

## TRANSCRIPT

### HUNTINGTON DIARIES 1934

#### Louisbourg, N.S., Jan 1, 1934

Town Officials

Mayor: Melvin S. Huntington

Councillors: Clarence Peters (Presiding Councillor)

D. J. MacInnis

Wesley Townsend

Jeremiah Smith

Two vacant seats on the council board.

Town Clerk and Treasurer: Beecher M. Spencer

Stipendiary Magistrate: Beecher M. Spencer

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

Policeman, Truant Officer, Sanitary Inspector, Gaoler and Inspector under Fire ordinance: Albert Baker.

Public School Staff:

Principal: Arthur Ormiston, B.A.

Vice Principal: Miss Alice Ley

Miss Annie Pope

Miss Blanche Cross

Miss Evelyn Smith

Miss Mary Hiltz

School Board:

Melvin S. Huntington (chairman)

Clarence Peters

Jeremiah Smith

John A. MacDonald -

Dougall A. Campbell - Government Appointees

Population of Town of Louisbourg according to 1931 Census: 971

#### Louisburg, NS, 1934

Assessors

Beecher M. Spencer (Town Assessor)

John N. MacDonald

Dougall A. Campbell

Revisors of Voters Lists

Robert A. Peters

Duncan Lamont

Harold MacQueen

Clergymen in charge of the various Louisburg congregations:

Roman Catholic: Rev D. H. Doyle

Anglican: Rev. E. B. Gabriel

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

Presbyterian: M. Alexander Campbell (student).

Rev. Frank Hutchison, who took charge of the Presbyterian congregation on Dec. 30, 1932 was succeeded by Mr. Llyall Deltore (student minister) on April 15, 1933. On or about Sept 11, 1933, Mr. Deltore left here to resume his studies. Mr. Deltore was followed by Mr. Campbell, who previous to coming here was in charge of the Albert Bridge and Catalone congregations. At present Mr. Campbell is ministering to the three congregations, Louisburg, Catalone and Albert Bridge, usually holding services at Louisburg on Sunday evenings.

Collector of Customs, Port of Louisburg:

A. W. Stacey.

Pilots, Port of Louisburg:

John E. Tutty, John Power, John Kelly, George Harris, William Williams, George Wilcox, D. W. Ley, Thomas Wilcox.

Postmaster: Hugh Lynk, appointed April, 1912

## **JANUARY 1934**

### **Monday 1**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy, mild and foggy. Light snow squalls in the forenoon followed by moderate rain at about 1pm which continued until about 4 P.M. Light variable wind. Mostly southwest later shifting to northerly and increasing. Min temperature 28, max temperature 34.

### **Annual Family Gathering**

Today we had our annual New Year Family gathering at our home. Those present at dinner and supper besides Emeline and myself were: Mrs. Z. W. Townsend, Wesley Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Grant and Mrs. Jeanette Spencer. We spent a very pleasant day and evening together. Had our usual New Year "Sing Song" during the afternoon and until the last of our guests had departed about 9:45 P.M.

### **Schooner "Donald II"**

The three masted schooner "Donald II", Capt. William Trenholme, which was frozen in the ice east of the freight wharf, broke her way out during the day and docked at the Government wharf. The "Donald II" arrived here bunker laden from Bay Cheleur enroute to Barbados, B.W.I. and is now awaiting a favourable opportunity to sail for her destination.

## **JANUARY 1934**

### **Tuesday 2**

Louisburg, NS

Snow fall of about 3 inches in the early morning. Clear and cold during the day with bright sunshine. Fresh to light northerly winds. Min temperature 6 below zero, max temperature 28 above. Thermometer readings: 8 A.M., 10 above zero, 1pm, 4 above, 6pm, zero, 7 P.M., 2 below, midnight 6 below. Harbour clear of ice west of the freight wharf. Small steamer "Enterprise" arrived in the evening from North Sydney.

Community Dance.

At 8:30pm, in company with Emeline, I attended a community dance in the Masonic hall. This dance was largely attended there being upwards of 150 persons present who appeared to enjoy themselves to the full. Mrs.(Capt.) MacPhail was in a large measure responsible for the promotion of this affair which proved to be a social success.

## **JANUARY 1934**

### **Wednesday 3**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and cold with light northwest wind. Min temperature 6 below zero, max temperature 8 above. Thermometer readings: Early morning 6 below zero, 8am, 4 below, noon 5 above, 6pm, 4 below. As a result of the heavy frost of last night, the harbour was all caught over with ice this morning.

Volunteer Janitors.

Owing to the financial depression which has prevailed for the past several years, the Board of Stewards of the First United church dispensed with the services of a regular janitor early in the summer of 1933. Since that time the janitor work has been carried on by volunteers from the congregation on a basis of one month to each person willing to accept the job. As I am undertaking the work for this month, I entered on my duties today by making the fire in the furnace to heat the church for the mid week prayer meeting.

## **JANUARY 1934**

### **Thursday 4**

Louisburg, NS

Very cold with bright sunshine and light northerly wind. Min temperature 8 below zero, max temperature 9 above. Thermometer readings: Early morning, 5 below zero, 8am, 2 below, noon, 5 above, 6pm, 2 below, 11pm, 8 below.

S. S. "Cruizer"

Dominion Coal Company tug "Cruizer", Capt. Thomas Ley, left North Sydney at about noon today enroute to Louisburg where she will likely remain for the winter months or until navigation again opens at Sydney.

Steel Trains.

During last night two trains loaded with steel products from Sydney arrived for shipment at this port. This shipment is said to consist of about 1000 tons of nails. A steamer is now due here to pick up this shipment.

## **JANUARY 1934**

### **Friday 5**

Louisburg, NS

Very cold in the morning but moderated during the day. Light north wind shifting to westerly and later to southwest. Cloudy in the afternoon. Storm threatening. Min temperature 9 below zero, max temperature 18 above. Thermometer readings: Early morning: 9 below zero, 8am, 2 above, noon, 16 above, 6pm, 12 above.

S. S. "Arranmore".

Government steamer "Arranmore", Capt. MacDonald enroute from Halifax to St. Paul's Island and intermediate points, passed here shortly after noon but on meeting ice near Flint Island, turned back and headed for Louisburg arriving at about 6pm.

S. S. "Cruizer" and "Watuka".

The Dominion Coal Company's tug "Cruizer", Capt. Thos. Ley, which left North Sydney enroute to Louisburg yesterday, has not yet arrived. She is reported to be stuck in the ice off Low Point, near Sydney and unable to make any headway.

The "Watuka", Capt Bragg, which loaded a cargo of coal at North Sydney early this week is also reported to be caught in the ice a short distance off that port.

Coal Train.

The first train of coal for shipment from this port this season, arrived here during the night.

## **JANUARY 1934**

### **Saturday 6**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and mild. Light fall of snow in the early morning which was followed by a light drizzle of rain which continued during the greater part of the day. Light easterly wind becoming variable in the afternoon. Snow fall about ½ inch. Min temperature 16, max temperature 36. Considerable ice in the harbour and around the docks.

S. S. "Arranmore".

Government steamer "Arranmore", Capt. MacDonald which arrived here yesterday, docked at the coal company's freight wharf.

S. S. "Cruizer".

Dominion Coal Company's tug "Cruizer", Capt Thos. Ley, which had been stuck in the ice off Sydney for the last few days, arrived here at about 2:30pm. She will likely remain here for the winter.

S. S. "Watuka".

Steamer "Watuka", Captain Bragg, which loaded a cargo of coal at North Sydney early this week enroute to St. John's Nfld and which had been caught in the ice off Sydney having become short of water arrived here in the afternoon for the purpose of replenishing her supply.

## **JANUARY 1934**

### **Sunday 7**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and mild with light variable wind. Min temperature 26, max temperature 38. Ice in the harbour west of the coal pier all broken up into loose pans.

S. S. "Watuka".

Steamer "Watuka", Capt. Bragg which arrived here yesterday enroute from North Sydney to St. John's Nfld with a cargo of coal, sailed.

S. S. "Arranmore".

Government steamer "Arranmore", Captain MacDonald, sailed for St. Paul's Island on buoy service but failed to get any further than off Sydney owing to ice conditions. She returned to Louisburg at about 7pm.

S. S. "Heilo".

Norwegian steamer "Heilo", Captain Holm, arrived here in the afternoon for a cargo of coal. This ship, while trying to get to Sydney, was caught in the ice early last week and was not released until yesterday after which she proceeded to Louisburg,

S. S. "Canby".

Steamer "Canby", Captain J. N. Wilson, arrived at about 4pm from St. John N.B. for a cargo of coal.

Church Services.

At 11am and 7pm, Emeline and I attended service in the First United church, Rev. D. A. MacMillan was in charge of both morning and evening services.

## **JANUARY 1934**

### **Monday 8**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and mild. Snow began to fall at about 10am which was followed by a drizzle of hail, rain and sleet in the afternoon which was again followed by light snow in the evening. Moderate to fresh southwest to northwest winds. Snow fall about 4 inches. Min temperature 22, max temperature 38.

S. S. "Arranmore"

Government steamer "Arranmore", Captain MacDonald sailed in the morning on buoy service. On returning early in the day, she landed buoys on the Government wharf.

S. S. "Heilo".

Norwegian steamer "Heilo", Captain Holm, began loading a cargo of coal at about 1pm. This is the first coal to be shipped over Louisburg pier this season.

S. S. "Canby".

Steamer "Canby", Captain Wilson, began loading a cargo of coal in the afternoon.

"Week of Prayer"

At 7:30 P.M., I attended the first of the series of the "Week of Prayer" services in the First United church. Rev. D. A. MacMillan, the regular pastor, was assisted by Rev. W. B. Bezanson, pastor of the Glace Bay Baptist church, who preached the sermon. Mr. Bezanson arrived here on the evening train and is our guest while in town.

## **JANUARY 1934**

### **Tuesday 9**

Louisburg, NS

Mostly cloudy with light west to northwest wind. Comparatively mild during the day becoming cold at night. Min temperature 6 above, max temperature 32.

S. S. "Heilo".

Norwegian steamer "Heilo", Captain Holm, finished loading a cargo of coal and sailed.

S. S. "Lady Laurier".

Government steamer "Lady Laurier", Capt. Robertson, arrived in the afternoon and docked at the Government wharf.

S. S. "Arranmore".

Government steamer "Arranmore", Capt. MacDonald, sailed in the morning on buoy service but returned to port in the evening. Much difficulty is being experienced in picking up many of the buoys owing to unfavourable ice conditions caused by the recent cold weather particularly on the eastern and northern Cape Breton coast.

"Week of Prayer".

The second of the series of "Week of Prayer" was held in the First United church at 7:30 P.M. Rev. D. A. MacMillan was assisted on this occasion by Rev. R. C. F. MacLennan of Knox United church, Glace Bay who delivered the address.

## **JANUARY 1934**

### **Wednesday 10**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and cold with light northwest wind. Min temperature 1 below zero, max temperature 16 above.

S. S. "Canby".

Steamer "Canby", Capt. Wilson, finished loading a cargo of coal and sailed for Halifax, NS.

S. S. "Trajan".

Norwegian steamer "Trajan", Capt. Bjorsted, lumber laden, arrived, bunkered and sailed.

S. S. "Makefjell"

Norwegian steamer "Makefjell", Captain Nordbye, arrived at about 7pm to load part cargo of steel products. This is the first arrival for steel products this season.

"Week of Prayer"

At 7:30 P.M., I attended the "Week of Prayer" service in the First United church. The service this evening was in charge of the Young People's Society under the chairmanship of Miss Annie M. MacIntyre. Rev. D. A. MacMillan delivered the address.

Annual meeting of choir.

Immediately following the evening service, I attended the annual meeting of the First United church choir. The secretary-treasurer's report showed receipts for the year 1933 of \$52.16 and expenditures of \$25.00 which consisted of a donation to the current expenses of the church. At tonight's meeting, we voted a further sum of \$25.00 for the same purpose. The following officers for 1934 were elected: John A. MacDonald, Leader (reelected), Miss Christine MacDonald, secretary-treasurer (reelected), Mrs. D. J. MacIntyre, official board representative, M. S. Huntington, Chairman (reelected).

## **JANUARY 1934**

### **Thursday 11**

Louisburg, NS

Mostly cloudy with light drizzle of snow and rain for a short time in the afternoon. Moderate southwest wind. Min temperature 9 above zero, max temperature 34.

S. S. "Makefjell".

Norwegian steamer "Makefjell", Captain Nordbye, which arrived here yesterday evening began loading part cargo of steel products mostly nails.

Week of Prayer

The fourth of the series of "Week of Prayer" services was held in the First United church at 7:30 P.M. Rev. D. A. MacMillan was assisted at this service by Rev. W. K. MacKay, Pastor of the United church at Reserve Mines.

## **JANUARY 1934**

### **Friday 12**

Louisburg, NS

Mostly clear with moderate northwest wind. Min temperature 4 above zero, max temperature 31.

S. S. "Lady Laurier".

Government steamer "Lady Laurier", Captain Robertson, sailed for Halifax after taking on board the buoys that were deposited on the Government wharf by the S. S. "Arranmore".

Death of John L. Gillis.

The death of John L. Gillis occurred at his home on Main Street at an early hour this morning after an illness of several months. Mr. Gillis who was about 76 years of age was born at Grand Mira but came to Louisburg quite early in life. For many years, he was employed as a carpenter by the Dominion Coal Company. He is survived by his wife who before her marriage was a Miss Sutherland.

Week of Prayer.

At 7:30 P.M., I attended the fifth and last of the series of "Week of Prayer" services in the First United church. The regular Pastor, Rev. D. A. MacMillan was assisted at tonight's service by Rev. J. A. MacLellan of Chalmers United Church, Bridgeport, NS, who delivered the address.

## **JANUARY 1934**

### **Saturday 13**

Louisburg, NS

Clear in the forenoon, becoming cloudy in the afternoon. Light variable wind. Min temperature 1 above zero, max temperature 26.

S. S. "Lifland"

Danish steamer "Lifland", Captain \_\_\_\_, arrived at about 3pm for bunker coal and anchored in the stream. Late in the evening, she docked at the coal pier and bunkered.

S. S. "Kenbane Head", Captain \_\_\_\_ arrived at about 4pm for bunker coal and docked at the coal pier. After bunkering, she sailed for Philadelphia via St. John, N.B.

S. S. "Makefjell".

Norwegian steamer "Makefjell", Captain Nordbye finished loading a cargo of steel products, bunkered and sailed for England.

S. S. "Dago".

Norwegian steamer "Dago", Captain Johansen, arrived during the evening for a cargo of coal.

Marriage.

The marriage of Douglas Fleet to Miss Henrietta Wilcox, both of this town, took place in St. Bartholomew's Church at 7:30 P.M. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. B. Gabriel.

Meeting of Board of Stewards.

In the evening, I attended a meeting of the Board of Stewards of the First United church. At this meeting the estimates for the current year amounting to \_\_\_ were brought down and opposed by the board. It was also decided to hold the annual meeting of the First United church on Feb. 6, 1934.

## **JANUARY 1934**

### **Sunday 14**

Louisburg, NS

Snow storm during the first half of the day which was followed by a light drizzle of hail and rain. Strong easterly wind. Snow fall about 6 inches. Snow badly drifted in many places on the streets and highways making difficult traveling. Min temperature 14, max temperature 29.

Funeral.

At 2 P.M., in company with William Phalen, I attended the funeral of the late John L. Gillis. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Father D. H. Doyle in Stella Maris Church. Interment took place in the Roman Catholic cemetery adjoining the church. The undertaker could not use the motor hearse at today's funeral owing to the depth of snow on the streets, consequently, he had to use a horse and sleigh to convey the remains to the church.

S. S. "Watuka"

Steamer "Watuka", Captain Bragg, arrived in the afternoon for a cargo of coal.

Church services.

At 11A.M. and 7 P.M., in company with Emeline, I attended service in the First United church. Both services were in charge of Rev. D. A. MacMillan. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed at the morning service. Anthony MacDonald of Glace Bay joined the Louisburg United church at the morning service.

Sing Song.

At the close of the evening on the invitation of the choir leader and organist, Mr. & Mrs. John A. MacDonald, the members of the choir and a number of their friends spent the evening at the MacDonald home where we engaged in a "Sing Song".

For the first time this winter, the Bus service between Sydney and Louisburg failed to function owing to heavy snow.

## **JANUARY 1934**

### **Monday 15**

Louisburg, NS

Light drizzle of snow all day with fresh east, northeast wind. Snow fall about 2 inches. Heavy traveling on the streets and highways owing to yesterday's snow storm and drifts. No Bus service from Sydney today.

S. S. "Grey County".

Norwegian steamer "Grey County", Captain Anderson, arrived at about 8 A.M. from St. John, N.B. for a cargo of steel products. It is said that this boat is to load about 7000 tons of steel. She began taking cargo on board this evening.

## **JANUARY 1934**

### **Tuesday 16**

Louisburg, NS

Mostly cloudy with moderate northerly wind.

S. S. "Watuka"

Steamer "Watuka", Capt. Bragg, sailed with a cargo of coal.

Bus Service.

Owing to snow drifts on the highways, the Bus service between Sydney and Louisburg has been discontinued until more favourable conditions prevail.

## **JANUARY 1934**

### **Wednesday 17**

Louisburg, NS/Sydney, NS

Cloudy and mild with light south to southwest wind. Snow began to fall at about noon and continued during the afternoon. Snow fall about 4 inches.

S. S. "Dago".

Norwegian steamer "Dago" sailed from Louisburg with a cargo of coal.

AT 8:15, I left Louisburg by the S. & L Railway enroute to Sydney for the purpose of representing the Town of Louisburg on the Cape Breton Joint Expenditure Board which meets at Sydney tomorrow at 10am. On arriving at Glace Bay at about 10am, I took a train car for Sydney arriving at about 11:30. Stopped at the Vidal Hotel. Spent the evening with Judge Walter Crowe at his residence 233 Esplanade where we discussed matters historical until a late hour.

## **JANUARY 1934**

### **Thursday 18**

Sydney, NS

Moderately cold and mostly cloudy with moderate northwest wind.

Cape Breton Joint Expenditure Board.

At 10am, I attended the first session of the Cape Breton Joint Expenditure Board which met in the County Council Chamber in the Court house. There was a full attendance of the board which consists of the following:

Mayor S. E. Muggah, Aldermen Symour Hines, Archie Sullivan, John Gallivan and Starr MacLeod, Sydney, Mayor Charles MacVicar, Councillors W. R. MacDonald and Martin Tracey,

Glance Bay, Mayor F. Kelly and Councillor Urquhart, North Sydney, Mayor A. C. MacCormick and Councillor Alex. Gillis, Sydney Mines, Mayor Hinchey, New Waterford, Mayor F. J. Mitchell, Dominion and Mayor M. S. Huntington, Louisburg. Warden D. H. MacLean, Councillors Colin F. MacDonald and Dan Ferguson, Municipality of the County of Cape Breton. The greater part of the morning session was taken up with hearing delegations from various institutions soliciting the usual grants and the reading of the usual reports. We adjourned at 12:30pm and met for the afternoon session at 2 pm. Adjourned again at 4pm.

Board of Trade.

On the invitation of the Sydney Board of Trade, I attended the annual banquet of that organization at the Isle Royale Hotel in the evening. President O. N. Mann presided and introduced a number of speakers who spoke encouragingly of the work being undertaken by Board of Trade. Col. John A MacDonald was elected president for the current year.

Fire at Louisburg.

Fire broke out at the residence of Hugh MacIntyre at about 9pm but was quickly extinguished. Amount of damage about \$20.00.

## **JANUARY 1934**

### **Friday 19**

Sydney, NS

Cold and partly clear with northwest wind which shifted to southeast. Snow began to fall at about 8:30pm and continued during the night. Snow fall about 5 inches. Min temperature about 7 below zero.

Cape Breton Joint Expenditure Board.

At 10am, I attended the third session of the Cape Breton Joint Expenditure Board. All members present.

## **JANUARY 1934**

### **Saturday 20**

Sydney, NS/Louisburg, NS

Very cold with strong northwest wind which moderated in the late afternoon. Min temperature about 8 below zero.

Streets and highways blocked in many places with snow drifts. No motor traffic between Sydney and the various towns owing to snow blockade.

Sydney to Louisburg

I left Sydney at 1pm by train car for Glance Bay. Left Glance Bay at 2:45pm by Sydney and Louisburg Railway train for Louisburg arriving at about 4:30pm.

## **JANUARY 1934**

### **Sunday 21**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and very cold. Bright sunshine all day. Moderate to light northerly wind. Min temperature 13 below zero, max temperature 6 above.

Thermometer readings approximately as follows:

Early morning, 13 below zero, 8am, 4 below, 11am, 2 above, 7pm, 8 below, 11pm, 12 below. Harbour all frozen over.

Church services.

AT 11am and 7pm, I attended services in the First United church. Both services were in charge of Rev. D. A. MacMillan. Emeline was not out to the morning service but accompanied me in the evening.

Sing Song.

After service in the evening, the members of the choir and some of their friends visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Phalen where we spent the remainder of the evening very pleasantly, all hands joining in a "sing song".

## **JANUARY 1934**

### **Monday 22**

Louisburg, NS

Remarkably clear and very cold with light northerly wind. Min temperature 15 below, max temperature 8 above.

Thermometer readings as follows:

Early morning 15 below zero, 8am, 10 below, noon, 4 above, 6pm, 5 below, 11pm, 6 below. Harbour frozen over all the way out to the entrance.

S. S. "Caribou".

Newfoundland steamer "Caribou" (Capt. Taverner), arrived at about 7pm from Port-au-basque, Nfld being unable to reach North Sydney owing to unfavourable ice conditions. This is the Caribou's first trip to Louisburg this season. A special S. & L. Railway train arrived during the night with passengers and mails for the Caribou.

S. S. "Grey County".

Norwegian steamer "Grey County" (Capt. Anderson) which arrived here on the 15<sup>th</sup> of this month finished loading a cargo of steel products, about 7000 tons, and will probably sail early tomorrow.

## **JANUARY 1934**

### **Tuesday 23**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and cold in the morning becoming milder in the day and cloudy in the afternoon. Light northwest wind shifting to southwest in the forenoon. Storm threatening. Min temperature 6 below zero.

S. S. "Caribou".

Nfld steamer "Caribou" (Capt. Taverner) sailed in the morning enroute to Port-au-basque, Nfld with mails and passengers.

School Board.

AT 7:30pm, I attended and presided at a meeting of the School Board. Present, Commissioners: Clarence Peters, J. A. MacDonald, Jeremiah Smith, Clerk, B. M. Spencer, Principal, Arthur Ormiston.

John Bush.

A coloured man, giving his name as John Bush, who has been in town for about two weeks and living in the Sydney and Louisburg Railway sand house near the round house was placed under arrest this evening on a charge of vagrancy and lodged in the town jail. The arrest was made by Constable Neil Nicholson of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Glace Bay detachment.

## **JANUARY 1934**

### **Wednesday 24**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and mild with southeast wind which shifted to southwest at noon and moderated. Light rain during the afternoon. Min temperature 28, max temperature 40.

S. S. Grey County.

Norwegian steamer Grey County, Captain Andersen, sailed at about 9:30am for Manchester, England with a cargo of about 7000 tons of steel products which she loaded at this port. This boat had considerable trouble in getting turned around at the dock but after getting her bow pointed seaward, had no difficulty in forcing her way through the sheet ice in the harbour and a quantity of drift ice at the mouth of the harbour.

Choir Practice.

At 9pm, I attended choir practice in the First United church.

John Bush.

John Bush, the coloured man, who was placed under arrest on the Dominion Coal Company's property yesterday evening and spent last night in the town jail was taken to Glace Bay on the 8:15am train by Constable Neil Nicholson of the Glace Bay detachment of the R. C. M. P.

## **JANUARY 1934**

### **Thursday 25**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and mild with light southwest to west winds. Light snow squalls during the afternoon. Min temperature 26, max temperature 36.

Council Meeting.

AT 7:30pm, I attended and presided at of the Town Council. Those present were, Councillors Smith, Townsend, Peters and MacInnis, Clerk B. M. Spencer. At this meeting, Mr. A. A. Martell was appointed to audit the 1933 books and accounts of the Town of Louisburg.

## **JANUARY 1934**

### **Friday 26**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and comparatively mild with moderate northwest wind. Min temperature 12, max temperature 33.

Harbour west of the coal pier and around the coal company's docks, clear of ice.

S. S. Liverpool Rover.

Steamer "Liverpool Rover" owned by the Mersey Paper Company Ltd of Liverpool, NS and commanded by Captain Ralph Williams, arrived, loaded a cargo of about 1800 tons of coal and sailed for Liverpool, NS.

Dance.

A dance under the auspices of the Louisburg Tennis Club was held in the Masonic hall during the evening.

## **JANUARY 1934**

### **Saturday 27**

Louisburg, NS

Clear with light variable winds mostly southeast to southwest. Min temperature 4 above zero.

S. S. Canadian Constructor.

Steamer Canadian Constructor , Captain Webb, arrived and loaded a part cargo of steel products about 400 tons.

S. S. Canby.

Steamer Canby, Captain Wilson, arrived from St. John, NB for a cargo of coal.

S. S. Mikula.

Canadian Government Ice Breaker, "Mikula" in command of Captain Mercier arrived at about 7pm from North Sydney.

Death of Hector Ferguson

The death occurred at the home of his parents, Riverdale Street, this morning of Hector Ferguson. Mr. Ferguson, who had been ill for quite a long time, was about 26 years of age. Besides his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Archie Ferguson, he is survived by one brother (Allan) and two sisters.

## **JANUARY 1934**

## **Sunday 28**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and mild with a light drizzle of snow which lasted nearly all day. Light to moderate east-southeast wind shifting to southwest in the evening. Foggy at night. Snow fall about 1 inch.

Min temperature 22, max temperature 36.

Considerable drift ice on the coast.

Church services.

At 11am and 7pm, Emeline and I attended services in the First United church. Both morning and evening services were conducted by Rev. D. A. MacMillan.

Sing Song.

After the close of the evening service some of the members of the United church choir accompanied by some of their friends, spent the remainder of the evening at our house and engaged in sacred sing song.

S. S. Canadian Constructor.

Canadian Merchant Marine steamer, Canadian Constructor (Captain Webb) sailed at about 8am with a part cargo of steel products enroute to Australian and New Zealand ports via Halifax, NS.

## **JANUARY 1934**

### **Monday 29**

Louisburg, NS

Heavy rain in the early morning. Cloudy and mild during the day becoming cold at night.

Moderate southwest wind shifting to westerly in the late afternoon and increasing to a gale. Min temperature 7 above zero, max temperature 39.

Harbour and coast blocked with drift ice. Government ice breaker "Mikula" (Captain Mercer) went to the assistance of the steamers "Dago" and "Watuka" which were reported caught in the ice off Louisburg.

Blocked with ice.

Harbour and coast blocked with drift ice.

Mikula assisted Dago and Watuka.

Government ice breaker "Mikula", Captain Mercer, went to the assistance of the steamers "Dago" and "Watuka" which were reported caught in the ice off this port. These two ships were released by the "Mikula". The "Dago" arrived in the afternoon and the "Watuka" at about 8pm.

Funeral.

At 11am, I attended the funeral of the late Hector Ferguson. The service at the house was conducted by Rev. D. A. MacMillan. Interment took place in Catalone cemetery.

Meeting of Fire Brigade.

At 8pm, I attended a meeting of the Louisburg Volunteer Fire Brigade in the fire hall. Those present were: R. A. Peters (Capt.), Fred Burke, James Burke, Percy MacKinnon and M. S. Huntington.

Death of William Nicholson.

William Nicholson, a former resident of this town was found dead in his shop at 196 Grafton St., Halifax, NS today. Mr. Nicholson is survived by one sister, Miss Henrietta Nicholson of this town.

## **JANUARY 1934**

### **Tuesday 30**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and cold with westerly gale which moderated in the evening. Min temperature 7, max temperature 16.

S. S. Canby

Steamer "Canby", Captain Wilson, finished loading a cargo of coal and anchored in the upper harbour. Capt. Wilson does not intend to sail until the wind moderates.

Town Nomination Day

Today is Nomination Day for Mayors and Councillors in the various towns throughout the province with the exception of Glace Bay. At the closing hour, 5pm, in the Town of Louisburg the following had filed their nomination papers with the town clerk, B. M. Spencer;

For Mayor, M. S. Huntington,

For Councillors: Jeremiah Smith, D. J. MacInnis and G. B. Hiltz. Jeremiah Smith and D. J. MacInnis are seeking reelection. G. B. Hiltz, a former councillor has not been a member of the Town Council for several years but has decided to come in again.

## **JANUARY 1934**

### **Wednesday 31**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and cold with light northwest to northeast winds. Min temperature 8 below zero, max temperature 9 above.

S. S. Canby

Collier "Canby", Captain Wilson, sailed for St. John, N.B. with a cargo of coal.

S. S. Watuka

Collier "Watuka", Captain Bragg, sailed for Liverpool, N.S. with a cargo of coal.

S. S. Dago

Norwegian steamer "Dago" finished loading a cargo of coal and about fifty tons of steel products and sailed at about 4pm for St. John's, Newfoundland.

Clear of ice.

Harbour west of coal shipping pier clear of ice. Thick vapour rising from the waters of the harbour and ocean in the morning.

Volunteer Janitor

My term as volunteer janitor of the First United church which began with the first of this month, terminated today. My successor is Neil MacRury.

## **FEBRUARY 1934**

### **Thursday 1**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy with light westerly wind which shifted to southwest and increased to a fresh breeze. Light drizzle of snow in the evening followed by rain. Snowfall less than ½ inch.

Funeral.

The remains of the late William Nicholson arrived on the 4:15pm train from Halifax and were taken directly to St. Bartholomew's cemetery on Clarke's Road where interment took place. Rev. E. B. Gabriel, pastor of St. Bartholomew's Anglican church, conducted the funeral service. Mr. Nicholson's body was found in his shop at 196 Grafton Street, Halifax, N. S. on Monday of this week.

Storing Ice.

Began storing my ice supply. Fred Cunnington, cutting, hauling, Nelson Tanner, stowing.

## **FEBRUARY 1934**

### **Friday 2**

Louisburg, NS

Heavy southerly gale accompanied by rain which lasted all day. Min temperature 31, max temperature 40. Streets very slippery.

## **FEBRUARY 1934**

### **Saturday 3**

Louisburg, NS

Mostly cloudy with light variable winds. Min temperature 22, max temperature 34.

## **FEBRUARY 1934**

### **Sunday 4**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy with light northwest wind. Min temperature 10, max temperature 22.

S. S. Watuka

Steamer "Watuka", Captain Bragg, arrived from Liverpool, N. S. for a cargo of coal.

Church services.

At 11am and 7pm in company with Emeline, I attended services in the First United church. Rev. D. A. MacMillan was in charge of both services.

Sing Song.

After the close of the evening service, a number of the United church choir members assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Stacey where we spent a musical evening.

## **FEBRUARY 1934**

### **Monday 5**

Louisburg, NS

Partly clear with light variable winds. Min temperature 5, max temperature 26.

Board of Stewards.

At 8pm, a meeting of the Board of Stewards of the First United church was held at our house. Those present were: William Phalen, Neil MacRury, John N. MacDonald, John A. MacDonald and M. S. Huntington.

## **FEBRUARY 1934**

### **Tuesday 6**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and cold in the morning but became cloudy during the afternoon. Light northeast wind increasing at night. Snow began to fall at about 8:30pm. Min temperature 1 above zero, max temperature 18 above.

S. S. Watuka

Steamer "Watuka", Captain Bragg, sailed for Liverpool, N. S. with a cargo of coal in the morning.

Annual Meeting

At 7:30pm, I attended the annual Congregational meeting of the First United church in the church. After devotional exercises which were led by the Pastor, Rev. D. A. MacMillan, on motion of the meeting A. W. Stacey was elected chairman and I was elected secretary of the meeting.

Town Elections.

No contests at Louisbourg today. The following were elected by acclamation: For Mayor: M. S. Huntington (reelected), Jeremiah Smith (reelected), D. J. MacInnis (reelected) and Guy B. Hiltz.

## **FEBRUARY 1934**

### **Wednesday 7**

Louisburg, NS

Snow storm which began at 8:30pm yesterday raged with terrific force during the early hours of the morning. The snow was accompanied by a heavy northeast gale. Wind shifted to northwest before but continued to blow with gale force nearly all day. Weather cleared in the early part of the day. Min temperature 3 below zero, max temperature 16. Snowfall about 12 inches.

Highways blocked with snow.

Streets and highways blocked with snow drifts as a result of last night's storm.

## **FEBRUARY 1934**

### **Thursday 8**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and cold with light northwest to west winds. Heavy snow squalls in the morning. Cleared at about 7:30am. Snow fall about 3 inches. Min temperature 10 below zero, max temperature 26.

S. S. Canby

Collier "Canby", Captain Wilson, arrived from ST. John, N. B. for a cargo of coal.

Council Meeting.

AT 7:30pm, I attended and presided at a regular meeting of the Town Council. Was sworn into office by Stipendiary Magistrate, B. M. Spencer, as Mayor of the Town of Louisburg for my fifth two-year term. After the oath of office had been administered to me, I in turn swore into office the following Councillors: Jeremiah Smith, D. J. MacInnis and G. B. Hiltz.

S. S. Mikula.

Government ice breaker "Mikula", Captain Mercier, arrived in the evening.

## **FEBRUARY 1934**

### **Friday 9**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and very cold with light northwest wind. Min temperature 12 below zero, max temperature 8 above.

Thermometer readings: Early morning, 9 below zero, 9am, 4 below, 10am, 2 below, noon, zero, 4pm, zero, 6pm, 8 below, 11:30pm, 12 below.

## **FEBRUARY 1934**

### **Saturday 10**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and very cold with light to fresh northwest wind. Min temperature 15 below zero, max temperature 6 above zero.

Thermometer readings: Early morning, 15 below zero, 8am, 8 below, 9am, 4 below, noon, zero, 6pm, zero, 11:30pm, 2 above.

S. S. Canby.

Steamer "Canby", Captain Wilson, sailed for St. John, N. B. with a cargo of coal.

S. S. Watuka

Steamer "Watuka", Captain Bragg, arrived during the early part of the night from Liverpool, N. S. for a cargo of coal.

## **FEBRUARY 1934**

### **Sunday 11**

Louisburg, NS

Mostly cloudy and moderately cold with light winds. Light snow fell during the early part of the night. Min temperature 3 above zero.

S. S. Caribou

Newfoundland Government steamer "Caribou", Captain Tavener, arrived at about 10:30am from Port-au-Basque with mails and six passengers. She sailed to return at about 8:30pm.

Special Train.

A special train left here at about 1pm for Sydney with mails and passengers that arrived on the "Caribou". This train returned in the evening with Newfoundland mails and passengers.

## **FEBRUARY 1934**

### **Monday 12**

Louisburg, NS

Moderately cold with light winds. Partly clear. Min temperature 3 above zero, max temperature 34.

S. S. Watuka

Steamer "Watuka", Captain Bragg, sailed in the forenoon for Halifax with a cargo of coal but on meeting drift ice, returned to port in the afternoon.

S. S. Dago

Norwegian steamer "Dago" arrived in the evening for a cargo of coal.

Firemen's Dance

The annual "at home" and dance of the Louisburg Volunteer Fire Brigade was held in the Masonic hall this evening.

Death of Mrs. MacLellan.

The death occurred today at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Allan J. MacDonald, Louisburg, of Mrs. Catherine MacLellan. Mrs. MacLellan was 91 years of age.

Marriage.

The marriage of Ferbie LeVatte of this town to Miss Smith of Newfoundland took place at Louisburg today. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. B. Gabriel in St. Bartholomew's church.

## **FEBRUARY 1934**

### **Tuesday 13**

Louisburg, NS

Snow storm in the early morning with easterly wind. Snowfall about 4 inches. Partly clear during the day with light north to northwest winds. Min temperature 20, max temperature 33.

Police Court

Richard Kehoe of Louisburg was before Stipendiary Magistrate, B. M. Spencer, at 2pm on a charge of creating a disturbance at the Firemen's dance in the Masonic hall last night. Kehoe pleaded "not guilty" but was convicted on the evidence of police officer Albert Baker who arrested him during the disturbance. He was sentenced by Mr. Spencer to pay a fine of \$5.00 and costs, \$3.50 or in default of payment to serve 30 days in the County Jail at Sydney. He was allowed his freedom on the promise to pay the fine and costs within a few days.

## **FEBRUARY 1934**

### **Wednesday 14**

Louisburg, NS

Snow in the early morning followed by a drizzle of rain. Blustery with snow squalls during the day. Snowfall about 3 inches. Moderate to fresh variable winds. Min temperature 2 above zero, max temperature 32.

S. S. Watuka

Steamer "Watuka", Captain Bragg, sailed for Halifax with a cargo of coal.

## **FEBRUARY 1934**

### **Thursday 15**

Louisburg, NS

Cold and mostly cloudy with northwest wind which shifted to southwest and increased to a strong breeze. Snow at night. Snowfall about 3 inches. Min temperature(am) 9 below zero, max temperature 30.

S. S. Svartisen

Norwegian steamer "Svartisen", Captain \_\_\_\_, arrived in the morning for bunker coal. This ship owing to having come in contact with drift ice, has a damaged propellor (sic) and may have to have a new one placed in position before sailing. She docked at the Government wharf and is awaiting orders from her owners.

S. S. Mikula

Canadian Government ice breaker "Mikula", Captain Mercier, sailed in the morning for Arichat and vicinity.

Meeting of Fire Brigade

At 8pm, I attended a meeting of the Louisburg Volunteer Fire Brigade.

## **FEBRUARY 1934**

### **Friday 16**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and cold with light northwest wind. Min temperature (pm) 11 below zero, max temperature (am) 31 above.

Police Court.

Angus Holland of Sydney Road was before B. M. Spencer, Stipendiary Magistrate, at 11am today on a charge of interfering with a police officer in the discharge of his duty. Holland was convicted and sentenced to pay a fine of \$5.00 and costs, \$4.25 or in default of payment to serve thirty days in the County Jail at Sydney. He was allowed his freedom on promise to raise the money and pay the fine and costs in a few days. The offence for which Angus Holland was convicted took place at the Firemen's dance in the Masonic hall on last Monday night when he attempted to rescue Richard Kehoe from the custody of police officer Albert Baker, who had placed him under arrest for creating a disturbance.

## **FEBRUARY 1934**

### **Saturday 17**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and cold with light northwest wind which shifted to easterly. Snow began to fall at about 11:30pm. Min temperature (am) 13 below zero, max temperature 17 above.

S. S. Svartisen

which arrived here on last Thursday with a damaged propellor (sic), hauled over to the coal pier today and took on board sufficient coal in the forward hatch to raise the propellor (sic) out of water. After taking the coal on board, she again docked at the Government wharf. L.H. Cann of this town has secured the contract of removing the old propellor (sic) and replacing a new one.

## **FEBRUARY 1934**

### **Sunday 18**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy with moderate to fresh northeast wind. Snowfall of about 1 inch in the early morning. Light drizzle of snow, hail and rain during part of the day. Min temperature 16, max temperature 25.

S. S. Watuka

Steamer "Watuka", Captain Bragg, arrived from Halifax, N.S. for a cargo of coal.

S. S. Bonnington Court.

British steamer "Bonnington Court", Captain Rook, arrived from Halifax, N.S. for to load a part cargo of steel products.

Church services.

At 11am and 7pm, in company with Emeline, I attended services in the First United church. Both services were conducted by Rev. D. A. MacMillan.

## **FEBRUARY 1934**

### **Monday 19**

Louisburg, NS/Sydney, NS

Cloudy and drizzily with strong northeast wind. Silver thaw. All out of doors covered with a coating of ice.

Wreck of S. S. Canby.

British steamer "Canby" in command of Capt. J. N Wilson, enroute from St. John, N. B. to Louisburg for a cargo of coal, ran ashore on Guyon Island at an early hour this morning. Dominion Coal Company's tug Cruizer left here at about 8:30am to go to her assistance. The Canby is under charter at the Dominion Coal Company and has been engaged in carrying coal to various ports since the spring of 1923. She is of 4804 gross tons and was built in 1911. While engaged in the coal trade on this coast some years ago, she was known as the "Wabana".

S. S. Caribou

Nfld steamer "Caribou", Capt Taverner, arrived at Louisburg from Port-au-Basque with passengers and mails at about 11pm.

Derailment.

Owing to a derailment of an engine near the round house the 8:15am train did not get away until about 9:30.

Louisburg to Sydney

I went to Glace Bay on the morning train and thence to Sydney by train car for the purpose of attending a special meeting of the Cape Breton Joint Expenditure Board which convenes tomorrow morning at Sydney in the County building. Stopped at the Vidal Hotel.

## **FEBRUARY 1934**

### **Tuesday 20**

Sydney, NS

Cloudy and mild with light variable wind. A light fall of snow and rain in the evening and during the night.

## **FEBRUARY 1934**

**Wednesday 21**

Sydney, NS/Louisburg, NS

Mild and partly clear. Wind southwest shifting to northwest.

S. S. Blackheath

British steamer "Blackheath", Captain Grimston, which was reported caught in the drift ice 35 miles off Louisburg with the assistance of the Government ice breaker, "Mikula", Captain Mercier, arrived here in the evening from England for the purpose of loading a cargo of steel products.

S. S. Bonnington Court

British steamer "Bonnington Court", Captin Rook, sailed in the evening with a part cargo of steel products.

Sydney to Louisburg.

I left Sydney at about 1pm by train car for Glace Bay enroute for Louisburg. Left Glace Bay at 2:45pm on S & L Railway for Louisburg, arrived at about 5pm.

**FEBRUARY 1934****Thursday 22**

Louisburg, NS

Remarkably clear during the forenoon but became cloudy in the late afternoon. Light west to southwest wind. Comparatively mild.

Loading cargo.

S. S. "Blackheath", Captain Grimston, which arrived here yesterday evening, began loading cargo of steel products.

S. S. Foundation Franklyn

Tug, "Foundation Franklyn", Captain Featherstone, sailed to the wreck of S. S. "Canby" at Guyon Island and returned to port in the evening.

S. S. Arranmore.

Government steamer "Arranmore", Captain MacDonald, arrived from Halifax in the evening.

**FEBRUARY 1934****Friday 23**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and mild. Light southeast wind which increased to a heavy gale in the late afternoon.

Rain began to fall at about 3:30pm and continued for about four hours. Min temperature 21, max temperature 38.

S. S. Foundation Franklyn

Tug, "Foundation Franklyn" went to Guyon Island in the morning for the purpose of salvaging S. S. "Canby" ashore in that vicinity but being unable to render any assistance, returned to port at about 1pm.

Total loss.

It is generally conceded by those in a position to judge that there is nothing to save the S. S. "Canby", ashore at Guyon Island from becoming a total loss.

## **FEBRUARY 1934**

### **Saturday 24**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and moderately cold with strong to moderate westerly winds. Min temperature 2 above zero, max temperature 32.

S. S. Foundation Franklyn

Tug "Foundation Franklyn", Capt. Featherstone, sailed for the wreck of S. S. "Canby" at Guyon Island, but owing to meeting drift ice, returned to port.

S. S. Arranmore.

Government steamer "Arranmore" went to Scatari Island for the purpose of landing lighthouse supplies and returned to port in the evening.

## **FEBRUARY 1934**

### **Sunday 25**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and very cold with light westerly wind. Min temperature 11 below zero, max temperature 5 above. Thermometer readings: Early morning, 6 below zero, noon, zero, 6:30pm, 4 below, 9pm, 10 below, 10pm, 11 below.

S. S. Svartisen.

Norwegian steamer "Svartisen", Capt. \_\_\_ which arrived here on February 15/1934 with a damaged propeller, sailed this morning for Placentia, Nfld.

S. S. Arranmore and Tug Foundation Franklyn.

Government steamer "Arranmore" and Tug "Foundation Franklyn" sailed in the morning and returned to port in the evening.

Special Train.

A special train left here at about 2:30pm for Catalone for the purpose of accommodating those who wished to attend the funeral of the late John Balniel, which took place from the home of his son at Catalone. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. D. A. MacMillan of Louisburg.

Church services.

At 11am and 7pm, in company with Emeline, I attended services in the First United church. Both services were conducted by Rev. D. A. MacMillan. Mr. and Mrs. William Phalen spent the evening with us after the evening service.

## **FEBRUARY 1934**

### **Monday 26**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and cold. Snow began to fall at about 10am and continued moderately all day and late into the night. Light to fresh east to northeast winds.

Min temperature (am) 9 below zero, max temperature 20.

S. S. Arranmore and Foundation Franklyn.

Government steamer "Arranmore" and Tug "Foundation Franklyn" sailed in the morning to the scene of the wreck of S. S. Canby at Guyon Island but failed to effect a landing and returned to port shortly before noon.

## **FEBRUARY 1934**

### **Tuesday 27**

Louisburg, NS

Snow of yesterday and last night was followed by rain in the early morning. Cloudy during the early part of the day. Clearing in the afternoon and becoming cold at night. Strong westerly wind which moderated in the evening. Min temperature 3 above zero, max temperature 33 above.

Canadian Government Ice Breaker "Mikula", Captain Mercier, sailed for Quebec.

S. S. Foundation Franklyn.

Tug "Foundation Franklyn", Capt. Featherstone, sailed.

Assessment Appeal Court.

At 2pm, I attended and presided at the Assessment Appeal Court in the Town hall. Councillors Jeremiah Smith and Wesley Townsend, the other two members of the assessment committee, were present as well as D. A. Campbell, John N. MacDonald and B. M. Spencer, assessors. There were no appeals before the court, so we adjourned after being in session but a few minutes.

## **FEBRUARY 1934**

### **Wednesday 28**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and cold with moderate west to northwest wind. Min temperature 4 below zero, max temperature 20 above.

British steamer "Gypsum King", Capt. Rodgers, arrived for to load a cargo of coal. This ship has been chartered by the Dominion Coal Company to take the place of the S. S. "Canby" which became a total wreck near Guyon Island on February 19, 1934.

The crew of the wrecked steamer "Canby" with the exception of the Captain and chief engineer, left here by train at 8:15 this morning enroute to their homes in Great Britain.

S. S. "Arranmore".

Canadian Government steamer "Arranmore", Captain MacDonald, sailed this morning enroute to Halifax.

## **MARCH 1934**

### **Thursday 1**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and moderately cold with moderate west to southwest wind. Min temperature 1 above zero, max temperature 30 above.

Provincial Legislature.

The 40<sup>th</sup> Provincial Legislature of the Province of Nova Scotia under the premiership of Hon. Angus L. MacDonald, was opened at Halifax today by the Lieutenant Governor, W. H. Covert. This is the first session of the new Liberal Government which was returned to power on August 22, 1933. The Legislature at present consists of 22 Liberals and 8 Conservatives. Ex-Premier G. S. Harrington is leader of the opposition. R. F. Phalen of North Sydney succeeds E. MacKay Forbes of Glace Bay as clerk while A. A. Martell of Louisburg is deputy clerk. L. C. Gardner of Yarmouth is speaker of the house in the place of D. G. MacKenzie of the late government, while D. B. MacLeod, late member for Victoria Co. is sergeant-at-arms.

## **MARCH 1934**

### **Friday 2**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and mild with light northwest wind. Min temperature 22, max temperature 35.

Steamer "Gypsum King", Capt. Rodgers, sailed for ST. John, N. B. with a cargo of about 4,500 tons of coal.

Norwegian steamer "Ba", Captain Pederson, arrived in the forenoon and anchored in the stream.

## **MARCH 1934**

### **Saturday 3**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy, mild and foggy with light southwest wind which shifted to southeast in the evening and increased to a fresh breeze. Rain began to fall at about 8:30pm and continued during the night. Min temperature 14, max temperature 38.

Steamer "Liverpool Rover", Capt. Williams, arrived and docked at the coal pier for the purpose of loading a cargo of coal.

British steamer "Rhesus", Capt. Pycroft, arrived and docked at the coal pier for the purpose of taking bunker coal after which she will shift over to the steel wharf and load a part cargo of steel products. The "Rhesus" is owned by the Lambert and Holt steamship line but is at present under charter to the Elder Dempster Company.

Norwegian steamer "Siak", Capt. Haug, arrived in the evening for to load a cargo of steel products.

## **MARCH 1934**

### **Sunday 4**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and mild with light west to northwest winds. Min temperature 30, max temperature 38.

British steamer "Blackheath", Capt. Grimston, sailed for England with a cargo of about 7000 tons of steel products which she loaded at this port.

At 11am and 7pm, I attended services in the First United church. Both morning and evening services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. D. A. MacMillan. Emeline was not out to church in the morning but accompanied me in the evening.

## **MARCH 1934**

### **Monday 5**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy, mild and foggy with occasional showers. Light southwest wind. Streets very slushy and snow melting rapidly. Min temperature 26, max temperature 38.

Steamer "Liverpool Rover", Captain Williams, sailed in the forenoon with a cargo of coal for the Mersey Paper Company, Liverpool, NS.

Canadian Government Ice Breaker, "Montcalm", Captain O'Hearn, arrived here at about 9:30am from North Sydney where she has been making her headquarters since she arrived there about Jan 18, 1934. This is the first visit of the "Montcalm" to Louisburg during this season.

Norwegian steamer "Ba", Captain Pederson, which arrived here on last Friday, docked at the coal pier for the purpose of loading a cargo of coal.

## **MARCH 1934**

### **Tuesday 6**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy, mild and foggy with light moderate southwest wind. Min temperature 30, max temperature 42.

#### Murder Trial.

The trial of Walter Wilkinson of Glace Bay charged with the murder of Mrs. Winifred Wilkinson, wife of his brother, William Wilkinson, on the morning of November 23, 1933 at Glace Bay opened today at Sydney before Judge W. F. Carroll. Crown Prosecutor, M. A. Patterson and D. A. Cameron, are conducting the prosecution while Neil R. MacArthur and J. W. Maddin are looking after the interests of the defendant.

#### Civic Elections.

The elections held at Sydney and Glace Bay today resulted in the return of S. E. Muggah as Mayor of the city of Sydney for a two year term by acclamation. At Glace Bay, Mayor Charles MacVicar was defeated by D. W. Morrison by a majority of upwards of 300.

### **MARCH 1934**

#### **Wednesday 7**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and cool with moderate to fresh southwest to northwest winds. Min temperature 26, max temperature 38.

Norwegian steamer "Ba", Captain Pederson, sailed for St. John's, Nfld with a cargo of about 1600 tons of coal.

British steamer "Flimston", Captain J. A. Davis, arrived in the morning, took on board about 500 tons of bunker coal and sailed in the evening. The Flimston is enroute from a United States port to Antwerp with a cargo of grain.

Canadian Government ice breaker, "Montcalm", Captain O'Hearn sailed in the evening for Sheet Harbour and other South Shore ports.

Steamer "Watuka", Captain Bragg, arrived from Nfld at about 10:30pm to load a cargo of coal.

At 9pm, I attended choir practice in the First United church.

### **MARCH 1934**

#### **Thursday 8**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and mild with light westerly wind. Min temperature 22, max temperature 42.

Steamer "Gypsum King", Captain Rodgers, arrived in the morning from St. John, NB and docked at the coal pier for the purpose of loading a cargo of coal.

### **MARCH 1934**

**Friday 9**

Louisburg, NS

Snow storm during the early morning. Snow fall about 6 inches. Clear and mild during the day becoming colder at night. Snow of last night owing to the absence of wind, fell perfectly level. Moderate to fresh northwest wind during the day. Min temperature about 11, max temperature 40.

British steamer "Rhesus", Capt Pycroft, sailed in the morning enroute to South Africa via St. John, NB. This boat loaded about 600 tons of steel products at this port.

Steamer "Liverpool Rover", Capt. Williams arrived from Liverpool, NS for a cargo of coal and anchored in the stream.

Inquiry respecting S. S. "Canby".

Capt. W. F. Mitchell and lighthouse inspector, Mr. Hogan of Halifax, arrived here on the evening train for the purpose of holding an inquiry into the loss of the steamer "Canby", Capt. J. N. Wilson, which was lost at Guyon Island on the morning of Feb 19, 1934.

**MARCH 1934****Saturday 10**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and moderately cold becoming cloudy in the afternoon. Min temperature 8 above, max temperature 27.

Steamer "Gypsum King", Captain Rodgers, sailed in the morning for Halifax, NS with a cargo of coal.

Steamer "Watuka", Capt. Bragg, sailed with a cargo of coal for St. John's Nfld.

Norwegian steamer "Siak", Capt. Haug, sailed for England with a cargo of about 1500 tons of steel products.

Steamer "Liverpool Rover", Capt. Williams, sailed in the afternoon for Liverpool, NS with a cargo of coal for the Mersey Paper Company.

Three masted schooner "Donald II" owned and sailed by Captain William Trenholme of Louisburg, left here at about 10am enroute to Barbados, B.W. I. with a cargo of bunker. The "Donald II" arrived here in December last from Bay Chaleur where she loaded a cargo of bunker for Barbados and remained here during the winter.

Guilty of Murder (evidence purely circumstantial)

Walter Wilkinson of Glace Bay, NS aged 32, was found guilty of murdering his brother's wife, Mrs. William Wilkinson, on the morning of November 23, 1933 by a jury in the Supreme Court today. The trial which began on last Tuesday at Sydney was presided over by Judge W. F.

Carroll. M. A. Patterson, Crown Prosecutor and D. A. Cameron for the prosecution. N. R. MacArthur and J. W. Maddin for the defense. The crime for which Wilkinson (see next page)..

## **MARCH 1934**

### **Sunday 11**

Louisburg, NS

Snow began to fall at an early hour this morning and continued until about noon. Hail and drizzle during the afternoon followed by a light mist in the evening which froze as it fell. Snow fall about 12 inches. Fresh to moderate northeast wind. Min temperature about 14, max temperature about 24.

Church services.

At 11am and 7pm, I attended services in the First United church. Congregation small owing to the inclemency of the weather, only 19 present at the 11am service. Both services were conducted by Rev. D. A. MacMillan. Emeline was not out to church in the morning owing to the severe snow storm but accompanied me in the evening.

Free of Ice.

Louisburg harbour free of ice. The ice which had formed in the northeast end of the harbour all broke up during the day and drifted out to sea leaving the harbour entirely clear of ice from one end to the other.

Guilty of Murder (continued from previous page)

was found guilty, took place at Glace Bay at about 2:30 on the morning of Nov 23, 1933. Mrs. Wilkinson was instantly killed by a bullet fired through a window from a 38-55 Winchester rifle while she was in the home of Dan MacLeod after she had been threatened by Walter Wilkinson in her own home and from which she had fled for her life a few minutes previously. The rifle was found five days later on the shore at Table Head beach. There were no eye-witnesses to the tragedy. The jury in this case were as follows: Carl D. Ryan (Foreman), Alex. Morrison, L. W. Brown, Andrew Wenning, John MacDougall, Charles Tracey, Angus J. Morrison, G. B. Riley, William Turvey, Robert Gibson, all of Sydney, John Gordon, Sydney Mines and Walter Graham, Dominion. (It is stated by the press that an appeal from the above verdict will be taken before the Free Bench of the N. S. Supreme Court, which meets on March 20, 1934).

## **MARCH 1934**

### **Monday 12**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and moderately cold with light northwest wind. Min temperature 2 below, max temperature 26 above. Traveling on the streets and highways very heavy owing to the snow storm of yesterday.

Murder Trial.

The trial of Joseph Marusiak, charged with the murder of his father Joseph Marusiak Sr. began today at Sydney in the Supreme Court before Judge W. F. Carroll. Joseph Marusiak Jr., who is

19 years of age, shot his father in the stomach while the elder Marusiak was in the act of beating his wife, mother of Marusiak Jr. Immediately after the shooting which took place on the morning of Dec. 26, 1933 at Whitney Pier, Sydney, young Marusiak went to the Whitney Pier Police Station and surrendered himself to police officer Hugh R. MacDonald at the same time admitting that he had fired a charge of shot from a shot gun which struck his father in the stomach while defending his mother. The wounded man was taken to the City Hospital for treatment where he died three or four days later after an operation performed by D. A. Calder. Crown Prosecutor, M. A. Patterson, assisted by his partner Bernard Gaffen, is prosecuting the case while D. A. Cameron assisted by Don. Finlayson, is conducting the defense. The jury is composed of: Neil MacDonald (Foreman), John H. MacDougall, Edward Leonard, Neil D. Morrison, Duncan Sutherland, Alex. Morrison, G. B. Riley, Charles Tracey, John J. Richardson, Lindsay MacKenzie, all of Sydney, F. Anderson, Glace Bay and George Ivey, North Sydney.

## **MARCH 1934**

### **Tuesday 13**

Louisburg, NS

Bright sunshine during the greater part of the day becoming cloudy in the late afternoon. Light westerly wind shifting to southwest and increasing to a fresh breeze at night. Min temperature about zero, max temperature 32.

Acquitted of Murder.

In the Supreme Court at Sydney tonight, Joseph Marusiak was acquitted of the charge of murdering his father on the morning of Dec. 26, 1933. The jury deliberated for three hours and twenty minutes before arriving at a verdict.

## **MARCH 1934**

### **Wednesday 14**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and mild, clearing in the afternoon. Moderate to fresh southwest wind. Min temperature 26, max temperature 41. Snow melting very fast and as a result the streets are very slushy.

Steamer "Gypsum King", Capt. Rodgers, arrived from Halifax at about 6pm. She was followed about an hour later by the "Liverpool Rover", Capt. Williams from Liverpool, NS. Both of these ships are after cargoes of coal.

Sentenced to hang.

In the Supreme Court at Sydney this morning, Walter Wilkinson of Glace Bay, who on last Saturday was found guilty of murdering his sister-in-law, was by Judge W. F. Carroll, sentenced to be hanged on May 17, 1934.

Death of John Morrison.

The death occurred at Marion Bridge today of Mr. John Morrison after an illness of nearly a year. Mr. Morrison was a native of Marion Bridge and was about 36 years of age.

## **MARCH 1934**

### **Thursday 15**

Louisburg, NS

Remarkably clear with moderate easterly wind. Very chilly. Min temperature 6 above, max temperature 32.

Steamer "Gypsum King", Capt. Rodgers finished loading a cargo of coal and sailed at about 8:30pm for St. John, NB.

## **MARCH 1934**

### **Friday 16**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and chilly with light southeast wind. Light drizzle of snow in the afternoon. Snow fall about ½ inch. Min temperature 5 above, max temperature about 36.

Steamer "Liverpool Rover", Captain Williams, sailed in the morning enroute to Liverpool, NS with a cargo of about 1900 tons of coal for the Mersey Paper Company.

## **MARCH 1934**

### **Saturday 17**

Louisburg, NS

Mild and remarkably clear with moderate westerly wind. Min temperature 22, max temperature 42. Snow melting fast and streets very slushy as a result.

In the evening, Emeline and I attended a Bean supper and Fancy Sale in the Calvin Hall held under the auspices of the Ladies Aid of the First United church.

## **MARCH 1934**

### **Sunday 18**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and mild with moderate to fresh west, southwest wind. Min temperature 26, max temperature 43. Snow rapidly disappearing with streets very slushy and wet.

S. S. "Brosund"

Danish steamer "Brosund", Captain Hansen, arrived in the morning for bunker coal and docked at the coal pier. This ship also called here for bunker coal on January 26, 1933.

Church services.

At 11am and 7pm, I attended services in the First United church. Both morning and evening services were in charge of Rev. D. A. MacMillan. Emeline accompanied me to church in the morning but was not out in the evening.

## **MARCH 1934**

### **Monday 19**

Louisburg, NS

Light snow fall during the early hours of the morning. Bright sunshine during the day with fresh to moderate northwest wind. Chilly and raw. Min temperature 1 above, max temperature 34. Snow fall about 2 inches.

S. S. "Brosund"

Danish steamer "Brosund", Captain Hansen bunkered and sailed in the morning.

S. S. "Lycia"

Motorship "Lycia", Captain \_\_\_\_, arrived in the morning from Halifax, NS for to load a part cargo of steel products. Capt. D. W. Levy of this town (pilot) met the Lycia at Halifax and acted as pilot on entering this port.

S. S. "Watuka"

Steamer "Watuka", Captain Bragg arrived in the afternoon from St. John's Nfld for a cargo of coal and began to load shortly after her arrival.

Firemen's meeting.

AT 8pm, I attended a meeting of the Louisburg Volunteer Fire Brigade in the Firemen's hall.

Firemen present: Chief R. A. Peters, John Parsons, Rannie MacVicar, Fred Burke, James Burke, John R. DeFries, Ruben Lipkus and myself.

## **MARCH 1934**

### **Tuesday 20**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy with light variable wind mostly southeast to northeast. Min temperature 5 below zero, max temperature 37.

S. S. "Watuka"

Steamer "Watuka", Captain Bragg, sailed in the morning for Halifax with a cargo of coal.

Angus MacLeod

Angus MacLeod, Car Inspector for the Dominion Coal Company came to board with us this evening. He will likely be here until the opening of navigation at Sydney when he will resume his duties at New Waterford where he has been employed for several years.

## **MARCH 1934**

### **Wednesday 21**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy with chilly and raw northeast wind. Min temperature 14 above, max temperature about 24.

M. S. "Lycia"

British motorship "Lycia", Captain Bullock, finished loading part cargo consisting of about 1600 tons of steel products and sailed at about 1:30pm for Pacific coast ports via the Panama Canal.

Fire

At about 1:30pm, the fire alarm sounded for a roof fire at the residence of Freeman Mosher on Main Street. The fire brigade responded promptly with the hose reel but before reaching the scene of the fire, it had been extinguished with the aid of a few buckets of water. Damage estimated at \$25.00.

Choir practice.

At 9pm, I attended choir practice in the First United church.

## **MARCH 1934**

**Thursday 22**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy with moderate south west wind. Min temperature 8, max temperature 38.

Council meeting.

At 7:30pm, I attended and presided at a meeting of the Town Council. Those present were councillors Jeremiah Smith, D. J. MacInnis, Wesley Townsend and G. B. Hiltz. Clerk, B. M. Spencer, Policeman Albert Baker and myself.

At this meeting, Police officer Albert Baker tendered his resignation to take effect on March 31, 1934. Mr. Baker holds a turn on the S. & L. Railway as brakeman but did not have any employment with the railway for upwards of two years owing to the depression. Recently he has been notified to report for duty hence his resignation. On motion of the Council, Mr. Baker's resignation was accepted. Albert Baker was first appointed to the Police force on June 27, 1932. Reappointed June 15, 1933. Salary since his first appointment until the present time \$25.00 a month with \$10.00 extra for reading the electric light meters making a total of \$35.00 per month.

*(Receipt attached from H. H. Marshall Ltd. for magazines and periodicals)*

## **MARCH 1934**

**Friday 23**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and cold with strong west to northwest wind. Min temperature 5 above, max temperature 32.

S. S. "Watuka"

Steamer "Watuka", Captain Bragg, arrived at 7am from Halifax, NS for a cargo of coal.

S. S. "Gypsum King"

Steamer "Gypsum King", Captain Rodgers, arrived during the forenoon from St. John, NB for a cargo of coal.

## **MARCH 1934**

### **Saturday 24**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and moderately cold with light west to southwest wind. Min temperature 1 below zero, max temperature 26.

S. S. "Watuka" S. S. "Gypsum King"

Steamers "Watuka", Capt. Bragg and steamer "Gypsum King", Capt. Rodgers sailed in the forenoon the former for \_\_\_\_\_ and the latter for St. John, NB.

S. S. "Calgary"

Elder-Dempster line steamer "Calgary", Captain Baxter, arrived from Wales at about 10am and docked at the coal pier. After taking on board about 260 tons of bunker coal, she moved to the freight pier where, after loading about 100 tons of steel products, she sailed for South Africa via St. John, NB.

## **MARCH 1934**

### **Sunday 25**

Louisburg, NS

Snow storm in the early morning. Cloudy during the first part of the day. Partly clear in the late afternoon. Moderate to light northeast to north wind. Snow fall about 3 inches. Min temperature 14, max temperature 35.

Church services.

At 11am and 7pm, I attended services in the First United church. Rev D. A. MacMillan conducted both services. Emeline accompanied me to church in the evening, but was not out in the morning.

## **MARCH 1934**

### **Monday 26**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and moderately cold with light west to south west wind. Min temperature 6 above, max temperature 35.

S. S. "Grey County"

Norwegian steamer "Grey County", Capt. Andersen arrived in the morning for a cargo of steel products and docked at the freight pier. This is the second trip of this ship to this port this winter. On the previous trip, she sailed from here for Manchester England on Jan 24 with about 7000 tons of steel.

## **MARCH 1934**

### **Tuesday 27**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and mild with a light drizzle of rain in the afternoon and some fog. Rain during the night. Light southerly wind. Min temperature 25, max temperature 38.

## **MARCH 1934**

### **Wednesday 28**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy, foggy and mild with some showers. Heavy rain during the night. Southerly wind shifting to northeast at night. Min temperature 28, max temperature 42.

Snow and ice thawing very fast. Streets covered with ice with the exception of a few patches of bare ground.

M. S. "Hoperange"

Motorship "Hoperange", Captain Harold Luckett, arrived for to load part cargo of steel products and docked at the freight wharf.

## **MARCH 1934**

### **Thursday 29**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy with light northeast wind. Silver thaw. All out of doors covered with ice.

S. S. "Watuka"

Steamer "Watuka", Capt. Bragg arrived in the morning from Halifax and loaded a cargo of coal during the day.

Committee Meeting.

At 8pm, a joint meeting of the Finance and Police Committees of the Town Council met in my office for the purpose of considering the question of engaging a police officer, tax collector and meter reader for the Town of Louisburg. D. M. Johnston of Louisburg was the selection arrived at by the committee and Councillors Smith, Townsend and B. M. Spencer, Town Clerk were appointed to interview Mr. Johnston and lay the proposition before him. Those present at the committee meeting were Councillors: Jeremiah Smith, Wesley Townsend, G. B. Hiltz and B. M. Spencer Town Clerk and myself. Councillor MacInnis was not present.

## **MARCH 1934**

### **Friday 30**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and cool with light to moderate northeast wind. Min temperature 12, max temperature 35. Heavy drift ice in sight off the harbour.

S. S. "Watuka"

Steamer "Watuka", Capt. Bragg, sailed in the morning but on sighting drift ice a short distance off the coast, returned to port docked at the coal pier and remained for the day.

Church services.

At 7:30pm, I attended service in the First United church. Rev. D. A. MacMillan who was in charge of the service was assisted by Mr. Wheelock, Baptist student Minister of Mira Gut who preached the sermon. Mr. Wheelock arrived on the evening train from Mira. He had supper at Mr. MacMillan's and stopped with us during the night.

## **MARCH 1934**

### **Saturday 31**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and cool with light east to southeast wind. Min temperature 8 above zero, max temperature \_\_.

Heavy drift ice in sight off the harbour and coast.

S. S. "Watuka"

Steamer "Watuka", Capt. Bragg, sailed in the morning for Liverpool, NS with a cargo of coal.

S. S. "Gypsum King"

Steamer "Gypsum King", Captain Rodgers arrived in the afternoon from St. John, NB for a cargo of coal.

Old Age Pensions.

The first Old Age Pensions to be received at Louisburg arrived in the evening mail from Halifax. The Old Age Pension Act was proclaimed in the Province of Nova Scotia last September. Pensions payable from the First of March 1934. The first cheques were mailed on or about March 28. Pensions of a maximum amount of \$20.00 a month are payable to persons who are in need, who are over 70 years of age, paid jointly by the Federal and Provincial Government on a 75 and 25 per cent basis respectively. Among those who received pensions in Louisburg were the following: Angus MacLean, Miss Emma MacAlpine, Alex. MacIntyre, Mrs. Wadden, Nelson Tanner, Sam Tanner, Chas. Reid, Joseph Currie, Mrs. Joseph Currie, Dan Johnston, Mrs. Christina MacAulay, Murdoch Cameron, George Tutty.

## **APRIL 1934**

### **Sunday 1**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and chilly with light to moderate east and southeast wind which increased to a fresh breeze during the night. Showers late at night. Min temperature 14, max temperature 41. Coast blocked with drift ice. Upper part of the harbour filling up with ice in the afternoon.

Church services.

At 11am and 7pm, in company with Emeline I attended services in the First United church. Rev. D. A. MacMillan was in charge of both services. Large congregations both morning and evening. At the morning service the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed to a large number of communicants.

## **APRIL 1934**

### **Monday 2**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy, foggy and mild with light southerly wind. Partly clear for a short time in the afternoon. Min temperature 30, max temperature 49.

Harbour partly filled with drift ice and coast and mouth of the harbour blocked.

Dance.

A dance under the auspices of the Loyal True Blue Association was held in the Masonic hall in the evening.

R.C.M.P.

Corporal Glover of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police who has been in town since early last week left on the 8:15am train. On the arrival of the evening train, five officers of the R. C. M. P. came to town and put up at the Dundonald Inn. It is said they are enroute to Gabarus but for what purpose I am not aware. Two of them were present at the dance this evening. The following made up the party: Corporal Archie MacKay, Constables: Neil Nicholson, Churchill, Finney and Saunders.

Streets entirely bare with the exception of a few patches of ice.

## **APRIL 1934**

### **Tuesday 3**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and mild with light variable wind. Light frost at night. Harbour partly full of ice and coast and harbour mouth blocked. Min temperature 28, max temperature 50.

S. S. "Gypsum King".

Steamer Gypsum King, Capt. Rodgers, which finished loading a cargo of coal last night, remained in port owing to ice conditions on the coast.

Council Meeting.

At 7:30pm, I attended and presided at a special meeting of the Town council. Those present were Councillors Hiltz, Townsend, Smith, Clerk B. M. Spencer and myself. At this meeting Daniel M. Johnston was appointed Policeman, Sanitary Inspector, Truant officer, Jailer and Inspector under the fire ordinance for the Town of Louisburg at a salary of \$10.00 a month (part time). He was also appointed meter reader at \$10.00 and tax collector to collect arrears of taxes and poll tax on a commission of 5%. Mr. Johnston succeeds Albert Baker whose resignation took effect on March 31, 1934.

R. C. M. P.

The party of R. C. M. P. officers who arrived here yesterday evening by train, set out in the direction of Gabarus this morning with two horses and sleighs. At the premises of one Gatto, a reputed bootlegger at Deep Cove, they carried out a search for liquor which I understand was not successful.

*(Newspaper clipping headlined: "Mercury below zero twenty-nine times last season")  
Comment: A cold winter, no doubt, other features much exaggerated, M.S.H.*

## **APRIL 1934**

### **Wednesday 4**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and cool with light to moderate northeast wind which shifted a little more northerly in the evening. Snow squalls at night. Min temperature 28, max temperature 40. Southwest end of harbour filled with drift ice also mouth of harbour and coast.

S. S. "Watuka" and "Liverpool Rover".

Steamers "Watuka" and "Liverpool Rover" were sighted in the ice off the harbour unable to make port. Liverpool Rover apparently disabled and reported to have lost her propellor (sic).

S. S. "Hoperange"

British steamer "Hoperange", Capt. Luckett, finished her cargo of steel products at about 12 o'clock last night but did not sail today as intended owing to ice conditions.

Sworn in.

Daniel M. Johnston was today sworn in as Police officer for the Town of Louisburg and entered upon his duties. The oath was administered by B. M. Spencer, Stipendary Magistrate. Mr. Johnston succeeds Albert Baker, who resigned recently.

Maud Huntington

Miss Maud Huntington arrived on the evening train for the purpose of making a visit. While in town she is our guest.

## **APRIL 1934**

### **Thursday 5**

Louisburg, NS/Sydney, NS

Cloudy and cool with light northeast wind.

Drift ice moved off during the night but is still in sight about 2 miles off the Louisburg coast.

Coast blocked with ice off the Glace Bay and Sydney shore as far as the eye can reach.

S. S. "Watuka" S. S. "Liverpool Rover"

Steamers "Watuka" and "Liverpool Rover" reported yesterday as being caught in the ice off the coast enroute for Louisburg did not succeed in making port today.

S. S. "Hoperange"

Motor ship "Hoperange", Capt. Lockett, sailed today with about 4000 tons of steel products mostly rails enroute to Vancouver, B. C. via Halifax.

Sydney, NS

I left here on the 8:15A.M. train enroute for Sydney. On reaching Glace Bay, I proceeded to Sydney by trainway arriving at about 11:30am. Stopped at Vidal Hotel. After making a few business calls, during the afternoon at about 4pm, I called to see Judge Walter Crowe at his home 233 Esplanade where I remained until about 10:30pm. While at the Judge's, we discussed the contents of a letter I received recently from W. S. Lawrence of Halifax respecting the construction of a museum at the Louisburg National and Historical Park as an unemployment relief project. The Judge lent me a copy of the journal of James Gibson, a British officer who was present at the siege of Louisburg in 1745.

Sent to hospital.

A member of the crew of the Norwegian steamer "Grey County" now at Louisburg, went to St. Joseph's Hospital by train this morning for an operation.

## **APRIL 1934**

### **Friday 6**

Sydney, NS/Louisburg, NS

Clear and cool with light northeast wind.

Left Sydney by train for Glace Bay at 12:30 P.M. Left Glace Bay at 2:45 by train for Louisburg arriving at about 5 P.M.

S. S. "Gypsum King"

Steamer Gypsum King, Capt. Rodgers, sailed in the forenoon from Louisburg enroute to Halifax with a cargo of coal.

S. S. "Watuka" S. S. "Liverpool Rover"

Steamer Liverpool Rover, Capt. Williams arrived at Louisburg at about 6pm in tow of the steamer Watuka, Capt. Bragg. On last Wednesday, the Liverpool Rover lost all the blades off her propeller by coming in contact with ice and has been drifting helplessly until picked up this afternoon off Fourchu by the Watuka. The Liverpool Rover also lost one of her anchors and both flukes off the other after she had dropped them in an effort to hold against the drifting ice floes. She was enroute from Halifax to Louisburg for a cargo of coal when the accident happened.

S. S. "Grey County"

Norwegian steamer Grey County finished loading a cargo of steel products this evening.

First automobile.

W. A. Fisher, Principal of New Waterford schools arrived here in his car during the evening. This is the first automobile to come over the road from the direction of Sydney since the snow blocked the highway on or about the 14<sup>th</sup> of last January.

## **APRIL 1934**

### **Saturday 7**

Louisburg

Mild and mostly cloudy with fog at night. Light variable wind. Min temperature \_\_, max temperature 52. Considerable quantity of ice off the coast.

S. S. "Liverpool Rover"

Steamer Liverpool Rover which arrived here yesterday with a damaged propellor (sic), docked at the Coal Company's freight wharf where work was begun in the afternoon of removing the hub of the old propellor (sic) and the replacing of a new one. The work is being done by men from the Sydney Foundry Company of Sydney who arrived here by bus in the forenoon. This steamer first shipped a quantity of coal in the forward part in order to raise the propellor (sic) out of water.

Sydney Bus

Mike Sullivan's bus arrived here in the forenoon from Sydney. This is the first trip of the bus service since it was discontinued owing to blocked roads on or about Jan 14, 1934. The first automobile to arrive here from the direction of Sydney reached here yesterday evening when Victor Fisher drove through from New Waterford.

Turkey Supper.

The ladies of St. Bartholomew's church served turkey supper in the parish hall in the evening.

## **APRIL 1934**

### **Sunday 8**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and mild with showers followed by wet snow in the afternoon which continued until night. Light variable wind with some fog.

Church services.

At 11am and 7pm, Emeline and I attended services in the First United church. Rev. D. A. MacMillan was in charge of both services.

Farewell Service.

Mr. Alexander Campbell, student Minister, who has been giving part time service to the Presbyterian congregation for the past few months, preached his farewell sermon this evening.

Death of Capt. Joseph Phillips.

The death occurred this morning at his home at Mira Gut of Captain Joseph Phillips. Capt. Phillips, who was upwards of 80 years of age, resided the greater part of his life at Mira Gut

where he was held in very high esteem. About forty years ago, under the firm name of Phillips & Nicoll, he inaugurated the Mira River Steamship Service which is still functioning though for the last few years motor driven boats have taken the place of the steamers. He is survived by five daughters, Annie, Katie, Edith, Mrs. William Parson and Mrs. Arthur Dillon.

## **APRIL 1934**

### **Monday 9**

Louisburg, NS

Mild and partly clear with moderate northwest wind. Min temperature 29, max temperature 46. Drift ice in sight a short distance off the coast.

S. S. "Watuka"

Steamer "Watuka", Capt. Bragg, sailed in the forenoon but on meeting ice a short distance off the harbour, returned to port and docked at the coal pier.

S. S. "Grey County".

Norwegian steamer "Grey County", Capt. Andersen which finished loading a cargo of about 7000 tons of steel products on Friday evening, left the dock and anchored in the upper harbour, to await more favourable ice conditions before sailing.

*(Obituary of Capt. Phillips)*

## **APRIL 1934**

### **Tuesday 10**

Louisburg, NS

Cool and mostly cloudy with moderate north to northeast wind. Min temperature 28, max temperature 46.

S. S. "Watuka".

Steamer Watuka, Capt. Bragg, sailed in the morning for Halifax with a cargo of coal.

S. S. "Grey County"

Norwegian steamer "Grey County", Capt. Andersen, sailed at about 7:30am with a cargo of about 7000 tons of steel products. This cargo makes a total of about 32, 000 tons of steel products which have been shipped from this port during the present winter. This ship is the eleventh ship to load a cargo or part cargo of steel at Louisburg this winter.

S. S. "Liverpool Rover"

The work of replacing a propellor (sic) on the steamer, Liverpool Rover, was finished yesterday evening. She hauled over to the coal pier today and loaded a cargo of coal in the evening.

Marriage.

The marriage of Angus Ferguson and Mary Kehoe both of Louisburg, took place this morning. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father D. H. Doyle. Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson will reside in Louisburg.

## **APRIL 1934**

### **Wednesday 11**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and cool in the early part of the day. Clear with bright sunshine during the afternoon. Min temperature 28, max temperature 46. Moderate easterly wind.

Drift ice.

Drift ice close in on the shore and southwest end of harbour partly filled.

Choir practice.

At 9pm, I attended choir practice in the First United church.

Died in Hospital.

Franz Hustig, a member of the crew of the Norwegian steamer "Grey County" died last night at St. Joseph's Hospital, Glace Bay, following an operation for a ruptured appendix. Mr. Hustig was sent to the hospital from here by train on April 5. The Grey County sailed from here yesterday morning with a cargo of steel products. Funeral to be held tomorrow. Interment in Greenwood cemetery, Glace Bay. Service to be conducted by Rev. Mr. Crewe, Anglican Clergyman, Glace Bay. (Sydney Post-Record April 13, 1934).

## **APRIL 1934**

### **Thursday 12**

Louisburg, NS

Mostly cloudy during the first half of the day with light mist shortly before noon. Mostly clear in the afternoon. Moderate easterly wind. Min temperature 29, max temperature 42.

Fire.

Building on Main Street owned and occupied by Bergman Hickman as a dwelling and store totally destroyed by fire this morning with its contents. Fire whistle sounded at 5:55am. The firemen responded quickly and two streams of water were turned on the burning building but the fire had gained so much headway before being discovered, it was soon apparent that the building was doomed to destruction. Loss estimated at building \$4500.00, contents \$1200.00, total \$5700.00. Insurance on building \$3000.00. Insurance on furniture \$750.00. Insurance on stock in store \$250.00. Total insurance \$4000.00. Was one of the first of the brigade to reach the fire and remained on duty until about 8:30. The fire then was nearly all out. But as a precaution, we left two members of the brigade, Deputy Chief Percy MacKinnon and Alfred Hunt on duty for the purpose of pouring water on what remained of the structure until the fire was totally dead. The fire was confined to the Hickman building, no damage occurring to any adjoining properties.

## **APRIL 1934**

**Friday 13**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and chilly with moderate east, southeast wind. Min temperature 30, max temperature 43.

Drift ice.

Upper harbour full of drift ice. Mouth of harbour and coast blocked.

**APRIL 1934****Saturday 14**

Louisburg, NS

Heavy rain and wind in the early morning. Calm, mild and foggy during the day. Wind southeast in the morning becoming variable during the day. Min temperature 30, max temperature 42.

**APRIL 1934****Sunday 15**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and chilly with moderate to fresh north, northeast wind. Heavy rain in the afternoon and evening. Min temperature 30, max temperature 37.

Drift ice.

Drift which has been blocking the coast and entrance to the harbour for the past week, moved off during the afternoon.

Church services

At 11am and 7pm, Emeline and I attended services in the First United church. Rev. D. A. MacMillan was in charge of both services.

Fox Sparrows.

Fox Sparrows are here in abundance. The first I noticed this spring was on last Thursday. Since that time, they have increased in number so that now they appear to be here in thousands. They are spring visitors and usually remain but for a very short time. They are on their way to their nesting grounds in the far north. None of them appear to remain with us during the summer. Some years I have noticed a few of them late in the autumn as they are journeying southward to spend the winter. In my opinion, they are the best singers of the sparrow family.

**APRIL 1934****Monday 16**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy with light northeast wind. Min temperature 30, max temperature 46.

Drift ice.

The drift ice which moved off the coast during yesterday and last night was still in sight during the greater part of the day. S. S. "Watuka" and S. S. "Gypsum King" enroute to Louisburg for cargoes of coal, asked for reports of ice conditions.

Marriage.

The marriage of Archie MacVicar Jr. to Miss Mary Maxner both of this town, took place at the Manse this evening. Rev. D. A. MacMillan, pastor of the First United church, performed the ceremony.

## **APRIL 1934**

### **Tuesday 17**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and cool with light variable wind, mostly southerly. Min temperature 30, max temperature 48.

Drift ice.

A considerable body of ice off the coast and at the harbour mouth and some loose ice in the harbour.

S. S. "Watuka"

Steamer Watuka, Capt. Bragg, arrived in the afternoon from Liverpool, NS for a load of coal. The Watuka arrived off this port on last Sunday, but was delayed by ice conditions from reaching here until today.

S. S. "Gypsum King".

Steamer Gypsum King, Capt. Rodgers arrived here at about 9:30pm from Halifax for a cargo of coal.

S. H. Stevenson.

S. H. Stevenson of Sydney, Insurance Adjuster, arrived here by bus from Sydney in the forenoon. Mr. Stevenson's visit was in connection with the fire loss at the Hickman building on last Thursday.

Meeting of Fire Brigade

At 8pm, I attended a meeting of the Louisburg Volunteer Fire Brigade in the Firemen's hall.

Those present were: Chief R. A. Peters, Percy MacKinnon, Dan MacLeod, Fred Burke, R.

Lipkus, Alfred Hunt, Rannie MacVicar and M. S. Huntington. At this meeting it was decided to purchase ten firemen's outfits including coats, boots and hats.

## **APRIL 1934**

### **Wednesday 18**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and cool in the morning. Clearing and becoming mild in the afternoon. Light variable and mostly northeast. Drift ice on the coast and harbour partly filled. Min temperature 28, max temperature 56.

## **APRIL 1934**

### **Thursday 19**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and mild with light variable wind mostly easterly. An ideal day. Min temperature 26, max temperature 54.

Drift ice.

Drift ice is still blocking the harbour mouth and a narrow strip along the coast. Southwestern portion of the harbour full of ice.

S. S. "Colby" First coal from Sydney.

Steamer Coalby, which arrived at Sydney on last Sunday, sailed from Sydney this morning enroute for Halifax with a cargo of coal. She was seen passing Louisburg in the evening. The Colby is said to be the first steamer to take a cargo of coal from Sydney this season.

Council Meeting.

At 7:30pm, I attended and presided at a regular meeting of the Town Council.

Those present were: Councillors Wesley Townsend, D. J. MacInnis, Jeremiah Smith, G. B. Hiltz, Clerk, B.M. Spencer, Police Officer, D. M. Johnston.

History Talk.

AT 2pm, I visited the public school and gave a talk on the early history of Louisburg to the pupils of grades five, six, seven and eight. I also gave a ten minute talk on birds. The pupils gave strict attention and appeared to be greatly interested in both subjects.

## **APRIL 1934**

### **Friday 20**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and mild with some fog and light easterly wind. Min temperature 29, max temperature 56.

Angus MacLeod.

Angus MacLeod, car inspector for the Dominion Coal Company, who came to board with us on March 20, 1934, left here on the morning train for New Waterford for the purpose of resuming his duties at that place.

Drift ice.

The drift ice which has been hovering off the coast for some time is still in sight but appears to be loose. The mouth of the harbour was clear of ice at noon but the southwest end was still full of loose ice. The strip of ice outside the harbour appeared to be about a half a mile wide.

Steamers "Liverpool Rover", "Watuka" and "Gypsum King" which have been in port for quite a long time presumably waiting for favourable ice conditions did not make an attempt to sail. It is stated by those familiar with conditions and competent to judge that these boats would have had no difficulty in leaving port not only today but on previous occasions had they so desired. It has even been suggested that they have remained in the harbour in an attempt to discredit Louisburg as a shipping port. In any case, no attempt was made to sail.

S. S. "Domby"

The Sydney Post-Record of today announced that the Collier Domby (Capt. Simpson) had sailed from Sydney this morning with a cargo of coal bound to Montreal. This is the first cargo to leave Sydney for the St. Lawrence this season.

#### **APRIL 1934**

##### **Saturday 21**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy, foggy and mild with light variable wind mostly southerly and easterly. Min temperature 33, max temperature 52.

First toads.

During the night for the first time this season I heard toads singing.

#### **APRIL 1934**

##### **Sunday 22**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy, foggy and mild with light easterly wind. Some heavy showers of rain during the day. Min temperature 32, max temperature 48.

The ice blockade which has to some extent been interfering with shipping in and out of this port, is still with us. Mouth of harbour and southwestern end full of ice as well as a narrow strip outside. Until we get favourable winds, we are likely to have no improvement in ice conditions.

Church services.

Emeline and I attended services in the First United church at 11am and 7pm. Both services were in charge of Rev. D. A. MacMillan.

#### **APRIL 1934**

##### **Monday 23**

Louisburg, NS

Clear with moderate northwest wind which shifted to southwest shortly after noon. Min temperature \_\_\_ max temperature 51.

Drift ice.

Harbour clear of ice with the exception of a few loose pans. With the help of the northwest wind, the ice moved off for a considerable distance but returned again to some extent with the shifting of the wind.

S. S. "Watuka"

Steamer S.S. "Watuka" (Capt. Bragg) which has been waiting here several days for more favourable ice conditions, sailed at about 5:30am for Wabana, Nfld with a cargo of coal and some other freight.

S. S. "Liverpool Rover".

Steamer "Liverpool Rover"(Capt. Williams) which arrived here on the 6<sup>th</sup> of this month with a broken propeller, sailed at about 6am for Liverpool, NS with a cargo of coal. The work of replacing a new propeller was finished on April the 9<sup>th</sup> but Capt. Williams, not wishing to take any more chances with the ice and on the orders of the ship's owners, remained here until this morning.

S. S. "Gypsum King".

Steamer "Gypsum King" (Capt. Rodgers) sailed in the morning with a cargo of coal for \_\_\_\_\_. This ship arrived here on the 17<sup>th</sup> of this month and since loading has been awaiting favourable ice conditions.

Remarkably calm.

Since the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March, the weather has been remarkably calm. With the exception of a breeze for a few hours on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of this month, we have had scarcely any wind. Many days scarcely enough to blow out a candle.

## **APRIL 1934**

### **Tuesday 24**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and foggy with light southerly wind. Min temperature 26, max temperature 47.

Firemen's Dance.

A dance was held in the Masonic hall in the evening under the auspices of the Louisburg Fire Brigade. A large crowd present and everybody appeared to enjoy themselves. Total receipts \$49.35, Expenses: Orchestra \$15.00, Hall rent \$8.00, other expenses about \$2.00. Net receipts about \$24.00. The proceeds of this dance is to be used for the purchase of waterproof clothes for the Fire Brigade including coats, boots and hats. The Brigade has decided to order ten complete suits at a cost of about \$10.50 each.

Halifax Civic Elections.

Mr. E. J. Cragg was today elected Mayor of Halifax succeeding Mayor A. A. Thompson. Mayor Cragg and seven Aldermen were all elected by acclamation thus establishing a record for the City of Halifax. The names of the Aldermen as published in the Halifax Herald of April 26, 1934 are as follows: W. A. Gates, W. E. Donivon, E. Frank Lordly, Joseph F. MacManus, Ralph W. Hendry, W. J. O'Toole and Dr. P. A. Gough.

## **APRIL 1934**

### **Wednesday 25**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and foggy with heavy showers. Light southerly winds. Min temperature 32, max temperature 48.

Choir practice.

At 9pm, I attended choir practice in the First United church.

Shippers and Trimmers.

Coal shippers and trimmers of Louisburg and vicinity who work at Whitney Pier, Sydney during the summer months received word today to proceed to Sydney at once to take up their usual employment. A number of them left for Sydney in the afternoon by car and motor truck, the remainder of them will follow tomorrow. There are about forty Louisburg men, regular employees of the Dominion Coal Company who are employed at Sydney during the shipping season.

## **APRIL 1934**

### **Thursday 26**

Louisburg, NS

Heavy rain in the morning. Cloudy up to about noon. Clear during the afternoon. Light northerly wind in the morning shifting to northwest at noon and increasing to a fresh breeze. Min temperature \_\_ max temperature 50.

Drift ice.

A small body of drift in sight some distance off the harbour.

S. S. "Cruizer"

Dominion Coal Company's tug Cruizer, Capt. Thomas Ley, sailed for Sydney at about 8am for the purpose of resuming her duties at that port.

Maud Huntington.

Miss Maud, R. N., who has been visiting us since the fourth of this month, left on the 8:15am train enroute to her home.

## **APRIL 1934**

### **Friday 27**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and cool with moderate to fresh southwest wind. Heavy rain during the evening and night. Min temperature 27, max temperature 46.

Drift ice.

No drift ice in sight.

Shippers and Trimmers.

Coal shippers and trimmers of Louisburg and vicinity who work at Whitney Pier, Sydney during the summer months received word today to proceed to Sydney at once to take up their usual employment. Accordingly a number of them left for Sydney in the afternoon by car and motor truck. The remainder of them will follow tomorrow. There are about forty Louisburg men, regular employees of the Dominion Coal Company who are employed at Sydney during the shipping season. (*Repeated from April 25*)

## **APRIL 1934**

### **Saturday 28**

Louisburg, NS

Heavy rain in the morning. Showery during the forenoon. Partly clear in the afternoon. Fresh to moderate southwest wind shifting to northwest in the afternoon. Min temperature 24, max temperature 44.

## **APRIL 1934**

### **Sunday 29**

Louisburg, NS

Snowed moderately during the greater part of the day. Cloud in the late afternoon. Light winds mostly north, northeast. A very unpleasant day. Min temperature 23, max temperature 45.

Church services.

At 11am and 7pm in company with Emeline, I attended services in the First United church. Both services conducted by Rev. D. A. MacMillan.

## **APRIL 1934**

### **Monday 30**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and very cool with moderate to fresh west to southwest wind. Min temperature \_\_, max temperature \_\_.

Fire Brigade.

AT 8pm, I attended a meeting of the Louisburg Volunteer Fire Brigade in the Fire Hall. Those present were, Chief R. A. Peters, Percy MacKinnon, D. J. MacLeod, John R. DeFries, Fred Burke, James Burke, R. Lipkus, Rannie MacVicar and myself. The ten firemen's outfits which we decided to order at our meeting on the 19 inst, have arrived and have been placed in the Fire Hall. The total cost is \$114.10 or \$11.41 per suit including coats, boots and hats. These outfits were purchased through Ruben Lipkus of this town...a member of our brigade.

Marine Hospital.

Today terminates the Federal Government contract with Freeman Mosher of this town as keeper of the Cottage Marine Hospital. Mrs. Regina O'Toole of Wolfe Street is to be the new keeper and the change is to be made within a few days at most. Mr. Mosher has had the hospital in his residence on Main street for about \_\_ years. The O'Toole building is considered a much better location, but it is a question if that is the real reason for the change. Politics, no doubt played a very important part in this matter.

## **MAY 1934**

### **Tuesday 1**

Louisburg, NS/Sydney, NS

Clear and moderately warm with moderate southwest wind. Max temperature at Sydney about 65.

I left here on the 8:15am train for Sydney. On arriving at Glace Bay, I took a train car for Sydney arriving at about 11:30am. Stopped at Vidal hotel.

Interviewed J. R. MacIssac.

At about 2:30pm, I visited the General Office of the British Empire Steel and Coal Corporation Ltd. and interviewed Mr. J. R. MacIsaac, Traffic Manager, respecting the employment of more Louisburg men at the shipping pier at Sydney in the event of vacancies occurring. Louisburg has a number of men who have been employed as shippers and trimmers during the winter months but not in summer, who feel that they should be employed rather than that new men should be engaged. Mr. MacIsaac assured me that the interests of the Louisburg men would be looked after if more men were required.

Brigadier Gen. Hertzburg and Col. W. S. Lawrence.

At about 3:30pm, I met at the Isle Royale Hotel, Brigadier Gen. Hertzburg and Col. W. S. Lawrence of Halifax who had visited Louisburg today by auto for the purpose of getting information respecting the possibility of establishing an unemployment camp at Louisburg and thereby building the proposed museum at the Louisburg National and Historic Park. With Judge Walter Crowe, I had about an hour's conversation with the military men and gave them what information I could respecting the proposed undertaking.

Lecture.

AT 8am, I attended a lecture in the Supreme Court Chambers delivered by D. C. Harvey, Provincial Archivist, under the auspices of the Cape Breton Historical Society. The lecturer gave a very interesting talk on the documents in the archives dealing with the early history of Cape Breton. Judge Crowe presided.

## **MAY 1934**

### **Wednesday 2**

Sydney, NS/ Louisburg, NS

Clear and moderately warm with moderate west to southwest wind. Max temperature at Louisburg 61.

Dr. Creelman.

I visited Dr. Creelman, School Inspector at his home and office, 62 Park St, Sydney and consulted him respecting the reducing of the Louisburg School from six to five departments. He did not favour the suggestion but gave me to understand the matter rested with the School Board.

Sydney to Louisburg.

I left Sydney by train car at about 12:40pm enroute to Louisburg. Arrived at Glace Bay at about 2pm where I took the 2:45 train for Louisburg arriving at about \_?\_pm.

Choir practice.

At 9pm, I attended choir practice in the First United church.

Fire Drill.

Yesterday afternoon during my absence in Sydney, the Louisburg Fire Brigade held a fire drill which I understand was quite successful and well attended. They visited all the town hydrants except the most westerly one on Main Street, coupled hose and turned on the water. In each case a good stream was procured. A feature of this drill was the laying of nearly 600 feet of hose from the most easterly hydrant to the Town Hall and a stream of water turned on the building. The result, I understand, was very satisfactory. This is the first time the members of the Louisburg brigade turned out in their new waterproof clothing, coats, boot and hats.

## **MAY 1934**

### **Thursday 3**

Louisburg, NS

Mostly cloudy with moderate to fresh southwest wind. Min temperature 36, max temperature 58.

Town Council.

At 7:30pm, I attended and presided at a regular meeting of the Town Council. Those present: Councillors D. J. MacInnis, Wesley Townsend and G. B. Hiltz. Town Clerk, B. M. Spencer, Policeman, D. W. Johnston.

Nova Scotia Legislature.

The Nova Scotia Legislature which has been in session since March 1, 1934, prorogued yesterday.

*(Newspaper clipping from Sydney Post Record: "White Rainbow Appears in Sky")*

## **MAY 1934**

### **Friday 4**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy, foggy and moderately warm with light southwest wind. Min temperature \_\_, max temperature 64.

Percy MacKinnon.

Percy MacKinnon of this town was stricken with a sudden attack of illness at about 5pm. He is now seriously ill at his home on Alexandra Street. Up to a late hour, he had not recovered consciousness. Dr. H. J. Townsend, the only resident doctor at Louisburg, left in the late afternoon on a fishing trip to New Boston and owing to an accident to his car, did not return until about 9:30pm. In the meantime, Mr. MacKinnon was without medical attention. However, from my knowledge of the case, it appears to me that a doctor could do very little to relieve him. Mr. MacKinnon who is about 32 years of age, had been in his usual health up to the time of the seizure.

## **MAY 1934**

### **Saturday 5**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and foggy with light southwest wind. Min temperature 37, max temperature 62.

Wreck of S. S. Ruthenfjell.

Norwegian steamer Ruthenfjell, enroute from Norway to St. Lawrence ports, ran ashore today at Cape Egmont, North Cape Breton. The Ruthenfjell has a general cargo and was in a dense fog at the time of the accident. She intended calling at Sydney for bunker coal but got off her course.

Later:

According to the Sydney Post-Record of May 25, 1934, the "Ruthenfjell" has been declared a total loss. The greater part of her cargo was salvaged and brought to North Sydney by the tug Foundation Franklin. The ship was about one year old and was commanded by Capt. Stenersen.

Later:

Early in July 1934, salvagers cut this steamer in two forward of the engine room and towed the after part to Sydney.

*(Typewritten page titled December 1933. Weather conditions for December 28-31.)*

## **MAY 1934**

### **Sunday 6**

Louisburg, NS

Clear with light northwest wind which shifted to northeast in the afternoon. Min temperature 30, max temperature 60.

Church services.

At 11am and 7pm, I attended services in the First United church. Both services were conducted by Rev. D. A. MacMillan. Emeline was not out to church in the forenoon, but accompanied me in the evening.

Death of Mrs. E. N. Rhodes.

The death occurred at Ottawa this morning of Mrs. E. N. Rhodes, wife of Hon. E. N. Rhodes, Canadian Finance Minister and member for the Constituency of Cape Breton West and Richmond. Mrs. Rhodes who was about 53 years of age was before her marriage, Mary Grace Piper, a daughter of the Hon. W. L. Piper, a former Premier of Nova Scotia.

Twenty-fourth Anniversary.

Today is the 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the occasion of King George the Fifth to the throne of Great Britain, he having come to the throne on May 6, 1910 having succeeded his father, Edward the Seventh who became King on January 22, 1901.

## **MAY 1934**

### **Monday 7**

Louisburg, NS

Rain in the morning with easterly wind. Cloudy and cool during the day. Wind shifting to northwest and later to northeast. Min temperature 28, max temperature 44.

New Waterford Nurses Graduate.

The annual graduation exercises of the New Waterford General Hospital took place at New Waterford this evening.

Those who received diplomas are as follows: Miss Margaret Bancks, Miss Ethel Campbell, Miss Florence MacKenzie, Miss Dorothy Verner, Miss Frances Huntington, Miss Catherine MacLean, Miss Patricia Pendergast and Miss Rose Doucet.

The prizes awarded to the class were as follows: \$5.00 donated by Dr. J. C. Morrison for highest in pediatrics awarded to Miss Frances Huntington. \$5.00 donated by Dr. B. F. Miller, for highest in Medical Nursing awarded to Miss Catherine MacLean. \$5.00 donated by Dr. F. T. MacLeod for highest in anatomy and physiology awarded to Miss Frances Huntington. \$5.00 donated by Rev. Father Nicholson for operating room technique awarded to Miss Margaret Bancks. \$5.00 donated by Dr. R. H. Fraser for highest in Materia Medica awarded to Miss Frances Huntington, \$5.00 donated by Mayor Hinchey for highest in surgical nursing awarded to Miss Frances Huntington, \$5.00 donated by Ladies Auxiliary for most conscientious work awarded to Miss Ethel Campbell.

Emeline and I had looked forward to attending the graduation exercises at New Waterford this evening but owing to bad weather and the conditions of the highways were unable to do so. We, however wish to extend our congratulations to the entire class and particularly to Frances Huntington who appears to have captured the "Lion's share" of the prizes.

*(Newspaper clippings from Sydney-Post Record dated May 8, 1934. "Eight nurses are graduated at Waterford" and "Prizes awarded to graduates").*

## **MAY 1934**

### **Tuesday 8**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and cool with light to moderate variable winds. Min temperature 26, max temperature 52.

First Codfish

The first codfish of the season appeared on the market today.

Visited Percy MacKinnon.

At about 8:30pm, I visited Percy MacKinnon who was stricken on last Friday evening. He is still unable to speak and appears to be in a semi-conscious condition. He takes a little nourishment and at times appears to hear and understand what is being said to him. He is still in a very serious condition, but has improved considerably since I saw him on the night of the attack.

## **MAY 1934**

**Wednesday 9**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and cool with moderate southwest wind. Min temperature 22, max temperature 52.

Wreck of S. S. Petrel.

Steamer Petrel ran ashore last night near Grand Entry, Magdalen Islands. The Petrel sailed from Little Bras d'Or last week with a cargo of about 125 tons of coal and a deck load of cordwood. She is said to be owned by the Hygeria Shipping Company of Little Bras d'Or. Fraser Wilcox of this town was in command.

Later

(The Petrel became a total loss, crew saved).

## **MAY 1934**

**Thursday 10**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and cool but becoming cloudy in the late afternoon. Light to fresh southwest wind. Min temperature 21, max temperature 50.

Fire.

The fire alarm sounded at about 8:45pm for a roof fire at the home of Fred Kyte, Alfred Street. The firemen made a quick turnout but before reaching the scene of the fire, with the equipment, the neighbours had extinguished it with a few buckets of water. This is the first fire to which the members of the Louisburg Volunteer Fire Brigade responded clad in their new waterproof clothing which was recently purchased by the brigade.

## **MAY 1934**

**Friday 11**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and cool with showers and some fog during the afternoon and evening. Min temperature 37, max temperature 45.

Visited schools.

In the afternoon, I visited several departments of the public schools and while there attended a concert given by Grades 2 and 3, Miss Ethel Smith being the teacher. In addition to the pupils, there were about 15 adults present. The pupils taking part made a very creditable showing. While in the school building, I visited the high school and announced to the pupils of that department that prizes were being offered for the best essay on Historic Louisburg by Louisburg High School students. The prizes which amount to \$10 is being presented by Dr. Dahlglish, Dentist of Sydney who does not want it made known that he is the donor. The essay is to consist of not more than 2000 words and is to be handed in on or before the 30<sup>th</sup> of September 1934. First prize, \$6.00, second prize \$4.00. I also announced that I would visit the high school in the near future and give a talk on the history of our town from its earliest settlement until the destruction of the fortification in 1760.

## **MAY 1934**

### **Saturday 12**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy, foggy and showery with light southwest wind. Min temperature 42, max temperature 46.

Bus Service.

Sullivan's Bus made two trips today between Sydney and Louisburg and on each occasion brought from Sydney a number of Louisburg men who are employed at the shipping piers at Sydney who intend to spend the week end at their homes at Louisburg. It is likely that the Sydney and Louisburg service will soon be running on regular schedule.

Presentation.

The members of the First United church choir met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. MacInnis this evening and presented their daughter, Mrs. Anthony MacDonald, with an address and a gift as a token of appreciation for services rendered to the United church choir. Mrs. MacDonald, who has been a member of the choir for a number of years and was at one time its Secretary-Treasurer, intends leaving Louisburg in the near future to make her home with her husband at Glace Bay. Mr. MacDonald is regularly employed at Glace Bay, but spends the week ends in Louisburg. I was not present at the presentation, but understand it was quite a pleasant function. The United church choir wish Mr. and Mrs. MacDonald every happiness in their new home.

## **MAY 1934**

### **Sunday 13**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy, foggy and showery with light easterly to southerly winds. Min temperature 38, max temperature 59.

### Church Services.

At 11am and 7pm, in company with Emeline, I attended services in the First United church. Both services were conducted by Rev. D. A. MacMillan. Mr. MacMillan announced that the services for an indefinite period would be held in Calvin Hall owing to the interior of the church having to be cleaned and redecorated.

## **MAY 1934**

### **Monday 14**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and cool with some fog. Light to moderate southwest wind. Some showers during the day. Min temperature 36, max temperature 52.

### Bus Service.

According to an advertisement appearing in the Sydney Post-Record of this date, the Sullivan Bus Service between Sydney and Louisburg will run as follows: Leave Sydney for Louisburg at 9am and 5:30pm, leave Louisburg for Sydney at 11:30am and 5:30pm. The Mike Sullivan Bus Service was inaugurated on May 24, 1933, but suspended operations during the winter and early spring months of this year owing to the impassable conditions of the highway. The bus service was discontinued on or about Jan 15 of this year, but of late a few special trips were made but no attempt to maintain a regular schedule.

### Transatlantic Flight.

Capt. George Pond and Lieut. Cesare Sabelli, left New York in a monoplane, "Leonardo da Vinci" on a non stop flight to Rome, Italy at 6:24 E.S.T. this morning. A large monoplane passed over Louisburg at about 4pm going in a northeasterly direction which is supposed to have been the New York to Rome plane.

### Redecorating Church.

The work of cleaning and redecorating the interior of the First United church was begun today. John N. MacDonald is in charge of the job with Billie MacInnis as his assistant.

## **MAY 1934**

### **Tuesday 15**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and foggy with light southeast wind. Min temperature 37, max temperature 54.

### Collision.

White Star Line steamer "Olympic" (Capt. W. J. Binks) from Southampton, England for New York, U. S. A., crashed into and sunk the Lightship on Nantucket shoals, 42 miles south, southeast of Nantucket Island, Massachusetts. Of the crew of the Lightship, seven were rescued including the Captain, George W. Braithwaite. Three of the rescued died after being taken on board the Liner. Four of the crew are missing and are supposed to have gone down with the ship. The accident occurred in a dense fog at 10:30am today.

## **MAY 1934**

### **Wednesday 16**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy, foggy and showery with light southwest wind shifted to northeast in the evening. Min temperature 32, max temperature 53.

Lobster Fishing Season.

The open season for lobster fishing on this coast began this morning. Quite a number of our citizens are engaged in this industry and as a result a great many traps were placed in the water this morning. The price for the general run of lobsters to start with is 6 cents a pound. Last year at the opening of the season the price was 3 cents.

Aviators.

Capt. George Pond and Lieut. Cesare Sabelli, aviators who hopped off at 6:24, Eastern Standard Time from New York on a non-stop flight to Rome, Italy on Monday morning, May 14, landed last night near Lahinch, Ireland. According to newspapers of this date, an accident to the main connection between the gasoline tank and the motor having forced them to land. A plane supposed to be the New York to Rome craft passed over Louisburg at about 4pm Atlantic Standard Time and was seen by many of our citizens. She was reported as passing Belle Island near St. John's Nfld at 5:30, E.S.T. on Monday evening. So it is more than likely that the plane seen over Louisburg contained the transatlantic fliers.

Choir Practice.

At 9pm, I attended choir practice in Calvin Hall.

## **MAY 1934**

### **Thursday 17**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and cool with moderate to fresh southwest wind. Min temperature 26, max temperature 50.

Frost.

As a result of last night's frost, the lower end of the harbour was caught over with ice.

## **MAY 1934**

### **Friday 18**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy with some rain. Min temperature 36, max temperature 62.

Card Party.

A Card Party under the auspices of the Louisburg Fire Brigade was held in the Parish Hall in the evening. Owing to bad weather and other conditions but few attended. Net receipts \$5.75.

## **MAY 1934**

### **Saturday 19**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and cool with moderate northerly wind. Showers in the afternoon. Min temperature \_\_, max temperature 54.

Death of William Cameron.

The death took place at the Cape Breton Hospital, Sydney River of William Cameron, a former resident of this Town. Mr. Cameron was born and brought up at Big Lorraine from whence he removed to Louisburg in 1907 and remained here until 1929 where he removed to Glace Bay. Owing to a mental breakdown, he was sent to the Cape Breton Hospital in June 1933 where his death occurred. He was about 83 years of age. Mr. Cameron was married three times. His first wife was Miss Louise Wilcox, his second wife, Miss Annabelle Spencer (my mother's sister) who died on June 7, 1911 and his third wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Dickson who died on January 11, 1929. By his second wife he had four sons and two daughters all of whom survive him. The sons are: Gordon at Glace Bay, Daniel at Glace Bay (with whom he resided), Nathan, address unknown since 1917, Spencer at Halifax. The daughters are Mrs. Arthur Huntington, Salmon River and Greta, last heard from in Toronto, Ont. about a year ago. He is also survived by one brother, Thomas who resides in Massachusetts, U. S. A.

Automobile Accident at New Glasgow.

A fatal accident occurred in the Town of New Glasgow today where a car driven by Mr. C. W. Spencer and occupied by Mrs. C. W. Spencer and two children and H. H. Toole, all of New Glasgow, collided with a car occupied by Clayton Clarke and Miss Eva Forrestal and driven by Mr. Clarke. Mrs. Spencer was instantly killed while Mr. Spencer, his son Aubrey, aged 11, Mr. Toole, Mr. Clarke and Miss Forrestal were seriously injured. Mr. Spencer's condition is considered very grave. Donald Spencer, aged 7, escaped without a scratch. Mrs. Spencer was before her marriage a Miss Bown from North Sydney. Mr. Spencer is Principal of the New Glasgow public school and a son of the late L. G. Spencer of Glace Bay. He is also a first cousin to B. M. Spencer, Town Clerk of Louisburg. (The above was gleaned from the story of the accident in the Halifax Chronicle of May 21, 1934)

## **MAY 1934**

### **Sunday 20**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and cool with moderate northerly wind, which shifted to southerly in the evening. Min temperature 28, max temperature 57.

Church Services.

At 11am and 7pm in company with Emeline, I attended services of the First United church held in Calvin Hall. Both morning and evening services were in charge of Rev. D. A. MacMillan.

Gordon Cameron.

Gordon Cameron of Glace Bay arrived on the bus from Sydney at about 10am for the purpose of arranging for the funeral of his father whose death occurred yesterday evening. He visited us in the afternoon and had supper with us. After which he returned to Sydney by bus enroute to his home.

## **MAY 1934**

### **Monday 21**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and foggy with rain and moderate southerly wind. Min temperature 35, max temperature 43.

First Salmon.

The first salmon to make their appearance on this coast this season were caught at Little Lorraine this morning.

Remains of William Cameron.

The remains of the late William Cameron, who passed away at the Cape Breton Hospital on last Saturday evening arrived here on the 4:15pm train and were taken to St. Bartholomew's church to remain there until the funeral service which takes place tomorrow at 1pm. Two sons of the deceased, Gordon and Daniel of Glace Bay and a daughter, Mrs. Arthur Huntington of Salmon River, accompanied the remains to Louisburg. Gordon and Mrs. Huntington are our guests while in town.

Meeting of Fire Brigade.

At 8pm, I attended a meeting of the Louisburg Volunteer Fire Brigade in the firemen's hall. Those present were: Chief R. A. Peters, James Burke, Fred Burke, Rannie MacVicar, J. R. DeFries, R. Lipkus and myself.

Death by Fire at Sydney.

Felix Polemino lost his life in a fire which destroyed a building on Tupper St., Sydney at an early hour this morning and Maino Martinello, who occupied the same building died of burns after being taken to St. Rita's Hospital. Antonio Barrello was also badly burned but is expected to recover. (Sydney Post-Record, May 21, 1934)

## **MAY 1934**

### **Tuesday 22**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and cool with light easterly wind. Rain at night. Min temperature 32, max temperature 53.

Funeral

The funeral of the late William Cameron took place at 1pm. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. E. B. Gabriel in St. Bartholomew's Anglican church. After the service in the church, the funeral cortage proceeded to Big Lorraine where internment took place in the Anglican

cemetery. The pall bearers were as follows: A. A. Martell, Ben Hickman, William Severance, Alonzo Tutty, Wesley Townsend and myself.

Death of Donald Jewell.

The death of Donald Jewell occurred today at the home of his son, Russell Jewell on Kent Street, Louisburg. Mr. Jewell lived nearly all his life at Big Lorraine, but during the past winter was living with his son Russell at Louisburg. He was about 80 years of age.

Left for Home.

Gordon and Daniel Cameron and their sister Mrs. Arthur Huntington, who were here attending the funeral of their father, the late William Cameron, left here on the 7:30pm bus for Sydney enroute to their homes.

## **MAY 1934**

**Wednesday 23**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and foggy with rain, moderate southerly wind. Min temperature 37, max temperature 54.

Backward Spring.

Up to the present time this has been the most backward spring for a number of years. The continued cold and wet weather with scarcely any sunshine has delayed seeding operations so that very little farming or gardening has been done in this district or in fact in any part of Cape Breton, where I understand, similar conditions prevail.

Leave of Absence.

Mr. B. M. Spencer, Town Clerk, who has been granted leave of absence until next Monday, left by bus for Sydney at noon today enroute to Halifax for the purpose of visiting friends and acquaintances in that city. He was accompanied by Mrs. Spencer.

Left for England on May 21, 1934.

Captain J. N. Wilson and Mr. MacKay, Chief Engineer of the ill-fated steamer Canby, who have been in town since this ship was abandoned by her crew on February 22, 1934, left here on May 21 for Halifax via Sydney, enroute to their homes in Great Britain. Capt. Wilson was accompanied by Mrs. Wilson, who was on the Canby with her husband at the time of the stranding at Guyon Island on February 19, 1934. While in Louisburg, Captain and Mrs. Wilson were guests at the "Dundonald Inn" and Mr. MacKay at the Crowdis Hotel. The Canby has been condemned as a total loss and I understand will shortly be offered for sale for the benefit of the underwriters.

## **MAY 1934**

**Thursday 24**

Louisburg, NS

Victoria Day

Heavy rain in the morning. Cloudy during the forenoon. Clearing at noon and becoming moderately warm during the afternoon. Min temperature 32, max temperature 64.

General Holiday.

Today is known in Canada as "Victoria Day" and is observed as a holiday in memory of the Good Queen who reigned on the throne of the British Empire for nearly 64 years. Queen Victoria was born on May 24, 1819. She came to the throne of Great Britain and Ireland on the death of William the Fourth, June 20, 1837. The Coronation took place on June 28, 1838 in Westminster Abby. On January 1, 1877, pursuant to an Act of the British Parliament, the Queen was proclaimed Empress of India, hence her title "Queen of Great Britain and Ireland and Empress of India". The death of Queen Victoria occurred on January 22, 1901, thus bringing to an end a reign of 63 years, 7 months and 2 days. Since my earliest recollection, the Anniversary of the Queen's birthday has been observed as a public holiday in Canada and I presume in all parts of the British Empire. Since her death, this Anniversary is still being observed and in Canada, at least, is known as "Victoria Day". In all probability, Queen Victoria was the only British sovereign, the Anniversary of whose birth, was observed as a public holiday after they had ceased to reign. This to say the least is a great tribute to the popularity of the "Good Queen" and shows the esteem in which she was held by her loyal subjects.

## **MAY 1934**

### **Friday 25**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and cool with moderate southwest wind. Min temperature 27, max temperature 57.

Gardening.

Spent the afternoon and evening working in the garden. Planted dahlia bulbs and sweet peas.

Funeral.

The funeral of the late Donald Jewell took place yesterday at 8:30am to Stella Maris church where service was held by Rev. Father D. H. Doyle. Interment in the Roman Catholic cemetery.

## **MAY 1934**

### **Saturday 26**

Louisburg, NS

Partly clear and moderately warm with light southeast wind. Min temperature 29, max temperature 67.

Paul Burke.

Mr. Paul Burke of this town who has been undergoing treatment in the Nova Scotia Hospital for the insane at Dartmouth, NS since the latter part of May 1932, arrived home today. I understand his health has greatly improved during his stay at the hospital and his mental condition is back to normal. During his absence, his family consisting of his wife and three children, were wards of the town.

Ministerial Student.

Mr. Russell Somers, Ministerial Student of the Presbyterian church of Canada arrived in town today for the purpose of taking charge of the Presbyterian congregation of this town during the summer months.

## **MAY 1934**

### **Sunday 27**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and cool with light east to southwest winds. Min temperature 33, max temperature 60.

Church services

At 11am and 7pm, in company with Emeline, I attended services of the First United church in Calvin hall. Both morning and evening services were conducted by Rev. D. A. MacMillan.

First Services

The first services to be held in Louisburg by Mr. Somers, the new Presbyterian student minister were conducted in the Presbyterian church today, both morning and evening.

## **MAY 1934**

### **Monday 28**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and moderately warm with moderate south to southwest wind. An ideal day. Min temperature 32, max temperature 70.

Arrived Home.

Mr. B. M. Spencer, Town Clerk, who accompanied by Mrs. Spencer has been visiting at Halifax and Truro for the passed (sic) few days, arrived home today.

Digby Beer Wine Plebiscite.

A plebiscite held in the town of Digby, NS on the question of whether that town should legalize the sale of beer and wine resulted as follows: against, 332, for, 87, a majority of 245 against.

The ballot paper was as follows:

Town of Digby Ballot Paper  
28 May A. D. 1934

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Are you in favor of or opposed to  
the sale of beer and wine by the  
glass or open bottle within the  
Town of Digby?

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In favor of

Opposed to

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This is the first plebiscite of its kind to be held in the Province of Nova Scotia since the Government Central Liquor Act came into force in 1930 and is considered a decisive victory for those opposed to the sale of beer and wine by the glass or open bottle in the hotels, restaurants and other public places.

## **MAY 1934**

### **Tuesday 29**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and cool with light to moderate southerly wind. Some fog at night. Min temperature 39, max temperature 60.

Criminal Investigator.

Dan Nicholson, Criminal Investigator, was in Louisburg inquiring into the Abuliah Fleet case at Havenside and the Ernest Parson case. He also visited the MacAulays and Laheys on Pepperell Street where a neighbourly quarrel has been in progress for some time. In the former case there appears to be good grounds for a charge of bigamy. Dan Johnston, Louisburg police officer, accompanied Mr. Nicholson on his rounds of the troubled area.

Tenders for Purchase of S. S. Canby.

Tenders are being called for through the press for the purchase of the steamer "Canby" as she lies stranded on Guyon Island. Tenders to be sent to the office of Joseph Salter & Sons Ltd., Llyods Agents, North Sydney not later than June 2, 1934. The Canby in command of Capt. Wilson, ran ashore at Guyon Island on the morning of February 19, 1934 while enroute from St. John, NB to Louisburg for a cargo of coal.

First Mackerel.

The first mackerel of the season were landed here today.

## **MAY 1934**

### **Wednesday 30**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy with some fog in the forenoon, clear and moderately warm during the afternoon. Min temperature \_\_ max temperature 70. Moderate southeast wind shifting to west and northeast in the evening.

Choir practice.

At 9pm, I attended choir practice in Calvin hall.

## **MAY 1934**

### **Thursday 31**

Louisburg, NS

Mostly clear and moderately warm with moderate to fresh variable wind, mostly northwest. Min temperature 39, max temperature 72.

## **JUNE 1934**

### **Friday 1**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and very cool with fresh to strong northwest wind. Min temperature 30, max temperature 53.

Death of John Wilson (John A. Wilson)

The death of Mr. John Wilson occurred at his home on Wolfe Street at about 11:45pm. Mr. Wilson who was about 61 years of age, had been in poor health for several months. He is survived by his wife and three sons, Donald aged 20, Murray 17 and Harold 14. Mr. Wilson was a man of excellent character and highly respected by all who knew him. In his passing, Louisburg has lost one of its best citizens.

## **JUNE 1934**

### **Saturday 2**

Louisburg, NS

Cool and mostly clear with fresh to moderate northwest wind which shifted to southeast in the afternoon. Min temperature 27, max temperature 58.

Concert.

A concert under the auspices of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held in the Temperance hall in the evening.

## **JUNE 1934**

### **Sunday 3**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and cool with moderate northeast wind. Min temperature 26, max temperature 54.

Church services.

At 11am and 7pm, I attended services of the United church in Calvin hall. Both morning and evening services were conducted by Rev. D. A. MacMillan. After the close of the evening service, Mr. MacMillan held a short service at the house of the late John Wilson at which I was present.

I. W. G. T. Delegation.

A delegation consisting of about twenty five members of Wolfe Lodge No. 64, "Independent Order of Good Templars" motored to Sydney in Sullivan's bus leaving here at 4:30pm for the purpose of attending a temperance service in St. Andrews United church, Sydney. On reaching Sydney they were joined by representatives of other I. O. G. T. Lodges making a total of about 85 and paraded to St. Andrews church where they were addressed by Rev. E. Melville Aitken, B. A. The Louisburg party consisted of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Stacey, Mrs. M. S. Huntington, Mrs. Mary MacKenzie, Mrs. Jeremiah Smith, Miss Mary Smith, Miss Maud Smith, Wesley

Townsend, D. J. Matheson, Mrs. Maud Morrison, Miss Louise Maxner, Miss Elsie Tutty, Mrs. Raymond Martell, Charles Martell, Albert Martell, Freeman MacKenzie, Miss Beulah Cross, Mrs. Judson Cross, Mrs. Percy Cross, Miss Mary Tanner, Mrs. Wilfred Tutty, Miss Annie Levatte, Mrs. Dan Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Luddington and possibly others. The Louisburg party returned by bus at 10:30pm.

King's Birthday.

Today is the 69<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the birth of King George the Fifth.

*(Newspaper clipping "The King" )*

## **JUNE 1934**

### **Monday 4**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and cool with fresh to strong southwest wind. Min temperature 26, max temperature 56.

Funeral.

The funeral of the late John A. Wilson, took place from his late residence to the United church at 2pm. Services at the house, church and grave were conducted by Rev. D. A. MacMillan. Interment took place in Willow Grove United church cemetery on Clarke's Road. The funeral was very largely attended. The Pall bearers were: John A. MacLeod, John Kehoe, Arthur Townsend, Edward MacDonald, Archie MacInnis and M. S. Huntington.

Meeting of Regatta Committee.

A meeting of the Standing Committee in connection with the annual Fishermen's Regatta, which is scheduled to take place on Louisburg harbour on July 2, 1934, was held at the home of Bert Wilcox this evening. Those present were: Holland Fleet, Charles Stacey, Bert Wilcox, John A. MacDonald and myself. Owing to several of the committee being absent nothing but an informal discussion took place; no business being transacted. It was decided to call another meeting for next Monday night.

Holiday.

The anniversary of the birth of King George the Fifth having fallen on Sunday, today is being observed as a holiday by the schools, banks and public offices throughout Canada.

*(Receipt from R. H. Davis & Company, Ltd)*

## **JUNE 1934**

### **Tuesday 5**

Louisburg, NS

Mostly clear and moderately warm with light to moderate variable wind. Min temperature 38, max temperature 70.

Left Louisburg

Abediah Fleet, a former resident of this town who has been here for several weeks, left during the night for parts unknown. Mr. Fleet is said to have one more wife than the law allows and

was the subject of an investigation by Criminal Investigator, Dan Nicholson of the R. C. M. P. on May 29/1934; he was accompanied by wife no. 2.

## **JUNE 1934**

### **Wednesday 6**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and cool with some fog during the afternoon and evening. Moderate southwest wind. Min temperature 31, max temperature 64.

Choir Practice.

At 9pm, I attended choir practice in Calvin hall.

## **JUNE 1934**

### **Thursday 7**

Louisburg, NS

Partly clear in the early part of the day but becoming cloudy in the afternoon. Moderate to fresh northeast wind. Very chilly during the afternoon and evening. Min temperature 36, max temperature 58.

Nurses Association.

About 45 nurses who are attending the annual Convention of the Nova Scotia Nurses Association at Sydney motored to Louisburg and visited the Louisburg National and Historic Park, arriving here at about 5:15pm. After a short visit to the park, they assembled at the Dundonald Inn where dinner was served to the entire party. I met them at the park and showed them points of interest after which I had dinner with the party at the Inn. The dinner being over, I gave a short talk on the early days of Louisburg. The party left here for Sydney at about 10pm. The nurses Convention opened at Sydney today and is presided over by Miss Ann Slattery, who accompanied the visitors to Louisburg.

Shooting at Glace Bay.

John MacAulay of Glace Bay was shot in the head and seriously wounded by his nephew who fired at him with a revolver during a family quarrel today. Mr. MacAulay, the victim of the shooting, is at the General Hospital in a serious condition. Alex MacAulay, aged 15, accused of the shooting was placed under arrest and is held in the town jail.

(Account of shooting as given in Sydney Post-Record of June 8, 1934).

## **JUNE 1934**

### **Friday 8**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and very cool with fresh northerly wind that shifted to southerly in the late afternoon. Min temperature \_\_ max temperature \_\_.

Joint Assessment Commission.

The Cape Breton County Joint Assessment Commission consisting of Hector MacDonald (Chairman), Glace Bay, H. V. Chisholm, Sydney and J. W. Ratchford, North Sydney, arrived in town in the afternoon and held a session in the Town hall at about 6:30pm for the purpose of taking evidence respecting Louisburg's assessment for joint expenditure purposes. Those present at the meeting besides the commissioners were: B. M. Spencer, Town Clerk, Councillors, G. B. Hiltz, Wesley Townsend and D. J. MacInnis, R. A. Peters, Fire Chief, Mr. Broderick, County Assessor for the Municipality of the County of Cape Breton and myself. Mr. Spencer and I presented the case for the Town of Louisburg at this hearing. Meeting adjourned at about 7:30pm.

Comedy.

The Young People's Society of Knox United church of Glace Bay staged a comedy entitled "It Happened in June" in Calvin Hall this evening under the auspices of the Young People's Society of the Louisburg United church.

Motored to Catalone.

At about 10am, Councillors Wesley Townsend and G. B. Hiltz of the Street and Bridge Committee and I motored to Catalone for the purpose of examining a discarded mill smokestack that we thought might be suitable for a street culvert. On arriving there we found the stack was not for sale. We returned home at about noon.

## **JUNE 1934**

### **Saturday 9**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and moderately warm with light southerly wind. Min temperature 34, max temperature 72.

## **JUNE 1934**

### **Sunday 10**

Louisburg, NS

Rained during the greater part of the day with light southwest wind. Cool and foggy. Min temperature 43, max temperature 50. Rainfall about 1 inch.

Trip to Gabarus.

At about 10am, a party consisting of Wesley Townsend, Mrs. Z. W. Townsend, Mrs. Catherine Townsend, Emeline and myself, left here for Gabarus via Marion Bridge. At Marion Bridge, we attended service in the United church conducted by Rev. Mr. Ross. After service we continued on our journey reaching the home of the late Archie MacInnis at about 2pm where Mrs. Catherine Townsend, sister of the late Archie MacInnis, remained for the purpose of visiting her sister and other friends. Leaving the MacInnis house shortly after 2pm, we set out for Louisburg by the shore road via Kennington Cove arriving home at 3:25pm after a trip which owing to the conditions of the weather was rather unpleasant.

## **JUNE 1934**

## **Monday 11**

Louisburg, NS

Mostly clear during the greater part of the day becoming cloudy and foggy in the late afternoon and evening. Min temperature 39, max temperature 58.

Meeting of Regatta Committee.

At 7:30pm, I attended a meeting at the home of Bert Wilcox for the purpose of making arrangements for the fishermen's annual regatta. Mr. A. A. Martell and I were reelected secretary and chairman respectively. With one change, the sailing committee is the same as last year, G. B. Hiltz being appointed in the place of A. W. Stacey, who at tonight's meeting was appointed Inspector of entries. The sailing committee now consists of A. A. Martell, John A. MacDonald, Fletcher Townsend, G. B. Hiltz and myself. It was decided to hold the races on Monday, July 2 owing to the fact that July 1 comes on Sunday. A. W. Stacey, Frank Hart, Philip and Ralph Baker were assigned the task of placing the stake boats and buoys over the race course. Meeting adjourned at about 9pm to meet again on Friday, June 22. Those present at tonight's meeting were as follows: Bert Wilcox, A. A. Martell, John A. MacDonald, Holland Fleet, Douglas Fleet, Charles Stacey, Fletcher Townsend, A. W. Stacey, Dan Fleet and myself.

## **JUNE 1934**

### **Tuesday 12**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and cool with light to moderate easterly wind. Min temperature 38, max temperature 64.

Criminal Investigator. Discovery of automobile fittings.

At the request of Edgar Morrison, proprietor of the Dundonald Inn, I went to the Dundonald Inn for the purpose of escorting a party of ten visitors to the Louisburg National and Historic Park who were expected to arrive here by bus at 11am. The party for some unknown reason failed to put in an appearance. I had dinner at the Inn and while there I met Dan Nicholson, Criminal Investigator and had a long conversation with him respecting the discovery on June 5 of new automobile parts including doors, wheels, tires etc. in the woods east of Louisburg near the old railway track. There is a strong suspicion that these auto parts were taken from a Chrysler auto owned and driven by Holland Fleet of this town and which was burned on the Sydney road about a mile and a half from Louisburg on November \_\_, 1933. After the fire, all the parts were missing, nothing remained but the frame and the engine. The story current at the time of the burning which took place in the night that Mr. Fleet on returning in the morning after the fire for the purpose of salvaging the wreck, found the car stripped of all the fittings. It was hinted at the time of the fire that the fittings had been removed before the fire occurred. I am told that the fittings recently discovered bear no evidence of having been in a fire, so if they are the fittings of the Fleet car, it lends colour to that theory. The car parts were discovered by Albert Bate of Big Lorraine. Eldon Tutty of this town, who undertook to dispose of the car wheels to a garage at Sydney a few days ago, has been questioned by the police and is now in the jail at Sydney held on a charge of having a revolver in his possession, contrary to law.

## **JUNE 1934**

### **Wednesday 13**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and cool becoming cloudy in the late afternoon. Foggy at night. Min temperature 30, max temperature 65.

Meeting of School Board.

At 3pm, I attended and presided at a meeting of the school Board. This meeting was held in the afternoon instead of the evening to accommodate two members of the board who did not find it convenient to attend at night. At this meeting the resignation of Miss Evelyn Smith was read and accepted. Miss Smith has been a member of the teaching staff for about five years and during that time has given very efficient service. It was decided to retain the other members of the staff all of whom signified their intention of wishing to remain for another year. They were: Mr. Arthur Armiston, Principal, Miss Alice Ley, Vice Principal, Miss Blanche Cross, Miss Annie Pope and Miss Mary Hiltz. The salaries to be the same as last year. A discussion arose over the feasibility of carrying on during the next term with five departments instead of six. The members of the board present appeared to be in favor of reducing the staff to five for financial reasons, but the matter was left over to be decided later on. Meeting adjourned at 4:15pm. Board members present: D. A. Campbell, G. B. Hiltz, Clarence Peters and myself. Today's meeting of the school Board is the first we have held since Clarence Peters received his appointment as School Commissioner from the Provincial Government. He succeeded John A. MacDonald whose term expired several months ago.

Attended District Lodge.

Nine members of Wolfe Lodge (I.O. G. T) of Louisburg motored to Salmon River in the evening and attended a district meeting of the I. O. G. T. The party consisted of D. J. Matheson, Mrs. Maud Morrison, Mrs. Ray Martell, Mrs. Judson Cross, Miss Beulah Cross, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Stacey, Wesley Townsend and Mrs. Mr. S. Huntington. The party returned shortly after midnight.

At 9PM attended choir practice in Calvin Hall.

### **JUNE 1934**

#### **Thursday 14**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and cool with moderate rain during the greater part of the day. Moderate easterly wind. Rainfall about 1 1/4 inch. Min temperature 40, max temperature 47.

Louisburg Man in Jail.

The Sydney Post-Record of June 13, 1934, stated that "York" Tutty of Louisburg aged 24 had been sentenced to four months in the County Jail where he appeared before Magistrate F. G. Muggah on a charge of unlawfully carrying a revolver. The revolver was found on Tutty when he was held for questioning after he attempted to sell automobile fittings to a Sydney garage a few days ago. Tutty is a son of Mr. and Mrs. William Tutty of Louisburg and is known locally

as Eldon Tutty. The auto parts which he offered for sale were those recently discovered by Albert Baker in the woods east of Louisburg and which are surrounded in mystery.

Y's Men's Concert.

At 8pm, in company with Emeline, I attended a concert in the Parish hall given by the Y's Men's Club concert party of Sydney consisting of upwards of thirty members under the direction of Lewis R. MacDonald. The concert was good, well attended and greatly enjoyed by those present. After the concert the ladies of St. Bartholomew's church served a lobster supper to the concert party and their friends, about 60 in all.

## **JUNE 1934**

### **Friday 15**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and cool with light to moderate easterly winds which shifted to northerly in the afternoon. Min temperature 40, max temperature 55.

## **JUNE 1934**

### **Saturday 16**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and cool with light winds. Min temperature 42, max temperature 54.

## **JUNE 1934**

### **Sunday 17**

Louisburg, NS

Father's Day.

Cloudy and cool with light to moderate northeast wind. Min temperature 42, max temperature 54.

Church services.

At 11am and 7pm, Emeline and I attended services of the United church in Calvin hall. Both morning and evening services were in charge of Rev. D. A. MacMillan. Today was observed as "Father's Day" and appropriate addresses were delivered by Mr. MacMillan both morning and evening.

## **JUNE 1934**

### **Monday 18**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and cool with light to moderate northeast wind. Min temperature 38, max temperature 60.

Concert.

A concert party consisting of about twenty children from Barncroft orphanage under the direction of Mrs. Brooks, the Matron of that institution, arrived by bus in the evening and gave a

variety concert in the Parish hall which was very largely attended. The proceeds which amounted to about \$56.00 is to be used for purposes in connection with the orphanage. Among those who assisted were Mrs. Ralph Pushie, Miss Campbell and Mrs. John Calver of Sydney. I was not present.

#### Found Dead.

Today's issue of the Sydney Post-Record contains the report of the finding of the body of Duncan MacMillan, the eight year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Duncan MacMillan of Grand Mira, CB. The MacMillan child went to the pasture to bring home the cows on Saturday, June 9 and was never again seen alive. Since that time, searching parties have been scouring the woods in the vicinity of his home in an effort to find him dead or alive. Yesterday afternoon, while upwards of 175 persons were in the woods searching, a party headed by a Mounted Police officer came across the body lying on an old windfall. It was brought to the home of its parents and Coroner J. K. MacLeod, M.D. notified, but an inquest was considered unnecessary.

### **JUNE 1934**

#### **Tuesday 19**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and cool with moderate to fresh south to southwest wind. Min temperature 31, max temperature 64.

#### Firemen's meeting.

AT 8pm, I attended a meeting of the Louisburg Fire Brigade in the firemen's hall. Those present were Chief R. A. Peters, Walter Jewell Sr., Rannie MacVicar, James Burke, Fred Burke, D. J. MacLeod, John R. DeFries, R. Lipkus and M. S. Huntington. At this meeting it was decided to hold a dance in the Masonic hall on next Friday evening for the purpose of raising money to pay off the balance due on the waterproof clothing which was purchased for the firemen some time ago.

#### Provincial Elections.

Provincial elections are being held today in both Ontario and Saskatchewan.

### **JUNE 1934**

#### **Wednesday 20**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and cool with light to moderate south west to southeast wind increasing to a fresh breeze during the night. Rain in the evening. Rainfall about 1/4 inch. Min temperature 42, max temperature 64.

#### Ontario and Saskatchewan Elections.

Today's issue of the Sydney Post-Record gives the results of the Provincial elections in Ontario and Saskatchewan. Both provinces were swept by the Liberals. In Ontario, where the Conservatives have been in power for 25 years, the Government led by Premier George S. Henry, went down to defeat. Mr. Mitchell F. Hepburn, the Liberal leader, has a large majority

over all other parties combined. The result as published is as follows: Liberals 65, Conservatives 17, Liberal-Progressives 4, C.C.F. 1, Independent 1, Liberal-Labor 1, U. F. O 1. Total 90. In Saskatchewan the Conservatives under Premier J. L. M. Anderson, were annihilated. The new Premier, James G. Gardiner (Liberal), will have about 40 followers in a house of 55 seats according to today's reports. Liberals 44, Farmer-Labor 3, Farmer-Labor leading 3, Deferred 1.

## **JUNE 1934**

### **Thursday 21**

Louisburg, NS

Mostly clear and moderately warm with southwest to west winds. Min temperature \_\_ max temperature 70.

Council Meeting.

At 7:30pm, I attended and presided at a regular meeting of the Town Council. Present at this meeting were: Councillors D. J. MacInnis, Guy B. Hiltz and Wesley Townsend, Clerk B. M. Spencer, Policeman D. M. Johnston and myself.

## **JUNE 1934**

### **Friday 22**

Louisburg, NS

Mostly clear with moderate to fresh southwest wind. Min temperature \_\_, max temperature 67.

Firemen's Dance.

In the evening, I attended a dance in the Masonic hall held under the auspices of the Louisburg volunteer Fire Brigade. This function was fairly well attended and all present appeared to enjoy themselves.

Visited Wolfe Lodge I. O. G. T.

A party consisting of about forty persons from Glace Bay and vicinity, motored to Louisburg in the evening and visited Wolfe Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars where a programme was rendered by the local lodge and a lunch served to all present.

## **JUNE 1934**

### **Saturday 23**

Louisburg, NS

Mostly clear and moderately warm with moderate to light southwest to west wind. Min temperature 42, max temperature 72.

Meeting of Official Board.

At 8pm, I attended a meeting of the Official Board of the First United church in the church. Those present were: A. W. Stacey, Arthur M. Townsend, John H. Skinner, John N. MacDonald, John A. MacDonald, Mrs. Maud Morrison, Mrs. William Phalen, Rev. D. A. MacMillan and myself. This meeting was called for the purpose of discussing necessary repairs to the exterior

of the church building. It was decided by those present to shingle the roof to remove the top part of the spire down to the belfry and to paint the exterior if sufficient funds could be raised. Meeting adjourned to meet two weeks from tonight.

## **JUNE 1934**

### **Sunday 24**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and moderately warm with light to moderate southwest wind. Min temperature 39, max temperature 73.

Church services.

At 11am, 3pm and 7pm, I attended services in the First United church. The morning and afternoon services were conducted by Rev. D. A. MacMillan, the regular pastor, while at the evening service Rev. Dr. D. Cack, a returned missionary from India, was the preacher, with Rev. D. A. MacMillan assisting. Emeline accompanied me to the morning and evening services but was not present in the afternoon having accompanied her step mother (Mrs. Z. W. Townsend) and Wesley Townsend who motored to Port Morien in the afternoon for the purpose of bringing Rev. D. Cack to Louisburg for the evening service.

Masonic Parade.

At 3pm, the members of Mariner's Lodge A. F. A. M. to the number of 21 attended service in a body at the First Untied church where Rev. D. A. MacMillan, a member of the Masonic order, was the preacher. The Masons present at this service were as follows: Rev. D. A. MacMillan, George Lewis, Ernest Matheson, James Nicholson, Martin Levatte, William Phalen, A. A. Martell, W. L. Skinner, G. B. Hiltz, Arthur M. Townsend, Lloyd Townsend, E. A. Grant, Fletcher Townsend, D. J. Matheson, Dr. H. J. Townsend, Clarence Peters, Alex Aliniard, A. W. Stacey, John H. Skinner, James H. Crowdis and Victor A. Fisher (New Waterford).

First Services.

Today's services in the First United church were the first to be held there since May 13, 1934. During this period the interior of the church has been undergoing repairs, cleaning and redecorating. The services in the meantime being held in the Calvin Hall.

## **JUNE 1934**

### **Monday 25**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and foggy with light to moderate southwest wind. A few light showers in the evening. Min temperature 45, max temperature 62.

Provincial School Examinations.

The Provincial Public School examinations began today throughout the Province of Nova Scotia. At the Louisburg station, there are 22 students writing, all but five of whom attended the Louisburg town high school during the past term. The following are the names of those writing at the Louisburg station: Maria Winnifred Power, Isabelle Kennedy, Patrick Thomas

Mahon(students from West Louisburg school), Albert David Bagnall, Margaret Elva Bagnall (students from Gabarus school), Mary Margaret Bates, Edith Edna Annie Fiander, Loretta Catherine Campbell, Johanna Amelia Kehoe, Olive Elizabeth Kennedy, Mary Pauline Lynk, Henrietta Maud MacDonald, Georgina MacIntyre, Roderick Buchanan MacLeod, Charles Firby Martell, Blanch Evelyn Martell, Edith Millicent Martell, Joanna Mary O'Toole, Mary Theresa Thomas, Arthur Martell Townsend, Margaret Firby Skinner, Donald Laurence Skinner (students of Louisburg Town school). Rev. D. A. MacMillan is deputy examiner who has as his assistant Mrs. Edgar Bate. The examinations are being held in the school building, the Principal's and Vice Principal's rooms both being used. Margaret Kathryn MacDonald of Gabarus who had applied for examination failed to put in an appearance.

## **JUNE 1934**

### **Tuesday 26**

Louisburg, NS

Cool and mostly cloudy with moderate to fresh northwest wind. Showery during the forenoon clearing in the evening. Min temperature 45, max temperature 63.

Wilkinson Trial.

The second trial of Walter Wilkinson for the murder of his brother's wife, Mrs. William Wilkinson, on the morning of November 23, 1933 began today in the Supreme Court at Sydney before Judge R. H. Graham. Crown Prosecutor, M. A. Patterson, assisted by D. A. Cameron K. C, is conducting the case for the crown while Neil R. MacArthur and J. W. Madden are acting for the defense. At the first trial, which ended on March 10, 1934, Wilkinson was found guilty of murder and on March 14 was sentenced by Judge W. F. Carroll to hang on May 17, 1934. On an appeal being made to the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia on behalf of Wilkinson, a new trial was granted.

Visit to Park.

This forenoon, I visited the National Park and gave a short talk on Old Louisburg to a party of 12 tourists who are passengers on the S. S. "Belle Isle" which arrived at Sydney this morning. They came from Sydney to the park in Sullivan's bus. After the visit to the park, they had lunch at the Dundonald Inn before proceeding to Sydney where they are scheduled to sail at 4pm for Nfld.

## **JUNE 1934**

### **Wednesday 27**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and moderately warm with moderate to light winds, mostly northwest. An ideal day. Min temperature 41, max temperature 73.

Wilkinson Jury.

According to the Sydney Post-Record of today's issue, the jury before whom Walter Wilkinson of Glace Bay is being tried on a charge of murdering his sister-in-law are as follows: Anthony Johnson, Sydney, Angus MacMullin, Upper Grand Mira, James A Ross, North Sydney, Joseph LeBlanc, Florence, John M. Kiefe, Sydney, A. J. Paterson, Sydney Mines, John E. Grant,

Sydney, Philip J. MacDonald, Sydney, Kenneth Morrison, Grand Lake, Joseph Pitman, Sydney, George Roberts, Sydney Mines and William Fraser, Sydney.

## **JUNE 1934**

### **Thursday 28**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and moderately warm with moderate southwest wind. Min temperature 37, max temperature 73.

Death of Mrs. John Murphy.

The death occurred at St. Joseph's Hospital, Glace Bay this morning of Mrs. John Murphy of this town. Mrs. Murphy had been ill for several months and was removed from her home to the hospital a few days ago. She was about 56 years of age and is survived by her husband and a number of sons and daughters.

Meeting of Regatta Committee.

At 8pm, I attended and presided at a meeting of the Fishermen's Regatta Committee for the purpose of making final arrangements and allotting the prizes for the Fishermen's third annual regatta which is scheduled to take place on Monday, July 2, 1934. This meeting was held at the home of Bert Wilcox and those present were: A. W. Stacey, Charles Stacey, Fletcher Townsend, A. A. Martell, G. B. Hiltz, Holland Fleet, Bert Wilcox, John A. MacDonald, Douglas Fleet, Dan Fleet and myself.

Provincial School Examinations.

The Provincial School Examinations which opened here on Monday, June 25, 1934, closed this afternoon.

The public schools of the Province of Nova Scotia close tomorrow for the summer holidays.

## **JUNE 1934**

### **Friday 29**

Sydney, NS/Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and cool with moderate to fresh southwest wind. Heavy thunder and lightening storm in the afternoon accompanied by a heavy downpour of rain. Cleared in the evening. Wind shifting to northwest. Rainfall about 3/4 inch. Min temperature 47, max temperature 62.

Sheep killed by lightening.

At Big Lorraine during the storm of this afternoon, 5 sheep owned by Charles Wilcox and 2 owned by Mr. Bussey, were killed by lightening.

Motored to Sydney.

In the forenoon, Wesley Townsend and G. B. Hiltz and I motored to Sydney where we agreed to purchase for the Town of Louisburg from the Atlantic Engineering Company per Mr. Moore, 210 running feet of 24 inch steel pipes for culverts. The price agreed on was 50 cents a foot. We

intend to get Abe Cameron to bring them to Louisburg by motor truck after which we intend to place them as follows, replacing present culverts: One at top of hill near Railway Station, one at foot of Railway Station, one on Havenside St. near the property of the late Anthony Townsend, one on Havenside St. in the hollow near property of the late Mrs. William Cameron and one Riverdale St between Gerrard's Bridge and the foot of the hill.

After finishing our business at Sydney, we motored back to Louisburg arriving at about 1:45pm. Mr. Hiltz did not return with Mr. Townsend and me but motored out with his brother who met him at Sydney. Townsend and I had dinner at the Vidal Hotel, Sydney.

## **JUNE 1934**

### **Saturday 30**

Louisburg, NS

Cool and mostly clear with moderate to fresh northwest to north winds. Min temperature 40, max temperature 62.

## **JULY 1934**

### **Sunday 1**

Louisburg, NS

Dominion Day

Clear and cool with fresh northwest wind which moderated and shifted to southeast in the afternoon. Min temperature 41 max temperature 70.

Church Services.

At 11am and 7pm in company with Emeline, I attended services in the First United church. Both morning and evening services were conducted by Rev. D. A. MacMillan.

Funeral .

The funeral of the late Mrs. John Murphy took place from her late residence on Warren Street to the Roman Catholic church at 2pm. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Father D. H. Doyle. Interment took place in the cemetery adjoining the R. C. church. The Pall Bearers were: Michael MacKenzie, A. A. Martell, D. J. MacInnis, Joseph MacDonald (Sydney), Frank Fitzgerald (Sydney) and myself.

## **JULY 1934**

### **Monday 2**

Louisbourg, NS

(observed as a public holiday owing to Dominion Day July 1 having come on Sunday)

Cloud and sunshine in the morning followed by showers from about 9:45 to 11:30am. Cloudy and cool during the remainder of the day with light to moderate southeast wind. Min temperature 41 max temperature 66.

Fishermen's Regatta.

The third annual regatta of the United Maritime Fishermen took place on Louisburg harbour this afternoon in the presence of a large crowd of spectators. 35 fishing boats of various types were entered in the different classes, 32 of which started. The starting line was off the Government wharf and the course in a southwesterly direction to a stake boat about one mile distant, thence in a southeasterly direction to a stake boat near Battery Island, thence returning over the same course to the finish line off the Government wharf. The officials in charge of today's racing events were as follows: Timers: John A. MacDonald and A. A. Martell, Judges: John A. MacDonald, G. B. Hiltz, Fletcher Townsend, A. A. Martell and M. S. Huntington. Starter: M. S. Huntington, Receiver and Supervisor of entries: A. W. Stacey. George Lewis with W. L. Skinner and others patrolled the course in a large motor boat prepared to render assistance in case of accident. Frank Hart, Edgar Bate and Ralph Baker placed the stake boats under the direction of A. W. Stacey. Shortly after 8pm, I presented the prizes to the various successful contestants in the Masonic hall in the presence of a large audience. After the presentation, a dance was held under the auspices of the Louisburg local of the Fishermen's Union, which was carried on until late hour and was very largely attended. The total length of the course from start to finish was three nautical miles. The course was the same for all classes except the "G" Class. In this class the course was from the starting line off the Government wharf to the first stake boat and return making a total distance of two nautical miles. The following are the entries, starters, winners and the (continued on July 3 page)

## **JULY 1934**

### **Tuesday 3**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and moderately warm with light to moderate southwest wind. Min temperature 42, max temperature 72.

Fishermen's Regatta.

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time made by each in the various classes:

"A" Class boats of single engine, one cylinder. First Prize Silver cup donated in 1933 by ex-Premier G. S. Harrington. Second prize, Propellor donated by the Acadia Engine Co.

Third Prize, 1 pair rubber boots donated by Lewis & Co, Louisburg. Fourth Prize, 5 gals Gasoline donated by Imperial Oil Ltd, Sydney.

Entries:	Owner:	Starting Gun	Finished
"Ella W"	Abraham Wilcox	1pm	1, 26, 55 First
"Ant"	Alex Aliniard	1pm	1, 27, 45 Second
"Mable June"	Joseph Bagnall	1pm	1, 28, 55 Third
"Vimy"	Dan Fleet	1pm	1, 29, 46 Fourth
"Coming"	Sam Levy	1pm	1, 33, 05
"Donald II"	Elvin Fleet	1pm	1, 40, 02
"Zigzag"	George Wilcox		

“B” Class: Boats with single engine with two or more cylinders. First Prize Silver cup donated by Hon. E. N. Rhodes in 1932. Second Prize: Propellor donated by the Atlantic Engine Co. Third Prize: 1 Bag flour, donated by E. A. Grant, Louisburg, Fourth Prize: 4 gals. Gasoline donated by Imperial Oil Ltd. Sydney.

Entries	Owner	Starting Gun	Finish
“Miss Morien”	John Murrant, Port Morien	1, 45, 12	1, 56, 20 First
“Sea Duster”	Wm. Martell “	1, 45, 12	1, 57, 28 Second
“Swift”	Holland Fleet, Louisburg	1, 45, 12	2, 00, 02 Third
“Sigrid”	Firman Fleet “	1, 45, 12	2, 03, 33 Fourth
“Miss Louisburg”	Holland Fleet “	1, 45, 12	Did not finish (Engine caught fire after rounding second stake boat, coil destroyed, boat had to be towed in).
“West Light”	B. J. Campbell, Scaterie (engine broke down, did not start)		

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## JULY 1934

### Wednesday 4

Louisburg, NS

Showers in the forenoon accompanied by thunder and lightening. Partly clear during the late afternoon and evening. Wind southwest. Min temperature 50, max temperature 69.

Death of Herbert Tanner.

Word received by D. M. Johnston, Police officer, that Herbert Tanner, a former resident and native of this town had been killed in an automobile accident in New York on Monday night. Mr. Tanner had been in the United States for a number of years but came back to Louisburg in 1932 and returned again to the United States in 1933. He is survived by three brothers and three sisters. The brothers are: Horatio of Big Lorraine, NS, William, Glace Bay, NS and Simeon of Halifax, NS. The sisters are Mrs. Jeremiah Smith, Mrs. William MacGillvary, Mrs. Gordon Parsons, all of Louisburg, NS and Mrs. Thomas Leslie, Lunenburg, NS.

Fishermen’s Regatta

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“C” Class; Boats with two engines but not more than a combined horse power of 60.

First prize, Silver cup donated by A. A. Martell in 1932, Second prize, Bilge pump donated by Hawbolt & Co.

Entries:	Owner:	Starting Gun	Finished
“Greyhound”	DeWitte Cross, Louisburg	2, 25, 10PM	2, 43, 05 First
“Jane & Joyce”	Holland Fleet, “	2, 25, 10	2, 49, 03 Second

“D” Class; Boats schooner rigged, sail and power combined.

First prize, Silver cup donated by the Eastern Oil and Service station, Sydney, NS in 1932.

Second prize, cash \$5.00 donated by A. G. MacLeod, Fishery Inspector.

Third prize, 1 M shingles donated by D. J. Matheson, Louisburg

Fourth prize, 5 gallons Gasoline donated by Imperial Oil Ltd., Sydney

Entries:	Owner:	Starting Gun:	Finished:
"Muriel J. Poole" (continued on next page)	John Poole, Louisburg	3, 13, 10pm	3, 42, 09 First

## JULY 1934

### Thursday 5

Louisburg, NS

Mostly clear and moderately warm with moderate southwest wind which shifted to northwest in the evening. Min temperature 51, max temperature 73.

Congregational outing.

The annual congregational outing of the First United church, Louisburg was held at Mira today.

Fishermen's Regatta

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"D" Class

Entries:	Owner:	Starting Gun:	Finished:
"Muriel C"	Gordon Stevens Jr. Louisburg	3, 13, 10pm	3, 42, 10 Second
"P. W. Wadden"	Austin Wadden, Scaterie	3, 13, 10	3, 42, 30 Third
"Red Wing"	Douglas Fleet, Louisburg	3, 13, 10	3, 42, 42 disqualified
"L. H. Fleet"	Dan Fleet, "	3, 13, 10	3, 42, 40 Fourth
"Eleanor"	Charles Stacey "	3, 13, 10	3, 43, 38
"Mary Jane"	Holland Fleet "	3, 13, 10	did not finish

At the starting line in this race, the "Red Wing" collided with the "Mary Jane" considerably damaging the latter. The sailing committee found the "Red Wing" at fault and disqualified her. The "Mary Jane" sailed along the course for a short distance and returned owing to her injuries. This race provided the closest and most exciting finish, there being but one second between the first two boats to cross the line.

"E" Class, "Free For All" open to any bonafide fishing boat.

First prize, Silver cup donated by John A. MacDonald in 1932.

Second prize, Cash \$5.00

Third prize 1 bag Flour donated jointly by Michael MacKenzie and G. B. Hiltz.

Entries:	Owner:	Starting Gun:	Finished:
"Miss Morien"	John Murrant, Port Morien	3, 55, 10pm	4, 06, 32 First
"Miss Louisburg"	Holland Fleet, Louisburg	3, 55, 10	4, 06, 40 Second
"Sea Duster"	Wm. Martell, Port Morien	3, 55, 10	4, 07, 12 Third

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## JULY 1934

### Friday 6

Louisburg, NS

Clear and moderately warm during the greater part of the day. Shower of rain in the morning. Light southerly wind. Min temperature \_\_, max temperature 72.

Wilkinson Acquitted.

The Sydney Post-Record of yesterday's issue announced that Walter Wilkinson, who since June 26 had been on trial at Sydney for the murder of his sister-in-law, had been acquitted by the jury on the night of July 4. This was Wilkinson's second trial for the murder of his brother's wife which took place at Glace Bay on Nov. 23, 1933. At his first trial which was concluded on March 10, 1934, he was found guilty and on March 14, was by Judge W. F. Carroll, sentenced to be hanged on May 17, 1934. An appeal was entered on his behalf by his Council and a new trial granted with the result as above stated.

Death of Mrs. William Tutty

The death occurred at the City Hospital, Sydney this morning, of Mrs. William Tutty, a resident and native of this town. Mrs. Tutty had been in poor health for several years, but not confined to her room until recently. She was removed to the City Hospital for treatment yesterday. Besides her husband who is in the United States, she is survived by three sons and four daughters.

Death of B. L. Lowden

Today's issue of the Sydney Post-Record announced the death of Mr. B. L. Lowden, undertaker of Sydney, which occurred suddenly this morning at Queensport, NS, where he had gone on a business trip. He had lived in Sydney for about thirty years and was held in very high esteem by all who knew him. I have been acquainted with him for a number of years and am very sorry to hear of his passing. His age is given as 56.

## **JULY 1934**

### **Saturday 7**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy, cool and foggy with fresh to moderate southwest wind. Min temperature 49, max temperature 66.

Meeting of Official Board.

At 8pm, I attended a meeting of the official Board of the First United church in the church. Those present were: Arthur M. Townsend, A. W. Stacey, John A. MacDonald, John H. Skinner, John N. MacDonald, Daniel Nicholson, Neil MacRury, Rev. D. A. MacMillan and myself. At this meeting a general discussion took place respecting the repairs to the exterior of the church building and the means of raising money to finance the project. A committee was appointed consisting of John N. MacDonald, A. W. Stacey and myself to obtain information respecting prices of material required. Meeting adjourned to meet two weeks from tonight.

Remains of Mrs. Tutty.

The remains of the late Mrs. William Tutty who died at the City Hospital, Sydney yesterday morning were brought home this afternoon by motor hearse and taken to the Tutty home on Kent Street.

## Fishermen's Regatta

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"E" Class	Owner	Starting Gun	Finished
"Swift" no time taken)	Holland Fleet, Louisburg	(wrong start, did not cross the starting line,	
"West Light"	Ben J. Campbell, Scaterie	(broke down, did not start)	

In this race, the "Swift" in charge of Robert Troke did not cross the starting line between the stake boat and the head of the Government wharf, but passed outside the stake thus being disqualified. The "West Light" owned and commanded by Ben. J. Campbell, had engine trouble and did not start in any of the series of races.

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## JULY 1934

### Sunday 8

Louisburg, NS

Clear and moderately warm with moderate to fresh northwest wind. An ideal day. Min temperature 50, max temperature 72.

Church services.

At 11am and 7pm, Emeline and I attended services in the First United church. Both morning and evening services were in charge of Rev. D. A. MacMillan.

### Fishermen's Regatta.

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"F" Class. Boats with one engine, two cylinders, two or four cycle engine.

First prize, Silver cup donated by Dr. W. W. Patton in 1932.

Second prize, cash \$5.

Entries:	Owner:	Starting Gun:	Finished:
"I'm Alone"	Capt. W. Martell, Main a dieu	4, 20, 10pm	4, 44, 37
"Peggy W"	Wilfred Wadden, Port Morien	4, 20, 10	4. 48, 00

"G" Class, Motor fishing dories.

First prize, Silver cup presented by Shell Service Station, Louisburg, NS in 1931.

Second prize, 1 pair rubber boots presented by William MacAulay (Fishery Inspector).

Third prize, 10 Gals Gasoline presented by Imperial Oil Ltd. Sydney.

Fourth prize, 5 " " " " " "

Entries:	Owner:	Starting Gun:	Finished:
"Flord"	Harold MacIntosh	5, 00, 10 PM	5, 21, 00
"Mary"	Frank Hart	5, 00, 10	5, 21, 05
"No. 182"	Percy Cross	5, 00, 10	5, 22, 00
"Dot"	Ralph Baker	5, 00, 10	5, 23, 00
"A. McV"	Edward MacVicar	5, 00, 10	5, 24, 08
"Sea Bird"	Hugh MacIntyre	5, 00, 10	Did not finish

After the presentation of prizes, short addresses were delivered by A. W. Stacey and A. A. Martell.

## **JULY 1934**

### **Monday 9**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and cool with moderate to fresh northerly winds. Min temperature 44, max temperature 66.

#### Funeral

At 2pm, I attended the funeral of the late Mrs. William Tutty. After a short service at the house the remains were taken to St. Bartholomew's church and from thence to English church cemetery on Clark's Road. The services at the house, church and grave were conducted by Rev. E. B. Gabriel.

#### Meeting of Regatta Committee

At 8pm, I attended and presided at a meeting of the Fishermen's Regatta Committee at the home of Burt Wilcox. Those present were: A. A. Martell, John A. MacDonald, Dan Fleet, G. B. Hiltz, A. W. Stacey, Holland Fleet, Burt Wilcox and myself. At this meeting matters were discussed respecting rules and regulations governing the recent regatta and where they may be improved in future regattas. A discussion also took place respecting the rumour in circulation respecting a race to be held at Main a Dieu in the near future. It was decided to take no action on any of these matters until more definite information had been received.

## **JULY 1934**

### **Tuesday 10**

Louisburg, NS

Moderately warm and remarkably clear with light south to southwest winds. A perfect day. Min temperature 42, max temperature 70.

## **JULY 1934**

### **Wednesday 11**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and cool with light to moderate southerly wind. Min temperature 36, max temperature 68.

## **JULY 1934**

### **Thursday 12**

Louisburg, NS/ Salmon River, NS

Cloudy and foggy in the morning, clearing in the forenoon. Moderate southwest wind. Max temperature (Salmon River) about 75.

Motored to Salmon River.

At about noon, Wesley Townsend on his way to Sydney drove me in his motor car to Salmon River where we arrived at about 1:30pm. Found Mother and Heber quite well and pleased to have me visit them.

## **JULY 1934**

### **Friday 13**

Salmon River, NS

Clear and very warm with light to moderate northwest wind. Max temperature about 85.

Spent the day around home.

## **JULY 1934**

### **Saturday 14**

Salmon River, NS

Clear and warm becoming cloudy in the afternoon and evening. Max temperature about 78.

Spent the day around home.

Heber went to Sydney by motor car on business returning at about 3:30pm.

## **JULY 1934**

### **Sunday 15**

Salmon River, NS

Thunder and lightening accompanied by heavy rain in the early hours of the morning. Cloudy and warm during the day with light southerly wind. Rainfall about 3/4 inch. Max temperature about 76.

Visiting.

Shortly before noon, Fred having come for me, I motored to Clifford's where I remained until about 6pm. I walked home and on my way called at Caleb's and Arthur's and spent a short time at each place. I arrived home at about 8pm.

## **JULY 1934**

### **Monday 16**

Salmon River, NS

Mostly clear and very warm with moderate west to southwest wind. Heavy thunder and lightening storm in the evening accompanied by a shower of rain. Rainfall about 1/8 inch. Max temperature about 83.

Spent the day around home.

## **JULY 1934**

**Tuesday 17**

Salmon River/Louisbourg, NS

Cloudy with a few light showers during the early part of the day. Clearing in the forenoon. Moderate variable winds.

Motored to Louisbourg via Sydney.

Heber drove me by motor car to Clifford's in the morning from whence I motored to Sydney with Fred arriving at about 8:30am. Spent the day at Sydney. Left Sydney by motor bus at 5:30pm. Arrived at Louisbourg at 6:30.

**JULY 1934****Wednesday 18**

Louisbourg, NS

Clear and moderately warm with moderate southwest wind. Min temperature 45, max temperature 74.

**JULY 1934****Thursday 19**

Louisbourg, NS

Clear and moderately warm with moderate southwest wind. Min temperature \_\_ max temperature 74.

Visited Louisbourg National Park

This afternoon, I visited the park with Thomas R. Millman and party of Prince Edward Island. While at the park, I met Rev. Mr. Eardley, Mrs and Miss Eardley, Mrs. (Rev) A. E. Kerr and two children who had motored from Sydney for the purpose of visiting the site of the old city. After spending some time at the park with the visiting parties, I motored back to town with Rev. and Mrs. D.A. MacMillan. Rev. Mr. Eardley whose home is in Winnipeg is at present supplying the pulpit of the First United church, Sydney.

**JULY 1934****Friday 20**

Louisbourg, NS

Clear in the morning but becoming cloudy and foggy in the forenoon. Misty with light showers during the afternoon and evening. Min temperature 53, max temperature 68.

Arrival of Saguenay and Champlain.

Canadian destroyers Saguenay and Champlain arrived at about 6am and anchored in the stream. At 10:30am, accompanied by A. A. Martell, I went on board the Saguenay and called on the commanding officer Commander Agnew. While on board, I arranged with the Commander for a visit to the Louisbourg National and Historic Park and also to Kennington Cove. At 2pm with three cars provided and driven by Wesley Townsend, Fletcher Townsend and A. A. Martell, I met

the naval party consisting of Commander Agnew of the Saguenay, Lt. Commander Creery of the Champlain and six other officers from both ships, eight in all at Lewis' wharf. After which we proceeded to the National Park and Kennington Cove where we visited a number of places of historic interest. On returning from the Cove, I invited the party to my residence where Emeline and I served a light lunch to the visitors including Wesley Townsend and A. A. Martell. Lunch being over at 5:40pm, the party went on board their ship after expressing themselves as being greatly pleased with their visit to the historic sites. The two ships are to remain here until Sunday evening July 22. Through the courtesy of the commanding officers both ships will be open to visitors on tomorrow and Sunday afternoons from 2 to 6pm.

## **JULY 1934**

### **Saturday 21**

Louisburg, NS

Heavy rain accompanied by thunder and lightening in the early morning. Foggy during the day, partly clear at times. Moderate southwest wind. Min temperature 55, max temperature 74.

Meeting of official board.

At 8pm, I attended and presided at a meeting of the official Board of the First United church in the church. Those present were: John A. MacDonald, John N. MacDonald, A. W. Stacey, John H. Skinner, Arthur Townsend and myself. As seven members are required for a quorum and there being but six present, no business could be legally transacted. After a general discussion respecting the exterior repairs to the church we adjourned to meet on next Saturday evening, July 28.

Murder at Glace Bay.

Mrs. Stephen Markadonis of Glace Bay, NS was shot and instantly killed in her home at Glace Bay at about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon by some person unknown according to today's press reports. Mrs. Markadonis was about 28 years of age. Her husband's brother, Nicholas Markadonis, aged about 20 is under suspicion and is being held by the police for questioning. Later; on July 24, 1934, Nicholas Markadonis was formally charged with the murder of his sister-in-law.

Invitation to Lunch.

At about 4:30pm, I received a note from Commander Agnew of H. M. C. S. Saguenay inviting Mrs. Huntington and me to have lunch with him tomorrow at 1:15pm. I immediately replied accepting his invitation.

Anniversary.

Today is the fifty-ninth anniversary of my birth day.

## **JULY 1934**

### **Sunday 22**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and warm with light variable wind mostly northwest. Min temperature 54, max temperature 81.

Church services.

At 11am and 7pm, Emeline and I attended services in the First United church. Both morning and evening services were conducted by Rev. Clarence Nicholson, newly ordained pastor, Port Morien United church. Rev. D. A. MacMillan of the United church, Louisburg occupied the pulpit of the Morien United church today in the absence of Mr. Nicholson.

Lunch on board the Saguenay.

On the invitation of Commander Agnew of H. M. C. S. Saguenay, Emeline and I had lunch on board at 1:15pm with Commander Agnew of the Saguenay and Lt. Commander Creery of the Champlain. The ship's boat met us at Lewis' wharf at 1pm and brought us ashore again at about 2:30.

Ships sailed.

H. M. C. S. Saguenay and Champlain, which have been here since Friday morning, July 20, sailed at 6pm enroute for Chester, NS. During the time yesterday and today when the ships were open to visitors a large number of the citizens availed themselves of the opportunity of going on board of both ships.

John Dillinger killed.

John Dillinger, notorious United States desperado was shot and killed tonight by United States detectives as he emerged from a Chicago theatre. This killing ends one of the greatest manhunts to have taken place for many years.

## **JULY 1934**

### **Monday 23**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and moderately warm with light winds. Min temperature 47, max temperature 79.

Visited National Park.

At about 3:30pm, I motored to the Louisburg National Park with Lt. Col. Freeman O'Neil and Major Theodore Chisholm of Sydney, Captain W. F. Wake-Walker of H. M. S. Dragon and Captain A. Maitland Doughall of London, England, who accompanied Capt. Wake-Walker. At the park, we visited points of interest after which we motored to Kennington Cove and visited the first landing place of the British forces in 1758. We returned to town at about 5pm. H. M. S. Dragon is now visiting Sydney having arrived there on last Saturday.

Police Court.

For being the instigator of a fight between Joseph Baldwin and Fred Lynk and taking part in the same William Baldwin was placed under arrest by Chief of Police D. M. Johnston and taken before Stipendiary Magistrate B. M. Spencer who fined him three dollars and costs amounting in all to eight dollars. Baldwin pleaded guilty. The fight took place on Main Street Louisburg at about 9pm yesterday.

S. H. Hollebhone.

Mr. S. H. Hollebhone, Canadian Government Motion Picture crew, Ottawa arrived in town by bus this morning for the purpose of taking motion pictures of interesting spots at Louisburg and vicinity. He visited Lighthouse Point in the forenoon. Called to see me in the afternoon and evening respecting points of interest.

## **JULY 1934**

### **Tuesday 24**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and moderately warm with moderate to light northeast wind. Min temperature 50, max temperature 68.

Visited National Park

At about 1:30pm, I motored to the park with Mr. and Mrs. Forsythe and party of New York. Before leaving the Dundonald Inn where the Forsythe party were staying, Sullivans bus arrived from Sydney with about twenty five passengers enroute to the park on a sight-seeing trip. I met the entire party at the park and gave them a short talk on the early days of Louisburg and showed them points of historic interest. The party appeared to be greatly interested and expressed themselves as being greatly pleased with their visit. The bus party which consisted of passengers from the S. S. "Belle Isle" which called at Sydney today departed for Sydney at about 4pm. I returned to town with the Forsythes. Mr. Hollebhone, the motion picture man who arrived here yesterday from Ottawa took motion pictures of the party as they left the Dundonald Inn and as they strolled about the historic park. I understand the Canadian Government intends using these pictures in a tourist publicity campaign.

First Swordfish.

The first swordfish to be landed here this season arrived today, three in number. These fish were caught by fishermen coming from the westward for the purpose of fishing out of this port. 10 cents a pound is the price being paid by the local dealers. Lewis & Company purchased the fish.

## **JULY 1934**

### **Wednesday 25**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and moderately warm with moderate northeast wind which shifted to southwest in the afternoon. Min temperature 50, max temperature 78.

Visit to National Park

In the afternoon at about 3 o'clock, I accompanied Rev. R. L. Norseworthy of Lowell, Mass., Mr. MacDowell of Truro, NS and Wesley and Fletcher Townsend of Louisburg to the Louisburg National and Historic Park where we visited points of interest including the museum. We returned at about 5pm. Rev. R. L. Norseworthy is a former pastor of the Methodist church at Louisburg being stationed here from July 1919 until June 28, 1920. Mr. MacDowell is a brother-in-law of Mr. Norseworthy.

Swordfish.

About 75 swordfish were landed here today. Some of the catches of the local fishermen were as follows: Ira Pearl 7, George Wilcox, Dan Fleet and Holland Fleet 6 each. As far as I am aware, this is the largest catch of swordfish to be landed here so early in the season.

S. S. Ostrea.

Tug Ostrea, Capt. Williams, is in port preparatory to carrying out salvage operations on the S. S. Watford, wrecked on the northern head of Port Morien Sept. 10, 1932 and the S. S. Canby wrecked at Guyon Island Feb 19, 1934. This tug is owned by Mr. Simon of Halifax, NS who I understand has purchased the above mentioned wrecks. John Warthing, a man well known in this town a number of years ago, is engineer on this boat.

## **JULY 1934**

### **Thursday 26**

Louisburg, NS

Heavy rain during the forenoon. Cloudy with some fog during the afternoon and evening. Wind southwest. Min temperature 53, max temperature 67. Rainfall about 1 inch.

Meeting of Board of Health.

At 2pm, I attended and presided at a meeting of the Board of Health. This meeting was called for the purpose of considering a report of Dr. H. J. Townsend, Medical Health officer for the town of Louisburg respecting impurities in the town's water supply. Those present were: Councillors, Wesley Townsend, D. J. MacInnis, G. B. Hiltz, Dr. H. J. Townsend and myself. Dr. Townsend, in this report, recommended that all water taken from the town's water supply for drinking purposes should be boiled before using until further notice. On motion of the Board, I was authorized to post a notice in several places in the town, reading as follows: "Pursuant to a report made to the Board of Health by the Medical Health officer of the Town of Louisburg respecting impurities in the town's water supply, until further notice, I hereby advise all persons using this water for drinking purposes to boil it before using."

M. S. Huntington  
Chairman, Board of Health.

Drowning accident.

Charles Nowlan was drowned off Glace Bay this afternoon when a boat in which he and Jack Wadman were in looking for Swordfish, capsized. Wadman saved his life by swimming ashore, a distance of about two miles. Nowlan was about 26 years of age and is survived by his wife and two children (from Sydney Post July 26, 1934).

## **JULY 1934**

### **Friday 27**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy with showers and some fog. Light to moderate southwest wind. Min temperature 58, max temperature 77. Rainfall 1/8 inch.

## **JULY 1934**

### **Saturday 28**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and warm with some fog and light southeast wind. Light showers in the evening. Min temperature 57, max temperature 82. Rainfall amount 1/4 inch.

Meeting of official board.

At 8:30pm, I attended and presided at a meeting of the official board of the First United church in the church. Those present were: A. W. Stacey, Arthur Townsend, John A. MacDonald, John N. MacDonald, John H. Skinner, Neil MacRury, Dan Fleet and myself. At this meeting it was decided to re-shingle the roof of the church with extra clear cedar shingles and to purchase them from D. J. Matheson his offer of \$4.85 a thousand being the best. It was also decided in the event of Mr. Matheson not having enough on hand to purchase the balance required from J. W. Stephens, Sydney at \$5.00 a thousand, the next best offer. The following committee were appointed to deal with the matter of repairs: A. W. Stacey (chairman) Arthur Townsend (secretary), John N. MacDonald (treasurer) and myself.

Slept in the Jail

A transient, giving his name as Ryan, applied to me for permission to sleep in the jail. I opened the jail door and gave him permission to remain there for the night.

Tooth extracted.

I had a troublesome tooth extracted by Dr. Dahlglish who arrived here this afternoon on one of his periodical visits.

Landed at Sydney.

Five members of the crew of the Lunenburg fishing schooner Astrid W. Eric Smith, Walter Dermount, Harry Decoursay, Clarence Crouse and Lloyd Feener, were landed today at Sydney from the Danish steamer Alssund. The Astrid W. was sunk by an explosion about 120 miles east-southeast of Sable Island on last Tuesday. Of a crew of 14 men, 5 were picked up by the Alssund, the remainder are missing.

Big catch of swordfish.

About 175 fish landed here today. Unusual so early in the season. Price received by fishermen, 8 cents a pound.

## **JULY 1934**

### **Sunday 29**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and foggy with showers. Partly clear in the afternoon. Warm. Light southwest wind. Rainfall about 1/4 inch. Min temperature 60, max temperature 80.

Church services.

At 11am and 7pm, I attended services in the First United church. Both services were conducted by Rev. D. A. MacMillan. Emeline owing to not feeling well was not out to church today.

Anniversary.

The Presbyterian congregation of this town held their annual anniversary services today. Rev. Alexander Murray, D. D. of Sydney was the preacher at 11am, 3pm and 7pm. Mr. Russell Somers, Presbyterian student minister at Louisburg assisted at the services.

S. S. Arleux

Canadian Government cruiser, "Arleux" arrived in port in the evening.

Landed at Little Anse.

Nine members of the crew of the Lunenburg fishing schooner, Astrid W. which was sunk by an explosion on last Tuesday when about 120 miles east, southeast of Sable Island, arrived today at Little Anse, Richmond county in a dory after a thrilling experience. This arrival accounts for the entire crew of 14 men on board the schooner at the time of the explosion. The other five were picked up at sea by the Danish steamer Alssund enroute to Montreal and landed at Sydney yesterday. The men who landed today were as follows: Bradford Whynacht, Walter Crouse (Captain), Albert Crouse, Amos Crouse, Walter Corkum, Norman Crouse, Noble Conrad, Wallace Feener and Bert Shaukee.

## **JULY 1934**

### **Monday 30**

Louisburg, NS

Warm and mostly clear with some fog along the coast. Light southwest wind shifting to northeast. Min temperature 58, max temperature 85.

Swordfish catch.

About 150 swordfish were landed here today. Price paid to fishermen, 7 cents a pound.

Leaves for Williamsburg.

Rev. and Mrs. D. A. MacMillan motored to Sydney this evening enroute to Williamsburg, Ontario. At Sydney they are taking passage on the steamer Lord Strathcona, Capt. Clibborn, which is due to sail tomorrow morning for Montreal with a cargo of coal. Mr. MacMillan, who has been in poor health for several years is going to Williamsburg for the purpose of consulting Dr. M. W. Locke, a specialist on rheumatism and kindred diseases.

## **JULY 1934**

### **Tuesday 31**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and warm becoming cloudy at night. Light southeast wind. Min temperature 45, max temperature 76.

## **AUGUST 1934**

### **Wednesday 1**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy, foggy and sultry with light southwest wind. Min temperature 60, max temperature 78.

Funeral of Gottlick Blanak.

At 1:30pm, I attended the funeral of the late Gottlick Blanak who died at the City hospital, Sydney on Monday after a short illness. Mr. Blanak was a German or Austrian who settled on the Joseph Phillips farm on the south side of Mira River about two miles up the river from Mira Gut Station upwards of twenty years ago. He was about 65 or 70 years of age and had been living alone for the last number of years, his family having scattered some years ago. The County authorities arranged with D. M. Johnston, undertaker of this town, to take charge of the body and bury it, there being no relatives to look after the burial. Mr. Johnston brought the body from Sydney yesterday and it was from his residence that the funeral took place today. The funeral services at the house and grave were conducted by D. M. Johnston, undertaker, assisted by Dan Johnston Sr. at the house who delivered the address. The burial took place in "Willow Grove" cemetery on Clarke's Road on the northern side of the cemetery lot owned by D. M. Johnston. Those who accompanied the remains to the cemetery were: D. M. Johnston, undertaker, Mr. D. M. Johnston, Dan Johnston Sr. William Severance, B. M. Spencer and myself.

### **AUGUST 1934**

#### **Thursday 2**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and warm with light to moderate west to northwest wind. A perfect day. Min temperature \_\_\_ max temperature 80.

Death of Von Hindenburg.

Paul Von Hindenburg, President of Germany died today at his home at Neudeck, Germany. He was 86 years of age.

### **AUGUST 1934**

#### **Friday 3**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and warm with southwest wind which increased to a strong breeze during the evening. Showers at night. Rainfall about 1/4 inch.

Drowning accident claims five lives.

Today's issue of the Sydney Post-Record had an account of a drowning accident which took place at Blackett's Lake near Coxheath yesterday evening where five children whose ages ranged from 2 to 11 years met death in the waters of the lake. There being no eye witnesses to the accident, it is supposed that the children who were playing on a raft became panic stricken when the raft drifted from shore and jumped into the water. The victims were: Mary Camus, aged 2, Albert Camus, aged 4, Elizabeth Camus aged 8, Vivian Camus aged 7, children of Mr. and Mrs A. E. Camus of Ashby, Sydney and Jacqueline Ponee aged 11, daughter of Louis Ponee, Sydney.

Fireman's dance.

A dance was held in the evening in the Masonic hall under the auspices of the Louisburg Fire Brigade. Net proceeds \$12.60. Was present for a short time.

Marriage.

The marriage of James Townsend to Miss Elizabeth Jewell both of this town, took place at Sydney today.

## **AUGUST 1934**

### **Saturday 4**

Louisburg, NS

Mostly clear with moderate to fresh southwest wind. Light showers in the evening. Min temperature 58, max temperature 74.

Rt. Honorable J. Ramsay MacDonald visits Louisburg.

Rt. Honorable J. Ramsay MacDonald, Premier of Great Britain and his daughter, Miss "Ishbel" (Isabel) accompanied by the Hon. Senator J. S. MacLennan and Miss Catherine MacLennan of Petersfield, Sydney visited Louisburg today. Mr. George E. Graham, General Manager of the Dominion Atlantic Railway was also a member of the party as well as another man, said to be a police inspector from Scotland Yard who is accompanying Mr. MacDonald on his Canadian tour. On the invitation of Senator MacLennan, I motored to the Louisburg National and Historic Park with councillor Wesley Townsend where we met the distinguished visitors who arrived there by motor cars at about 11:30am. At the park, I gave a short talk on the early history of the ancient "Dunkirk" and pointed out places of interest in and around the site of the old fortress, after which Miss MacLennan and Miss MacDonald motored back to Sydney to keep a luncheon appointment. After a brief visit to the ruins of the old French hospital, the rest of the party including Mr. MacDonald motored to Louisburg town where they had lunch at the "Dundonald" Inn (Edgar Morrison, proprietor). Lunch being over, the party visited my shop on Main street where Mr. MacDonald purchased picture post cards of historic spots at Louisburg and vicinity. They left here for Sydney at about 2:15pm. While in Cape Breton, Mr. and Miss MacDonald are the guests of Senator J. S. and Miss MacLennan, Petersfield, Sydney.

## **AUGUST 1934**

### **Sunday 5**

Louisburg, NS

Mostly clear with moderate southwest wind. Min temperature 56 max temperature 75.

Church services.

At 11am and 7pm, Emeline and I attended services in the First United church. The preacher in the morning was Rev. John A. Nicholson of Ellersley, Prince Edward Island and in the evening Rev. MacIvor of the United church, Marion Bridge.

Motored to North Sydney.

In the afternoon in two cars provided and driven by Fletcher and Wesley Townsend, the following persons motored to North Sydney and back: Mr. & Mrs. Fletcher Townsend, Mrs. A. W. Stacey, Mrs Dan Fleet, Mrs. Patience Townsend, Wesley Townsend, Mrs. Z. W. Townsend, Emeline and myself. We returned to Louisburg at about 6:35pm.

Seriously injured.

Alphonse Samson of Petite de Grat, Richmond County was seriously injured while engaged in sword fishing off Louisburg this forenoon. He left port this morning for the fishing grounds accompanied by his brother and another man. After a fish had been harpooned and while turning the boat from the mast head, he fell to the deck and overboard and narrowly escaped being drowned. Besides other injuries, his right leg was broken in two places. The boat returned to port with the injured man and on the advice of Dr. H. J. Townsend who was called to attend him, was rushed to the City hospital, Sydney by motor car.

## **AUGUST 1934**

### **Monday 6**

Louisburg, NS

Clear with fresh to moderate west to southwest wind. Comparatively cool. Min temperature 49, max temperature 72.

## **AUGUST 1934**

### **Tuesday 7**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and warm with variable winds. Min temperature 46, max temperature 82.

Visited National Park.

In the forenoon, I visited the Louisburg National and Historic Park with a party of tourists who arrived here by motor bus from Sydney. Nearly all of this party consisted of passengers from the S. S. Belle Isle, which arrived at Sydney this morning and sails for Newfoundland at 4pm. In the bus party, I met Mr. J. H. MacNicoll, member of Parliament for Toronto North in the federal house. Mr. MacNicoll is visiting the Maritimes and on his visit to Louisburg today expressed a great interest in its early history. At the park, I met Lieut. Col. W. H. Milne of North Bay, Ontario. He was accompanied by his wife and son and is enroute to Newfoundland on the S. S. Belle Isle.

## **AUGUST 1934**

### **Wednesday 8**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and moderately warm with light to moderate southwest wind. Min temperature \_\_\_ max temperature 74.

Visited National Park.

In the afternoon, I visited the Louisburg National and Historic Park and Kennington Cove with Mr. W. P. Lawson of Leaside, Toronto, Ontario. Mr. Lawson is here for the purpose of making sketches of historic spots at Louisburg and vicinity for Mr. Lorne Pierce of the Ryerson Press, Toronto. Mr. Lawson landed at Sydney yesterday from the S. S. Belle Isle and motored to Louisburg yesterday afternoon.

Rt. Hon. J. Ramsay MacDonald sails for Newfoundland.

The three weeks visit to the province of Nova Scotia of the Rt. Hon. J. Ramsay MacDonald, Prime Minister of Great Britain and his daughter, Miss Ishbel, was brought to a close today when they sailed shortly before 10am on board H. M. S. Dragon for St. John's Newfoundland. Since arriving at Sydney on last Friday evening, they have been the guests of Senator J. S. and Miss MacLennan, Petersfield near Sydney and during that time have visited a number of places on the island including Louisburg. Before boarding the Dragon today at Sydney, Mr. MacDonald expressed himself as being greatly pleased with his visit. H. M. S. Dragon, Captain Wake-Walker, which visited Sydney two weeks ago, arrived there at 8:30 this morning from Bar Harbour, Maine via Halifax. Mr. and Miss MacDonald are accompanied on their tour by Inspector Arthur Allum of Scotland Yard, London.

Good catch of swordfish about 185 fish were landed here today. Price paid by dealers 6 1/2 cents.

*(Newspaper clipping from Sydney-Post Record dated Aug 8, 1934 - headline: Farewell message of British Premier.)*

## **AUGUST 1934**

### **Thursday 9**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and cool with fresh southwest wind. Cloudy in the evening. Min temperature 49, max temperature 69.

Meeting of Town Council.

At 7:30pm, I attended and presided at a meeting of the Town Council. Those present were: Councillors D. J. MacInnis, Wesley Townsend, G. B. Hiltz, Clerk, B. M. Spencer and myself. At this meeting, I was appointed to represent the town of Louisburg at the annual convention of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities which is to convene at Windsor, NS on Aug 21, 1934. At the close of the council meeting, the council met as a board of health and decided to post notices informing parents that they are required to have their children of school age vaccinated before attending school. Tonight the council granted B. M. Spencer, Town Clerk, his annual vacation beginning tomorrow to consist of Friday and Saturday of each week for a period of six consecutive weeks.

The following were reappointed assessors for the town of Louisburg for 1934-35: D. A. Campbell, John N. MacDonald and B. M. Spencer (town assessor) Revisors for the town of Louisburg at tonight's meeting were reappointed as follows: R. A. Peters, Duncan Lamont and Harold MacQueen.

## **AUGUST 1934**

### **Friday 10**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and moderately warm becoming cloudy during the afternoon. Strong southwest wind all day. Min temperature 56, max temperature 72.

Death of Archbishop Worrell.

The death occurred at Halifax, NS at 9:10pm of Archbishop Clarendon Lamb Worrell aged 80 years. Archbishop Worrell was born at Smith's Falls, Ontario July 24, 1854, the son of Rev. Canon Worrell and Elizabeth Lamb. He became Bishop of the Anglican church in Nova Scotia on October 18, 1904 and Primate of the Anglican church in all Canada in September 1931.

## **AUGUST 1934.**

### **Saturday 11**

Louisburg, NS

Showers in the early morning accompanied by lightening. Cloudy and sultry during the day becoming cool at night. Light southwest to west wind shifting to northeast in the evening. Rainfall about 1/8 inch. Min temperature 52, max temperature 80.

## **AUGUST 1934**

### **Sunday 12**

Louisburg, NS/Catalone, NS

Clear and moderately warm with moderate southwest to northwest wind. Min temperature 45, max temperature 74.

Church services.

AT 11am and 3pm, Emeline and I attended the anniversary services in the United church at Catalone and at 7pm the usual evening service in the First United church at Louisburg. The preacher at the three services was Rev. J. A. MacKeigan of St. Andrew's United church, Halifax, NS. At the afternoon service at Catalone, Mr. MacKeigan was assisted by Rev. MacIvor of the United church, Marion Bridge and Mr. Neil MacLeod, student minister of the United church, Birch Grove, CB. The following members of the choir of the United church Louisburg motored to Catalone and led in the service of praise: Mr. and Mrs. John A. MacDonald, organist and choir leader respectively, A. W. Stacey, John H. Skinner, Miss Ella Tutty, Miss Edith MacInnis, Miss Norman MacLeod, Miss Marion Nicholson, Miss Christine MacDonald, Mrs. Oretha Hunt, Emeline and myself. At Catalone, Emeline and I, A. W. Stacey and Rev. J. A. MacKeigan had dinner at the home of John MacAulay.

Church parade.

The members of the Orange and L. O. B. A. Lodgers of Louisburg paraded to St. Bartholomew's church at 3pm where a memorial service was held. Rev. E. B. Gabriel the Pastor of St. Bartholomew's was the preacher. The Salvation Army Band from Glace Bay was in attendance and played the parade to and from the church.

Held outing.

Members of the various branches in Cape Breton of the L'Assomption Society said to be over 1000 in number, motored to Louisburg National Park this afternoon and held their annual outing.

## **AUGUST 1934**

### **Monday 13**

Louisburg, NS

Partly clear and moderately warm with light to moderate southeast wind. Min temperature 48, max temperature 76.

Leave for Williamsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Townsend, Wesley Townsend and Emeline left here at 7:30am with Williamsburg, Ontario as their destination. They were accompanied by Mrs. Z. W. Townsend who intends going as far as Valley Station, NS and visiting at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Howard Townsend until the party returns. The purpose of the trip to Williamsburg is to enable Fletcher Townsend who has been a sufferer for years from rheumatism to consult Dr. M. W. Locke, a specialist on rheumatism and similar diseases. They expect to go as far as Toronto before returning and will likely be away two or three weeks.

## **AUGUST 1934**

### **Tuesday 14**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and moderately warm with light to moderate southerly wind. Misty in the morning. Min temperature 55, max temperature 73.

Marriage.

The marriage of Neil MacKeigan and Miss Bessie Hunt both of Louisburg took place today at Sydney.

## **AUGUST 1934**

### **Wednesday 15**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and moderately warm with light to moderate winds. Min temperature 52, max temperature 75.

Visited National Park.

Visited Louisburg National and Historic Park in the afternoon with a party consisting of three ladies hailing from Stellarton, NS, Miss Murray and the Misses Willis. On my return from the park, Mr. and Mrs. DeMille of Toronto called to see me respecting the early history of Louisburg.

Sword fish.

About 60 sword fish were landed here today as there are only about thirty boats operating out of this port at present, this shows a pretty good average.

## **AUGUST 1934**

### **Thursday 16**

Louisburg, NS

Mostly clear and moderately warm with light to moderate northeast wind. Min temperature 48, max temperature 74.

In jail for shelter.

A transient giving his name as John Benson and Ireland his native land, applied to me for a place to sleep. After providing him with food, I admitted him to the town jail where he can spend the night in comfort.

## **AUGUST 1934**

### **Friday 17**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and moderately warm with light to moderate southwest wind. Min temperature \_\_, max temperature 70.

Construction work at Louisburg Park.

Restoration work began today at the Louisburg National and Historic Park under the direction of Mr. Sparks, Engineer of Ottawa, Canada. John N. MacDonald of this town is foreman. I understand that the total appropriation for this year amounts to about \$3000.00.

## **AUGUST 1934**

### **Saturday 18**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and moderately warm with strong southwest wind. Min temperature 56, max temperature 68.

Concert

At 8pm, MacDuff Copeland and his son whose stage name is Kenneth Duff held a concert in Calvin hall under the auspices of the Ladies Aid of the First United church. This concert was quite a success and greatly enjoyed by those privileged to attend. For business reasons, I was not present. It was announced that the Copelands intend holding a sacred song service in the First United church tomorrow evening.

## **AUGUST 1934**

### **Sunday 19**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and moderately warm with fresh southwest wind. Min temperature \_\_ max temperature about 70.

Church services.

Owing to the absence of the regular pastor, Rev. D. A. MacMillan, and no supply being available, there was no service in the United church in the forenoon. At 8:15pm, Mr. MacDuff Copeland and Kenneth Duff held a sacred song service which was quite loyally attended and enjoyed by all who were present.

At 11am, I attended service in St. Bartholomew's Anglican church. Rev. E. B. Gabriel, the regular pastor being absent, the service was conducted by Mr. Joseph Willet of Glace Bay (student minister). At 7pm, I attended service in the Presbyterian church where Mr. Russell Somers, student minister of this congregation conducted the service. At the close of the Presbyterian service I attended the song service in the United church.

Dinner at Dundonald Inn.

On the invitation of Edgar Morrison, proprietor of the "Dundonald Inn", I had dinner at the "Inn" at 1pm.

## **AUGUST 1934**

### **Monday 20**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and moderately warm with moderate to fresh southwest wind. Min temperature 59, max temperature 78.

## **AUGUST 1934**

### **Tuesday 21**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy, foggy and misty in the morning clearing at noon. Moderate southwest wind shifting to northwest in the afternoon. Min temperature 44, max temperature 76.

H.M.S. Dundee arrives.

H. M. S. Dundee, Captain Walter H. A. Fallowfield arrived here from Montreal at 5pm and anchored in the northwest end of the harbour. The Dundee is a unit of the America and West Indies squadron and is scheduled to visit Louisburg until next Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup>.

## **AUGUST 1934**

### **Wednesday 22**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and moderately warm with moderate southwest wind. Min temperature 43, max temperature 71.

Visited H.M.S. Dundee.

AT 10:30am, in company with A. A. Martell, I visited H.M.S. Dundee and called on Captain Walter H. A. Fallowfield. While on board I arranged for a visit of the Captain and his officers to the Louisburg National and Historic Park in the afternoon. We went on board and returned in the ship's boat. At 2:30pm with motor cars supplied and driven by A. A. Martell and E. A. Grant, I met the visiting party consisting of Captain Fallowfield, Surgeon, Lieut Savage, Lieut Synott, Lieut. \_\_\_ and 1<sup>st</sup> Engineer Gething and took them to the park where we spent about two hours visiting points of historic interest in and around the ruins of the old fortress. We returned to the dock at 4:45pm where the ship's boat was waiting to take the officers on board. Captain Fallowfield and his officers expressed themselves as being highly pleased with the trip to the site of the ancient "Dunkirk of America".

I arranged with Captain Fallowfield for a motor ride along the Mira River tomorrow at 2:30pm.

## **AUGUST 1934**

### **Thursday 23**

Louisburg, NS

Moderately warm and cloudy with light showers in the afternoon clearing in the evening. Min temperature 53, max temperature 70.

Motor car accident.

A serious motor accident occurred about four miles from Sydney on the East Bay road shortly after twelve o'clock last night in which three men were killed and two seriously injured. The motor car containing Dougall MacIntyre, Hector MacIntyre, Dan MacNeil, Alex MacNeil all of Benacadie Pond, CB and Joseph MacGillivray of Glen Morrison, CB going from Sydney in the direction of East Bay collided with a motor truck driven by H. McGinty going in the opposite direction. In the crash, Dougall MacIntyre was instantly killed while Dan MacNeil and Joseph MacGillivray died on the way to the hospital. Hector MacIntyre and Alex MacNeil are in St. Rita Hospital with a fair chance of recovery. H. McGinty, the driver of the truck is also in the hospital but not seriously injured.

Motor ride canceled.

Owing to the unfavourable conditions of the weather and at the suggestion of Captain Fallowfield of H. M. S. Dundee, the motor ride I arranged yesterday for the Captain and officers was canceled.

## **AUGUST 1934**

### **Friday 24**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and moderately warm with light to moderate west to southwest wind. Min temperature 48, max temperature 74.

Lunch at Dundonald Inn.

At 1pm, Captain H. A. Fallowfield, Surgeon Lieut. Savage and Lieut. Commander Palmer of H. M. S. Dundee and E. A. Grant of this town were my guests for luncheon at the Dundonald Inn. E.

A. Grant and I met the naval party at the wharf at 12:45pm and took them by motor car to the Inn and after lunch took them back to the dock where the ship's boat awaited them.

## **AUGUST 1934**

### **Saturday 25**

Louisburg, NS

Rain in the morning. Cloudy and sultry during the day. Partly clear in the evening. Fresh to light southwest wind. Rainfall about ½ inch. Min temperature 54, max temperature 77.

H. M. S. Dundee sails.

H. M. S. Dundee, Captain Walter H. A. Fallowfield sailed from here at 7am for Baddeck where she is scheduled to remain for ten days.

## **AUGUST 1934**

### **Sunday 26**

Louisburg, NS

Clear, becoming cloudy in the afternoon. Moderately warm with light southwest wind. Min temperature 48, max temperature 74.

Church services.

At 7pm, I attended service in the First United church. This service which was largely a song service was conducted by Dan Nicholson (Elder). A. W. Stacey (Elder) was to conduct the service at 11am but so few came to church it was decided to call it off.

I had dinner and supper with Mr. & Mrs. John A. MacDonald at their home on Warren Street. In the afternoon, I went for a walk to Havenside, returning at about 5pm.

Filling Station Raided.

A filling station located on West Main street and operated by Robert Beaton of this town, was raided this evening by D. M. Johnston, town police officer and Daniel MacNeil, Provincial Constable in search for intoxicating liquor. A small quantity of rum was found on the premises and taken by the officers. Strong suspicion that this outfit was a booze dispensary and local disturbances prompted the officers to make the raid.

## **AUGUST 1934**

### **Monday 27**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and moderately warm with light to moderate southwest wind. Min temperature 46, max temperature 74.

## **AUGUST 1934**

### **Tuesday 28**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and moderately warm with light southwest wind. Min temperature 44, max temperature 73.

Death of Mrs. Tutty.

The death of Mrs. Dinah Tutty took place this morning at the home of her son, Alonzo on Main Street. Mrs. Tutty was about 91 years of age.

Letter from Emeline.

Received a letter from Emeline from Williamsburg, Ontario dated Aug 25 stating that she and party consisting of Fletcher, Lila and Wesley were leaving at noon enroute to Toronto and Niagara Falls. After visiting these two places they are returning to Williamsburg where Fletcher is to continue the treatment for rheumatism which he has been undergoing for \_\_\_.

## **AUGUST 1934**

### **Wednesday 29**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and cool with some rain. Moderate northeast wind. Rainfall about 1/4 inch. Min temperature 53, max temperature 63.

Motored to Sydney.

At about 8:10am, I motored to Sydney with Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Grant. We returned to Louisburg at about 12:30pm. While at Sydney, I visited the Atlantic Spring and Machine Company and through Mr. John Moore of that firm, purchased 200 feet of 24 inch steel pipe for to make culverts for the streets of the Town of Louisburg,

## **AUGUST 1934**

### **Thursday 30**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and moderately warm with light northeast to southerly wind. An ideal day. Min temperature 48, max temperature 75.

Meeting of School Board.

At 2:30pm, I attended and presided at a meeting of the School Board. Those present were: Commissioner G. B. Hiltz, Clarence Peters, D. A. Campbell and myself and Clerk B. M. Spencer. At this meeting, it was decided on motion of the board to cut down the departments from six to five.

## **AUGUST 1934**

### **Friday 31**

Louisburg, NS

Partly clear with occasional showers. Moderate to fresh southwest to northwest and north winds. Min temperature 43, max temperature 65.

Funeral.

At 2pm, I attended the funeral service for the late Mrs. Dinah Tutty in St. Bartholomew's church. Service at house, church and grave conducted by Rev. E. B. Gabriel. Burial took place at Big Lorraine.

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Class "A" 1<sup>st</sup> Harrington Cup.

E. A. Grant \_?\_ Duggan Bros., Halifax, West Dover, 1 bag flour.

E. A. Grant, 1 bag flour

Gordon Stevens, 1 bag Biscuit

Imperial Oil 1 Gal. gas

Dr. Townsend, 1 pair rubber boots

Alister MacDougall, rubber coat

Lewis & Co. 1 bag flour

"A" Harrington Cup 1<sup>st</sup>,

1 bag flour, 2<sup>nd</sup>, E. A. Grant,

10 gals. Gasoline, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Imp Oil

"B" Rhodes Cup 1<sup>st</sup>,

\$5.00, 2<sup>nd</sup>

1 bag flour, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Duggan Publicover.

"C" Martell Cup 1<sup>st</sup>,

1 box biscuit, 2<sup>nd</sup>, G. Stevens

"D" Easter Oil Cup 1<sup>st</sup>,

\$5.00, 2<sup>nd</sup>

12 gals gasoline, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Imp. Oil.

"E" MacDonald Cup 1<sup>st</sup>,

\$5.00, 2<sup>nd</sup>

1 bag flour, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Lewis & Co.

"F" Patton Cup 1<sup>st</sup>,

Rubber boots, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Dr. Townsend

10 gals gas Imp Oil

"H" Tip Top Tailoring Cup 1<sup>st</sup>

\$5.00, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1 rubber coat, 3<sup>rd</sup> Alastar MacDonald

12 Gals. Gas, 4<sup>th</sup>, Imp. Oil.

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## **SEPTEMBER 1934**

### **Saturday 1**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and cool. Moderately warm in the afternoon. Cool at night. Light east to southeast wind. Min temperature 43, max temperature 77.

Death of Murry Dickson.

The death occurred at his home at Glace Bay of Murry Dickson, a former resident of Louisburg who removed to Glace Bay upwards of twenty years ago. He was about 60 years of age and is survived by his mother and two sisters. His mother and youngest sister, Mrs. MacDonald (Minnie) lives in the United States.

## **SEPTEMBER 1934**

### **Sunday 2**

Louisburg, NS

Clear in the morning but becoming cloudy early in the day. Light to moderate southeast to southwest winds. Min temperature 41, max temperature 69.

Motored to Marion Bridge.

At about 1pm, as a member of a motor party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. John A. MacDonald, Mrs. Edward MacDonald and Miss Marion Nicholson, I went to Marion Bridge and attended the afternoon and evening Anniversary services of the United church at that place. Rev. Donald MacGuire was the preacher at both services. At the close of the afternoon service, I motored up to Clifford Huntington's where Mother was spending the day. After supper, Fred Huntington drove Mother up home. I accompanied them and returned with Fred who drove me to Marion Bridge in time for the evening. After the evening service, our motor party returned to Louisburg arriving at about 10:30pm.

## **SEPTEMBER 1934**

### **Monday 3**

Louisburg, NS

Labour Day General Holiday

Cloudy and warm with light variable wind. Partly clear in the afternoon. Max temperature 73.

Had shop open for business part of the day.

Picnic.

The Roman Catholic congregation of this town held a picnic on their grounds near their church during the day and until late at night which was largely attended. I had dinner there at noon.

Funeral.

The body of the late Murry Dickson of Glace Bay arrived by motor hearse in the afternoon and was buried in the Anglican cemetery on Clarke's Road.

## **SEPTEMBER 1934**

### **Tuesday 4**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and warm with light to moderate winds. Max temperature 73.

School opening.

The schools of the Town of Louisburg opened today for the 1934-35 term with a staff of five as follows:

Principal: Arthur Ormiston

Vice Principal: Miss Alice Ley

Miss Blanche Cross

Miss Annie Pope

Miss Mary Hiltz

Owing to unfavourable financial conditions of our town and a considerable reduction in the school population during the last few years, it was decided by the school Board to reduce the staff from six to five. The last time we had a staff of five was in 1915. On moving in to the new school building at the beginning of the 1916-17 term, the staff was increased to six. It remained at six until the opening of the 1920-21 term when another teacher was added, making a total of seven. The school staff remained at seven until 1929 when by a decision of the school Board it was reduced to six and remained at six until the close of the 1933-34 term.

## **SEPTEMBER 1934**

### **Wednesday 5**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and warm with light southwest wind. Min temperature 50, max temperature 74.

Motor Party Returns.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Townsend, Mrs. Z. W. Townsend, Wesley Townsend and Emeline who left here on August 13, 1934 on a motor trip, returned at about 6pm. While away with the exception of Mrs. Z. W. Townsend who remained at Vally Station, Colchester County, NS, they visited Montreal, Ottawa, Kingston, Toronto, Niagara Falls, Morrisburg, Williamsburg and other cities and towns along the route. At Williamsburg, Ont, Fletcher visited the Dr. M. W. Locke clinic where he took treatment for rheumatism for about two weeks, but reports no improvement in his condition. Dr. M. W. Locke is widely known as a specialist in the treatment of rheumatism and kindred diseases; thousands visiting his clinic every year.

Mrs. Z. W. Townsend stopped off at Valley Station, Colchester County, NS where she visited Rev. and Mrs. A. D. Townsend until the return of the rest of the party. All hands report a very enjoyable trip.

## **SEPTEMBER 1934**

### **Thursday 6**

Louisburg, NS

Warm and mostly cloudy with light to moderate variable wind. Min temperature 58, max temperature 81.

## **SEPTEMBER 1934**

### **Friday 7**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and warm with light southwest wind. Showers during the night. Min temperature 58, max temperature 73.

## **SEPTEMBER 1934**

### **Saturday 8**

Louisburg, NS

Mostly clear with moderate northerly wind. Cool at night. Min temperature 51, max temperature 66.

## **SEPTEMBER 1934**

### **Sunday 9**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and moderately warm with moderate southeast wind. Min temperature 48, max temperature 74.

Church services.

At 11am, Emeline and I attended service in the Presbyterian church. This service was conducted by Mr. Russell Somers, student Minister. At 7pm, we attended service in the English church where the service was held by Rev. E. B. Gabriel.

## **SEPTEMBER 1934**

### **Monday 10**

Louisburg, NS

Light rain in the morning. Cloudy and warm during the day. Moderate southeast wind which shifted to northwest in the afternoon. Rainfall about 1/8 inch. Min temperature 57, max temperature 78.

Rev. and Mrs. D. A MacMillan return.

Rev. and Mrs. D. A. MacMillan who left here on July 30, 1934 for Williamsburg, Ontario, returned to Louisburg this afternoon. While at Williamsburg, Mr. MacMillan who has been suffering from rheumatism for the last several years, visited the clinic of Dr. M. W. Locke where he underwent treatment for this ailment during the last four or five weeks. Mr. MacMillan reports beneficial results from his visit to the Dr. Locke Clinic, feeling much better than he has been for a considerable time.

## **SEPTEMBER 1934**

### **Tuesday 11**

Louisburg, NS

Mostly cloudy with light to moderate northeast wind. Min temperature 48, max temperature 68.

Installing Culverts.

The work of installing the 24 inch steel culverts recently purchased from the Atlantic Spring and Machine Company, Sydney began today on Main Street, Louisburg. The first one consisting of two 40 foot sections is being placed on the top of the Station Hill and runs diagonally across the street a distance of about 80 feet.

## **SEPTEMBER 1934**

### **Wednesday 12**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and moderately cool with light easterly wind. Min temperature 37, max temperature 65.

## **SEPTEMBER 1934**

### **Thursday 13**

Louisburg, NS

Partly cloudy and somewhat cool with light southeast wind. Min temperature 34, max temperature 70.

## **SEPTEMBER 1934**

### **Friday 14**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy, clearing at noon. Light southeast wind. Min temperature 49, max temperature 70.

## **SEPTEMBER 1934**

### **Saturday 15**

Louisburg, NS

Partly clear with light easterly wind. Min temperature 46, max temperature 70.

America's Cup Race.

The first of the series of races for the America's Cup took place today off Newport, Rhode Island, U.S.A. between the British challenger Endeavour owned and sailed by T. O. M. Sopwith and the United States defender Rainbow owned by Harold S. Vanderbilt. The race was over a thirty mile course with a 5 1/2 hour time limit. Owing to light winds, neither of the yachts were able to finish within the time limit, consequently it was declared "no race". When the time limit expired, the Rainbow was about 3/4 of a mile from the finish line and about 3/4 of a mile ahead of the Endeavour.

## **SEPTEMBER 1934**

### **Sunday 16**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and moderately warm with light to moderate northeast wind. An ideal day. Min temperature 51, max temperature 69.

Church services.

At 11am and 7pm, Emeline and I attended services in the First United church. Both services were conducted by Rev. D. A. MacMillan. Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Townsend came with us from church at noon, had dinner with us and remained until about 4pm.

Farewell sermon.

Mr. Russell Somers, Presbyterian Student Minister who has been in charge of the Presbyterian congregation of this town since May 26 last, preached his farewell this evening. It is said that he is to be succeeded by Mr. Joseph Cathcart.

## **SEPTEMBER 1934**

### **Monday 17**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy in the early part of the day with mist in the morning. Cleared shortly before noon but became cloudy in the evening. Light southeast wind. Min temperature \_\_\_ max temperature 74.

America's Cup Race.

Today's race the second of the series for the America's Cup was won by the British yacht, Endeavour by a margin of two minutes and nine seconds.

Elapsed time over the thirty mile course:

Endeavour: 3:43:44

Rainbow: 3:45:53

## **SEPTEMBER 1934**

### **Tuesday 18**

Louisburg, NS

Warm and mostly cloudy with southeast wind. Min temperature 56, max temperature 76.

Sydney School Children Visit National Park.

In the afternoon, Sydney Grade 6 school children to the number of about 150 visited Louisburg National and Historic Park. As previously arranged, I met the party at the park and gave them a talk on the early history of the old French city. After which the party was divided into two groups and taken on a tour of the ruins. I took charge of the group of girls and their teacher while A. A. Martell who drove me to the park led the group of boys. The entire party departed for Sydney by motor cars and bus at about 5pm. This visit was sponsored by the Kennington Chapter of the I. O. D. E., Sydney and is the first of a series of visits of the Grade 6 pupils of the Sydney schools scheduled to take place during this week. The children appeared to be intensely interested in what they heard and saw at Louisburg and will tend to stimulate their interest in the history of their country.

America's Cup Race.

The third of the series of races for the America's Cup sailed today resulted in another win for the British challenger, Endeavour by 51 seconds.

Elapsed time:

Endeavour: 3h: 9min:01sec

Rainbow: 3h: 9min:52sec

Result to date: British challenger 2 races  
United States defender 0 races.

## **SEPTEMBER 1934**

### **Wednesday 19**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy with showers. Light northeast to north wind. Rainfall about 1/4 inch. Min temperature 56, max temperature 66.

Council Meeting.

At 7:30pm, I attended and presided at a meeting of the Town Council. Those present were: Councillors D. J. MacInnis, G. B. Hiltz, Wesley Townsend and Town Clerk B. M. Spencer.

Choir Practice.

At 9pm in company with Emeline, I attended choir practice in the First United church.

America's Cup Race.

Owing to lack of wind, the race which was scheduled to take place between the British yacht Endeavour and the United States yacht Rainbow was called off for today.

## **SEPTEMBER 1934**

### **Thursday 20**

Louisburg, NS

Mostly cloudy with a few sprinkles of rain shortly before noon. Light northerly wind. Moderately warm. Min temperature \_\_ max temperature \_\_.

Sydney School Children Visit Louisburg National Park.

In the afternoon, about 200 Grade 6 pupils of Sydney schools motored to the Louisburg National and Historic Park where an address on Louisburg was delivered to them by A. A. Martell of Louisburg. At the conclusion of the address the party was divided into two groups and taken on a tour of the ruins of the old French city and places of interest pointed out to them. I led the group of boys while Mr. Martell took charge of the party of girls. The entire party departed for Sydney at about 5pm, apparently greatly pleased with their visit to the ancient French capital. This visit was made under the auspices of Kennington Chapter of the Independent Order of the Daughters of the Empire of Sydney.

America's Cup Race.

In today's race, the fourth of the series for the America's Cup was won by the United States defender, Rainbow by three minutes and twenty six seconds.

Result to date:

Saturday Sept 15, "no race"

Endeavour 2, Sept 17 and 18

Rainbow 1, Sept 20

## **SEPTEMBER 1934**

## **Friday 21**

Louisburg, NS

Remarkably clear and moderately warm with light southwest wind. A perfect day. Min temperature \_\_\_ max temperature 69.

Sydney School Children Visit Louisburg.

In the afternoon, a party of about 200 Sydney school children of Grade 6 visited Louisburg under the auspices of Kennington Chapter of the I. O. D. E., Sydney. After their arrival at the Louisburg National and Historic Park at about 2:30pm, I delivered an address on the early history of Louisburg, after which the party was divided into two groups and taken on a visit to the various points of interest around the ruins of the old city. In the visit to the ruins, Miss Catherine MacLennan of Petersfield, Sydney led the party of girls and their teachers while I had charge of the boys. The entire party departed for Sydney at about 5pm; much pleased with their trip to the site of the old garrison city. Mr. A. A. Martell drove me to the park and back.

## **SEPTEMBER 1934**

### **Saturday 22**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and warm with light southwest wind. Partly cloudy in the late afternoon. An ideal day. Min temperature 46, max temperature 71.

Loss of S. S. Ostrea.

Tug Ostrea, Capt. Williams which since about July 25, 1934 has been engaged in salvaging material from the wrecked steamers Watford and Canby, sunk about three miles off Port Morien at 6am today. Crew saved by taking to their boats. The Ostrea, which has been making Louisburg her headquarters, spent last night at Port Morien and left early this morning for the northern head of Morien Bay where the S. S. Watford is stranded. After hauling out from the Port Morien breakwater, the crew noticed that their ship collided with some sunken object but as she did not appear to be damaged, very little attention was paid to it. About one half hour later, the Ostrea began to settle by the head. The crew immediately abandoned their ship and were towed into Port Morien by John Martell, Lighthouse keeper at Flint Island who came to their assistance. On their arrival at Morien, they motored to Louisburg. The Ostrea was owned in Halifax.

America's Cup Race.

Today's race, the fifth of the series for the America's Cup, resulted in a victory for the United States defender, Rainbow by a margin of 1 minute and fifteen seconds.

Elapsed time:

Rainbow 3:15:38

Endeavour, 3:16:53

Score to date: Endeavour 2, Rainbow 2.

## **SEPTEMBER 1934**

### **Sunday 23**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and warm with light southwest wind. Min temperature 57, max temperature 71.

Church services.

At 11am and 7pm, Emeline and I attended services in the First United church. Rev. Clarence MacKinnon, D. D. Principal of Pinehill College, Halifax was the preacher at the morning service while Rev. D. A. MacMillan preached in the evening. Mr. MacMillan was also present at the morning service.

Mrs. Z. W. Townsend and Wesley Townsend had dinner and spent the afternoon with us leaving for home at about 6pm.

Visited Percy MacKinnon.

In the afternoon, a committee consisting of Chief R. A. Peters, Walter Jewell and myself from the Louisburg Volunteer Fire Brigade visited Percy MacKinnon, a member of the brigade who has been ill at his home since May 4, 1934. Mr. MacKinnon has improved greatly since I saw him last and was very much pleased to have us call.

## **SEPTEMBER 1934**

### **Monday 24**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and moderately warm with light to moderate northeast wind. A perfect day. Min temperature 46, max temperature 68.

America's Cup Race.

The race today, the sixth of the series resulted in another win for the United States yacht Rainbow by four minutes and one second.

The score now stands;

British challenger, Endeavour 2

United States defender, Rainbow 3.

## **SEPTEMBER 1934**

### **Tuesday 25**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and warm with moderate to fresh southwest wind. Min temperature 40, max temperature 71.

America's Cup Race.

Today's race, the seventh of the series brought to a close the contest for the America's Cup when the United States yacht, Rainbow, defeated the British yacht, Endeavour. The Rainbow which has successfully defended the cup against the Endeavour, crossed the finish line in today's race 55 seconds ahead of her British rival. The score at the conclusion of the series stands;

Rainbow 4

Endeavour 2

## **SEPTEMBER 1934**

**Wednesday 26**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and very warm with light to moderate westerly wind. A perfect day. Min temperature 58, max temperature 78.

**SEPTEMBER 1934****Thursday 27**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and warm with moderate to fresh southwest wind. Light showers in the early morning. Min temperature 58, max temperature 75.

**SEPTEMBER 1934****Friday 28**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and misty with a light shower of rain in the morning. Cleared at about 8:30am. Clear and warm during the remainder of the day. Light to moderate westerly wind. Min temperature 50, max temperature 72.

Motored to Sydney.

At about 8:45am, I motored to Sydney with Councillors Wesley Townsend and G. B. Hiltz and D. M. Johnston, Policeman. Townsend, Hiltz and I went to Sydney for the purpose of procuring some steel pipes for culverts in the Town of Louisburg. While at Sydney, we purchased about 100 feet of 24 inch pipe from the Atlantic Spring and Machine Company making a total of about 625 feet which we have purchased to date from this firm. The three of us had dinner at the Vidal Hotel and left for home at about 1:40pm. D. M. Johnston went to Sydney as a witness in a liquor case between the R. C. M. P. and Freeman Mosher of Louisburg. The case came up for a hearing at 4pm and was adjourned until a later date. Mr. Johnston returned in the evening. The hearing in the liquor case took place before Stipendiary magistrate W.A G Hill.

Removed to Glace Bay.

James H. MacKinnon for many years a resident of Louisburg, removed with his family to Glace Bay today where he intends to reside.

**SEPTEMBER 1934****Saturday 29**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and warm becoming cloudy in the evening. Light to moderate southwest wind. Min temperature 47, Max temperature 72.

**SEPTEMBER 1934****Sunday 30**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and warm with rain in the morning. Cleared during the forenoon. Cloudy with showers in the afternoon. Rainfall about 3/4 inch. Light southwest to west winds. Min temperature 53, max temperature 72.

Church services.

At 11am and 7pm, Emeline and I attended services in the First United church. Rev. D. A. MacMillan was the preacher at the morning service while Rev. John MacIntosh D. D. of St. James United church, Sydney conducted the evening service. Rev. D. A. MacMillan and Rev. John MacIntosh exchanged pulpits in the evening.

## **OCTOBER 1934**

### **Monday 1**

Louisburg, NS

Cool and mostly clear with moderate northwest wind. Min temperature 36, max temperature 60.

Repairing Church.

The work of re-shingling the roof of First United church and effectively other necessary repairs was begun this morning. Daniel Fleet and his two sons, Ivan and Douglas, have been engaged to do the work. It is estimated that about thirty thousand shingles will be required for the roof, twenty one thousand of these were purchased from D. J. Matheson of this town at \$4.75 a thousand and the balance of nine thousand from J. W. Stephens of Sydney at \$5.00. The shingles are cedar extras.

Open Season.

The open season for ducks on the Island of Cape Breton begins today and ends on Jan 15, 1935.

## **OCTOBER 1934**

### **Tuesday 2**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and cool with moderate winds. Min temperature 37, max temperature 58.

Marriage.

The marriage of Mr. Kiley MacDonald of Louisburg to Miss Kathleen Pope of West Louisburg took place this morning in Stella Maris church. Rev. D. H. Doyle performed the ceremony.

## **OCTOBER 1934**

### **Wednesday 3**

Louisburg, NS

Mostly clear and moderately warm with variable winds. A few light showers in the morning. Min temperature 46, max temperature 68.

Arrested at Sydney.

Alex MacDonald of this town was arrested at Sydney today by Dan M. Johnston, Louisburg policeman and Srgt. George Kehoe of the R. C. M. P. on a non-support charge preferred by his

wife. He was brought to Louisburg by policeman Johnston and taken before Stipendiary Magistrate B. M. Spencer where he pleaded guilty and was given a suspended sentence of one year.

Arrested at Louisburg.

Murdock MacKeigan was arrested this evening by police officer D. M. Johnston on a drunk and disorderly charge and placed in the town lock-up. He was later released and allowed to go home, but is to appear before B. M. Spencer, Stipendiary Magistrate at 10am tomorrow.

## **OCTOBER 1934**

### **Thursday 4**

Louisburg, NS

Partly clear, chilly and raw with moderate to fresh northwest wind. Light showers during the afternoon. Min temperature 37, max temperature 54.

Police Court.

Murdock MacKeigan, who was arrested yesterday evening for disorderly conduct on the street, was up before B. M. Spencer, Stipendiary Magistrate at 10am to answer the charge. He pleaded guilty and was fined three dollars and costs, a total of six dollars and fifty cents or in default of payment, fifteen days in the County jail. MacKeigan did not have the money, so the Magistrate allowed him until next Tuesday to raise the required amount.

## **OCTOBER 1934**

### **Friday 5**

Louisburg, NS

Mostly clear and very cool with moderate to fresh northwest wind. Min temperature 29, max temperature 50.

First Frost.

Before midnight we had the first frost of the season. At 11pm, the temperature was about 29 and as a result, there was frost on the grass in my garden at that hour.

## **OCTOBER 1934**

### **Saturday 6**

Louisburg, NS

Partly clear with moderate southwest wind. Min temperature 25, max temperature 60.

Heavy Frost.

Last night we had the first frost of the season which was very severe. It killed all tender plants including dahlias, potatoes, beans, pumpkins, cucumbers, tomatoes and seriously damaged many other plants of the hardier nature. It also produced the first ice of the season. A saucepan in my back yard which contained about an inch of water, had ice on it over 1/4 inch in thickness. A very unusual sight for this time of year was the harbour at an early hour this morning covered with vapour caused by the cold air coming in contact with the warm water. My dahlias which were at

the height of their blooming were totally destroyed by last night's frost and presented a sorry sight this morning. A frost of such severity seldom visits Louisburg so early in the season.

## **OCTOBER 1934**

### **Sunday 7**

Louisburg, NS

Heavy rain accompanied by heavy southwest wind during the early morning hours. Rain which began at midnight last night, ceased before 6am and wind moderated. Partly clear during the day with moderate southwest wind. Min temperature 53, max temperature 69.

Very heavy sea running on the coast.

Steamer Portia arrives.

Steamer Portia enroute from Newfoundland to Halifax called here at 6pm for shelter and anchored in the northeast end of the harbour. She sailed for her destination during the night.

Church Services.

AT 11am and 7pm, Emeline and I attended services in the First United church. Rev. D. A. MacMillan was in charge of both services. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed at the morning service.

## **OCTOBER 1934**

### **Monday 8**

Louisburg, NS

Thanksgiving Day

Mostly clear with strong west to northwest wind. Heavy rain and part snow squalls at night accompanied by thunder and lightening. Min temperature 40, max temperature 58.

General Holiday.

Public offices, schools and some business places closed for the day.

At 6pm, Emeline and I had supper at the Parish hall where the men of St. Bartholomew's congregation served corned beef and cabbage to quite a large gathering.

Mr. Cathcart arrives.

Mr. Joseph Cathcart arrived here today for the purpose of assuming the Pastorate of the Presbyterian congregation of this town, succeeding Mr. Russell Somers who left here about four weeks ago. He is accompanied by Mrs. Cathcart and their three children. They have rented the house owned by Rev. H. D. Townsend on Alma Street where they intend to reside during their stay at Louisburg. Mr. Cathcart graduated from college during this year, but is not yet ordained. This is not Mr. Cathcart's first visit to this town, he having been here about four years ago as part time Pastor of the Presbyterian congregation. At that time he was residing at Albert Bridge, Mira. He is a native of Ireland, but has been in Canada for a number of years.

## **OCTOBER 1934**

**Tuesday 9**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and cool with fresh to moderate northwest wind. Min temperature 36, max temperature 52.

**OCTOBER 1934****Wednesday 10**

Louisburg, NS

Partly cloudy and cool with fresh northwest wind and a few light showers. Min temperature 30, max temperature 48.

Open Season.

The open season for deer in the Province of Nova Scotia, including the Island of Cape Breton, began today and shall close on the thirty-first of this month.

**OCTOBER 1934****Thursday 11**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and cool with light \_\_. A light shower in the afternoon. Min temperature 33, max temperature 50.

Visited National Park.

Dr. J. C. Webster of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board, D. C. Harvey, Provincial Archivist, Senator John S. MacLennan and Miss Catherine MacLeannan, motored from Sydney to the Louisburg National and Historic Park arriving at about 10:30am. This visit was made for the purpose of finally deciding on the site of the new fireproof museum which I understand is to be erected here in the not too distant future. I motored to the park with E. A. Grant and met the party shortly after their arrival. After discussing various sites, we all agreed that the most suitable site for such a building was on the west side of the street opposite the site of the Governor's Garden where the building now stands which is at present occupied by William MacKinnon, care-taker of the park and family. This decision was unanimous. On leaving the park at about 11:45am, we motored to the Dundonald Inn where on the invitation of Senator and Miss MacLennan, I had lunch with the party before they departed for Sydney at about 1:40pm.

**OCTOBER 1934****Friday 12**

Louisburg, NS

Heavy rain during the greater part of the day and late into the night. Strong easterly wind which reached gale proportions during the evening and shifted to northeast. Rainfall about 1 ½ inch. Min temperature 40, max temperature 50.

Fire Prevention.

This being Fire Prevention week in the schools of the Province of Nova Scotia in company with A. A. Martell and R. A. Peters, Fire Chief, I visited the public schools for the town at 2pm where we delivered addresses to the pupils of the various departments on fires and how to prevent them.

Death of Judge Walter Crowe.

The death of Judge Walter Crowe took place this morning at his house, 233 Esplanade, Sydney, after a short illness of about one year. Judge Crowe was born in Truro, NS in 1861 where he received his early education after which he took his law course in Dalhousie University, graduating with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1886. He came to Sydney immediately after his graduation and ever since has been closely identified with the business, legal, professional and social life of the city. He also took a keen interest in civic affairs being elected Mayor of Sydney in 1897 and reelected for several successive years. For several years he was the Nova Scotia representative of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada and very largely through his efforts, memorial tablets and cairns were erected at Louisburg, Port Morien, Englishtown, Kennington Cove, St. Peters and other places throughout the province.

*(Newspaper clipping included, headline: "Judge Crowe succumbs to long illness")*

## **OCTOBER 1934**

### **Saturday 13**

Louisburg, NS

Mostly cloudy with light northwest wind. Min temperature 40, max temperature 57.

## **OCTOBER 1934**

### **Sunday 14**

Louisburg, NS

Mostly cloudy with occasional heavy rain squalls. Moderate to fresh southeast to north winds. Min temperature 37, max temperature 57.

Church services.

AT 11am and 7pm, Emeline and I attended services at the First United. Both services were conducted by Rev. D. A. MacMillan. The annual Rally Day service of the Sunday School was held at 11am in which a number of the Sunday School children took part. All the united church services of today were held in Calvin Hall owing to the heating apparatus of the church being out of repair. A new furnace has been ordered and is due to arrive some time this week. Until it is installed, all the services will be held in Calvin Hall.

Funeral of Judge Walter Crowe.

Leaving here at 1:10pm, A. A. Martell, Wesley Townsend, D. J. MacInnis and I motored to Sydney for the purpose of attending the funeral of the late Judge Walter Crowe which took place from his residence, 233 Esplanade, Sydney to the Presbyterian church where service was conducted by Rev. Alexander Murray, D. D. Interment took place in Hardwood Hill cemetery.

## **OCTOBER 1934**

### **Monday 15**

Louisburg, NS

Cool and mostly clear with moderate northerly wind. Min temperature 28, max temperature 50.

Police Officer Assaulted.

D. M. Johnston, town police officer while attempting to arrest Thomas Lahey at the latter's home on Pepperell Street this afternoon, was struck in the face by Lahey and badly bruised. The police officer had a warrant for the arrest of Lahey for non payment of poll tax. John Lahey and Alex Lahey, father and brother of Thomas, interfered with officer Johnston, who had to retire from the premises without getting his man. He immediately reported to me for instructions and on my advice got in touch by telephone with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police at Sydney who immediately sent two constables by motor car to his assistance. On the arrival of the police from Sydney, officer Johnston, who had in the meantime obtained a warrant from Stipendiary Magistrate, B. M. Spencer for the arrest of Lahey on a charge of assault, accompanied the R. C. M. P. constables to the Lahey home where the arrest of Thomas Lahey was effected without any resistance being offered. Lahey was immediately taken before B. M. Spencer, Stipendiary Magistrate who after taking evidence of officer Johnston, John Lahey, Alex. Lahey and the accused, committed him to the Supreme Court for trial. He was released from custody on \$1500.00 bonds furnished jointly by Holland Fleet and John Lahey, father of Thomas. A few minutes before the assault took place, police officer Johnston attempted to intercept Lahey who was driving an automobile on Main Street. Lahey paid no attention to the officer's signals and proceeded to his home followed a few minutes later by officer Johnston.

## **OCTOBER 1934**

**Tuesday 16**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and cool with light to moderate winds.

Automobile burned.

An automobile driven and supposed to be owned by Thomas Lahey of this town was burned during the night on Clarke's Road a short distance outside the town limits.

## **OCTOBER 1934**

**Wednesday 17**

Louisburg, NS

Cool and mostly clear with light northerly wind. Min temperature 36, max temperature 50.

Choir Practice.

At 9pm, I attended choir practice in Calvin Hall.

## **OCTOBER 1934**

**Thursday 18**

Louisburg, NS

Clear with light to moderate southwest wind. A perfect day. Min temperature 30, max temperature 56.

Arrested.

Thomas Lahey of this town was arrested today by the town police officer, D. M. Johnston on a charge of failing to stop while driving an automobile when signaled to stop by a police officer. The offence took place on Main street, Louisburg on last Monday afternoon. When taken before B. M. Spencer, Stipendiary Magistrate, Lahey pleaded not guilty and his trial was set for next Monday, Oct. 22.

## **OCTOBER 1934**

### **Friday 19**

Louisburg, NS/Salmon River, NS

Cloudy and mild with light southeast wind. Max temperature about 60.

Motored to Salmon River.

Left Louisburg at 1pm in Sullivan's bus for Sydney enroute to my old home at Salmon River. Had supper at Vidal Hotel. Left Sydney at 9:30pm by motor car for Salmon River with Fred and Frances Huntington, Arrived at Clifford's at about 10:30pm and remained there all night.

Attended meeting.

At about 8pm, while waiting for Fred Huntington at Sydney, I attended a meeting of a number of prominent citizens of Sydney presided over by Mayor S. E. Muggah in the County council Chamber. This meeting was called for the purpose of making preliminary arrangements for a proposed "Old Home" week celebration for Sydney during the summer of 1935.

## **OCTOBER 1934**

### **Saturday 20**

Salmon River, NS

Cloudy and mild with light southeast wind.

Motored Home.

At about 10am, accompanied by his mother and sister Frances, Fred drove me to my old home by motor car. Found Mother and Heber in their usual health and pleased to have me visit them. Spent the afternoon clearing up and burning old wood and rubbish in the grove near the house.

## **OCTOBER 1934**

### **Sunday 21**

Salmon River

Cloudy and moderately warm with rain. Rainfall about ½ inch. Wind easterly.

Spent the day around home.

## **OCTOBER 1934**

### **Monday 22**

Salmon River, NS

Cloudy and mild with light to moderate east to northeast winds.

Spent the greater part of the day clearing up and burning old wood and rubbish in the grove.

Deer plentiful.

At about 9pm, Heber and I discovered three deer in a turnip patch about one hundred yards from the house. We walked toward them in the darkness but they soon discovered us and took to their heels. I turned a flashlight on them as they scampered for the woods and could see them quite clearly. We did not have any intention of shooting or otherwise injuring them, but how were the deer to know that? Heber informs me that deer appear to be quite plentiful of late there not having a day since the beginning of this month but that he has seen one or more. He however has made no attempt to shoot or otherwise molest them in any way.

Police Court.

In the Police Court at Louisburg today, before Stipendiary Magistrate, B. M. Spencer, Thomas Lahey on a charge of failing to stop while driving an automobile when signaled by a police officer, was found guilty and sentenced to pay a fine of ten dollars and costs or in default of payment to serve \_\_\_days in the County jail.

## **OCTOBER 1934**

### **Tuesday 23**

Salmon River

Clear and cool with moderate easterly wind.

Spent the day around home. In the afternoon, I assisted Heber in harvesting his potatoes.

A Deer Visitor.

Tonight at about 8:30, while Heber was away to church, I discovered a deer in the field quite near the house. I could see her quite plainly in the moonlight as she wandered around for about ten minutes. She finally came to an apple tree about 100 feet from the house where there were a few apples lying on the ground. As I watched her at a distance of about 75 feet, she began to eat the apples. After she finished all the available fruit, while watching me very intently, I turned a flashlight on her. Disgusted at such an action on any part and expressing her disapproval with a snort that might be heard for about a mile in the stillness of the night, she loped off into the woods and disappeared.

## **OCTOBER 1934**

### **Wednesday 24**

Salmon River

Cool and mostly cloudy with moderate to fresh \_\_\_.

Chopping trees in the pasture southwest of the main road in the forenoon. In the afternoon, I was assisting Heber in harvesting his potatoes.

## **OCTOBER 1934**

### **Thursday 25**

Salmon River, NS

Rainy and misty with fresh northeast wind. Rainfall about 3/4 inch.

Spent the day around home.

Buck Deer Visits Farm.

At about noon today Heber discovered a buck deer with a taste for fruit standing under an apple tree about 100 feet from the house. Before I could get a chance to see him, the dog rushed out and frightened him away, but I caught a glimpse of him as he raced through the back pasture in the direction of the woods. Heber tells me that among all the deer that have visited his place for upwards of twenty years, he has seen only two bucks including the one that visited us today.

Does appear to greatly outnumber the bucks. Deer are becoming very numerous throughout Cape Breton Island and in many instances are becoming a nuisance to the farmers by destroying their gardens. Heber expresses the opinion that owing to the rapid increase of deer in Cape Breton in the near future farmers shall be obliged to destroy them irrespective of closed seasons in order to protect their crops from total destruction.

## **OCTOBER 1934**

### **Friday 26**

Salmon River, NS/Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and mild with light easterly wind. Occasional heavy showers during the day.

Motored to Louisburg via Sydney.

Left my old home at about 7am and in company with Heber walked to Clifford's where we met Fred enroute for Sydney. I motored to Sydney with Fred who was accompanied by his mother.

Arrived at Sydney at about 8:45am. Left Sydney on Sullivan's Bus enroute for Louisburg at 9am.

Reached Louisburg at about 10am.

Thomas Lahey sentenced.

Thomas Lahey of Louisburg in the County Court at Sydney today before Judge Allan MacDonald, pleaded guilty to a charge of assaulting police officer, D. M. Johnston of Louisburg and was sentenced to two years in Dorchester Penitentiary. With the assent of Johnston, the sentence was suspended, Lahey having to report once each month to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police at Sydney until the sentence expires. The offence for which Thomas Lahey was sentenced today took place at Louisburg on Oct 15, 1934 while attempting to arrest Lahey at his home on Pepperell street was struck in the face and severely bruised.

## **OCTOBER 1934**

### **Saturday 27**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and mild during the greater part of the day. Heavy rain during the late afternoon and night. Light southwest wind which shifted to easterly and increased to a fresh breeze. Min temperature 48, max temperature 64.

Supper and Fancy Sale.

In the evening, Emeline and I attended a supper and Fancy Sale in Calvin hall held under the auspices of the MacMillan Club of the First United church.

Removed to Sydney.

Mrs. Said, (widow of the late Albert Said) and family consisting of Louis, Charles, Samuel, Fred, Richard, Edward and Mary, moved to Sydney during the early part of this week. The Saids have been residents of Louisburg for quite a number of years for several of which they were supported by the town. For several years Mrs. Said has been receiving the "Mother's Allowance" from the Provincial Government which relieved the town of the burden of providing for the support of the family.

## **OCTOBER 1934**

### **Sunday 28**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and cool, clearing shortly after noon. Strong winds in the early morning which moderated early in the day and increased to a fresh breeze during the afternoon and evening. Min temperature 36, max temperature 54.

Church services.

AT 11am and 7pm, I attended services of the United church in Calvin hall. Both services were in charge of Rev. D. A. MacMillan.

Visiting Louisburg.

Rev. and Mrs. H. D. Townsend of Valley Station, Colchester Co., NS arrived in town this forenoon for the purpose of spending a few days visiting relatives and friends at Louisburg.

## **OCTOBER 1934**

### **Monday 29**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and cool with fresh southwest wind which moderated in the evening. Min temperature 31, max temperature 47.

Guest at supper.

Rev. and Mrs. H. D. Townsend of Valley Station, Colchester Co., NS who are visiting in town had supper with us this evening.

## **OCTOBER 1934**

### **Tuesday 30**

Louisburg, NS/Sydney, NS

Cloudy with some rain in the morning. Partly clearing in the afternoon. Southwest to west wind. Rainfall about \_\_\_.

Attended Banquet.

At 1pm, I went to Sydney in Sullivan's bus where I spent the afternoon and night- stopping at the Vidal Hotel. At 8pm, as the guest of the Cape Breton Firemen's Association, I attended a banquet at the Isle Royale Hotel where a large gathering for firemen were present from Sydney, North Sydney, Sydney Mines, New Waterford, Dominion, Glace Bay and Reserve. At this gathering, an address and a gift were presented to ex-Chief James MacKenzie of the Glace Bay Fire Department, who was one of the original members of the Glace Bay Brigade. During the evening, a programme of entertainment was rendered which was greatly enjoyed by those present. Among those who gave addresses were: Alderman Archie Sullivan representing Mayor S. E. Muggah, who was unable to be present, ex-Chief Stewart of the Truro Fire Department, Mayor D. W. Morrison of Glace Bay, Judge Neil R. MacArthur, E. MacKay Forbes, Glace Bay, Lloyd Weatherbee, Chief of New Waterford Brigade, Chief Hall, Sydney Mines Brigade, Chief Harry Mersereau, Sydney Brigade, Chief of Dominion and Reserve Brigades and myself. Solos were sung by Thomas MacDonald of Glace Bay, R. Holly of Sydney and others while a male quartet rendered several selections during the evening. A four piece orchestra was also present. The party which was a decided success broke up shortly after midnight.

## **OCTOBER 1934**

### **Wednesday 31**

Sydney, NS/Louisburg, NS

Clear and cool with moderate southwest wind.

Halloween.

During the evening, the streets of the town were thronged with merrymakers, mostly young people engaged in carrying out the usual Halloween customs. Up to a late hour nothing of a serious nature had occurred and no property damage had been reported. As a precaution against destruction of property by evilly disposed persons, four special constables were sworn in to assist police officer D. M. Johnston in maintaining order. The specials were: Walter Tucker, Gordon Stevens Jr., Nelson Bagnall and John Poole. At about 11:30pm, Constables Campbell and Burgoyne of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police detachment of Sydney arrived by motor car for the purpose of assisting the local force in preventing disorder and destruction of private or public property. The R.C.M.P. Constables and policeman Johnston had supper at our residence shortly after midnight. A disturbance which was developing in the Masonic hall where a local orchestra was holding a dance, was nipped in the bud by the arrival of officer Johnston and the two R.C.M.P. Constables. The presence of the officers soon dampened the ardour of the would-be rioters and peace and quietness reigned.

Left for home.

Rev. and Mrs. H. D. Townsend of Valley Station, Colchester Co. NS who have been visiting relative and friends in town since last Sunday, left for home by motor car this morning.

## **NOVEMBER 1934**

### **Thursday 1**

Louisburg, NS

Clear in the morning but becoming cloudy early in the day. Moderate to strong southwest wind. Min temperature 33, max temperature 56.

Property damage.

The only damage reported as a result of last night's Halloween celebrations was the removal of the railings from Gerrard's Bridge some time during last night. No disturbance of any consequence took place on the streets of the town during last night and the police report that last night was the quietest Halloween night for several years.

Dundonald Inn changes hands.

The Dr. D. A. Morrison property on Main Street, this town which has been operated as a hotel under the name of the "Dundonald Inn" by Edgar Morrison since May 24, 1933, has recently changed hands. Roy Ingraham has purchased the Inn and the property adjoining and intends to continue the hotel business begun by Mr. Morrison. Mr. Ingraham took possession on last Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Morrison vacating and moving to Sydney on the same day. Mrs. Maud H. Morrison, widow of the late Dr. D. A. Morrison, who continued to live at Louisburg since the death of her husband in August 1931, has also recently moved to Sydney where she intends to reside in future.

## **NOVEMBER 1934**

### **Friday 2**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and showery with moderate southwest wind. Rainfall about 1/4 inch. Min temperature 31, max temperature 54.

Sworn in at Sydney.

Neil R. MacArthur, K. C. of Glace Bay newly appointed County Court Judge was sworn into office at Sydney today. The oath was administered by his Honor Judge Hugh Ross of the Supreme Court in the presence of Judge Allan MacDonald, County Court District no.6, Antigonish, F. G. Muggah, K. C., E. MacKay, A. A. MacIntyre Forbes, K. C., D. A. Cameron K. C. J. W. Madden K. C., Finley MacDonald K. C., M.P., W. A. G. Hill K. C., Colin MacKenzie K. C., A. D. Campbell K. C. Judge of Juvenile Court, I. D. Currie M.L.A., Ian Morrison, J. A. F. MacDonald, M. A. Patterson, Crown Prosecutor, L. X. MacDonald Judge of Probate, Gus MacGillivray, Johnston Chew, B. A. Gaffin, D. Finlayson, William Moblett, F. A. Hamilton, E. M. Rosenblum, H. F. Muggah, Mayor S. E. Muggah, Dr. J. K. MacLeod, City Health Officer, James C. MacDonald, City Clerk and others. Judge MacArthur succeeds the late Judge Walter Crowe as Judge in District no.7.

## **NOVEMBER 1934**

### **Saturday 3**

Louisburg NS

Cool and partly clear with moderate to fresh west to northwest winds. A few light snow squalls but not enough to show on the ground. First appearance of snow this season. Min temperature 26, max temperature 37.

#### Marriage.

The marriage of Firman Fleet to Miss Evelyn Smith both of this town took place this evening. The ceremony was performed in the United church manse by Rev. D. A. MacMillan. Miss Smith, a daughter of Councillor Jeremiah Smith was for a number of years on the teaching staff of the Louisburg school.

#### Death of J. L. Irwin.

The death of J. L. Irwin took place today at his home at Port Morien after a short illness. Mr. Irwin was Port Morien's leading citizen and business man and his passing is a severe loss to that community. He was about 58 years of age.

### **NOVEMBER 1934**

#### **Sunday 4**

Louisburg, NS

Mostly cloudy with moderate southwest wind. Min temperature 23, max temperature 48.

#### Church services.

At 11am and 7pm, in company with Emeline, I attended services of the United church in Calvin hall. Rev. D. A. MacMillan was in charge of both services.

### **NOVEMBER 1934**

#### **Monday 5**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and mild with heavy rain. Wind southwest. Rainfall about 1 ½ inches. Min temperature 43, max temperature 53.

### **NOVEMBER 1934**

#### **Tuesday 6**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and mild with moderate to fresh southwest wind. Showers at night. Min temperature 50, max temperature 58.

### **NOVEMBER 1934**

#### **Wednesday 7**

Louisburg, NS/Sydney, NS

Heavy rain during the forenoon. Cloudy with showers in the afternoon. Wind southwest. Rainfall about \_\_. Min temperature 44, max temperature 56.

Motored to Sydney.

At 8pm, I motored to Sydney with Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Townsend and Mrs. Edison Skinner. Returning we left Sydney at about noon and arrived home at about 1pm.

## **NOVEMBER 1934**

### **Thursday 8**

Louisburg, NS

Rain in the morning, clearing at about 9am. Moderate southwest wind. Rainfall about 1/4 inch. Min temperature 30, max temperature 54.

Visited National Park

Shortly after noon, I got Ben Hickman to drive me to the Louisburg National and Historic Park where I spent about two hours taking photos of points of interest including the proposed site of the new fireproof museum which I understand is to be built next year. When Dr. J. C. Webster of Shediac, NB and D. C. Harvey were here on Oct. 11, 1934 in connection with the selection of the museum site, I promised to send them pictures of the site and also to J. B. Harkin, Park Commissioner, Ottawa. Today was the first opportunity I had to take the photos. Will forward them as soon as they are finished. On my return, I met A. A. Martell at the park who picked me up in his car and brought me home at about 3:30pm.

Council Meeting.

At 7:30pm, I attended and presided at a meeting of the Town Council. The following Councillors were present: D. J. MacInnis, G. B. Hiltz, Wesley Townsend and Jeremiah Smith. Others present were: B. M. Spencer, Town Clerk and Police Officer D. M. Johnston.

Markadonis Murder Trial.

The trial of Nicholas Markadonis of Glace Bay for the murder of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Stephen Markadonis, on July 20, 1934, began today at Sydney before Judge Hugh Ross. Crown Prosecutor, M. A. Patterson and R. S. MacLellan K. C. are conducting the prosecution while D. A. Cameron K. C. and L. Currie, M. L. A. are representing the accused.

## **NOVEMBER 1934**

### **Friday 9**

Louisburg, NS

Clear in the forenoon but becoming cloudy and threatening in the afternoon. Rain during the night. Moderate southwest to southeast wind. Min temperature 26, max temperature 52.

Markadonis Jury.

Today's issue of the Sydney Post-Record gives the names of the jury in the Markadonis murder case which is now being tried at Sydney as follows: Robert Roberts, Foreman, Sydney, Andrew Kehoe, Sydney, Dan S. MacNeil, Sydney, James MacDonald, Louisburg, Martin Pottle, Sydney, Dan J. MacIssac, Sydney, William Blinkhorn, Sydney Mines, Edward Phalen, Glace Bay, Dan E. MacIntyre, Sydney, John M. MacNeil, Glace Bay, John Holland, Louisburg. As there are eleven only in this list there must have been one name omitted.

## **NOVEMBER 1934**

## **Saturday 10**

Louisburg, NS

Cool and partly clear with moderate west to northwest wind. Min temperature 26, max temperature 44.

S. S. Arranmore.

Canadian Government steamer Arranmore arrived in the afternoon and after replacing the Bell buoy off the mouth of the harbour, docked at the coal company's freight wharf. The Bell Buoy referred to broke adrift about two months ago and stranded on the shore of the harbour west of Grand Battery where it remained until removed today.

Louisburg arrives.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police patrol boat Louisburg arrived here today from Sydney and docked at the government wharf. This boat was built here several years ago by Daniel Fleet of this town for Capt. Forward of Lingan. While engaged in rum running she was seized and confiscated by the Canadian Government and is now to be used in the police service under the name of "Louisburg".

## **NOVEMBER 1934**

### **Sunday 11**

Louisburg, NS

Clear in the morning but becoming cloudy in the forenoon. Light winds shifting to southeast and increasing to gale during the night accompanied by heavy rain. Min temperature 21, max temperature 46.

Church Services

At 11am and 7pm, I attended services in the First United church. Rev. D. A. MacMillan conducted both services. Today's services are the first to be held in the United church since October 7 owing to the heating apparatus being out of order. Since that time a new furnace has been purchased and installed. Since October 7 the services of the First United church have been held in the former Presbyterian church, now Calvin Hall. The bell of the former Presbyterian church (Calvin) which has recently been installed in the belfry of the First United church was rung today at both services for the first time since it's recent installation.

Arrived from Salmon River.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Huntington accompanied by their son, Fred and two daughters, Bertha and Elinor and Earle Johnston arrived at about 12:30pm by motor car. After spending the afternoon with us, Bertha, Elinor, Fred, and Earle left to return at about 4pm. Mr. and Mrs. Huntington are remaining here for a few days visit. While in town they are our guests.

## **NOVEMBER 1934**

### **Monday 12**

Louisburg, NS

Heavy wind and rain during the morning. Rain continued during the greater part of the day. Cleared during the night. Strong southeast wind which moderated early in the day and shifted to southwest. Rainfall during last night and today about 1 inch. Min temperature 39, max temperature 51.

## **NOVEMBER 1934**

### **Tuesday 13**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and cool with light variable wind mostly northerly. Min temperature 26, max temperature 40.

Nicholas Markadonis found Guilty.

Nicholas Markadonis on trial at Sydney since last Thursday for the murder of Cleo Markadonis, wife of his brother, Stephen Markadonis, was today found guilty in the Supreme Court. The murder took place at Glace Bay on July 20, 1934. It is said an appeal will be taken against this verdict. The trial was held before Judge Hugh Ross of the Supreme Court. A strong case was made against the accused by the Crown authorities but the evidence was entirely circumstantial. The Prosecution was conducted by Crown Prosecutor Malcolm Patterson, K.C. assisted by R. S. MacLellan, K. C. while D. A. Cameron, K. C. and L. D. Currie, M.L.A. acted for the defense.

## **NOVEMBER 1934**

### **Wednesday 14**

Louisburg, NS

Rain with southeast wind in the morning. Cleared during the forenoon. Wind shifting to southwest and later in the day to west and northwest. Frost at night. Min temperature 25, max temperature 45.

Markadonis Sentenced.

Nicholas Markadonis of Glace Bay who was found guilty of the murder of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Stephen Markadonis was today sentenced at Sydney by Judge Hugh Ross to be hanged on January 24, 1935. The verdict was arrived at yesterday in the Supreme Court at Sydney. Markadonis is about 20 years of age and a resident of Glace Bay where the murder was committed by shooting on July 20, last.

## **NOVEMBER 1934**

### **Thursday 15**

Louisburg, NS

Cool and cloudy with moderate winds. Min temperature 25, max temperature 40.

Left for Mira.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Huntington of Salmon River who have been visiting us since last Sunday left here on the 8:45am train enroute to Mira Gut where they intend to remain for a few days visiting relatives and friends before returning home.

Accident at Coal Pier.

While repairing a chute on the eastern side of the Dominion Coal Company's Shipping Pier at about 11am today, William Tutty and Neil Murphy both of this town were more or less seriously injured when the chute gave way throwing both men into the waters of the harbour. Tutty sustained a broken leg besides other injuries and was carried home on a stretcher by his fellow workmen. Murphy besides a severe shaking up, had his face badly cut.

## NOVEMBER 1934

### Friday 16

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy, chilly and raw with fresh to strong northerly wind. Min temperature 30, max temperature 37.

Marriage.

The marriage of DeWitte Cross of this town to Miss Greta Fiander of Glace Bay took place at Sydney this evening. Mr. and Mrs. Cross will reside at Louisburg.

## NOVEMBER 1934

### Saturday 17

Louisburg, NS

Mostly cloudy with light northwest wind. Min temperature 27, max temperature 42.

U.M.W vs A.M.W.

Today's issue of the Sydney Post-Record announced the result of the check-off count between the United Mine Workers of America and the Amalgamated Mine Workers of Nova Scotia as follows:

U.M.W. 6604 and A.M.W. 6066. By an act of the last session of the Nova Scotia Legislature, this vote was to be taken for the purpose of learning which was the strongest union. The strongest union to have the privilege of the check off. The count which was taken on the 15<sup>th</sup> inst. and announced today, gives the U.M.W. including Cape Breton and the Mainland, a majority of 538 over the rival union which for the last two or three years has been trying by every means in it's power to oust the U.M.W. from the Nova Scotia coal fields. The vote in detail was as follows:

Glance Bay - New Waterford	U.M.W.	A.M.W.
No. 1B	255	642
No. 2	747	638
Caledonia	300	223
Reserve	193	548
No. 11	320	391
No. 24	205	223
Big Shop	267	182
International Pier	249	0
Louisburg Pier	6	1
Dominion No. 6	7	0
Power Plant	27	0

No. 14, New Waterford	19	0
No. 12, New Waterford	680	370
No. 16, New Waterford	681	56
Sydney Mines - Florence	0	1622
Indian Cove	0	104
Little Bras D'Or	200	0
Acadia Allan Shaft	220	259
Acadia Albion Shaft	287	209
Acadia Thorborn Shaft	134	81
Springhill	722	508
River Herbert	200	0
Joggins	202	0
Inverness	611	0

Figures copied from Post-Record of Nov. 17, 1934.

## **NOVEMBER 1934**

### **Sunday 18**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy with light northeast wind. Min temperature 28, max temperature 44

Church services.

At 11am and 7pm, in company with Emeline, I attended services in the First United church. Both services were conducted by Rev. D. A. MacMillan. Owing to a cold which I had during the past week and of which I have not entirely got clear, I absented myself from the choir and did not take part in the service of song.

## **NOVEMBER 1934**

### **Monday 19**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and mild with southeast wind increasing at night. Rain began to fall at about 4:30pm. Rainfall about 1/4 inch. Light snow squalls in the morning and just a trace of snow on the ground for a short time. First snow to be noticeable this season. Min temperature 29, max temperature 46.

Change in Bus Timetable.

A change in the timetable of Sullivan's Sydney-Louisburg Bus service became effective today. The most important feature of the change is that the bus leaves Louisburg in the morning instead of Sydney as previously. The new schedule is as follows:

Leave Louisburg at 8:30am and 2:30pm for Sydney. Leave Sydney at 10:30am and 6pm for Louisburg daily except Sunday.

Sunday schedule as follows:

Leave Louisburg at 8:30am and 6:30pm for Sydney. Leave Sydney at 10:30am and 9pm for Louisburg.

The time for making the run between the two terminals is about one hour each way.

Arrived for a visit.

Miss Frances Huntington and Miss Lillian Huntington arrived on the evening train for a visit. While in town, they are our guests.

## **NOVEMBER 1934**

### **Tuesday 20**

Louisburg, NS

Cool and mostly cloudy with a few light snow squalls and sleet. Moderate to fresh north to northeast winds. Min temperature 27, max temperature 47.

Motor Accident.

Mr. Holland Fleet of this town had a narrow escape from certain death this evening when his automobile in which he was driving plunged over a seventy foot embankment near Cape Percy, Northern Head, Port Morien. Mr. Fleet jumped to safety as the car was going over the bank and escaped without injury. The car, an Oldsmobile, is a total wreck being completely demolished.

## **NOVEMBER 1934**

### **Wednesday 21**

Louisburg, NS

Cool and mostly clear with light winds. Min temperature 17, max temperature 34.

Motored from Salmon River.

At about 8:45am, Heber arrived from Salmon River by motor and brought with him our winter supply of potatoes and turnips. He left for home at 2pm.

Choir practice.

At 9pm, I attended choir practice in the First United church.

Saw a Caribou.

While motoring from Salmon River to Louisburg this morning, Heber saw a caribou on the highway about a mile above Albert Bridge on the south side of Mira River.

## **NOVEMBER 1934**

### **Thursday 22**

Louisburg, NS

Cool and mostly cloudy with northerly winds. Min temperature 17, max temperature 44.

Lecture

Rev. Denzil Rideout, Assistant Secretary of the Missionary and Maintenance Fund and Editor of the United Church Record and Missionary Review, gave an illustrated lecture in Calvin hall at 7:30pm. Subject, "Twelve Hundred Miles along the Pacific Coast".

## **NOVEMBER 1934**

**Friday 23**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and mild with light winds. Min temperature \_\_, Max temperature 54. A perfect day.

**NOVEMBER 1934****Saturday 24**

Louisburg, NS

Mild and mostly clear with light winds. Showers during the night. Min temperature 39, max temperature 53. An ideal day.

Meeting of Official Board.

At 8pm, I attended a meeting of the official Board of the First United church. Those present were: Rev. D. A. MacMillan (Chairman), John MacDonald, John A. MacDonald, John Skinner, Mrs. William Phalen, A. W. Stacey, Daniel Fleet and myself.

**NOVEMBER 1934****Sunday 25**

Louisburg, NS

Rain in the morning. Cloudy, chilly and raw with sleet and light snow squalls. Fresh to strong northerly wind. Min temperature 28, max temperature 49.

Church services.

At 11am and 7pm, Emeline and I attended services in the First United church. At the morning service Rev. D. A. MacMillan was the preacher. At the evening service Rev. Dr. Heinie of the Bible Society delivered an address on the work of the Society in which he is engaged throughout the Dominion of Canada. At 11am Dr. Heinie addressed the Presbyterian congregation of Louisburg and in the afternoon, the Presbyterian congregation of Catalone.

**NOVEMBER 1934****Monday 26**

Louisburg, NS/Sydney, NS

Mostly cloudy, very chilly and raw with fresh to strong northerly wind. Min temperature 25, max temperature 31.

Motored to Sydney.

At 2:30pm, I motored to Sydney in Sullivan's Bus arriving at about 3:30pm. At 7pm, on the invitation of Mayor S. E. Muggah of Sydney, I attended in the Board of Trade rooms, a meeting of the Chairmen of the various committees appointed to deal with the matter of making arrangements for Sydney's "Old Home Week" or Natal Day celebrations which is to take place at Sydney during the summer of 1935. Mayor Muggah presided and heard the reports of the committees. At about 8:15pm in company with May Muggah, I attended a meeting of the Cape Breton Historical Society in the Supreme Court Chambers in the Court House, C. P. Moon presiding. At this meeting the first of the season, a resolution was passed expressing regret at the

death of the President of the Society, the late Judge Walter Crowe. After a few items of routine business had been attended to, on the previous invitation of the Society, I gave a thirty five minute address on Louisburg dealing particularly with the restoration work which has been carried on there at the National Park by the Canadian Park Commission. Also with the monuments, tablets and cairns which have been erected there beginning with the Colonial War monument unveiled on June 17, 1895. At the conclusion of the address, I was tendered a vote of thanks and highly complimented on my talk by those present who appeared to greatly appreciate my remarks on the history of the old "Dunkirk" and the progress being made in restoring the ruined fortifications. Among those who were present were the following;  
Mayor S. E. Muggah, E. J. MacKewin, Senator J. S. MacLennan, C. P. Moore, Judge Neil R. MacArthur, Charles Peters, Mr. and Mrs. Dinock,  
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## **NOVEMBER 1934**

### **Tuesday 27**

Sydney, NS/Louisburg, NS

Cool and partly clear with light to moderate north to northeast winds. Min temperature 24, max temperature 35.

Motored to Louisburg.

I returned to Louisburg on Sullivan's Bus. Left Sydney at about 10:45am and arrived at Louisburg at about 11:45am.

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Dr. and Mrs. O'Neil, Dr. Eagan John Barrington, Rev. W. B. Bezanson, Mrs. Anson and Miss M. L. MacKenzie.

## **NOVEMBER 1934**

### **Wednesday 28**

Louisburg,NS/Sydney, NS

Cloudy with light northerly wind. Min temperature 20, max temperature 40.

Motored to Sydney.

I motored to Sydney in the morning in Sullivan's bus arriving at about 10am. Put up at Vidal Hotel. At 3pm, attended a meeting of the Associated Board of Trade in the Supreme Court room in the court house. This meeting was called for the purpose of consideration of arranging a Cape Breton Tourist association. Hon. A. S. MacMillan, Minister of Highways in the Provincial Legislature was present and addressed the meeting and told of what had been and was being done to encourage tourists to visit Cape Breton Island as well as the rest of the Province of Nova Scotia.

Body Arrives.

The remains of the late Wallace Siteman arrived on the 4:15pm train for burial and were taken to the home of his parents on Wolfe street this town. The late Mr. Siteman passed away last week in a New York hospital of pneumonia. He was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Siteman of

Louisburg. Besides his parents, he is survived by one brother Oswald who resides in Massachusetts and who accompanied the remains and one son, Johnson, who resides here with his grandparents.

## **NOVEMBER 1934**

### **Thursday 29**

Louisburg, NS

Partly clear with light winds. Rain during the night. Min temperature 27, max temperature 44.

Marriages.

Three marriages took place today at Louisburg and Big Lorraine. At Big Lorraine in the Anglican church at 3pm, William Coveyduc of Louisburg was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude Fiander of Big Lorraine, also Joseph Fiander to Miss Gladys Jewell both of Big Lorraine. At Louisburg at 7pm in the Anglican church, John R. DeFreise was united in marriage to Miss Ivy Chapman both of Louisburg. The ceremonies in each case were performed by Rev. E. B. Gabriel, Pastor of the Anglican church, Louisburg.

Royal Wedding.

The marriage took place today in Westminster Abbey, London, England of Prince George, Duke of Kent to Princess Marina of Greece. Prince George is the youngest son of King George the Fifth and Queen Mary. The ceremony was performed by Most Rev. Dr. Cosmo Gordon Lang, Archbishop of Canterbury. A radio broadcast of the marriage ceremony was distinctly heard at Louisburg and other towns throughout the province.

Funeral.

The funeral of the late Wallace Siteman took place at 10am from the residence of his parents, Wolfe St in the Anglican church where service was held by Rev. E. B. Gabriel. Interment took place in the Anglican cemetery on Clarke's Road. I was present at the church service.

## **NOVEMBER 1934**

### **Friday 30**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and mild with light winds. Min temperature 39, max temperature 56.

Left for Home.

Miss Lillian Huntington who with her sister Frances have been visiting us since the 19<sup>th</sup> of this month, left on the 8:15 train for Mira Gut enroute for home. Frances being a nurse and engaged on a case (Mrs. Dan MacAskill) is remaining for a few days longer.

## **DECEMBER 1934**

### **Saturday 1**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and mild with some rain. Light variable wind. Min temperature 34, max temperature 42.

## **DECEMBER 1934**

### **Sunday 2**

Louisburg, NS

Rained heavily during the early morning. Showery during the forenoon. Cleared at noon. Southerly wind shifting to westerly. Min temperature 33, max temperature 54.

Church services.

At 11am and 7pm, Emeline and I attended services in the First United church. Rev. D. A. MacMillan conducted both services.

S. S. Karentoft.

Danish steamer "Karentoft" arrived here at about 6:30pm in quest of bunker coal. The coal company not having begun shipping coal from Louisburg this season immediately ordered her to proceed to Sydney. She left at once without docking or anchoring.

## **DECEMBER 1934**

### **Monday 3**

Louisburg, NS

Cool and cloudy with moderate northeast wind. Min temperature 23, max temperature 38.

## **DECEMBER 1934**

### **Tuesday 4**

Louisburg, NS

Partly clear during the forenoon. Cloudy in the afternoon and evening. Snow fall of about 1/4 inch followed by heavy rain. Light northwest wind shifting to southwest and increasing to a moderate gale during the night. Min temperature 21, max temperature 36.

Meeting of the Fire Brigade.

At 8pm, I attended a meeting of the Louisburg Volunteer Fire Brigade in the Firemen's Hall. Those present were: Chief R. A. Peters, Fred Burke, R. Lipkus, Rannie MacVicar, John R. DeFries, D. J. MacLeod and myself.

## **DECEMBER 1934**

### **Wednesday 5**

Louisburg, NS

Rain with heavy wind in the early morning. Cleared at about 9am. Moderate to fresh northerly wind during the day. Snow squalls during the night. Min temperature 25, max temperature 44.

Leaves for Home.

Miss Frances Huntington who has been visiting us since Nov. 19, left on the 8:15am train for Mira Gut enroute to her home at Salmon River.

## **DECEMBER 1934**

## **Thursday 6**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and cold with fresh to strong northwest wind. Min temperature 15, max temperature 29.

### **Shop Burglarized.**

At about 5 o'clock this morning my shop was entered and a quantity of goods stolen. Dougall Campbell, Dominion Coal Company engineer on his way to the power house to relieve his assistant, Fred Hunt, who was on duty there, discovered a parked car in front of the Rectory grounds and three men near my shop, one of whom was coming out of one of the front windows. Mr. Campbell hastened to the power house and getting Mr. Hunt with him returned to the shop but the intruders had fled. Campbell and Hunt then notified me at 5:20am. I immediately went to the shop and after examining the premises, called the Royal Canadian Mounted Police office at Sydney of the burglary. Two constables, Burgon and Schofield, were sent by motor car in the hope of intercepting the burglars on the Sydney road. Before the arrival of the police car, Hunt and I with the aid of flashlights examined the streets in an effort to find out the direction the burglar car had taken. While doing this Donald Beaver of this town arrived from Sydney by motor truck and reported to us that he had seen a car on the top of MacAulay's Hill, about 7 miles from here, going in the direction of Sydney. The R. C. M. P. Constables arrived here in about 45 minutes from the time they were notified, but failed to meet a car on the road. After discussing the happening with Campbell and Beaver and having breakfast with me, the police started in pursuit of the early visitors whom we surmised might have taken the road on the north side of Catalone Lake or one of the roads leading to the right at Mira going in the direction of Glace Bay. The burglars first broke the padlock on the outside shutter

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## **DECEMBER 1934**

### **Friday 7**

Louisburg, NS

Mostly clear with moderated to fresh northwest wind. Min temperature 11, max temperature 26.

### **Shop Burglarized (continued from preceding page)**

of the front door of the shop and tried to remove the lower panel of the door. Failing in this they broke out a frame of glass in the window on the western side of the door, the lower pane next to the door and made an entry. The goods removed from the shop consisted of cigarettes, gum, chocolates in boxes, tooth paste, shaving cream, cigarette holders, fountain pens, harmonicas and pocket knives. I found the pens, harmonicas and knives, which were on display cards, on the sidewalk in front of the shop, they having been dropped in the hasty departure. The goods missing would amount to about twenty five or thirty dollars. No clue to the perpetrators.

Previous to the visit to my shop, an entry or attempted entry was made at the store of Peters Brothers meat market. In this case, the lower panel of the front door was removed. No goods missing and no clues left behind except tracks in the snow.

## **DECEMBER 1934**

## **Saturday 8**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and threatening with light to moderate north to northeast winds. Snow began to fall at about 5pm and continued during the night. Snowfall about 3 inches. Min temperature 12, max temperature 27.

R. C. M. P. Arrive.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police Constables, Burgon and Scholfield arrived here this afternoon and reported that they had traced the alleged burglar car which left here at about 5:15am yesterday morning as far as Glace Bay, but had lost it there. They are still working on the case but with such slender clues, it is very difficult to apprehend the culprits.

## **DECEMBER 1934**

### **Sunday 9**

Louisburg, NS

Cool and partly clear with moderate northwest wind. Snow squalls in the afternoon. Min temperature 11, max temperature 30.

First Sleighing.

Snow fall of last night and this morning amounted to about 4 inches and provided the first sleighing this season.

Church Services.

In company with Emeline, I attended service in the First United church at 7pm. I was not out to church in the morning.

Visits Louisburg

Mr. R. S. Black, former Mayor of Dunedin, New Zealand visits Louisburg. He motored from Sydney in Sullivan's Bus arriving here at about noon. He was supposed to meet me on his arrival, but through some misdirection, he walked to the Louisburg National and Historic Park and spent some time there visiting the museum and other places of interest before he came to town. On his return from the park at about 2:30pm and being notified of his arrival, I met him at the "Dundonald Inn" where we discussed the history of the old French stronghold and many other matters for about three hours. He returned to Sydney on the evening trip of the bus. Mr. Black, who is a very interesting personage is enroute to his home in Dunedin, New Zealand on board the Canadian Government steamer, Canadian Britisher, which is now at Sydney loading a part cargo of steel products for points in New Zealand.

## **DECEMBER 1934**

### **Monday 10**

Louisburg, NS/Sydney, NS

Cold and partly clear with moderate northwest wind. Min temperature at Louisburg 6, max temperature 19.

Motored to Sydney.

Motored to Sydney in the afternoon in Sullivan's bus arriving at Sydney at about 3:45pm. Put up at the Vidal Hotel. At 8:30pm, in St. Andrew's Hall, Sydney, I addressed the Men's Brotherhood of St. Andrew's church for one hour on the "Rise and Fall of Louisburg". There were about thirty persons present who appeared to be greatly interested in the subject. Mr. A. R. Coffin was Chairman.

## **DECEMBER 1934**

### **Tuesday 11**

Sydney, NS/Louisburg, NS

Cold and mostly cloudy with light variable wind. Min temperature at Louisburg 3, max temperature 21.

Motored to Louisburg

I motored to Louisburg in the forenoon in Sullivan's Bus arriving at about noon.

## **DECEMBER 1934**

### **Wednesday 12**

Louisburg, NS

Cold and mostly clear with light northwest wind. Min temperature 12, max temperature 25.

Choir Practice.

At 9pm, I attended choir practice in the First United church.

## **DECEMBER 1934**

### **Thursday 13**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and moderately cold, becoming cloudy and mild in the afternoon. Light to moderate northwest to southwest wind. Min temperature 15, max temperature 34.

## **DECEMBER 1934**

### **Friday 14**

Louisburg, NS

Big snow storm in the morning which continued until about noon. Cloudy with light snow squalls in the afternoon. Moderate to fresh northeast to north winds. Min temperature \_\_, max temperature 34. Snowfall about 10 or 12 inches. Snow very soft and sticky.

Telephone and Electric Light service Demoralized.

The heavy sticky snowfall of this morning put the telephone service from here to outside points out of commission. Many of the Electric Light wires were broken by the weight of the snow as well as two or three poles. Repairs were made to some of the lines in the afternoon but a number of residences and business places are without lights tonight.

Bus Service Interrupted.

The bus for Sydney due to leave here at 8:30am did not leave here owing to the heavy conditions of the highway as a result of the early morning storm. An attempt was made shortly after noon to reach Sydney, but after proceeding about a mile out of town, had to return it being considered inadvisable to try to go any further.

## **DECEMBER 1934**

### **Saturday 15**

Louisburg, NS

Cold and partly clear with moderate northwest winds and a few light snow squalls. Min temperature 10, max temperature 24.

Supper and Fancy Sale.

In the evening, Emeline and I had supper in Calvin hall where the ladies of the MacMillan Club of the United church held a supper and Sale of fancy work.

Telephone service not functioning.

There is still no communications with Sydney or any outlying districts by telephone owing to the destruction caused by the storm of yesterday. Many of the telephones around town are also out of commission as a result of broken wires.

Highways Blocked.

The highways are blocked with snow as a result of yesterdays heavy fall of snow. The bus service between here and Sydney is not functioning. No cars having come over the road since the storm.

## **DECEMBER 1934**

### **Sunday 16**

Louisburg, NS

Cold and partly clear with light northwest wind. Min temperature 13, max temperature 22.

Church services.

At 11am and 7pm in company with Emeline, I attended services in the First United church. Rev. D. A. MacMillan conducted both services.

## **DECEMBER 1934**

### **Monday 17**

Louisburg, NS

Partly clear and comparatively mild with light northwest wind. Min temperature 17, max temperature 34.

## **DECEMBER 1934**

### **Tuesday 18**

Louisburg, NS

Mostly cloudy with northwest to west winds. Min temperature 9, max temperature 22.

## **DECEMBER 1934**

### **Wednesday 19**

Louisburg, NS

Mostly clear with light to moderate westerly wind. Min temperature 10, max temperature 28.

Choir practice.

AT 8:30pm, I attended choir practice in the First United church.

## **DECEMBER 1934**

### **Thursday 20**

Louisburg, NS

Heavy southeast gale with rain. Light fall of snow in the early morning followed by heavy rain which continued until about noon. Wind southeast shifting to southwest and moderating to some extent. Worst gale for many months. Min temperature 22, max temperature 42.

Fire at Main a Dieu.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lahey of Main a Dieu was burned to death in a fire which destroyed their home during the night. Mrs. Lahey, the mother of the child, was also badly burned. The house is said to have caught fire at about 10pm.

## **DECEMBER 1934**

### **Friday 21**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and cold with heavy to moderate westerly wind. Min temperature 11, max temperature 31. Streets very rough and slippery.

The rain of yesterday thawed away a lot of the snow but is still plenty left for good sleighing on the streets and highways.

Bus Service.

The bus service between here and Sydney has been resumed and is running on regular schedule today.

## **DECEMBER 1934**

### **Saturday 22**

Louisburg, NS

Clear and cold with light westerly wind which shifted to northeast before midnight. Min temperature 6, max temperature 23.

## **DECEMBER 1934**

**Sunday 23**

Louisburg, NS

Cold and mostly cloudy with moderate northwest to north winds. Min temperature 12, max temperature 20.

Church Services.

At 11am and 7pm, in company with Emeline, I attended services in the First United church. Rev. D. A. MacMillan conducted both services which were of a Christmas nature, the choir rendering anthems suitable for the occasion.

**DECEMBER 1934****Monday 24**

Louisburg, NS

Cold and partly clear with light northwest to west winds. Min temperature 6, max temperature 28.

**DECEMBER 1934****Tuesday 25**

Louisburg, NS

Moderately cold and mostly cloudy with light northwest wind. A few light snow squalls. Min temperature 14, max temperature 30.

**DECEMBER 1934****Wednesday 26**

Louisburg, NS

Mostly cloudy and comparatively mild with light northwest to southwest wind increasing during the night. Min temperature 11, max temperature 30.

Choir Practice.

At 8:30pm, I attended choir practice in the First United church.

**DECEMBER 1934****Thursday 27**

Louisburg, NS

Southeast gale in the early morning. Wind shifting to southwest and moderating before daylight. About 3 inches of soft snow fell in the morning. Cloudy with some snow squalls during the day. Wind shifting to westerly and becoming colder. Min temperature 10, max temperature 32.

Council Meeting.

At 7:30pm, I attended and presided at a meeting of the Town Council. Those present were Councillors: D. J. MacInnis, Jeremiah Smith, G. B. Hiltz and Wesley Townsend. Town Clerk, B. M. Spencer and Police Officer, D. M. Johnston. At this meeting I was appointed to represent the town of Louisburg on the Joint Expenditure Board which meets in Sydney next month.

Death of Jerry Parsons.

Jerry Parsons, son of Gordon and Mrs. Parsons passed away at an early hour this morning at his home on Main Street, this town after a long illness. He was about 7 years of age.

## **DECEMBER 1934**

### **Friday 28**

Louisburg, NS

Partly clear and moderately cold with moderate to fresh northerly wind. Snow squalls during the early morning. Min temperature 11, max temperature 28.

## **DECEMBER 1934**

### **Saturday 29**

Louisburg, NS

Clear during the early part of the day becoming cloudy at about noon. Light variable wind. Snow began to fall shortly before evening. Min temperature 12, max temperature 22.

Marriage.

The marriage of Harold Covey to Miss Hilda Skinner both of this town took place this evening at Sydney. The ceremony was performed by Rev. L. B. Campbell, Pastor of the First United church, Sydney, NS. Mr. and Mrs. Covey will reside at Louisburg.

Funeral.

The funeral of the late Jerry Parsons took place at 2pm from his home on Main Street to St. Bartholomew's church where service was held by the Pastor, Rev. E. B. Gabriel. Interment took place in the Anglican cemetery on Clarke's Road.

## **DECEMBER 1934**

### **Sunday 30**

Louisburg, NS

Snow storm in the early morning followed by light drizzle of snow during the entire day. Moderate northeast to north wind. Snow fall about 7 inches. Min temperature 20, max temperature 30.

Highways Blocked.

Owing to snow drifted on the highways, automobile traffic has been greatly curtailed or entirely suspended. As far as I am aware, no cars got through to Sydney today.

Bus Service Interrupted.

The Louisburg Sydney bus service did not function today owing to the bad condition of the highways.

Church Services.

At 11am and 7pm, I attended services in the First United church. Emeline accompanied me in the evening. Both services were conducted by Rev. D. A. MacMillan.

## **DECEMBER 1934**

### **Monday 31**

Louisburg, NS

Cloudy and chilly with strong north wind. Snow of yesterday being drifted by the heavy wind made it a most disagreeable day. Min temperature 24, max temperature 29.

Streets and Highways Blocked.

Highways blocked by snow drifts and streets of the town practically closed to motor traffic owing to snow drifts.

Memoranda.

List of residents and former residents of Louisburg who died either at Louisburg or elsewhere during the year 1934.

John L Gillis	Louisburg, NS	Jan 12, 1934
Hector Ferguson	Louisburg, NS	Jan 27, 1934
William Cameron	Sydney River	May 19, 1934
Donald Jewell	Louisburg, NS	May 22, 1934
John A Wilson	Louisburg, NS	June 1, 1934
Mrs. John Murphy	Louisburg, NS	June 28, 1934
Herbert Tanner	New York, NS	July 2, 1934
Mrs. William Tutty	City Hospital, Sydney, NS	July 6, 1934
Mrs. Dinah Tutty	Louisburg, NS	Aug 28, 1934
Murray Dickson	Glance Bay	Sept 1, 1934
Wallace Siteman	New York	Nov 1934
Jerry Parsons	Louisburg, NS	Dec 27, 1934
William Nicholson	Halifax, NS	Jan 29, 1934

Memoranda.

John Peter De Friese and two sons drowned Nov 6, 1907.

On November 6, 1907, John Peter De Friese, aged 58 years and his two sons, Simon, aged 23 years and John, aged 20 years, all of Louisburg, NS were drowned during the night when their boat was driven ashore in a storm at St. Esprit, Richmond County, NS. The De Frieses, father and two sons, left Louisburg in the afternoon of Nov 6, 1907 with a cargo of coal enroute for Prince Edward Island. A storm came on in the evening with the above result. Their bodies were recovered and brought to Louisburg for burial.

