting of the Town Council. Councillors present: Peters, Bates, MacKenzie and Matheson.

The funeral of the late James Hart took place in the morning. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Father D. H. Doyle. Interment took place in the Roman Catholic cemetery.

## **APRIL 1931**

### **Friday 17**

Louisburg, NS

Mild and remarkably clear with light winds. Snow fall of yesterday rapidly disappearing leaving mud in its place.

Mr. S.H. Stevenson, Insurance Adjuster, arrived on the morning train for the purpose of appraising the losses from recent fires in our town. Councillors Bates, Matheson and I met him shortly after his arrival and went into the matter of the school house fire with him. We finally fixed the amount of damage at \$454.00 which I think will be satisfactory to all concerned.

## **APRIL 1931**

### **Saturday 18**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and cool with moderate southwest wind. Showery in the late afternoon and heavy rain during the night.

#### **Fire.**

Hooper Building seriously damaged by fire.

Fire which broke out at about 4:50 A.M., badly gutted the residence of Mr. D. S. Hooper and to a great extent destroyed the furniture in the building. The fire broke out so suddenly there was no chance of saving anything. The occupants having to flee for their lives. The lower story was occupied by John Murphy as a store. After the flames had been subdued to some extent, all the stock was removed from the store, though some of it was in a damaged condition. The occupants of the building smelled smoke at about 10 P.M. yesterday but could not locate any fire though a careful search was made throughout the building during the night. Though no fire could be found, the smell of wood smoke still persisted. At 2:40 A.M., Percy MacKinnon notified me of the above conditions. I instructed him to remain on watch and to call out the Fire Brigade in the event of fire being discovered. The fire broke out during his temporary absence from the building and was first discovered by the occupants who immediately gave the alarm. The firemen quickly responded and in a few minutes had two good streams of water from a nearby hydrant flowing on the blaze which by 7 A.M. was "all out". Approximate damage to building \$1800.00, to furniture \$1000.00, to stock in store \$300.00.

## **APRIL 1931**

### **Sunday 19**

Louisburg, NS

Cool and mostly clear with light northwest wind.

Mrs. Huntington and I attended service in the First United Church at 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. Both morning and evening services were conducted by Rev. D. A. MacMillan.

## **APRIL 1931**

### **Monday 20**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and cool with moderate northeast wind.

At about 2 P.M., in company with Councillors D. J. Matheson and Paul P. Bates, I visited the gravel beach near Slattery's Head with a view of obtaining gravel for street purposes. There is a considerable deposit of gravel on the beach but it is somewhat difficult to get at owing to a steep

bank leading down to the shore. We, however, decided to start operations in a day or two in order to find out if it is feasible to obtain gravel from this point without it costing too much.

## **APRIL 1931**

### **Tuesday 21**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and moderately cool with light northeast wind. An Ideal day.

The first work in connection with the appropriation granted to the Town of Louisburg last autumn for unemployment relief by the Provincial and Federal Governments was begun today when repairs were begun on a road leading to the gravel beach at Slattery's Head. This road is being put in order preparatory to trucking gravel from the beach for street repairs in the Town of Louisburg.

## **APRIL 1931**

### **Wednesday 22**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and cool with moderate northeast wind. Showers in the evening.

## **APRIL 1931**

### **Thursday 23**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy, cool and misty with moderate north wind.

In the afternoon in company with Councillors P. P. Bates and D. J. Matheson, I visited the gravel deposits on Clark's and Lorraine roads with a view to getting gravel for surfacing the streets. On returning, we visited the lower end of the harbour and examined the breast work along the Havenside road.

At 7:30 P.M., I attended and presided at a meeting of the Town Council. All the Councillors were present. At this meeting our new police officer, Neil Murphy was authorized to collect taxes and electric light bills. After considerable discussion, the discount of five per cent allowed on light bills up to the 15<sup>th</sup> of the current month, was allowed to remain as at present.

## **APRIL 1931**

### **Friday 24**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and misty with light northeast wind.

## **APRIL 1931**

### **Saturday 25**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and moderately warm with light northwest wind becoming cool in the afternoon. An ideal day.

At 8 P.M., I attended a meeting of the street and bridge committee in Councillor Bates shop. Present at this meeting were Councillors Michael MacKenzie, D. J. Matheson, Wm. W. Lewis, P. P. Bates and myself. At this meeting a general discussion took place respecting expenditures for street and bridge work for 1931.

## **APRIL 1931**

### **Sunday 26**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and cool with fresh southwest wind.

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M., Mrs. Huntington and I attended services in the First United Church. Both morning and evening services were conducted by Rev. D. A. MacMillan.

In the afternoon, Mrs. Huntington and I went for a walk along Wolfe Street returning via Slattery's Head and Commercial Street.

## **APRIL 1931**

### **Monday 27**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and cool with moderate southeast gale accompanied by rain in the forenoon. Cloud in the afternoon. Wind shifting to southwest and moderating to some extent.

The street employees engaged in graveling Main Street were compelled to quit work at about 10:30 A.M. owing to heavy rain.

The Dominion Coal Company employees, who work at Sydney during the summer months received orders to report for duty at the Sydney shipping piers tomorrow.

## **APRIL 1931**

### **Tuesday 28**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and very cool with southwest gale.

At 7:30 P.M., I attended a meeting of the Louisburg Fire Brigade.

## **APRIL 1931**

### **Wednesday 29**

Louisburg/Sydney, NS

Clear and very cool with moderate to fresh southwest wind.

I motored to Sydney in the morning in one of Abe Cameron's trucks (Eddie Wilcox driver) arriving at Sydney at about 9:40 A.M. At 2 P.M., I attended a special meeting of the Cape Breton Joint Expenditure Board which was held in the Council Chamber of the Court house. This meeting was called for the purpose of discussing the question of erecting a new County Jail.

According to a report of the jail commission, the jail which was built some years ago with accommodations for 50 prisoners is now housing more than 90. It was felt by all present at the meeting that something had to be done to relieve the situation. But no one thought that the board was in a position at the present time to erect a new jail with an estimated cost of \$120,000. After considerable discussion, it was decided to have a conference with Premier Harrington in an effort to have the Provincial Government assume a share of the burden of providing jail accommodations.

At noon, I was present at the sheriff's sale of the assets of the Cape Breton Electric Company. Sheriff Ronald MacVicar conducted the sale and knocked down the property to Mr. D.C. Sinclair of New Glasgow for \$890,000. John MacNeil of the law firm of MacNeil & Morrison made the first bid. This offer being \$500,000 which was quickly by Sinclair's bid of \$890,000 which took the property.

## **APRIL 1931**

### **Thursday 30**

Sydney/ Louisburg, NS

Clear and cool with fresh to moderate southwest wind.

I returned to Louisburg on the morning train arriving at Louisburg at about 10 A.M.

#### **Beckett Hanged.**

George Alfred Beckett, a native of Newfoundland, was hanged at the County Jail, Sydney at 12:40 this morning for the murder of Nicholas Marthois (Nick the Greek). The murder for which Beckett paid the extreme penalty took place at Glace Bay on Sept 22, 1930. Sometime after the murder, Beckett was arrested in Newfoundland and charged with the crime. He was tried at Sydney before Judge Hugh Ross and found guilty on Feb 21, 1931 and sentenced to be hanged.

## **MAY 1931**

### **Friday 1**

Louisburg, NS

Cool and mostly cloudy with light variable winds. Hail and rain squalls during the forenoon. Light snow squalls in the evening.

I attended and presided at a special meeting of the Town Council called for regular business at 7:30 P.M. All the members of the Council were present except Councillor MacKenzie.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Fred Wilcox took place on the arrival of the morning train. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Crewe of Glace Bay and Rev. L. H. Draper of Louisburg. Interment at Big Lorraine.

## **MAY 1931**

### **Saturday 2**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and cool with moderate southwest wind.

**MAY 1931**

**Sunday 3**

Louisburg, NS

Rain during the greater part of the day with fresh southeast to southwest wind.

I attended service in the First United Church at 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. Both morning and evening services were conducted by Rev. D. A. MacMillan. Mrs. Huntington was not present at the evening service, but accompanied me to the morning service.

**MAY 1931**

**Monday 4**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and cool with moderate northwest wind.

**MAY 1931**

**Tuesday 5**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and very cool with heavy northerly wind.

Attended and presided at a regular meeting of the School Board at 7:30 P.M. The following commissioners were present: John A. MacDonald, Clarence Peters and Paul P. Bates.

In the afternoon, I visited the water front and found that the proposed Government wharf has been started. The work of construction which began two or three days ago appears to be [blank].

**MAY 1931**

**Wednesday 6**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and very cool with strong to moderate northerly wind.

In company with Mrs. Huntington, I attended choir practice in the First United Church at 9 P.M.

**MAY 1931**

**Thursday 7**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and cool with moderate west to southwest winds.

Attended and presided at a regular meeting of the Town Council at 7:30 P.M. All Councillors present.

**MAY 1931**

**Friday 8**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and warm with light to moderate northwest to west winds. A perfect day. Maximum temperature about 72.

#### Fire on roof of School House.

What came near being a very serious fire took place on the roof of the school building at about 10:15 A.M. The blowing of the fire whistle brought the firemen out in quick time and in a few minutes we had two streams playing on the blaze which subdued it after considerable damage had been done. The roof is badly scorched and the interior is heavily soaked with water. We laid two lines of hose from the hydrant in front of the school. One we led up through the building to the attic where the fire had broken through in several places. From this point very effective work was done. The other line was taken up a ladder on to the roof and did splendid work from that position. In about fifteen minutes after the arrival of the firemen, the fire was "all out". Approximate damage \$800.00. This is the second school fire within the space of about three weeks, the other one occurring on April 15.

The death occurred at about 11 P.M. of Charles Stacey aged 88 years. Mr. Stacey was born at Gabarus but moved to Louisburg about 57 years ago, where he resided until the time of his death. He is survived by one son and three daughters: A. Wylie, with whom he resided, Margaret (Mrs. Melville MacGillivary) of Sydney, Victoria (widow of the late John A. MacGillivary) in the U.S.A. and Hattie (Mrs. Adams) also in the U. S. A.

### **MAY 1931**

#### **Saturday 9**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and moderately warm. Showery during the afternoon and evening. Light southwest wind.

Four masted schooner, "LUCIA P. DOW", Capt. Cole in tow of the Coal Company's tug "ASCUPART", Capt. Rush arrived at about 8 A.M. with material for the government wharf which is in course of construction at this place. The schooner docked at the freight wharf and proceeded to discharge her cargo.

Mr. H.S. Stevenson, Insurance Adjuster, arrived at about 11 A.M. by automobile from Sydney for the purpose of adjusting the fire loss in connection with the school building fire, which occurred yesterday. Councillor P. P. Bates, John N. MacDonald and I visited the scene of the fire with Mr. Stevenson who after going over the matter carefully, appraised the damage to the exterior and interior of the building at \$920.00 which award I think is quite satisfactory to all concerned.

(Clipping from Sydney Daily Record May 9, 1931 - "President of C. B. Air Club and Mayors send greetings to Halifax aboard planes")

### **MAY 1931**

#### **Sunday 10**

Louisburg, NS

Mother's Day.

Clear and cool with moderate northeast wind.

In company with Mrs. Huntington, I attended service in the First United Church at 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. Both morning and evening services were conducted by Rev. D. A. MacMillan.

The funeral of the late Charles Stacey took place at about 2 P.M. After a short service at the house, the remains were taken to the First United Church where the funeral service was held in the presence of an audience which packed the church to capacity. The service at the house, church and grave were conducted by Rev. D. A. MacMillan. The Pall bearers were: Dr. D. A. Morrison, Arthur Townsend, George Harris, Alex Bates, Daniel Fleet and M. S. Huntington.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bagnall, their two sons and Miss Reynolds of Gabarus who were in town attending Mr. Stacey's funeral, called at our house and had tea with us before leaving for home.

Miss Maud Huntington of Salmon River who motored to Louisburg in the afternoon, visited us before leaving for home.

Mr. Gordon Att of Sydney, Anglican student Minister, who is to be an assistant to Rev. L. H. Draper during the summer months, held service in the Anglican Church today for the first time.

## **MAY 1931**

### **Monday 11**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and cool with light variable winds. A few showers at night.

The Street and Bridge committee resumed the work of graveling the streets today.

## **MAY 1931**

### **Tuesday 12**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy, foggy and cool in the forenoon. Partly clear in the afternoon and evening. Light south east wind shifting to westerly.

## **MAY 1931**

### **Wednesday 13**

Louisburg, NS

Cool and mostly cloudy with light variable winds.

The four masted schooner "LUCIA P. DOW", Capt. Cole which arrived here on last Saturday with a cargo of timber for the new wharf, finished discharging her cargo at about 10 A.M. and sailed in tow of the tug "ASCUPART", Capt. Rush.

## **MAY 1931**

### **Thursday 14**

Louisburg, NS



Rained heavily nearly all day. Very chilly with moderate to fresh easterly wind.

Attended and presided at a special meeting of the Town council at 7:30 P.M. Councillors present: Matheson, Bates, MacKenzie and Peters. This meeting was called for the purpose of considering a draft of new by-laws for the Town of Louisburg. Meeting adjourned at about 8:45 P.M.

## **MAY 1931**

### **Friday 15**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and chilly with moderate to fresh southwest wind.

## **MAY 1931**

### **Saturday 16**

Louisburg, NS

Chilly and mostly cloudy with moderate to fresh south west wind. Showers in the evening.

## **MAY 1931**

### **Sunday 17**

Louisburg, NS

Very chilly and mostly clear with moderate to fresh northeast wind.

Mrs. Huntington and I attended service in the First United Church at 11 A.M. I also attended at 7 P.M. Mrs. Huntington did not attend the evening service owing to the illness of Mrs. Janette Spencer who lives next door. Both morning and evening services were conducted by Rev. D. A. MacMillan.

## **MAY 1931**

### **Monday 18**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and cool with fresh to moderate north west wind.

Began painting my dwelling house in the afternoon. Will likely require some assistance before I finish the job.

## **MAY 1931**

### **Tuesday 19**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and cool with moderate to strong southwest wind.

## **MAY 1931**

### **Wednesday 20**

Louisburg/Sydney, NS

Clear, moderately warm at Louisburg and very warm at Sydney. Temperature at Sydney said to be 83 degrees.

I motored to Sydney at about 8:30 in one of Cameron's trucks (Harold Covey, driver) for the purpose of attending a special meeting of the Cape Breton Joint Expenditure Board.

## **MAY 1931**

### **Thursday 21**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and cool with fresh south west wind. Some fog on the coast.

Attended and presided at a regular meeting of the Town council at 7:30 P.M. Councillors present: Matheson, Lewis, Bates, Peters and MacInnis.

## **MAY 1931**

### **Friday 22**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and cool with moderate southwest wind.

## **MAY 1931**

### **Saturday 23**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and moderately warm becoming foggy and cool in the evening. Light southwest wind.

## **MAY 1931**

### **Sunday 24**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and foggy with occasional heavy showers. Heavy rain at night.

Mrs. Huntington and I attended service in the First United Church at 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. Both services were conducted by Rev. D. A. MacMillan.

## **MAY 1931**

### **Monday 25**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and foggy in the forenoon. Clear in the afternoon and evening with moderate southwest wind.

## **MAY 1931**

### **Tuesday 26**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy, foggy and showery with southerly wind.

The death of Mrs. Christine Townsend took place at her home on Main Street at about 4 A.M.

## **MAY 1931**

### **Wednesday 27**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and foggy. Clearing in the afternoon.

In company with Mrs. Huntington, I attended choir practice in the First United Church at 9 P.M.

## **MAY 1931**

### **Thursday 28**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and moderately warm with light variable wind.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Christine Townsend took place at about 1:30 P.M. After a short service at the house, the remains were taken to the First United Church where the funeral service was held by Rev. D. A. MacMillan. The interment took place in the cemetery of the First United Church on Clarke's Road. The Pall Bearers were as follows: Arthur Townsend, Charles Beaver, [blank].

## **MAY 1931**

### **Friday 29**

Louisburg/Sydney, NS

Clear and moderately warm with light variable wind.

Shortly after noon, Mrs. Z. W. Townsend, Emeline and I motored to Sydney with Wesley Townsend. Mrs. Townsend and Emeline spent the afternoon shopping while Wesley and I wandered around the city trying to kill time. We all left for home at about 5:30 P.M. arriving at about 6:45.

## **MAY 1931**

### **Saturday 30**

Louisburg

Moderately warm and mostly cloudy with light winds.

## **MAY 1931**

### **Sunday 31**

Louisburg

Gabarus

Moderately warm and mostly clear with moderate northeast wind which shifted to southwest in the afternoon.

At about 10:30 A.M., a party consisting of Mrs. Z. W. Townsend, Mrs. Samuel Townsend, Fletcher and Wesley Townsend, Emerson Grant, Emeline and I, left here for Gabarus in two

automobiles. The route we took was via Albert Bridge, Hillside, Marion Bridge and Big Ridge. At about 1 P.M., we stopped and had lunch in a field near the road at Big Ridge. We finally arrived at Gabarus at about 3 P.M. After visiting the cemetery at Gabarus and the homes of Charles Bagnall, Russell Bagnall, Capt. John Grant and Capt. Albert Bagnall, we left for home at about 5:30 P.M. arriving at Louisburg at about 7:45.

## **JUNE 1931**

### **Monday 1**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and foggy with showers. Wind southerly.

## **JUNE 1931**

### **Tuesday 2**

Louisburg/Sydney, NS

Cloudy, foggy and showery with southerly winds shifting to northeast in the afternoon.

Mrs. Huntington and I motored to Sydney shortly after noon with Wesley Townsend returning at about 5 P.M. While at Sydney, Mrs. Huntington had six teeth extracted by Dr. Dahlgleish.

Attended and presided at a regular meeting of the School Board at 7:30 P.M. Commissioners present: Bates, Peters, MacDonald and myself.

## **JUNE 1931**

### **Wednesday 3**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and cool with fresh to strong northerly wind.

## **JUNE 1931**

### **Thursday 4**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and moderately warm with light winds.

Attended and presided at a regular meeting of the Town Council at 7:30 P.M. All councillors present except Michael MacKenzie.

## **JUNE 1931**

### **Friday 5**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and cool with light northeast wind.

## **JUNE 1931**

### **Saturday 6**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy, foggy and showery with southwest wind. Partly clear in the evening. Wind shifting to northwest.

## **JUNE 1931**

### **Sunday 7**

Louisburg

Cool and mostly cloudy with light southwest wind.

Emeline and I attended service in the First United Church at 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. Both morning and evening services were conducted by Rev. D. A. MacMillan.

## **JUNE 1931**

### **Monday 8**

Louisburg

Cool and partly clear with light winds.

## **JUNE 1931**

### **Tuesday 9**

Louisburg

Cool and cloudy with light northeast wind.

## **JUNE 1931**

### **Wednesday 10**

Louisburg, NS

Cool and mostly cloudy with moderate to light easterly wind.

In company with Emeline, I attended choir practice in the First United Church at 9 P.M.

## **JUNE 1931**

### **Thursday 11**

Louisburg/Sydney, NS

Cool and partly clear with light easterly wind.

Motored to Sydney in the forenoon with Wesley Townsend and Emeline. Left Louisburg at about 9 A.M. returning at about 5 P.M.

## **JUNE 1931**

### **Friday 12**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and cool with light easterly wind. Rain at night.

## **JUNE 1931**

**Saturday 13**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and moderately cool with light northeast wind. Partly clear in the evening.

**JUNE 1931****Sunday 14**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and moderately cool with moderate south west wind.

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M., Emeline and I attended service in the First United Church. Both morning and evening services were conducted by Rev. D. A. MacMillan.

In the afternoon in company with Emeline, I walked to the lighthouse via Havenside returning at about 5 P.M.

**JUNE 1931****Monday 15**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and moderately cool with moderate to fresh southwest wind.

Naval Defense Seaplane W. E. arrived from Sydney at about 9 P.M. and for about one hour flew over Louisburg and vicinity. It had been prearranged by Judge Walter Crowe of Sydney that she should land near "Old Town" and a mooring had been placed for her convenience by Mr. Price the caretaker of the National Park. But for some reason unknown to me the plane did not alight. The seaplanes W. E. and W. D. arrived at Sydney about two weeks ago and I understand since that time they have been engaged in taking aerial views of Cape Breton Island for mapping purposes. The plane's visit here today was for the purpose of taking photographs from the air of Louisburg and the surrounding district. Mr. A. A. Martell, M.L.A. and I motored to the park to meet the commander of the plane and show him points of interest as previously arranged but as he did not land, we returned shortly before noon.

**JUNE 1931****Tuesday 16**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and moderately cool with light southwest wind.

Mr. Steele of North Sydney dealer in monuments and grave stones arrived here in the forenoon with two other men for the purpose of erecting a grave stone at the grave of Uncle John N. Spencer. At the request of Mrs. Spencer, I accompanied them to the cemetery and showed them where to place the stone after which I went with them to Slattery's Head, where they obtained a quantity of gravel and sand sufficient to make concrete enough for the foundation of the grave stone. Mr. Steele also brought on his motor truck a grave stone to be erected in the Spencer cemetery at Mira to the memory of Mr. & Mrs. William Spencer (my Grandfather and Grandmother) and three of their children who were also buried there. After Mr. Steele and party finished erecting the stone in the Louisburg cemetery, I accompanied them to the Mira cemetery

where with the assistance of Mr. Asaph Spencer, I located the spot where the grave stone is to be erected. It then being about 4:30 P.M., I left them to do the job according to instruction. After calling at the home of Asaph Spencer for a few minutes, I set out on foot for Mira Gut station to catch the evening train for Louisburg. I arrived there after a brisk walk of about two miles about 7 minutes ahead of the train which I boarded for Louisburg arriving there at about 6 P.M.

## **JUNE 1931**

### **Wednesday 17**

Louisburg

Cloudy and foggy with heavy rain during the greater part of the day. Wind southerly.

In company with Emeline, I attended choir practice in the First United Church at 9 P.M.

## **JUNE 1931**

### **Thursday 18**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and cool.

Attended and presided at a regular meeting of the Town Council at 7:30 P.M. All councillors present except Councillor Bates.

## **JUNE 1931**

### **Friday 19**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and moderately cool with moderate southwest wind.

Attended and presided at a special meeting of the Town Council at 10 A.M.

## **JUNE 1931**

### **Saturday 20**

Louisburg, NS

Mostly clear with moderate southwest wind.

## **JUNE 1931**

### **Sunday 21**

Louisburg, NS

Partly clear with moderate southwest wind which changed to northerly in the late afternoon. Cool during the early part of the day becoming warm in the evening. Max temperature about 75.

In company with Emeline, I attended service in the First United Church at 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. Both morning and evening services were conducted by Rev. D. A. MacMillan.

## **JUNE 1931**

**Monday 22**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and moderately warm with fresh to strong north west wind.

**JUNE 1931****Tuesday 23**

Louisburg, NS/Sydney, NS

Clear and cool with fresh to strong northwest wind.

I motored to Sydney in the morning with Rev. D. A. MacMillan who was going to attend a meeting of the Sydney Presbytery. We arrived at Sydney at about 10:30 A.M. Dined at the Vidal Hotel. Left for Louisburg at 2 P.M., arriving at about 3:30.

**JUNE 1931****Wednesday 24**

Louisburg, NS

Moderately warm and mostly cloudy with light variable wind.

Fletcher and Wesley Townsend, Mrs. Z. W. Townsend, Mrs. Patience Townsend and Emeline motored to Vally, NS (two cars). Fletcher Townsend is to be married this evening or tomorrow morning to Miss Lila Townsend.

**JUNE 1931****Thursday 25**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and moderately warm with moderate to light northeast wind.

The marriage took place at Vally, NS at about 11 A.M. today of Fletcher Townsend of Louisburg to Miss Lila Townsend formerly of this town but for the last ten years a resident of Boston Mass. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. D. Townsend, brother of the groom.

Wesley Townsend, Mrs. Z. W. Townsend, Mrs. Patience Townsend and Emeline who motored to Vally, NS to be present at the wedding of Fletcher Townsend and Lila Townsend, returned home at about 10:15 P.M.

**JUNE 1931****Friday 26**

Louisburg, NS

Partly clear with some fog moderately warm with light to moderate southwest wind.

I attended and presided at a special meeting (for regular business) of the town Council at 7:30 P.M. Councillors present, Bates, MacKenzie, Peters, Matheson, MacInnis and Lewis. In checking up on the amount expended to date of our Unemployment Relief Appropriation, we found that the outlay up until and including today, was \$2022.73 which leaves a balance of \$77.25 of our total appropriation of \$2100.00.



## **JUNE 1931**

### **Saturday 27**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and moderately cool with light to moderate southwest wind. Rain began to fall at about 3 P.M. and continued during the night.

Through a telephone message received from Maria today, I learned that Uncle Arthur L. Huntington had passed away at Newton Centre, Mass. on last Thursday.

## **JUNE 1931**

### **Sunday 28**

Louisburg

Rained heavily nearly all day with moderate gale from southeast to east.

In company with Emeline, I attended service in the First United Church at 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. Both morning and evening services were conducted by Rev. D. A. MacMillan.

## **JUNE 1931**

### **Monday 29**

Louisburg

Cloudy and foggy with light southwest wind. Mostly clear and moderately warm in the afternoon.

In the forenoon, I visited Louisburg National Park with Miss Barrington of Sydney, Colonel Cameron of Montreal and Dr. O'Neil of Sydney.

Dr. Bayne held a T.B. clinic in the school building in the forenoon beginning at 9 A.M.

The "Young People's Society" of Knox Church, Glace Bay staged a show in the Masonic Hall in the evening entitled "Aaron Slick from Pumkin Crick". After the performance, the members of the cast and a number of their friends from Glace Bay as well as a number of the members of the United choir went to the home of Mr. D. J. MacInnis where lunch was served to all present by Mrs. MacInnis and family assisted by the ladies of the choir.

## **JUNE 1931**

### **Tuesday 30**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and moderately warm with light to moderate easterly wind. Foggy at night.

## **JULY 1931**

### **Wednesday 1**

Louisburg, NS

Mostly clear in the forenoon becoming foggy in the late afternoon and evening. Light southwest wind.

A general holiday with most of the larger places of business closed. I had my shop open for business from 9 A.M. until 12 noon, from 1 P.M. until 3 P.M. and from 7 to 9 P.M.

## **JULY 1931**

### **Thursday 2**

Louisburg, NS

Foggy and warm and mostly cloudy with light [blank]. Maximum temperature about 76.

I attended and presided at a regular meeting of the Town Council at 7:30 P.M.

## **JULY 1931**

### **Friday 3**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and foggy with light southwest wind. Maximum temperature about 70.

## **JULY 1931**

### **Saturday 4**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy, foggy, misty and warm with light south west wind.

## **JULY 1931**

### **Sunday 5**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and moderately warm with moderate to fresh northwest wind. Maximum temperature about 68.

In company with Emeline, I attended service in the First United Church at 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. Both services were conducted by Rev. D. A. MacMillan.

In the afternoon, Emeline and I visited the cemeteries on Clarke's Road.

## **JULY 1931**

### **Monday 6**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and moderately warm with moderate southwest wind.

## **JULY 1931**

### **Tuesday 7**

Louisburg, NS

Mostly clear with moderate southwest wind.

I attended and presided at a meeting of the school Board at 7:30 P.M. Commissioners present: Peters, Bates, MacPhee and Huntington.

## **JULY 1931**

### **Wednesday 8**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy, foggy, warm and showery with light southwest wind.

At 9 P.M. in company with Emeline, I attended choir practice in the First United Church.

## **JULY 1931**

### **Thursday 9**

Louisburg, NS

Partly clear and warm with some fog. Wind southwest. Maximum temperature about 75.

The First United Church of this town held their annual outing at Mira today. A special train conveyed the picnic party leaving here at 9:30 A.M. and returning at about 4 P.M.

## **JULY 1931**

### **Friday 10**

Louisburg, NS

Warm and mostly clear with some fog in the morning and evening. Wind southwest. Maximum temperature about 75.

## **JULY 1931**

### **Saturday 11**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy, foggy and warm with light southwest wind. Maximum temperature about 70.

## **JULY 1931**

### **Sunday 12**

Louisburg

Cloudy and moderately warm with moderate southwest wind.

#### *Anniversary Service.*

Emeline and I attended the Anniversary services of the First United Church at 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. The 11 A.M. service was conducted by Rev. John MacIntosh D.D. of Sydney and the evening service by Rev. Alex E. Kerr of Winnipeg, Man., assisted by Rev. D. A. MacMillan of the First United Church, this town, Mr. Kerr being the preacher. Good congregations were present at both services.

## **JULY 1931**

**Monday 13**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and moderately warm with moderate southwest wind.

At 1 P.M., I motored to Sydney with Mr. A. A. Martell and Capt. Isaac H. Cann

**JULY 1931****Tuesday 14**

Louisburg

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**JULY 1931****Wednesday 15**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy with some fog during the morning and evening. Clear and warm during part of the day. Some thunder and lightening with showers in the late afternoon.

The brotherhood of Knox United Church Glace Bay [blank].

**JULY 1931****Thursday 16**

Louisburg/Salmon River

Cloudy and threatening in the morning. Rain began to fall at about 10 A.M. and continued until the afternoon. Wind south to southwest.

In the forenoon, Wesley Townsend, Z. W. Townsend, Emeline and I motored to Clifford Huntington's at Salmon River, arriving shortly before noon. I remained at Clifford's while the rest of the party returned to Louisburg. Heber motored down to Clifford's in the afternoon and took me up home where I found mother quite well and very glad to see me.

**JULY 1931****Friday 17**

Salmon River

Clear and moderately warm with moderate northeast wind.

In the afternoon, I visited the home of William Huntington and remained for a short time. Aunt Lizzie, who is upwards of 80 years of age, was very much pleased to have me call but did not know me at first sight as it is about 12 years since she saw me before. After leaving, I visited the home of Arthur Huntington where I found the folks are well and busily engaged in picking and packing strawberries for the market. Arthur informed me that this years crop of berries was the largest he ever had. After remaining at Arthur's for about one hour, I returned to Heber's at about 5 P.M.

**JULY 1931**

**Saturday 18**

Salmon River

Rained heavily during the forenoon. Partly clear in the afternoon and evening. Wind northeast.

In the afternoon, Heber and I motored down to Clifford's where we took Clifford's boat and rowed across the river and visited the home of Mr. Arnold Severance.

**JULY 1931****Sunday 19**

Salmon River/Louisburg

Clear and moderately warm with moderate to fresh northwest wind.

**JULY 1931****Monday 20**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and moderately warm with moderate south west wind.

Rev. H. D. Townsend who is now stationed at Valley, NS accompanied by two of his sons, Alvin and Wofford, arrived by motor car in the evening for the purpose of visiting relatives and friends in Louisburg.

**JULY 1931****Tuesday 21**

Louisburg, NS

Moderately warm and mostly cloudy with moderate to fresh southwest wind. Showery during the evening

**JULY 1931****Wednesday 22**

Louisburg, NS

Moderately warm and mostly cloudy with some fog. Wind southwest.

In company with Emeline, I attended choir practice in the First United Church at 9 P.M.

**JULY 1931****Thursday 23**

Louisburg, NS/Sydney, NS

Cloudy and foggy with a light shower of rain in the forenoon. Clear and warm during the afternoon and evening.

At about 10:30 A.M., a party consisting of Fletcher Townsend, Mrs. Fletcher Townsend, Wesley Townsend, Rev. H. D. Townsend, Mrs. Z. W. Townsend, Mrs. Patience Townsend, Alvin Townsend, Wofford Townsend, Emeline and I in two cars motored to Sydney, New Waterford,

Dominion, Glace Bay, Port Morien and Mira arriving back to Louisburg at about 7 P.M. On our way to New Waterford, we stopped and had lunch by the roadside and returning in the evening we had lunch at the "Brick yard", Mira. The weather was splendid in the afternoon and we all enjoyed the trip immensely. At Brick Yard, I called at the home of Colin Ferguson and engaged him to build a chimney for the Louisburg school which is now under repairs following the fire which took place on the roof of the building last spring.

## **JULY 1931**

### **Friday 24**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and warm with moderate southwest wind. Maximum temperature about 80.

The first sword fish of this season arrived here today and was caught by Nelson Wilcox of Big Lorraine.

## **JULY 1931**

### **Saturday 25**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and foggy with some rain in the forenoon. Partly clear for a while in the afternoon becoming foggy in the evening. Wind southwest.

## **JULY 1931**

### **Sunday 26**

Louisburg, NS/Port Morien

Clear and moderately warm with moderate southwest wind. An ideal day followed by a perfect moonlight night.

At 11 A.M., in company with Emeline, I attended service in the First United Church, Rev. D. A. MacMillan was in charge of the service. In the evening Rev. D. A. MacMillan of Louisburg and Rev. Mr. MacIntosh of Port Morien exchanged pulpits. The choirs of the Louisburg and Port Morien also exchanged. The Louisburg United Church choir under the leadership of John A. MacDonald left Louisburg by motor cars at about 5 P.M. and proceeded to Port Morien where they took charge of the music at the evening service in the Morien United Church. At the close of the service, a lunch was served by the ladies of the congregation to the members of the choir and their friends who accompanied them. After lunch was served, we left for home arriving at about 10:20 P.M. The members were as follows: Mrs. J. A. MacDonald (organist), Mrs. Arthur Townsend, Mrs. D. A. MacMillan, Mrs. Edward MacDonald, Mrs. Murdoch Kerr, Mrs. Malcolm MacLeod, Miss Rita Hunt, Miss Bessie MacInnis, Miss Annie MacIntyre, Mrs. M. S. Huntington, Miss Hilda Skinner, John H. Skinner, Malcolm MacLeod, A. W. Stacey, Murdoch Kerr, John A. MacDonald, Harold Covey, Hugh Beaver, Miss Margaret Stacey and M. S. Huntington.

## **JULY 1931**

### **Monday 27**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and warm with moderate westerly wind. Maximum temperature about 80.

About 35 swordfish were brought in today and sold to the local dealers.

Attended and presided at a special meeting of the Town Council at 7:30 P.M. This meeting was called for the purpose of appointing representatives to meet Premier Harrington in connection with the removal of Sydney and Louisburg Railway trains, No's 94 and 95 which took place on June 20, 1931. Councillors present: Peters, Lewis, MacKenzie and Matheson. On motion of the Council, Rev. D. A. MacMillan and Fletcher Townsend were appointed as the town delegates.

## **JULY 1931**

### **Tuesday 28**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and warm with moderate southwest wind. Max temperature about 75.

## **JULY 1931**

### **Wednesday 29**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy, foggy and warm with strong west, southwest wind.

## **JULY 1931**

### **Thursday 30**

Sydney, NS/Louisburg, NS

Thunder and lightening accompanied by heavy rain in the morning. Stopped raining at about 8 A.M. Mostly clear during the remainder of the day and moderately warm. Wind westerly.

At about 8:45 A.M., I motored to Sydney in one of A. W. Cameron's trucks (Eddie Wilcox driver) for the purpose of attending a conference called by Premier G. S. Harrington to discuss ways and means of obtaining and distributing relief to the unemployed and needy throughout the various towns and the Municipality of the county of Cape Breton as well as the City of Sydney. Among those present at this meeting which was called to order at about 10:30 A.M. in the Supreme Court Chambers, were Hon. G. S. Harrington, Premier of Nova Scotia, Hon. Percy Black, Minister of Highways, Hon. John Douce, Provincial Secretary, Mayor D. W. Morrison, Glace Bay, Mayor MacConnell, Sydney, Mayor Kelly, North Sydney, Mayor Duyer, Sydney Mines, Mayor Mitchell, Dominion, Mayor Hinchy, New Waterford, Mr. Muise, Vice President U.M.W., Pat DeLaney, Secretary U.M.W., Dr. Morrison and councillor D. J. Matheson, Louisburg and H. J. Kelly, Vice President, D. S. Coal Co. The morning session which adjourned at about 1 P.M. was followed by an afternoon session which adjourned at 5 P.M. to meet at 10 A.M. tomorrow. The question of unemployment was thoroughly discussed at both sessions but nothing of a definite nature arrived at. Mayor James MacConnell of Sydney was chairman of the above meetings. At the close of today's conference, I motored to Louisburg with Fletcher and Wesley Townsend.

## **JULY 1931**

## **Friday 31**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and moderately warm with a heavy shower of rain shortly after noon which lasted for a short time. Clear and moderately cool during the remainder of the afternoon and evening. Wind southwest shifting to northwest.

At about 9 A.M., I motored to Sydney with Rev. D. A. MacMillan for the purpose of attending today's session of the unemployment conference which met in the Supreme Court Chamber at 10:30 A.M. Both morning and afternoon sessions were taken up by members of the various locals of the U.M.W in airing their grievances, leaving very little time to discuss the matter for which the conference was convened.

At about 2 P.M., a committee consisting of Allan MacDonald (chairman) representing the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, Mr. Adams representing the Glace Bay Board of Trade, D. H. MacLean, Warden of Cape Breton county, D. R. Cameron M.L.A. Glace Bay, Rev. D.A. MacMillan and myself representing the Town of Louisburg met Premier Harrington and officials of the Dominion Steel and Coal Company and S. & L. Railway consisting of H. J. Kelly, Vice Pres. Dominion Steel & Coal Company, J. R. MacIsaac, Traffic manager S.&L. Railway and D. W. MacDonald, Supt. S. & L. Railway. After a two hour session we adjourned without having received any encouragement in respect to the restoring of trains No's 94 and 95.

## **AUGUST 1931**

### **Saturday 1**

Louisburg, NS

Cool and mostly clear with a few light showers in the afternoon. Wind northerly.

## **AUGUST 1931**

### **Sunday 2**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and cool in the forenoon becoming cloudy at noon. Heavy showers accompanied by thunder and lightening during the afternoon.

Anniversary services in Catalone United Church at 11 A.M. and 3 P.M. The 11 A.M. service was conducted by Rev. Norman MacQueen of Washington, New Jersey assisted by Rev. D. A. MacMillan of Louisburg United Church. Sermon by Rev. Norman MacQueen. A Gaelic service followed immediately after the English service. At 3 P.M., Rev. Norman MacQueen was again the preacher but was assisted in the service by Rev. A. E. Kerr of Winnipeg, Man. Mr. Bragg, United Church student at Birch Grove and Rev. D. A. MacMillan of Louisburg. Rev. Norman MacQueen preached at Louisburg in the United Church at 7 P.M. At this service he was also assisted by Rev. D. A. MacMillan.

At 10:30 A.M., a party consisting of Fletcher Townsend, Mrs. Fletcher Townsend, Mrs. Patience Townsend, Clifton Townsend, Emerson Grant, Mrs. Z. W. Townsend, Wesley Townsend, Emeline and myself in two cars motored to Catalone and attended both the morning and afternoon services in the United Church. After the close of the morning service we had lunch by



the road side near the Bateston school house. After lunch we motored to Albert Bridge and remained there a short time before returning to Catalone. At the close of the afternoon service, we returned to Louisburg arriving at about 4:50 P.M. Emeline and I attended the 7 P.M. service in the United Church at Louisburg. After the evening service we visited the home of William Phalen where Rev. and Mrs. Norman MacQueen and Rev. and Mrs. D. A. MacMillan were also present.

## **AUGUST 1931**

### **Monday 3**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and moderately cool with variable winds.

Shortly before noon, I motored to the Louisburg Historic National Park with D. J. Kennedy where we picked up Judge Walter Crowe of Sydney, who had preceded us to the park. We then motored to Kennington Cove where Judge Crowe wished to make some preliminary arrangements in respect to the unveiling of a tablet on the 26<sup>th</sup> of this month to mark the first landing of the British troops on the morning of June 8, 1758. After visiting the cove, we motored back to the park stopping to have lunch by the roadside on the way. Mr. Kennedy left us at the park and motored to town. Judge Crowe and I remained at the park for about two hours and visited some of the points of interest which have lately been revealed by the excavating which is at present being carried on by Park Commission under the direction of Mr. Roberts, engineer. The Judge and I returned to town at about 4 P.M. after which he proceeded to Sydney. Mr. Laurence Price, caretaker of the National Park accompanied us to Kennington Cove and back.

At present there are a large number of boats and small vessels in the harbour engaged in sword fishing. It is reported that about 80 sword fish were landed here today.

## **AUGUST 1931**

### **Tuesday 4**

Louisburg, NS

Heavy rain during the greater part of the day accompanied by strong south to southwest wind which moderated in the afternoon. Foggy and calm in the evening.

At 7:30 P.M., I attended and presided at a regular meeting of the School Board. At this meeting tenders for the job of muriscoing (sic) the interior of the school building were opened. There were three tenders submitted as follows: Freeman Mosher \$250.00, D. M. Johnston \$96.00, Hugh Beaver and Gordon Cameron \$100.00. The contract was on motion awarded to D. M. Johnston for \$96.00. The time limit for having the work finished was set at Aug 22, 1931. The members of the Board present at this meeting were: Clarence Peters, Paul P. Bates and M. S. Huntington.

In the evening, the Louisburg Fire Brigade held a dance in the Masonic hall.

## **AUGUST 1931**

**Wednesday 5**

Louisburg, NS

Warm and partly clear with some fog on the coast, wind southwest.

**AUGUST 1931****Thursday 6**

Louisburg, NS/Sydney, NS

Clear and warm with moderate west to north west winds.

At about 8:45, I motored to Sydney in one of Cameron's trucks (Eddie Wilcox, driver) for the purpose of meeting Mr. H. J. Kelly, Vice President of the Dominion Steel and Coal Company and getting his decision on the question of restoring the train service on the S & L Railway which was canceled on June 20, 1931. At Sydney, I met the following members of our committee: Allan MacDonald, D. R. Cameron, M.L.A. Glace Bay and Mr. Adams of Glace Bay. At about 11 A.M., we assembled in Mr. Kelly's office where we were distinctly given to understand that there were no chance of the train schedule which was in force previous to June 20, 1931 being restored. At this meeting which lasted for about two hours, we discussed the matter from every angle but apparently failed to make any impression on the railway officials in the matter of restoring trains 94 and 95 on the S & L Railway. In other words we were flatly "turned down". Present at this meeting in Mr. Kelly's office were the following persons: H. J. Kelly, Vice President and General Manager of the Dominion Steel and Coal Company Ltd., J. R. MacIsaac, Traffic Manager, S & L Railway, D. W. MacDonald, Supt. S & L Railway, M. W. MacDonald, Comptroller, Dominion Steel and Coal Company, [blank] Murphy, assistant Traffic Manager, S & L Railway, D. R. Cameron, M.L.A., Glace Bay, NS, Allan MacDonald, Glace Bay (Chairman of Committee), Mr. Adams representing Glace Bay Board of Trade and myself.

**AUGUST 1931****Friday 7**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and warm with light to fresh north west wind.

At about 5:30 P.M., I visited the National Park in company with Mr. Whaley, Mr. & Mrs. Eddy and daughter of Ontario who are at present touring the Maritime Provinces.

**AUGUST 1931****Saturday 8**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and moderately cool with moderate to strong northwest wind.

**AUGUST 1931****Sunday 9**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and moderately warm with moderate northwest wind.

I attended service in the First United Church at 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. Both the morning and evening services were conducted by Rev. John MacKinnon of Baddeck in the absence of the Pastor, Rev. D. A. MacMillan who is away on his vacation at Baddeck.

Death of Capt. Thomas Townsend.

The death occurred shortly after noon of Capt. Thomas Townsend aged 87 years. Capt. Townsend who was a life long resident of this town, had been ill for about five months and his death was not unexpected. He is survived by his wife.

**AUGUST 1931**

**Monday 10**

Louisburg, NS

Mostly cloudy and moderately warm with moderate southwest wind.

At about 4:30 P.M., I visited the National Park with Dr. Eagan of Sydney who was accompanied by Dr. Heagerty and Miss Heagerty and Mr. Perry of Ottawa.

**AUGUST 1931**

**Tuesday 11**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and warm with light northeast to east wind. Max temperature about 75. A perfect day.

The funeral of the late Captain Thomas Townsend took place at 2 P.M. After a short service at the house, the remains were taken to St. Bartholomew's Church where the funeral service was conducted by Rev. [blank] Whally of Sydney assisted by Mr. Ott, student minister of St. Bartholomew's Church Louisburg and assistant to Rev. L. H. Draper. After the service, the cortege proceeded to the English Church cemetery on Clark's Road where interment took place. The Pall Bearers were as follows: A. A. Martell, W. W. Lewis, Dan MacNeil, John Kelly, John Tutty and Clarence Peters.

**AUGUST 1931**

**Wednesday 12**

Louisburg, NS

Warm and cloudy with a few light showers. Light variable wind.

**AUGUST 1931**

**Thursday 13**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and warm with showers and some fog.

**AUGUST 1931**

**Friday 14**

Louisburg, NS

Warm and mostly clear with light variable win. Max temperature about 80.

## **AUGUST 1931**

### **Saturday 15**

Louisburg, NS

Warm and mostly cloudy with light variable winds.

## **AUGUST 1931**

### **Sunday 16**

Louisburg, NS

Clear in the early part of the day becoming cloudy in the late afternoon. Light variable winds.

At 11 A.M. in company with Emeline, I attended service in the First United Church. In the absence of the Pastor, Rev. D. A. MacMillan who is on his vacation, Dan Nicholson one of the elders conducted the service.

At about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, the members of the Salvation Army Band from Glace Bay and several Army officers held an open air service on the corner of Main and Warren streets. At 7 P.M., they held service in the First United Church.

## **AUGUST 1931**

### **Monday 17**

Louisburg, NS

Rained heavily nearly all day with fresh to strong south, south east wind which moderated in the evening.

At 7 P.M., I attended and presided at a special meeting (for regular business) of the Town Council.

## **AUGUST 1931**

### **Tuesday 18**

Louisburg, NS/Sydney, NS

Cloudy and moderately warm clearing in the afternoon.

Left Louisburg for Sydney at 3:50 P.M., enroute to Halifax for the purpose of attending the 26<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities as a representative of the Town of Louisburg. Arrived at Sydney at about 6 P.M. Had supper at the Vidal Hotel. Left on the night train for Halifax.

## **AUGUST 1931**

### **Wednesday 19**

Halifax, NS

Clear and moderately warm. Heavy downpour rain in the evening.

Convention of Nova Scotia Municipalities.

Arrived at Halifax at about 10 A.M; Daylight saving time and proceeded to the Technical College where the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities opened in the assembly room shortly after my arrival. Addresses of welcome were delivered by Lieut. Governor Frank Stanfield, Mayor Geo. E. Ritchie of Halifax, Warden H. M. Smiley of the municipality of Cumberland and R. J. MacUreith K. C. Chairman of Public Utilities Board of Nova Scotia. Replies to the addresses of welcome were made by Mayor H. W. Rodgers of Amherst, F. M. Munrow Warden of Kings County, J. W. MacLeod, Councillor , Cape Breton County and Mayor H. D. Madden of Liverpool.

I attended the afternoon session where the following papers were read, "Our Health Problems" by Hon. G. H. Murphy, M.D. Minister of Health, "The small problems of Municipal accounting" by W. A. Morrell, C. A.

Attended evening session where Max D. Cormier, M.P. President Union of New Brunswick Municipalities and President of Union of Canadian Municipalities read a paper on "Municipal Affairs" and R. W. McColough, Chief Engineer of Department of Highways, a paper entitled "The Highways of Nova Scotia, Dust Prevention and Snow Removal". R. S. MacKay K. C. Municipal Solicitor for Yarmouth County and President of the Union of N.S. Municipalities presided at each of the above sessions.

## **AUGUST 1931**

### **Thursday 20**

Halifax, NS

Clear and warm. Showers in the evening.

#### Convention of NS Municipalities.

Attended the morning session of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities. At this session, the following papers were read: "The Cost of Administration of Justice in Municipalities" by William C. Dunlop L. L.B. Stipendiary Magistrate, Town of Windsor, "The Lucey System of Real Estate Valuation" by Fred J. Lucey.

At 2:30 P.M., assembled with the other delegates on the City Hall grounds where a photograph was taken of the group. After the photograph was taken the delegation wishing to go were taken on a motor trip to "Silver Sands" where a program of athletic sports was carried out. I did not go to Silver Sands but remained in the city during the afternoon and evening.

## **AUGUST 1931**

### **Friday 21**

Halifax, NS

Clear and warm.

#### Union of N. S. Municipalities Convention.

Attended the last session of the 1931 Convention of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities at 10 A.M. F. W. Harris, Town Clerk Annapolis Royal was elected President,

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President - F. M. Munroe Warden Kings County.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President - H. W. Johnston G.E. City Engineer, Halifax.

Secretary-Treasurer - Arthur Roberts K.C. Bridgewater (re-elected)  
Kentville was selected as the next place of meeting.

Had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. William Dickson at 1 P.M.

Left Halifax at 7 P.M. by train for Sydney. At Truro by mistake, I boarded the train for St. John. Discovering my error, I got off the train at Belmont and motored back to Truro where I stopped for the night at the Scotia Hotel.

While in Halifax, I was a guest at the "Nova Scotian" Hotel.

## **AUGUST 1931**

### **Saturday 22**

Truro, NS/Louisburg, NS

Clear and moderately warm with light northeast wind.

I left Truro at about 9 A.M. for Sydney by train arriving at Sydney at about 9 P.M. We were delayed for about one hour at North Sydney by the wreck of a coal train which ran off the track. At Sydney, I was met by Wesley Townsend, Mrs. Z. W. Townsend and Emeline who brought me out to Louisburg arriving at about 10:15 P.M.

## **AUGUST 1931**

### **Sunday 23**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and moderately warm.

In company with Emeline, I attended service in the First United Church at 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. Both morning and evening services were conducted by Rev. D. J. Morrison of Whycomogah.

In the afternoon, Emeline and I motored to Marion Bridge with Wesley Townsend and attended the Anniversary service in the United Church at 3:30 P.M. The service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Ross, Pastor of the church assisted by Rev. Norman MacQueen who was the preacher of the afternoon. The choir was assisted by members of the Louisburg United Church choir and by St. Andrews United Church male quartet of Sydney consisting of Messrs. Banks, Ross, Stevenson and MacDonald.

## **AUGUST 1931**

### **Monday 24**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and moderately warm with light northwest wind.

Arrival of H.M.S. "Delhi" and H. M. C. S. "Champlain".

At about 1:30 P.M., H. M. S. "Delhi" Capt. Atwood with Vice Admiral Sir Vernon H. Haggard K.C.B. C.M.G. Commander in Chief of the North Atlantic squadron on board and H. M. C. S. "Champlain" Commander Pressey arrived and anchored in the stream. The "Delhi" and the "Champlain" are here for the purpose of taking part in the unveiling of a tablet at Kennington

Cove on the 26<sup>th</sup> to mark the first landing of the British troops under Brig. Gen. James Wolfe on June 8, 1758.

At about 2:30 P.M. in company with A. A. Martell M.L.A., I made an official visit to the "Delhi" and met Admiral Sir Vernon H. Haggard, Capt. Atwood and other officers of the ships company. At 3:30 P.M., Admiral Haggard came ashore accompanied by Capt. Atwood, Commander Edwards and another officer whose name I do not know. I met the party at the landing with two motor cars, one in charge of Wesley Townsend and the other in charge of D. J. Kennedy. We then proceeded to Kennington Cove, the Admiral being anxious to see the spot where the unveiling ceremonies were to take place. After traveling over a very rough and difficult road, we arrived safely at the cove. After spending about one hour looking over the situation, we returned to town arriving shortly before 6 o'clock, the Admiral and party then going on board their ship.

## **AUGUST 1931**

### **Tuesday 25**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy with showers. Wind southerly.

AT 10:15 A.M., Admiral Sir Vernon H. Haggard accompanied by his secretary Commander Edwards made his official call at my residence. At about 10:45 A.M., I called officially on Commander Pressey on board H. M. C. S. "Champlain"; A. A. Martell accompanied me. At 2:30 P.M. through the courtesy of Wesley Townsend, Fletcher Townsend and A. A. Martell who supplied the cars, I accompanied Admiral Haggard, Commander in Chief of the North Atlantic Squadron and about ten of his officers including Commander Pressey of H. M. C. S. "Champlain" on a visit to the National Park at "Old Town". Judge Walter Crowe of Sydney was also a member of the party. At the Park we were met by Mr. Fowle, official photographer of the Canadian National Railway who took photographs of various groups. On returning from the Park at about 4 P.M., the party including Wesley and Fletcher Townsend, Judge Crowe and A. A. Martell, about fifteen in all, were guests at my residence where a light lunch was served by Mrs. Huntington assisted by Mrs. Fletcher Townsend.

At 8 P.M., through the courtesy of the officers of H. M. S. "Delhi", the ship's band (composed of seventeen members in all) under the direction of Bandmaster Ford, rendered a splendid programme of music in the Parish Hall. The hall being placed at our disposal through the courtesy of Rev. L. H. Draper. At the conclusion of the programme, a vote of thanks was extended to the Band in appreciation of their performance, after which they were guests at my residence where a lunch was served by Mrs. Huntington assisted by Mrs. Fletcher Townsend, Mrs. W. Phalen, Mrs. J. A. MacDonald and Miss Margaret Stacey. Others present to lunch were: Fletcher, Wesley and Clifton Townsend and John A. Macdonald. After lunch shortly before 11 P.M., Wesley and Fletcher Townsend conveyed the Band with their motor cars to Lewis wharf where the members of the Band embarked for their ship.

## **AUGUST 1931**

### **Wednesday 26**

Louisburg, NS/Kennington Cove

Clear and moderately warm with moderate northwest wind. A perfect day.

### Unveiling of Tablet and Cairn at Kennington Cove.

During the forenoon, I was busily engaged in arranging final details for motor transportation to Kennington Cove for the Lieut. Governor and party, Admiral Haggard and officers of the ships. Also in arranging with the Traffic Office of the Dominion Coal Co. to have the special train conveying the Lieut. Governor and party to arrive here about an hour ahead of the time previously set in order to have them arrive here in time to accept an invitation to luncheon with the Admiral at 12 o'clock noon.

At 9:45 A.M., Commander Pressey of H. M. C. S. "Champlain" returned my official call. At about 11:45 A.M., a special train bearing the private car of the Lieut. Governor and party arrived. I met the Governor and party at the railway station and escorted them to Lewis Wharf where they embarked for H. M. S. "Delhi" lying at anchor.

At about 12 o'clock noon, the following persons were guests of Admiral Sir Vernon H. Haggard K.C.B C.M.G. to lunch on board H. M. S. "Delhi": Lieut. Governor and Mrs. Frank Stanfield, Miss Stanfield, J.S. MacLennon, Miss MacLennan, A. A. Martell M.L.A. and myself. At 1:30 P.M., the party including the Admiral and officers of the ships landed at Lewis wharf where motor cars were waiting and proceeded to Kennington Cove arriving there safely at about 2 P.M. At 2:30 P.M., the unveiling ceremonies were opened by the Chairman, Judge W. Crowe who introduced Senator MacLennan who made the historical address. Other speakers were: Lieut. Gov. Stanfield, Hon. E. N. Rhodes, Premier Herrington and Admiral Haggard. Lieut. Gov. Stanfield unveiled the tablet in the presence of upwards of 1200 persons. At 3:30 a Guard of Honor consisting of about 45 Bluejackets from the "Delhi" and "Champlain" was present as well as a Brass Band from the "Delhi", Dr. D. A. Morrison drove the Lieut. Gov. and Mrs. Stanfield to the Cove and back while Fletcher Townsend drove Miss Stanfield and Col. Almon A.D.C. At 2:30 P.M., 4 planes flew over the cairn. A message was dropped as follows: "To the Honored Dead of Two Nations: H.M.C.S. "Champlain" Commander Pressey sailed for Halifax at about 6 P.M.

## **AUGUST 1931**

### **Thursday 27**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and moderately warm with light to moderate northwest wind. An ideal day.

At 11 A.M., in company with Wesley and Fletcher Townsend each with his motor car, I took Admiral Sir Vernon H. Haggard and three of his officers, Commander Edwards, Lieut. Commander Garrett, and Lieut. James all of H.M.S. "Dehli" for a motor ride to Marion Bridge and return. We went up the south side of the river to the bridge returning on the north side of the river to Albert Bridge thence to Louisburg arriving at about 12:50 P.M.

At 1 P.M. the following persons were guests of Admiral Haggard to lunch on board H.M.S. "Delhi": Wesley Townsend, Fletcher Townsend, Mrs. Fletcher Townsend, Mrs. M.S. Huntington and myself. At about 2:45 P.M., we bade Admiral Haggard and officers of the "Dehli" goodbye and came ashore.



At 3 P.M., H.M.S. "Delhi" Capt. Atwood, with Admiral Sir Vernon H. Haggard K.C.B.C.M.G. Commander in Chief of the North Atlantic Squadron on board, sailed for Halifax, NS.

210 motor cars were parked at Kennington Cove during the unveiling ceremonies yesterday according to a report made by members of the Nova Scotia Police who were present.

A. W. Cameron of this town had charge of the transportation of the Guard of Honour and Band to Kennington Cove for yesterday's unveiling ceremonies. This was carried out by three motor trucks one of which broke down on the return trip and had to be sidetracked until another truck went to its assistance.

Those who placed their cars at my disposal graciously for yesterday's performance were: Wesley Townsend, Fletcher Townsend, A. A. Martell, Dr. D. A. Morrison and John A. MacDonald. Cars hired: A. Tutty, K. J. Kennedy, Freeman Mosher.

## **AUGUST 1931**

### **Friday 28**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and warm with light northeast to southwest winds.

Sydney and Halifax newspapers reported the robbing of the Quinpool Road Branch of the Royal Bank of Canada at Halifax, NS at 9:30 A.M. yesterday. The bandits entered the bank disguised and held up the staff and departed with about \$16,000.00 in cash after knocking Manager Robertson unconscious and locking the other members of the staff in the vault.

## **AUGUST 1931**

### **Saturday 29**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and warm with light easterly wind.

Rev. D. A. MacMillan, Pastor of the First United congregation, Louisburg who was taken ill while on his vacation at Lake Ainslie and vicinity entered the City Hospital, Sydney today for treatment.

## **AUGUST 1931**

### **Sunday 30**

Louisburg, NS

Clear during the early part of the day. Cloudy in the afternoon with showers in the evening. Wind southwest changing to southeast in the evening.

### **Death of Doctor D. A. Morrison.**

The death occurred at his home at about 1 P.M. shortly after returning from making some professional calls. Dr. Morrison who was about 65 years of age came to Louisburg in 1894 and he practiced his profession in this town continuously since that date. He was born at Loch Lomond, Richmond County, NS. Shortly after coming to Louisburg, he married Miss Maud

Hooper of Fourchu who survives him. He is also survived by two sons and two daughters: Edgar at home, Albert in the United States, Mrs. Murdoch Kerr of this town and Mrs. MacDonald of Sydney.

Mr. & Mrs. Fletcher Townsend, Wesley Townsend motored to Valley, NS leaving here at about 7 A.M.

I attended service in the First United Church at 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. Both morning and evening services were conducted by Rev. A. D. MacDonald.

## **AUGUST 1931**

### **Monday 31**

Louisburg, NS

Heavy rain in the early morning. Cleared in the forenoon. Clear and warm during the afternoon. Wind southwest.

Steamer "THORDOC" arrived in the afternoon for to load pulpwood.

Fletcher Townsend, Mrs. Fletcher Townsend, Wesley Townsend and Emeline who motored to Valley near Truro yesterday, arrived back home at about 6 P.M. They were accompanied by Mrs. Z. W. Townsend who had been visiting at the home of Rev. H. D. Townsend, Valley, N.S.

## **SEPTEMBER 1931**

### **Tuesday 1**

Louisburg, NS

Mostly cloudy with occasional showers. Heavy thunder and lightening storm in the afternoon which lasted for upwards of two hours. Light variable wind. Cool at night.

## **SEPTEMBER 1931**

### **Wednesday 2**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and warm in the forenoon becoming cloudy later in the day. Showery during the evening.

The funeral of the late Dr. D. A. Morrison took place this afternoon to the First United Church thence to the United Church cemetery on Clarke's Road where interment took place. The service at the house, church and grave side were conducted by Rev. John MacIntosh of Sydney assisted by Rev. E. D. MacKillop of Gabarus, Rev. Mr. MacLennan of Bridgeport.

## **SEPTEMBER 1931**

### **Thursday 3**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and showery with light variable wind.

Attended and presided at a regular meeting of the Town Council at 7:30 P.M. Councillors present: Lewis, Matheson, MacInnis, Peters and MacKenzie.

## **SEPTEMBER 1931**

### **Friday 4**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and warm with a few light showers. Light variable wind.

Canadian steamer "THORDOC" sailed for Three Rivers, Quebec with a cargo of pulpwood. This is the first cargo of this kind to be shipped from the port of Louisburg.

## **SEPTEMBER 1931**

### **Saturday 5**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and moderately cool with light northeast wind. An ideal day.

## **SEPTEMBER 1931**

### **Sunday 6**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and moderately warm with light northeast wind. Cloudy at night.

In company with Emeline, I attended service in the First United Church at 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. Both morning and evening services were conducted by Rev. A. D. MacDonald.

In the afternoon Wesley Townsend called and took Emeline and I for a motor ride to Mainadieu. The other occupants of the car were Mrs. Z. W. Townsend and Emerson Grant. Fletcher Townsend also joined the motor party with his car and accompanied us. In his car were Clifton Townsend, Mrs. Patience Townsend and Mrs. Fletcher Townsend. We went by the shore road via Little Lorraine and returned via Catalone arriving back home at about 5 P.M.

## **SEPTEMBER 1931**

### **Monday 7**

Louisburg, NS

Rained heavily in the early morning. Cleared at noon. Wind southerly.

Dr. Townsend.

Dr. H. J. Townsend whose home is in New Glasgow, NS, has arrived here and is opening up an office in this town for the practice of his profession.

## **SEPTEMBER 1931**

### **Tuesday 8**

Louisburg, NS

Rain in the early morning. Partly clear during the day with light southwest wind.

## **SEPTEMBER 1931**

**Wednesday 9**

Louisburg, NS

Cool and partly clear with moderate northerly wind.

Dr. [blank] Townsend whose home is in New Glasgow, NS arrived here this evening for the purpose of opening up an office here if after looking over the ground he finds conditions satisfactory.

In company with Emeline, I attended choir practice in the First United Church at 9 P.M.

**SEPTEMBER 1931****Thursday 10**

Louisburg, NS

Cool and mostly clear. Wind southeast.

On the invitation of Rev. Father D. H. Doyle, I attended the Boy Scouts Club Fair in the C.M.B.A. hall at about 3:30 P.M. There were quite a large number present and a very good exhibit of garden products. After the judges, Messrs. MacDonald and MacIntyre had given short addresses, I presented the prizes at the request of Father Doyle. I arrived back home at about 5 P.M.

I attended and presided at a meeting of the school Board at 7:30 P.M. Present ant this meeting were commissioners Peters and MacDonald and Clerk: B. M. Spencer.

**SEPTEMBER 1931****Friday 11**

Louisburg, NS

Cool and partly clear with some moderate showers in the evening.

**SEPTEMBER 1931****Saturday 12**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and cool with fresh northwest wind.

**SEPTEMBER 1931****Sunday 13**

Louisburg, NS

Moderately warm and mostly clear with moderate southwest wind.

Emeline and I attended service in the First United Church at 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. The morning service was conducted by Mr. Dan Nicholson (Elder) and the evening service by Rev. John MacIntosh D. D. of Sydney.

**SEPTEMBER 1931**

**Monday 14**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and warm with fresh southwest wind. Maximum temperature about 70.

**SEPTEMBER 1931**

**Tuesday 15**

Louisburg, NS

Warm and mostly clear becoming cloudy in the late afternoon and evening with showers during the night. Fresh to strong southwest wind.

**SEPTEMBER 1931**

**Wednesday 16**

Louisburg, NS

Mostly clear with fresh southwest wind. Cool in the afternoon and evening.

Emeline and I attended choir practice in the First United Church at 9 P.M.

**SEPTEMBER 1931**

**Thursday 17**

Louisburg, NS

Clear during the early part of the day becoming cloudy at mid-day. Light southeast wind increasing to a strong breeze at night.

**SEPTEMBER 1931**

**Friday 18**

Louisburg, NS

Heavy rain with moderate gale in the early morning. Clearing at noon. Wind southerly shifting to northwest in the afternoon.

**SEPTEMBER 1931**

**Saturday 19**

Louisburg, NS

Cool and partly clear with occasional showers. Fresh to strong northwest wind.

**SEPTEMBER 1931**

**Sunday 20**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and cool.

Emeline and I attended service in the First United Church at 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. In the absence of the Pastor Rev. D. A. MacMillan who is seriously ill in the City Hospital at Sydney, Mr. A.W. Stacey (Elder) conducted the morning service while Rev. Mr. Ross of Marion Bridge was in charge of the evening service.

In the afternoon, the members of the "Odd Fellows" Lodge held their annual Decoration Day service at the cemetery in Clarke's Road.

Fletcher and Lila arrived at about 3:30 P.M. and stopped to tea with us.

## **SEPTEMBER 1931**

### **Monday 21**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and cool with moderate northerly wind.

The schooner "Iron Head" is at Lewis' wharf loading a part cargo of pickled cod for the U.S.A.

## **SEPTEMBER 1931**

### **Tuesday 22**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and moderately cool with light variable wind.

Attended and presided at a special meeting of the Town Council (for regular business) at 7:30 P.M. Councillors present: Peters, Bates, Matheson and MacKenzie.

## **SEPTEMBER 1931**

### **Wednesday 23**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and cool clearing at noon. Moderate northeast to southeast wind.

## **SEPTEMBER 1931**

### **Thursday 24**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and threatening with fresh southwest wind. Heavy rain during the night.

Attended and presided at a special meeting of the Town Council at 7:30 P.M. Councillors present: Lewis, Bates, MacKenzie and Matheson. At this meeting a resolution was passed asking the Provincial Legislature for authority to borrow on the credit of the Town the sum of \$2000.00 to be used for the purpose of relieving the unemployment situation.

## **SEPTEMBER 1931**

### **Friday 25**

Louisburg, NS/ Sydney, N.S.

Cool, partly clear and showery with fresh northwest wind.

I motored to Sydney at about 9 P.M. in one of Cameron's trucks (Eddie Wilcox driver) and remained in Sydney overnight stopping at the Vidal Hotel. I had business for the town with Mr. Rowe and Judge Campbell of the Juvenile Court which I attended to during the day. In the

afternoon, I called at the City Hospital and visited Rev. D. A. MacMillan, Pastor of the First United church, Louisburg who has been a patient at the hospital for about five weeks. At present, he appears to be improving slowly and hopes to be able to return home in the not too distant future.

Death of Lieutenant Governor.

Death at Halifax, NS of Hon. Frank Stanfield, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Nova Scotia. He was found dead in his bed at about 7 A.M.

## **SEPTEMBER 1931**

### **Saturday 26**

Sydney, NS/Louisburg, NS

Cool and partly clear with fresh northwest wind.

Left Sydney at 7:55 A.M. for Louisburg on the S & L Railway arrived at about 10 A.M.

## **SEPTEMBER 1931**

### **Sunday 27**

Louisburg, NS

Rained moderately during the greater part of the day. Wind southwest.

Morning service in the First United Church was led by Daniel Nicholson (Elder). In the evening Rev. [blank] MacIntosh of Port Morien was the preacher. I was not present at the morning service but attended the service at 7 P.M.

Mother, Maria, Clifford, Maud, Frances and John Morrison arrived at about 11 A.M. and spent the day with us. Leaving for home at about 8:30 P.M.

## **SEPTEMBER 1931**

### **Monday 28**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and cool with moderate to fresh north, northeast wind. Rain during the night.

## **SEPTEMBER 1931**

### **Tuesday 29**

Louisburg, NS

Heavy rain in the early morning. Cloudy, chilly and raw throughout the day. Fresh to strong northerly wind.

## **SEPTEMBER 1931**

### **Wednesday 30**

Louisburg, NS

Partly clear, cool with fresh northerly wind.

Attended choir practice in the First United Church at 9 P.M.

## **OCTOBER 1931**

### **Thursday 1**

Louisburg, NS/Sydney, NS

Cool and partly clear with strong southwest wind.

Motored to Sydney in the afternoon with Wesley Townsend, Mrs. Z. W. Townsend and Emeline. Wesley and I visited the Cape Breton Island Exhibition which opened at Sydney on last Tuesday.

AT 7:30 P.M., I attended and presided at a meeting of the ratepayers of the town of Louisburg in the Town hall. The meeting was called for the purpose of voting for or against a resolution passed by the Town Council on Sept. 24, 1931 favoring the borrowing on the credit of the Town the sum of \$2000.00 to be used with a like amount allotted by the Provincial and Federal Governments for unemployment relief. For a ratepayers meeting, it was well attended, there being upwards of forty ratepayers present besides quite a large number of other citizens. After a short discussion, the vote was taken which resulted as follows: 41 for and 3 against the resolution. Those who voted against the resolution were: Alex Alinard, Joseph Bullock and Dan MacLean. Town Clerk B. M. Spencer checked the voters as their names were called. A. A. Martell and D. A. Campbell acted as scrutineers.

## **OCTOBER 1931**

### **Friday 2**

Louisburg, NS

Mostly clear and moderately warm with fresh to strong southwest wind.

## **OCTOBER 1931**

### **Saturday 3**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and moderately warm with variable wind.

## **OCTOBER 1931**

### **Sunday 4**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and moderately warm with moderate southwest wind.

In company with Emeline, I attended service in the First United Church at 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. At 11 A.M. Rev. E. D. MacKillop of Gabarus was the preacher and at 7 P.M., the service was in charge of Mr. A. W. Stacey, the choir rendering the "Good Samaritan".

Rev. and Mrs. MacKillop and daughter Sarah, had dinner with us and remained until shortly before 3 P.M. when they motored to Sydney where Mr. McKillop had an appointment to conduct a Gaelic service in St. Andrews Hall.



Shortly before 3 P.M., Wesley Townsend, Mrs. Z. W. Townsend, Mrs. Sam Townsend, Emeline and I motored to the Cape Breton Hospital, Sydney River and visited Mrs. Sarah Bagnell of Gabarus who has been a patient in that institution for some time. I accompanied Rev. and Mrs. MacKillop as far as Hardwood Hill, Sydney where I joined Wesley Townsend and party and proceeded with them to the Cape Breton Hospital. Returning we arrived home at about 5:45 P.M.

## **OCTOBER 1931**

### **Monday 5**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and moderately warm with moderate to fresh southwest wind. Foggy at night.

## **OCTOBER 1931**

### **Tuesday 6**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy with showers in the forenoon. Partly clear during the afternoon and warm. Light southwest wind changing to northeast becoming cool in the evening.

Attended and presided at a regular meeting of the School Board at 7:30 P.M. Commissioners present: Peters, MacDonald and Bates.

## **OCTOBER 1931**

### **Wednesday 7**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and cool with light variable winds. An ideal day.

Emeline and I attended choir practice in the First United Church at 9 P.M.

## **OCTOBER 1931**

### **Thursday 8**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy with a few light showers. Strong southwest wind which moderated in the evening.

Emeline, Wesley and Mrs. Z. W. Townsend motored to Sydney in the forenoon returning at about 12:30 P.M.

Completion of Government Wharf.

The Government wharf which has been in course of construction since the early spring has been completed and I understand has been taken over by the Federal Government today. This wharf which has been very solidly constructed was built by Colin R. MacDonald of Antigonish, NS and is about 380 feet in length.

## **OCTOBER 1931**

### **Friday 9**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and cool with light easterly wind.

William Harold Covert of Halifax, NS sworn in as Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Nova Scotia succeeding the Hon. Frank Stanfield who died on Sept 25, 1931. Hon J. A. Chisholm, Chief Justice of Nova Scotia administered the oath of office.

Retirement of the Hon. W. L. Hall from the office of Attorney General of Nova Scotia and the appointment of the Hon. John Doull in his place.

Appointment of Hon. J. Fred Fraser as Provincial Secretary succeeding Hon. John Doull who returned to accept the office of Attorney General. Hon. J. Fred Fraser was, previous to his appointment to the secretaryship, a member of the Government-without-portfolio and Chairman of the Nova Scotia Power Commission.

Joseph MacDonald of North Sydney, M.L.A. for Cape Breton Centre, appointed to the Provincial Government without portfolio.

Hon. W. L. Hall retired from the post of Attorney General in order to accept a Supreme Court Judgeship.

Heavy frost in the morning, Dahlias and other tender plants in the gardens badly injured. First frost to seriously injure gardens this season.

Fire Prevention Day in the schools.

At 2 P.M., in company with school commissioner P.P. Bates, I visited the town schools where we gave short talks on ways and means of preventing fires. In fire drill all pupils vacated the building in 20 seconds. High school fire brigade had stream of water on roof from interior in 65 seconds.

## **OCTOBER 1931**

### **Saturday 10**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and cool with light winds.

Golden Wedding.

At about 3 P.M. in company with Emeline, I attended the Fiftieth Anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Severance. Mr. & Mrs. Severance were presented with an address and a purse of gold. It was my privilege to read the address and make the presentation, which took place at about 3:45 P.M. A. A. Martell, M.L.A. was present and delivered an address reminiscent of the last fifty years. During the afternoon and evening, Mr. and Mrs. Severance were visited by a large number of the friends who joined in wishing them many more years of happy wedded life.

Chipman Smith and Richard Morse arrested at Halifax. Charged with robbing the Quinpool Road branch of the Royal Bank of Canada, Halifax, NS on Aug 27, 1931. Over \$13,000.00 of the stolen money recovered in the home of Smith. Roy Dickson of Halifax, junior clerk in the bank at the time the robbery occurred, arrived here on the morning train to spend a vacation and

was arrested on instructions from Halifax at about 8 P.M. by Criminal Investigator Daniel Nicholson and Corporal Huntly of the Nova Scotia Police and held as a material witness. Dickson was immediately taken to Glace Bay and lodged in jail to await the arrival of an officer from Halifax to escort him to the scene of the robbery.

## **OCTOBER 1931**

### **Sunday 11**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and cool. Misty during the afternoon and evening with light to moderate northeast wind.

Emeline and I attended service in the First United Church at 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. The 11 A.M. service was led by Mr. Daniel Nicholson (Elder) and the evening service by Rev. Mr. MacKay of Reserve, CB.

In the afternoon, Rev. Mr. MacKay held service in the United Church at Catalone where the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was served.

## **OCTOBER 1931**

### **Monday 12**

Louisburg, NS

Thanksgiving Day.

Mostly cloudy and very chilly with fresh to strong northeast wind. Rain and light snow squalls during the afternoon and evening. First appearance of snow this season.

General holiday. Majority of places of business closed. Had shop open for business all day.

Wesley Townsend, Mrs. Z. W. Townsend, Emerson Grant, Miss King and Emeline motored to Sydney shortly after noon returning at about 4 P.M.

Marriage of Marshall Ley to Miss Emma MacDonald both of this town. Ceremony was performed at Sydney by Rev. M. E. Aitkens of St. Andrew's United Church.

## **OCTOBER 1931**

### **Tuesday 13**

Louisburg, NS

Partly clear, very chilly and raw with fresh north west wind.

## **OCTOBER 1931**

### **Wednesday 14**

Louisburg, NS

Cool and mostly clear with moderate northwest wind.

In company with Emeline, I attended choir practice in the First United Church at 9 P.M.

## **OCTOBER 1931**

**Thursday 15**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and cool with light northeast to southeast winds.

Attended and presided at a regular meeting of the Town Council at 7:30 P.M. Councillors present: Bates, Peters, Lewis, MacInnis and Matheson.

**OCTOBER 1931****Friday 16**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy with light to fresh southerly wind.

**OCTOBER 1931****Saturday 17**

Louisburg, NS

Heavy rain accompanied by southeast gale in the morning. Stopped raining at noon. Calm and mild during the afternoon.

International Fishing Schooner Race at Halifax.

The first of the series of races for the championship was sailed at Halifax today between the United States fishing schooner "Gertrude L. Thebaud", Capt. Ben Pine and the Nova Scotia schooner "Bluenose", Capt. Angus Walters. The race was sailed over about a 40 mile course, the Bluenose finishing about 36 minutes ahead of her rival. But as neither boat finished within the time limit of six hours, it was declared "no race".

Chimney fire at the residence of Mrs. Vincent O'Toole.

At about 10 A.M., the Fire Brigade was called out for a chimney fire at the residence of Mrs. Vincent O'Toole. But before the firemen had time to get the fire equipment in motion, the fire was declared "all out". No damage.

**OCTOBER 1931****Sunday 18**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and moderately warm with light winds. An ideal day.

Emeline and I attended services at 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. in the First United Church. The 11 A.M. service being the annual Sunday school "Rally Day" service was in charge of Mr. A. W. Stacey. Rev. Mr. MacLellan of Bridgeport was the preacher at the evening service.

Reports from the City Hospital, Sydney say that Rev. D. A. MacMillan who has been a patient in that institution for the past six weeks is not showing any improvement.

At about 3 P.M., Wesley Townsend and Mrs. Z. W. Townsend called and took Emeline and me for a motor drive to Albert Bridge and return.

At about 4:20 P.M., a motor party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Gibbons, Richard Gibbons and Hortense Gibbons from Salmon River and Hector MacLean of Marion Bridge, arrived, had tea with us and remained until of church service. They left for home at about 9 P.M.

Slight fire.

At about 7 P.M., a light blaze was discovered on the western end of the house owned by Dr. F. O'Neil of Sydney and occupied by Frank Kiefe and family. The fire was caused by an electric light wire becoming loose and was extinguished without causing any damage.

## **OCTOBER 1931**

### **Monday 19**

Louisburg, NS

Chilly and raw and mostly cloudy with light to moderate north-northeast wind.

International Fishing Schooner Race at Halifax.

Nova Scotia fishing schooner "Bluenose" sailed by Capt. Angus Walters, defeated the United States fishing schooner "Gertrude L. Thebaud" sailed by Capt. Ben Pine. The Bluenose finished 6 ½ minutes inside the time limit of six hours and 33 minutes ahead of the Thebaud. This race scores one for the Bluenose; Saturday's which was won by the Bluenose being declared "no race".

## **OCTOBER 1931**

### **Tuesday 20**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy, chilly and raw with fresh north-northeast wind.

International Fishing Schooner Race at Halifax.

Today's fishing schooner race at Halifax, NS resulted in another win for the "Bluenose". This race makes two straight wins in a scheduled series of three, therefore the "Bluenose" still retains the championship of the North Atlantic fishing fleet. The Bluenose sailed by Capt. Angus Walters, crossed the finish line 12 minutes ahead of the Gertrude L. Thebaud which owing to the illness of Capt. Pine was sailed in today's race by Capt. John Matheson. Elapsed time: "Bluenose" 5:06:12, "Thebaud" 5:18:13.

Nova Scotia Municipal Elections.

In Cape Breton Co., the Municipal Government led by Warden D. A. MacLean, was returned to power by a large majority. The figures available being, Conservatives 19, Liberals 4 1 district in doubt. In Louisburg District (no. 6) former Councillor Michael Pope, Conservative, was opposed by Fraser Wilcox, Liberal. The vote resulted as follows: Pope 106, Wilcox 59.

Majority for Pope 47. The results in the other districts from available figures are as follows: District 1, Michael MacLeod, Con. Majority 245, No. 2 E. W. Rudderham, Lib. Maj. 101, No. 3 W. A. MacDonald, Con. Maj 121, No. 4 Alex J. MacLellan, Con. Maj. 277, No. 5 William Martell, Lib Maj 12, No. 7 C. W. Mann, Con. Maj 106, No. 8 Rod F. MacNeil, Con. Maj 29, No. 9. R. A. MacKinnon, Con Maj 29, No. 10 William Jessome, Con Maj 46, No. 11 J. W. MacLeod, Con. Maj 277, No. 12 Norman Ferguson, Con 86, No. 13 Joseph A. Campbell, Con Maj 4, No. 14 A. D. H. MacKinnon, Con acclamation, No. 15 Daniel Ferguson, Con. Maj 9, No. 16. Donald

MacLeod, Con Maj 54, No. 17 Colin MacDonald, Con, Maj 65, No. 18 Colin MacRae, Con. Maj 95, No. 19 J. J. H. MacDonald, Con Maj 7, No. 20 Warden D. H. MacLean, Con Maj 65, No. 21 Neil Morrison, Con Maj 23, No. 23 R. M. Jackson, Con Maj 69, No. 24 Alex R. MacDonald, Lib acclamation. Counties of Inverness, Victoria and Richmond went Conservative.

## **OCTOBER 1931**

### **Wednesday 21**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and moderately warm with light variable wind.

Fire in the Silverman Building.

At about 11:30 P.M., the Fire Brigade was called out for a blaze in an unoccupied store owned by Mrs. E. Silverman of 654-656 Victoria Road, Sydney. The firemen responded quickly and in a few minutes had the fire extinguished. All indications point to this fire being of incendiary origin. The entire ground floor of the building was strewn with newspapers which had been saturated with kerosene oil or gasoline, while a one gallon oil can about two thirds full was found in one of the rooms. Neither of the doors were locked when the firemen reached the building. A stranger who when questioned by police officer Neil Murphy gave his name as Mike Hennick and his residence New Waterford, was seen hurrying from the direction of the fire and in the direction of a parked car, which stood about six hundred yards from the scene of the blaze. But as there did not offer to be sufficient evidence to connect him with the fire, he was allowed to go. Approximate amount of damage to the building \$150.00.

Newspaper clipping titled "Arson charge laid against Waterford man" from Sydney Post dated January 15, 1932.

## **OCTOBER 1931**

### **Thursday 22**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy, cool and drizzily during the forenoon. Partly clear in the afternoon and evening. Moderate to fresh northeast wind.

At about 8:30 A.M., I reported to Sergeant Huntley of the Glace Bay detachment of the Nova Scotia Police, the fire which occurred in the Silverman Building last night under suspicious circumstances. At about 2 P.M., Sergeant Huntley arrived accompanied by Major Wright of Halifax, Deputy Fire Marshall for the Province of Nova Scotia. I met them at the scene of last night's fire and assisted them in obtaining evidence that may be of some service in apprehending the person responsible for the blaze of last night. Deputy Fire Chief, Percy MacKinnon, Fireman, Paul Bates and Fire Constable, J. H. MacKinnon gave evidence as to the condition of the building and the progress the fire had made when they arrived on the scene. After making a careful search of the building, we came to the conclusion that six distinct fires had been set. Sunday editions of newspapers from which the headings had been cut soaked in oil was the material used for starting the fires. The fragments of three one gallon bottles which evidently had contained gasoline were in the porch. The fire in the dining room was evidently caused by gasoline as the wall paper on the four walls to the ceiling was almost entirely burned off with the floor and wainscoting being little more than scorched. Sergeant Huntley and Major Wright left

for Sydney at about 3 P.M. Later in the afternoon, they apprehended Michael Hennick of New Waterford who while admitting he had been to Louisburg last night, denied having any knowledge of the fire. Hennick was identified by Stephen Murphy of Louisburg, brother of police officer Murphy, as the man he was in conversation with at Louisburg during the fire.

Chipman Smith, Leroy Dickson and Richard Morse who pleaded guilty to robbing the Quinpool Road branch of the Royal Bank of Canada, Halifax on Aug 27, 1931, were sentenced today at Halifax by Judge O'Hearn as follows: Smith 5 years in Dorchester Penitentiary, Dickson 3 years and Morse 1 year in City Prison.

## **OCTOBER 1931**

### **Friday 23**

Louisburg, NS

Cool and mostly cloudy with moderate to fresh northeast wind. Mist in the evening.

## **OCTOBER 1931**

### **Saturday 24**

Louisburg, NS

Cool and mostly cloudy with light to moderate northeast wind.

## **OCTOBER 1931**

### **Sunday 25**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and cool with light northeast wind.

In company with Emeline, I attended service in the First United Church at 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. Both morning and evening services were conducted by Rev. James Fraser of Big Bras d'Or, NS.

## **OCTOBER 1931**

### **Monday 26**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy with moderate southeast wind. Showers in the afternoon.

## **OCTOBER 1931**

### **Tuesday 27**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy in the morning, clearing in the forenoon. Cloudy during the afternoon with rain in the late afternoon and night.

Death of Mrs. Marcella O'Toole.

The death occurred at the home of her sister Mrs. Regina O'Toole of Mrs. Marcella O'Toole, widow of the late Patrick O'Toole who died on Aug 23, 1897. Mrs. O'Toole who was born in Main-a-dieu, NS in 1863, had been in poor health for several years and her death was not unexpected.

## **OCTOBER 1931**

### **Wednesday 28**

Louisburg, NS

Mostly cloudy and moderately cool with light northeast wind.

In company with Emeline, I attended choir practice in the First United Church at 9 P.M.

## **OCTOBER 1931**

### **Thursday 29**

Louisburg, NS

Moderately cool and mostly cloudy with light north east wind.

At 9 A.M., I attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Marcella O'Toole which took place from the residence of her sister Mrs. Regina O'Toole. The service was held in Stella Maris Church by Rev. Father D. H. Doyle. Interment in the Roman Catholic cemetery. The Pall Bearers were as follows: A. L. Bates, A. A. Martell, M.L.A., John Kelly, Pierce Pope, G. A. Silverman and M. S. Huntington.

Emeline motored to Sydney and back in the afternoon with Wesley Townsend, Mrs. Fletcher Townsend and Mrs. Z. W. Townsend.

## **OCTOBER 1931**

### **Friday 30**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy with rain during the greater part of the day.

On the invitation of Principal V. A. Fisher and the pupils of Louisburg High School, I attended a Halloween party in the orange hall in the evening. There were about fifty persons present. A programme consisting of contests, games and readings etc. was rendered by the pupils during the evening. During an intermission, I gave a short talk on Ghosts, Spooks etc.

## **OCTOBER 1931**

### **Saturday 31**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and very mild becoming cloudy in the afternoon with showers during the night. Light variable winds.

## **NOVEMBER 1931**

### **Sunday 1**

Louisburg, NS

Mostly cloudy with some light showers. Light northwest wind.



In company with Emeline, I attended service in the First United Church at 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. The morning service was conducted by Mr. Dan Nicholson (Elder) and the evening service by Rev. Mr. MacLennan of Knox United Church, Glace Bay, NS.

## **NOVEMBER 1931**

### **Monday 2**

Louisburg, NS

Cool and partly clear.

At 8 P.M., I attended a meeting of the Louisburg Fire Brigade in the Dominion Coal Company's Brigade room. G. B. Hiltz, Fire Chief presided.

## **NOVEMBER 1931**

### **Tuesday 3**

Louisburg, NS

Cool and mostly cloudy.

At 7:30 P.M., I attended and presided at a regular meeting of the School Board. Commissioners present as follows: Peters, Bates and Campbell. D. A. Campbell has been recently appointed as a school commissioner by the Provincial Government to fill out the unexpired term of Commissioner James MacPhee who resigned some time ago. This was the first meeting at which Commissioner Campbell was present since his appointment.

At 8:15 P.M. in company with Emeline, I attended a show in the Masonic hall entitled "The Dust of the Earth". This show was staged by the Pythian Dramatic Company of Port Morien.

## **NOVEMBER 1931**

### **Wednesday 4**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and cool with a light drizzle of rain in the afternoon and a few heavy showers at night. Wind southwest.

At 9 P.M., I attended choir practice in the First United Church.

## **NOVEMBER 1931**

### **Thursday 5**

Louisburg, NS

Cool and mostly clear with light northerly wind.

At 7:30 P.M., I attended and presided at a regular meeting of the Town Council in the Town hall. All the councillors were present. At this meeting a delegation consisting of A. A. Martell, Fire Chief G. B. Hiltz and Walter Jewell Sr. from the Louisburg Fire Brigade were present and addressed the council in respect to procuring twelve waterproof coats for the Fire Brigade. The matter was on motion handed over to the Fire Committee to be dealt with at a later date. On

motion John Murphy and Percy MacKinnon were to be notified by the Town Clerk to have all obstructions removed within five days which they have erected and placed on Alma Street.

## **NOVEMBER 1931**

### **Friday 6**

Louisburg, NS

Partly clear with occasional showers. Wind westerly.

## **NOVEMBER 1931**

### **Saturday 7**

Louisburg, NS

Cool and mostly clear with moderate northwest wind.

Canadian Patrol boat "ADVERSUS" arrived and docked at the new Government wharf. This boat has been built recently and has just entered the Government service. This, I believe, is the first ship to dock at the new wharf since it was completed.

## **NOVEMBER 1931**

### **Sunday 8**

Louisburg, NS

Cool and partly clear with moderate northwest wind.

In company with Emeline, I attended service in the First United Church at 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. The morning service was conducted by Mr. A. W. Stacey (Elder) while the evening service was in charge of two laymen from Sydney: Mr. Buchanan and Mr. MacQueen.

Emeline and I spent part of the afternoon and had tea at Fletcher Townsend's.

## **NOVEMBER 1931**

### **Monday 9**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and cool with westerly wind. An ideal day.

Visited Lorraine and Clarke's Road in company with councillor P. P. Bates, W. W. Lewis and D. J. Matheson in search for suitable gravel for surfacing the streets of the town. We also visited the south side of the harbour going as far as the lighthouse in order to locate the places in the street where repairs were necessary in that district.

Mr. S. A. Rafuse, who has been stationed here since June 1922 as manager of the Royal Bank of Canada, left here today to take up his duties in the Charlotte Street branch of the Royal Bank at Sydney. Mr. Rafuse was accompanied by his wife and two children.

Mr. W. C. DeLaney, who was recently appointed Manager of the Louisburg branch of the Royal Bank of Canada, arrived here today to enter on his duties. He was accompanied by Mrs. DeLaney and one child. Mr. DeLaney was a member of the staff of the Quinpool Road branch

of the Royal Bank of Canada, Halifax, NS when it was held up and robbed of about \$16, 000.00 by three bandits on August 28 of this year.

## **NOVEMBER 1931**

### **Tuesday 10**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and mild with light to fresh southwest wind.

## **NOVEMBER 1931**

### **Wednesday 11**

Louisburg, NS

Remembrance Day

Clear and cool with light to fresh northwest wind.

Public holiday with the majority of business places closed. Had my shop open for business during the greater part of the day.

By an act passed at the last session of the Federal Parliament - November 11 was set aside as a public holiday to be known throughout Canada as "Remembrance Day". Ever since the Great War, it was known as "Armistice Day", Thanksgiving Day and Armistice Day being observed on the same day and on the Monday nearest to November 11. Today is the 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the signing of the armistice and the first occasion on which the day was observed as "Remembrance Day".

At 7:30 P.M., Emeline and I attended a service in the First United Church held under the auspices of the Missionary Society.

## **NOVEMBER 1931**

### **Thursday 12**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and cool with moderate to fresh westerly wind.

Unemployment Relief work under the 1931 "Unemployment and Farm Relief Act" began today in Louisburg. The town of Louisburg has an appropriation of \$4000.00 for unemployment relief purposes. \$2000.00 of this amount is being raised by the town of Louisburg and \$1000.00 each by the Federal and Provincial Governments.

## **NOVEMBER 1931**

### **Friday 13**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy, mild and showery with southwest wind.

## **NOVEMBER 1931**

### **Saturday 14**

Louisburg, NS

Partly clear and very cool and chilly with snow squalls. Strong northwest wind.

## **NOVEMBER 1931**

### **Sunday 15**

Louisburg, NS

Partly clear, chilly and raw with moderate to fresh northwest wind and a few light snow squalls.

Emeline and I attended service in the First United Church at 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. The morning service was in charge of Mr. Dan Nicholson (Elder) and at the evening Rev. John MacIntosh D.D. of St. James church, Sydney was the preacher.

## **NOVEMBER 1931**

### **Monday 16**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and moderately cool with light winds. An ideal day.

AT 7:30 P.M., I attended a meeting in the town hall which was called by the executive of the local Conservative committee to deal with the question of placing some of the unemployed of the town of Louisburg and district in the Highway Construction Corps which are located in various places on the Island of Cape Breton. By a vote of those present, I was elected Chairman. After calling the meeting to order and giving a brief outline as to the purpose of the meeting, Mr. John A. MacDonald addressed the meeting stating that he had been in touch with the proper authorities in respect to Highway employment and felt that a number of our men could be given employment and wished to know how many who were present and had registered as unemployed would be willing to go. On calling of the names, 67 of those present signified their willingness to accept employment on the Transcontinental Highway which is at present under construction between Sydney and the Strait of Canso.

## **NOVEMBER 1931**

### **Tuesday 17**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and mild with light southerly wind.

14 of the young men of the town left at about 4 P.M. enroute to one of the highway camps located in the vicinity of Irish Cove. This is the first party to leave Louisburg to engage in highway work on the Transcontinental road. The following are the names of those who composed the party: James Peck, Alfred Hunt, John MacKinnon, Lloyd Harris, Alex MacKeigan, Gerald Mosher, Paul Bates Jr., Murdoch MacLean, John W. MacDonald (Jake), James Hiltz, Edward MacVicar, Thomas Beaver, Hugh Braker, Joseph Campbell.

At 7:30 P.M., I attended and presided at a special meeting of the Town Council. All councillors were present except Councillor Lewis. This meeting was called for the purpose of dealing with unemployment relief matters. Amongst other business we resolved ourselves in to a committee of the whole to deal with applications for relief employment.

## **NOVEMBER 1931**

### **Wednesday 18**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and mild with light to moderate southwest wind. Light showers in the forenoon.

In the afternoon in company with Councillor P. P. Bates and Supt. of streets Paul Bates, I visited Havenside in connection with unemployment relief work which is at present being carried out on the road leading to the Lighthouse. Arthur D. Cann who is foreman in charge of the street work in that part of the town also accompanied us.

Emeline and I attended choir practice in the First United Church at 9 P.M.

At 7:30 P.M., I attended a meeting of the Unemployment Relief Committee in the store of Councillor Bates. This meeting was called for the purpose of dealing with the application of John MacRury for work on the streets under the Unemployment Relief Act.

## **NOVEMBER 1931**

### **Thursday 19**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy with light northeast wind and a few light showers in the morning.

At 7:30 P.M., I attended and presided at a regular meeting of the Town Council. All councillors present except Councillor D. J. Matheson. At the close of the council meeting, we met as a committee to deal with unemployment relief work. Amongst other business, we passed favorably on the applications of Joseph Bagnall and Nelson Bagnall for relief employment.

## **NOVEMBER 1931**

### **Friday 20**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and mild with light northeast wind.

## **NOVEMBER 1931**

### **Saturday 21**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy, mild and foggy.

At about 8:30 P.M., Allan and Frank MacKillop (brothers) of Sydney, NS were arrested by Chief of Police, Neil Murphy and lodged in jail. The charge against Frank was "Drunk and Disorderly" and against Allan: "Interfering with an officer in the discharge of his duty". After they had been in jail for about two hours, Alderman Starr MacLeod of Sydney in conversation with me by telephone, gave his word for their appearance in court at Louisburg on Monday morning, Nov 23 at 10 o'clock. They were then released.

## **NOVEMBER 1931**

**Sunday 22**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and very mild with light northwest wind. A perfect day.

At about 12:30 P.M., a party consisting of Dr. J. C. Webster of Shediac NB, Senator J. S. MacLennan, Miss Catherine MacLennan of Sydney, Judge Crowe, Mr. Lowden of Sydney and Mrs. Taylor arrived at the Crowdis Hotel after having visited the Louisburg National Park. After they had lunch, I joined the party and they returned to the park and spent about two hours visiting various points of interest before returning to Sydney. Mr. Harvey of Halifax, Provincial Archivist was also a member of the party.

Emeline and I attended service in the First United Church at 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. At the morning service Rev. M.D. MacLeod of Leitches Creek was the preacher. In the evening, Mr. Arthur Townsend (Elder) was in charge of the service which was largely a song service.

**NOVEMBER 1931****Monday 23**

Louisburg, NS

Very mild and mostly clear with light northwest wind. A perfect day.

Allan and Frank MacKillop of Sydney who were arrested here on last Saturday night, failed to appear for trial at 10 A.M. as arranged. In the afternoon, Alderman Starr MacLeod of Sydney, their bondsman, called me by phone and stated that the car in which they intended going to Louisburg had broken down which accounted for the non-appearance of the MacKillop Brothers. Mr. MacLeod asked for an adjournment until next Saturday Nov 28. I informed him that I would see the Stipendiary Magistrate (B.M. Spencer) and try and arrange a hearing for that date.

**NOVEMBER 1931****Tuesday 24**

Louisburg, NS

Partly clear and very mild with moderate southwest wind. An ideal day.

I arranged with Mr. Spencer, Stipendiary Magistrate, to have the trial of the MacKillop Brothers at 10 A.M. on next Saturday, Nov 28 and informed Mr. MacLeod of Sydney, their bondsman, to that effect.

Rev. D. A. MacMillan, Pastor of the First United Church this town who has been a patient in the City Hospital, Sydney since Aug 29, 1931, arrived here today. He is considerably improved in health but is still unable to resume his duties as Pastor of the congregation.

**NOVEMBER 1931****Wednesday 25**

Louisburg, NS/Salmon River

Cloudy and mild becoming partly clear in the afternoon.

I motored to Sydney in the forenoon in one of Cameron's trucks (Eddie Wilcox driver) enroute to Salmon River. At Sydney, I met Fred, Maria, Miss Gibbons and Elinor and motored with them to Salmon River arriving at about 4:30P.M. Heber met me at Clifford's at about 6:30 and we motored home at about 7:30.

Mr. Rod McCall, Inspecting Engineer of Unemployment Relief operations, visited Louisburg today.

## **NOVEMBER 1931**

### **Thursday 26**

Salmon River

Partly clear becoming very cool with fresh northwest wind. Snow squalls in the afternoon.

I spent the day around home. In the afternoon, I assisted Heber in installing a new rear spring in his automobile.

## **NOVEMBER 1931**

### **Friday 27**

Salmon River

Partly clear and very cool with light to moderate northwest wind. Snow on the ground is the depth of about ½ inch.

## **NOVEMBER 1931**

### **Saturday 28**

Salmon River/Louisburg, NS

Clear and cool becoming cloudy in the afternoon with light northwest wind.

The marriage of Mr. Emerson Grant and Miss Mabel Baqgnall both of this town, took place at Valley, NS this evening. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H.D. Townsend, Pastor of the United Church at Valley, NS near Truro.

I motored from Salmon River to Louisburg with Heber. We left Salmon River at about 7:45 A.M. and arrived at Louisburg at about 9:50. Heber returned home in the afternoon leaving Louisburg at about 1:30 P.M.

## **NOVEMBER 1931**

### **Sunday 29**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and mild with southwest wind. Misty in the afternoon with rain during the night.

Emeline and I attended service in the First United Church at 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. Both morning and evening services were conducted by Rev. A. D. MacDonald.

After church service in the evening, Emeline and I visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Phalen.

## **NOVEMBER 1931**

### **Monday 30**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and cool becoming milder in the afternoon with rain at night. Wind westerly changing to southwest.

#### **Death of Mr. John Weatherbe**

The death occurred at the home of his son-in-law, Westmount, Sydney of John Weatherbe, a former resident of this town. Mr. Weatherbe came to Louisburg from Georgetown, P.E.I. upwards of thirty years ago and resided here until recently when owing to failing health, he removed to the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Moore of Westmount, CB. Mr. Weatherbe was upwards of 80 years of age.

## **DECEMBER 1931**

### **Tuesday 1**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and mild with moderate southwest wind. Some rain at night.

Attended and presided at a regular meeting of the School Board at 7:30 P.M. All the members of the Board were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Grant, who were married at Valley, NS on Saturday last, arrived home today by motor car.

## **DECEMBER 1931**

### **Wednesday 2**

Louisburg, NS

Chilly and mostly cloudy with moderate to fresh north to northeast wind.

Emeline and I attended choir practice in the First United Church at 9 P.M.

## **DECEMBER 1931**

### **Thursday 3**

Louisburg, NS

Partly clear and cold with snow squalls. Moderate to fresh northwest wind. Snow fall about 2 inches. Min temperature about 18 above zero.

I attended and presided at a regular meeting of the Town Council at 7:30 P.M. Councillors present as follows: Lewis, Peters, Bates and MacInnis.

## **DECEMBER 1931**

### **Friday 4**

Louisburg, NS

Mild and mostly cloudy with light southwest wind.



## **DECEMBER 1931**

### **Saturday 5**

Louisburg, NS

Heavy rain in the early morning. Mostly cloudy becoming cold with high wind and snow squalls. Wind southwest shifting to northerly.

## **DECEMBER 1931**

### **Sunday 6**

Louisburg, NS

Partly clear and moderately cold with moderate northwest wind.

In company with Emeline, I attended service in the First United Church at 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. The morning service was conducted by Mr. A. W. Stacey (Elder) and the evening service by Rev. Mr. Ross of the United Church of Marion Bridge.

## **DECEMBER 1931**

### **Monday 7**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and mild with light rain in the morning which turned to snow and continued for several hours. Mostly clear and mild in the afternoon. Snow fall about 2 inches. Light variable wind.

## **DECEMBER 1931**

### **Tuesday 8**

Louisburg

Mostly clear and moderately cold with moderate to fresh northwest wind.

## **DECEMBER 1931**

### **Wednesday 9**

Louisburg, NS

Mostly cloudy and moderately cold with light northwest wind.

In the afternoon in company with Councillors P. P Bates, W. W. Lewis and D. J. Matheson, members of the Street and Bridge Committee, I went on a visit of inspection of the work being carried out on our streets and bridges under the Unemployment Relief Act. During our tour, we visited Havenside, Pepperell, Wolfe and Main Streets and found the work at all points progressing favourably.

At 9 P.M., Emeline and I attended choir practice in the First United Church.

## **DECEMBER 1931**

### **Thursday 10**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and mild with rain during the forenoon which turned to snow at about 1 P.M. Snow was followed by rain at about 4 P.M. Rainy and drizzily during the evening. Wind southwest shifting to east and northeast.

## **DECEMBER 1931**

### **Friday 11**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and mild with light northerly wind. Snow squalls at noon and a few showers of rain.

## **DECEMBER 1931**

### **Saturday 12**

Louisburg, NS

Mild and partly clear with southwest wind. Some rain during the night.

## **DECEMBER 1931**

### **Sunday 13**

Louisburg, NS

Mild and partly clear with light northerly wind. Light frost at night.

Emeline and I attended service in the First United Church at 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. Rev. A. D. MacDonald was in charge of both the morning and evening services.

## **DECEMBER 1931**

### **Monday 14**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and mild becoming cloudy in the afternoon with light variable wind. An ideal day. Snow during the night.

## **DECEMBER 1931**

### **Tuesday 15**

Louisburg, NS

Rain during the early morning. Mostly clear during the day with fresh to strong west to northwest wind.

## **DECEMBER 1931**

### **Wednesday 16**

Louisburg, NS

Cold and mostly clear with strong northwest wind. Snow flurries during the night.

Emeline and I attended choir practice in the First United Church at 9 P.M. The choir has acquired a number of copies of the New United Church Hymn Book which is known as the "Hymnary". It was used at practice by our choir tonight for the first time.

Death of Mrs. Lauchie MacIntyre.

The death occurred at Sydney today of Mrs. Lauchie MacIntyre of this town.

**DECEMBER 1931**

**Thursday 17**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and moderately cold with fresh to moderate northwest to west wind.

Attended and presided at a regular meeting of the Town council at 7:30 P.M.

**DECEMBER 1931**

**Friday 18**

Louisburg, NS/Sydney, NS

Rain during the early morning followed by a light drizzle of snow. Clearing in the morning. Mostly cloudy during the day. Moderate to strong northwest wind.

Funeral of Mrs. Lauchie MacIntyre.

**DECEMBER 1931**

**Saturday 19**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and comparatively mild with a light drizzle of snow. Light northwest wind. Snow fall about ½ inch.

**DECEMBER 1931**

**Sunday 20**

Louisburg, NS

Cold and raw and mostly cloudy with light to moderate northwest wind.

Emeline and I attended service in the First United Church at 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. The services were in charge of two of the Elders, Daniel Nicholson in the morning and Arthur Townsend in the evening. At the evening service the choir rendered a cantata entitled "Watching with the Shepherd".

At today's services, the "Hymnary" was used for the first time by the choir and congregation of the First United Church. This book was published and offered for distribution in the spring of 1931.

**DECEMBER 1931**

**Monday 21**

Louisburg, NS

Chilly and mostly cloudy with light northwest wind which changed to southwest and increased to a fresh breeze.

## **DECEMBER 1931**

### **Tuesday 22**

Louisburg, NS

Mild and mostly cloudy with light variable wind. An ideal day.

Tax Sale.

At 10:30 A.M., I attended the annual Tax Sale in the Town hall. The following properties were offered for sale at auction by Town Clerk, B. M. Spencer for arrears of taxes.

Angus MacCormick Estate,

George Dickson property,

Gordon MacDonald property,

D. S. Hooper “ ”,

Harry Tutty “ ”,

No offers being received for any of the above properties, the sale was adjourned until Jan. 19, 1932.

## **DECEMBER 1931**

### **Wednesday 23**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and mild with rain during the greater part of the day. Wind southerly.

## **DECEMBER 1931**

### **Thursday 24**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and very mild with light westerly wind. A perfect day followed by a magnificent moon light night.

## **DECEMBER 1931**

### **Friday 25**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and mild with rain during the afternoon and evening. Wind southeast.

Emeline and I spent the afternoon and evening at the home of Mrs. Z W. Townsend where we had dinner and supper. Those present were as follows: Mrs. Z. W. Townsend, Wesley Townsend, Emerson Grant, Mrs. Emerson Grant, Fletcher Townsend, Mrs. Fletcher Townsend, Miss Cynetta King (maid), Emeline and myself.

## **DECEMBER 1931**

### **Saturday 26**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy, mild and foggy with light southeast to northeast wind. The snow which had covered the ground to the depth of about 3 inches for the past two weeks has entirely disappeared with the exception of a few very small patches.

## **DECEMBER 1931**

### **Sunday 27**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and mild with moderate rain in the late afternoon and night. Light northeast wind.

Attended service in the First United Church at 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. Both the morning and evening services were in charge of Mr. [blank] MacVicar, a United Church student-minister. Emeline was present at the morning service but was not out in the evening.

## **DECEMBER 1931**

### **Monday 28**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and mild with light northerly wind which changed to southwest at night and increased to a moderate breeze.

## **DECEMBER 1931**

### **Tuesday 29**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and comparatively mild with light west to northwest winds.

At 7:30 P.M., I attended and presided at a meeting of the Town Council. Councillors present: Bates, Peters, Matheson, MacInnis and Lewis.

## **DECEMBER 1931**

### **Wednesday 30**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and mild with light variable winds. An ideal day. Ground slightly frozen and bare of snow.

## **DECEMBER 1931**

### **Thursday 31**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and cool with a light drizzle of snow. Light northerly wind. Ground partly covered with a light dust of snow.