

## TRANSCRIPT

### HUNTINGTON DIARY 1937

#### LOUISBOURG, N.S. JAN 1, 1937

##### Town Officials

Mayor; M.S. Huntington

Councillors: G.B. Hiltz (Presiding Councillor)  
Jeremiah Smith  
D.J. MacInnis  
Wesley Townsend  
Alex C. MacDonald  
James F.D. Townsend

Town Clerk and Treasurer: Beecher M. Spencer

Stipendiary Magistrate: Beecher M. Spencer

Medical Health Officer: Dr. Henry J. Townsend

Policeman, Attendance Officer, Sanitary Inspector, Gaoler and Inspector under the Fire Ordinance:  
Daniel M. Johnston

Mr. Johnston is also Tax Collector and Meter Reader for the Electric Light Department.

##### Public School Staff

Principal: Miss Mary Campbell

Vice-Principal: Donald Wilson

Miss Annie Pope  
Miss Blanche Cross  
Miss Margaret Campbell  
Miss Catherine MacCuish

##### Public School Board

M.S. Huntington (Chairman)

Jeremiah Smith

G.B. Hiltz

Clarence Peters (Government

Dougall A. Campbell Appointees)

##### 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 congregations in the Town of Louisbourg:

Anglican: Rev. E.B. Gabriel

Roman Catholic: Rev. D.H. Doyle

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

Presbyterian: Rev. Joseph Cathcart

Collector of Customs, Port of Louisbourg, N.S.: A.W. Stacey

Pilots: Port of Louisbourg: John Power, John Kelly, George Wilcox, George Harris, William Williams, D.W. Levy, Thomas Wilcox.

Register of Births and Deaths: James MacLean

Immigration Officer: Walter E. Jewells, Jr.

Population: Town of Louisbourg according to Census of 1931 (Canadian Government) 971.

Port Warden, Port of Louisbourg: Ernest Matheson

Harbour Master: Archibald MacVicar

Shipping Master: Emerson A. Grant

Number of Dwelling, Houses about 260

Number of Families about 270

## **January, 1937**

### **Friday 1**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and foggy with rain in the morning. Cleared during the forenoon. Clear, mild and springlike in the afternoon and evening. Light frost at night. Light southwest to northwest winds. Min. temperature 25 Max. temperature 45.

Ground entirely bare of snow, and as far as weather is concerned the most remarkable January First in my memory. Very few days even in the month of May are as spring like as it was this afternoon.

### **Holiday**

Today is a general holiday throughout the entire Dominion. In Louisbourg the larger of the shops and business houses were closed for the day as well as all public offices except the Post Office and telephone offices which were on holiday hours.

I had the shop open for business during part of the day in order to accommodate my newspaper customers.

No Holiday Gathering

Owing to the very serious illness of my brotherinlaw, Wesley Townsend, we did not have our usual Jan 1<sup>st</sup> family gathering. For the last twelve years we have all met at our house on the first day of the year for the New Year celebration. Today is the first time we have missed since 1924.

#### Death of Mrs. D.A. Hardy

The death of Mrs. D.A. Hardy of Gabarus took place this afternoon in the City Hospital, Sydney. Mrs. Hardy, who was about 50 years of age, resided in Louisbourg with her husband and family a few years ago, but removed back to their former home at Gabarus. Before her marriage she was Miss Frances Severance of Fourchu.

### **January, 1937**

#### **Saturday 2**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Moderately cold with light northeast wind, mostly clear.

Min. temperature 14 Max. temperature 29

#### Death of Mrs. Townsend

At 11:50 A.M. today there passed away at her home on Main Street, Mrs. W.H. Townsend, widow of the late Captain William H. Townsend.

Mrs. Townsend, who previous to her marriage was Miss Henrietta Dillon, of Mainadieu, C.B., was 84 years of age. She is survived by two sons and one daughter. The sons are: Dudley R. and Gordon of Montreal; the daughter is Mrs. Samuel Peters of Sydney.

### **January, 1937**

#### **Sunday 3**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and mild with some fog. Snow began to fall at 9:30 A.M. but turned to rain at about 11 A.M. and continued moderately during the afternoon and evening. Moderate to fresh southeast to southwest winds. Snowfall about 1 inch, which disappeared during the afternoon.

Min. temperature 19 Max. temperature 41

#### Church Services

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. in company with Emeline I attended services in the First United Church. Mr. Donald MacLeod divinity student of Broughton, C.B. conducted both services. After the close of the evening service, we visited at the home of the late Mrs. W.H. Townsend where we met Gordon Townsend of Montreal, and Mrs. Samuel Peters, of Sydney, son and daughter of the late Mrs. Townsend. Mr. Townsend is here to attend the funeral of his mother, which is to take place on next Tuesday afternoon.

#### Fire

At about 3:30 P.M. the fire alarm sounded for a chimney fire at the home of Daniel Fleet. The fire brigade turned out quickly but its services were not required as the fire soon burned itself out without doing any damage.

### **January, 1937**

**Monday 4**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and mild with southwest wind.

Min. temperature 25 Max. 43

**January, 1937****Tuesday 5**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Mostly clear with light to moderate southwest wind. An ideal day.

Min. temperature 16 Max. temperature 32

**Funeral**

The funeral of the late Mrs. William H. Townsend took place at 1:30 P.M. from her late home to St. Bartholomews Church where the funeral service was held by Rev. E.B. Gabriel. Interment took place in St. Bartholomews Church cemetery, Clarkes Road. The pall bearers were: Capt. W.W. Lewis, Clarence Peters, A.A. Martell, Capt. William Martell, (Mainadieu) Capt. John Tutty and M.S. Huntington.

Undertaker D.M. Johnston was in charge of the funeral arrangements.

**January, 1937****Wednesday 6**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cold and partly clear with moderate northwest gale.

Min. temperature 13 Max. temperature 32

**Choir Practice**

At 7:30 P.M. I attended choir practice in the First United Church.

**January, 1937****Thursday 7**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately cold in the forenoon. Cloudy during the afternoon and evening. Moderate to fresh southwest wind. Snow began to fall at about 8 P.M. Snowfall about 2 inches.

Min. temperature [Blank] Max. temperature 30

**January, 1937****Friday 8**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Snowfall of last night was followed by rain in the early morning. Partly clear during the day with light northwest wind. Light frost at night.

Ground covered by about 2 inches of wet snow which hardened by frost in the evening.

Min. temperature [Blank] Max. temperature [Blank]

### Death of Mrs. MacAulay

Mrs. Flora MacAulay, widow of the late John MacAulay of Albert Bridge, died at about 6 A.M. this morning at the home of her step-daughter, Mrs. John N. MacDonald, Louisbourg. Mrs. MacAulay who was 86 years of age came here in the autumn to spend the winter with Mr. and Mrs. J. N. MacDonald. She was in good health until about an hour before her death.

### January, 1937

#### Saturday 9

Louisbourg, N.S.

Snow squalls in the morning followed by mist and rain. Showery during the day and evening. Moderate to fresh southwest wind.

Min. temperature 12 Max. temperature 39

### MAID OF STERLING

Steamer "Maid of Sterling" Capt Cooper, arrived bunkered and sailed.

### Streets Slippery

Snow nearly all disappeared during the afternoon, leaving behind a thin coating of ice which made traffic on the streets and sidewalks very dangerous to life and limb. No serious accidents reported although quite a number of falls occurred.

### January, 1937

#### Sunday 10

Louisbourg, N.S.

Chilly and raw, mostly cloudy with northeast to fresh northwest wind.

Min. temperature 12 Max. temperature 38

### Streets Slippery

Streets covered with a thin coat of ice and very slippery.

### Church Services

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. I attended services in the First United Church. The morning service was conducted by Rev. J.R. Miller, pastor of the United Church at Port Morien. In the evening the service was led by Mr. A.W. Stacey (Elder) with the choir assisting in a service of song.

### Funeral

The funeral of the late Mrs. Flora MacAulay, took place from the home of Mr. and Mrs. John N. MacDonald at 1:30 P.M. The service at the house was conducted by Rev. Doig of the Presbyterian congregation of Albert Bridge and Catalone, assisted by Rev. Joseph Cathcart of Louisbourg. The funeral cortage then proceeded to Catalone by automobile, where a service was held in the United Church, at that place, by Rev. Mr. Doig, after which interment took place in Catalone Cemetery. Funeral in charge of undertaker D.M. Johnston was present at the funeral service in the home.

## **January, 1937**

### **Monday 11**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cold and partly clear with light to moderate northwest wind.

Min. temperature 10 Max. temperature 20

#### **Week of Prayer**

At 7:30 P.M. I attended the "Week of Prayer" service in the First United Church. The service was conducted by Rev. W.L. Mercer of the United Church, Dominion, No 6, C.B.

## **January, 1937**

### **Tuesday 12**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and moderately cold with moderate southwest wind.

Min. temperature 10 Max. temperature 32

#### **Week of Prayer**

The second of the series of "Week of Prayer" services was held in the United Church at 7:30 P.M. Rev. Charles Anderson of the United Church New Aberdeen conducted the service.

## **January, 1937**

### **Wednesday 13**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Partly cloudy and comparatively mild with light southwest to west wind.

Min. temperature 9 Max. temperature 34

#### **Week of Prayer**

The "Week of Prayer" service in the United Church this evening was conducted by Rev. A.S. Adams of Epworth United Church Glace Bay.

## **January, 1937**

### **Thursday 14**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and moderately cold, becoming milder in the afternoon. Heavy rain during the afternoon and evening. Wind southerly.

Min. temperature 3 Max. temperature [Blank]

#### **Week of Prayer**

At 7:30 P.M. I attended the "Week of Prayer" service in the First United Church. Rev. C.R.F. MacLennan of Knox United Church, Glace Bay, conducted the service.

Annual Meeting Board of Trade

At 9 P.M. I attended the annual meeting of the Louisbourg Board of Trade which was held at the Dundonald Inn. Those present were:

Dr. H.J. Townsend, President, George Lewis, Secretary, James Crowdis, Bert Wilcox, Neil Murphy, Sam Levy, Roy Ingraham, D.M. Johnston, [blank] Rayno, Rev. E.B. Gabriel and myself. Offices and members of the executive all reelected on motion of the meeting.

After the business of the meeting was over, cake, sandwiches and coffee were passed around to those present. For entertainment, I was requested to read two original pieces of verse of my own composition, one entitled "The One Man Fire Brigade" written in January 1935 and the other "The Ups and Downs of a Community Tree" written December 1936, both of which were well received by the audience.

## **January, 1937**

### **Friday 15**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and very mild. Rained nearly all day. Light southwest wind.

Min. temperature 31 Max. temperature 44

#### Week of Prayer

At 7:30 P.M. I attended the "Week of Prayer" service in the First United Church. Rev. D.G. MacLeod of Chalmers United Church Bridgeport, was the preacher.

#### Death of William Phalen

William Phalen passed away at his home on Victoria Street at 10:30 P.M. tonight, after a few weeks illness. He was about 57 years of age and is survived by his wife and two boys, George 17 and Donald 14. Mr. Phalen was born at Port Morien, N.S. the son of Mr. & Mrs. Angus Phalen.

## **January, 1937**

### **Saturday 16**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy. Light fall of snow at noon. Partly clear in the afternoon. Light to moderate north-north-east wind. Snowfall about ½ inch.

Min. temperature 15 Max. temperature 36

## **January, 1937**

### **Sunday 17**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear with light to moderate northwest wind. Cold in the morning moderating early in the day, moderately cold at night. An ideal winter day.

Min. temperature zero Max. temperature 20

#### Church Services

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. in company with Emeline I attended services in the First United Church. Rev. John MacKinnon, D.D. of Sydney conducted both services. At the morning service during

which the sacrament of the Lord's supper was dispensed, he was assisted by Rev. H.D. Townsend, of Valley Station, Colchester Co. N.S. who is now visiting his former home.

#### Funeral of William Phalen

The funeral of the late William Phalen took place at 2:30 P.M. After a brief service at his late home the funeral proceeded to the First United Church where the service was continued. Special train arrived from Sydney and the Colliery town at 2:30 P.M. bearing members of the various brotherhoods of the Sydney and Louisbourg Railway. These consisted of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, Engineers and firemen, Locomotive Engineers, and Railway operators who attended the funeral in a body. Services at the home, church and the grave conducted by Rev. John MacKinnon, D.D. of Sydney. Service at the grave followed by the rituals of the Railway Brotherhoods and Masonic Order. The pallbearers provided by Mariners Lodge A.F. and A.M. were as follows: John H. Skinner, W.L. Skinner, Ernest Matheson, Martin Levatte, James H. Crowdis and Arthur Townsend. Hymns sung by the choir: "There is no Sorrow", "Lord to Light" and "What a Friend We have in Jesus" while "No Night There" was sung as a solo by Mrs. J.A. MacDonald. Probably the largest funeral ever held in the Town of Louisbourg. Church packed to the doors with about two hundred outside who could not gain admission. Interment in United Church Cemetery on Clarkes Road. Railway Brotherhoods and Mariners Lodge A.F. and A.M. marched in a body ahead of the hearse to the cemetery.

#### **January, 1937**

##### **Monday 18**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Heavy rain in the early morning. Cloudy and foggy during the afternoon and evening. Fresh to light southwest wind.

Min. temperature 20 Max. temperature 44

Rain and fog thawed of all the snow and ice. Streets entirely bare.

#### Council Meeting

At 7:30 P.M. I attended, and presided at a meeting of the Town Council. Those present were councillors: D.J. MacInnis, G.B. Hiltz and James F.D. Townsend, Clerk: B.M. Spencer, Police Officer: D.M. Johnston, Mayor: M.S. Huntington. At this meeting the assessment for 1937 was received on motion of the Council. Total assessment \$ 268,700. A.A. Martell was on motion of the council elected to audit the Town Books for the year ending 1936.

#### **January, 1937**

##### **Tuesday 19**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Sydney, N.S.

Mostly clear and mild with moderate to fresh west to northwest wind. Some frost at night.

#### Louisbourg to Sydney

At 7:30 P.M. I left Louisbourg for Sydney on Sullivan's bus for the purpose of attending the annual meeting of the Cape Breton Joint Expenditure Boards which meets tomorrow at 10:30 A.M. in the County Council Chamber at the Court House. Arrived at Sydney at 9 P.M. stayed at Vidal Hotel.



Highways bare

Highways entirely bare of snow, and in fairly good condition for auto traffic.

## **January, 1937**

### **Wednesday 20**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Sydney, N.S.

Clear and cold with fresh to moderate north-west wind.

#### Meeting of Joint Expenditure Board

At 10:30 A.M I attended the opening session of the Cape Breton County Joint Expenditure Board which was held in the County Council Chamber in the Court house. Those composing the board were as follows: R.A. MacKinnon, (Warden, Cape Breton County) Chairman, Sydney delegates: Mayor A.E. Muggah, Aldermen: Archie Sullivan, Angus MacDonald, D.J. MacLean and Frank MacMillan, Glace Bay delegates: Councillors: Cudhea, J.J. MacDonald and Callahan, Sydney Mines delegates; Mayor A.C. MacCormack and Councillor Scott, North Sydney delegates: Mayor F.L. Kelly and Councillor L.Y. Urquhart, Municipality of the County of Cape Breton delegates. Councillors: Alex Ferguson and Alex Campbell including Warden MacKinnon, Chairman, New Waterford Mayor William Hinchey, Dominion; Mayor Ben Edwards, Louisbourg: Mayor M.S. Huntington.

The morning session was all taken up in hearing delegations and reading reports of various commissions and officials. Meeting adjourned at 12:10 P.M. and met again at about 1:30 P.M. with all present who were at the morning session. Board decided to visit the county jail and form at 10:30 A.M. tomorrow. Session adjourned at about 4:40 P.M.

Had lunch with Mayor

Mayor S.E. Muggah of Sydney and I had lunch together at the "Palace Grill"

## **January, 1937**

### **Thursday 21**

Sydney, N.S.

Cloudy and mild with light southwest to south winds. Snow began to fall at about 11 A.M. and continued until about 4 P.M. Snowfall about 3 inches.

#### Joint Expenditure Board

Joint Expenditure Board met at about 10:30 A.M. with all the delegates present. After being in session for about a half hour we adjourned and visited the County Jail and Jail farm. Members of the Board expressed themselves as being well pleased with conditions as they found them at the jail.

We assembled for the afternoon session at about 1:30 P.M. The most of the afternoon session was taken up with foolish arguments and discussion with the result that we did not have time to finish the business that was to come before the Board. We adjourned at about 4:45 P.M. to meet tomorrow at 10:30 A.M. This is the first time in the history of the Cape Breton Joint Expenditure Board when more than two days were required to complete the business coming before it.

### Had Lunch With Mayor

Mayor S.E. Muggah and I had lunch together at the "Palace Grill".

### Attended Theater

At 7 P.M. I attended the Capital Theater where there was shown the Talking Picture, "Charge of the Light Brigade".

## January, 1937

### Friday 22

Sydney, N.S.

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and comparatively mild with light west to northwest winds.

### Joint Expenditure Board

At 10:30 A.M. and 1:30 P.M. I attended the sessions of the Cape Breton Joint Expenditure Board with all the delegates present who attended the sessions of the last two days. During the forenoon session the question of utilizing the Old Airport buildings at North Sydney as a home for the insane came up for discussion. A resolution was passed authorizing a committee consisting of the Warden of the County and the Mayors of the various towns and the City of Sydney to look into the matter and report at a special meeting to be held near the end of March 1937. This resolution was opposed by the City of Sydney, all its delegates voting against it. Near the close of the afternoon session the usual commissions were elected by ballot as follows:

Jail Commission: Alderman D.J. MacLean, Sydney, Alderman Angus MacDonald, Sydney, and Mayor M.S. Huntington, Louisbourg.

Cape Breton Hospital Commission: Councillor Cudhea, Glace Bay, Councillor L.Y. Urquhart, North Sydney and Mayor A.C. MacCormack, Sydney Mines.

This is the third consecutive year that I have been elected to the Jail Commission.

### Lunched at Vidal Hotel

Had Mayor S.E. Muggah of Sydney and Mayor William Hinchey to lunch with me at the Vidal Hotel.

### Sydney to Louisbourg

Left Sydney at 5:30 P.M. on Sullivan's bus enroute to Louisbourg. Arrived at about 7 P.M.

## January, 1937

### Saturday 23

Louisbourg, N.S.

Partly clear and moderately cold with light north west wind.

Min. temperature 5 Max. temperature 25

## January, 1937

### Sunday 24

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cold and remarkably clear with light to moderate northwest wind.

Min. temperature 2 below zero Max. temperature 18

#### Church Services

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. in company with Emeline, I attended services in the First United Church. Rev. John MacKinnon D.D. of Sydney conducted both services.

#### Left for Boston

Bert Wilcox, one of the Nova Scotia representatives who is to attend the Sportsmen's Shows at Boston, New York and Hartford, left here by bus for Sydney at 1 P.M. today enroute to Boston, Mass. via Halifax. Mr. Wilcox will represent Nova Scotia at these shows and advertise Cape Breton and the Mainland of Nova Scotia as a sportsmens paradise. Mr. Wilcox will stress Louisbourg as the headquarters for Broadbill Swordfishing with rod and line. At Halifax, he will be joined by others from Nova Scotia who are attending the Shows.

### **January, 1937**

#### **Monday 25**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Snow storm in the early morning. Cloudy and mild during the day. Misty in the forenoon. Wind easterly shifting to southwest and later to west and northwest increasing to a strong breeze during the night. Snowfall about 4 inches.

Min. temperature 5 Max. temperature 31

### **January, 1937**

#### **Tuesday 26**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Moderately cold in the morning and evening. Mild during the day. Mostly clear with light northwest wind. An ideal winter day.

Min. temperature 12 Max. temperature 30

#### S.S. DAGNY 1

Norwegian Steamer, Dagny 1 arrived, bunkered and sailed.

#### Town Nominations

Today is nomination day in all the towns in Nova Scotia with the exception of the Town of Glace Bay, which is under a special act. Nominations for three vacancies on the Council Board of the Town of Louisbourg were filed as follows: James F.D. Townsend, Alex C. MacDonald and Clifton Townsend. As there were only three nominations filed for three seats, there will be no contest. J. F. D. Townsend and Alex C. MacDonald have each served one year in the Council, having been elected by acclamation on Feb. 4, 1936 for to serve out the balance of two 2 year terms. Clifton Townsend is a new man in Town politics.

### **January, 1937**

#### **Wednesday 27**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Sydney, N.S.

Clear and cold with fresh to moderate north west wind. Light snow squalls in the early morning. Min temperature P.M. (Louisbourg) 8 below zero. Max. temperature A.M. (Louisbourg) 22 above zero.

#### County Jail Commission

At 1 P.M. I left Louisbourg on Sullivan's bus enroute to Sydney for the purpose of attending a meeting of the Cape Breton County Jail Commission. Arrived at Sydney at 2:30 P.M. Jail Commission consisting of Alderman D.J. MacLean, Alderman Angus MacDonald, both of Sydney and Mayor M.S. Huntington of Louisbourg, met in the Jail office at about 3 P.M. It being the first meeting of the year the following officers were elected: Chairman: M.S. Huntington, Secretary; D.J. MacLean. After getting down to business we checked and passed the following bills for payment: C.P. Moore Ltd , Paint \$2.45, F.J. Gillis, Brooms, \$7.50, Dominion Coal Co. Ltd. 16 tons coal 92.00, J.W. Rudderham, Plumbing, 24.60, C.H. Harshman, Drugs, 10.84, Thompson Sutherland Ltd. Hardware, 35.27, H.A.W. MacCoubrey, Straw 4.15, MacDonalds Ltd. Dutch cleanser 8.50.

Inspected the prisoners quarters, furnace room, kitchen and bathroom and found everything in order.

Number of prisoners: Male 74 Female 2 total 76.

Authorized the warden, James MacKillop to purchase 10 pairs of Lumberman rubbers and 10 combination suits of overalls for prisoners who are working in the woods on the prisoner farm, hauling wood etc.

Left Sydney on Sullivan's bus at 6:15 P.M. for Louisbourg, arrived at about 7:15 P.M. after a very cold ride.

#### S.S. ARRANMORE

Government Steamer ARRANMORE, arrived in the evening at Louisbourg on buoy service.

#### Choir Practice

At 8 P.M. I attended choir practice in the First United Church.

### **January, 1937**

#### **Thursday 28**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and cold with light to moderate north-west wind.

Min. temperature A.M. 11 below zero, P.M. 6 below. Max. temperature 6 above.

#### Skating Rink

Through the efforts of some of our young people with the assistance of some of our older citizens a skating rink has been established on the Tennis Court, corner of Warren and Victoria Streets, and is beginning to attract youthful skaters in large numbers. The water for flooding is being procured from the fire hydrant on Warren Street. James Crowdis, Warren Covey and Howard MacPhail are among the prime movers in getting this rink started. As a result of subscriptions donated by our citizens a board fence has been erected, enclosing the entire rink.

### **January, 1937**

**Friday 29****Louisbourg, N.S.**

Mostly clear with light northwest wind which became variable during the day. Very cold in the morning but moderated during the day.

Min. temperature 11 below zero, Max. temperature 22.

**S.S. LORD STRATHCONA**

Steamer Lord Strathcona, Capt Kenny arrived from Sydney at about 11 P.M. for the purpose of completing her cargo of steel products. This ship arrived at Sydney a few days ago for a cargo of steel products, but being in danger of being frozen in at Sydney she left there this evening for Louisbourg. She is said to have on board about 7,300 tons and is to take on board about 2,500 tons at this port.

**January, 1937****Saturday 30**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately cold with fresh northwest wind.

Min. temperature 4 Max. temperature 21

**S.S. CRUIZER**

British Empire Steel and Coal Company's tug, "Cruizer", Capt. Gilfoil arrived here from Sydney at about 2 A.M. The tug will likely remain here during the rest of the winter season.

**Begins Loading**

The Steamer, Lord "Strathcona", Capt. Kenny, began loading steel products at noon today. She is said, already, to have on board about 4000 tons loaded at Sydney, before she was compelled to leave owing to ice conditions. This is the first ship to load steel at this port during this season.

**S.S. WATUKA**

Steamer, "Watuka", Capt. Hooper, arrived at 4:30 P.M. from St. John's Nfld. for a cargo of coal, and began loading as soon as she arrived.

**Skating Rink**

Good skating on the Tennis Court skating rink. Ice thronged with youthful skaters all day and late into the night.

**January, 1937****Sunday 31**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately cold with moderate to fresh northerly wind.

Min. temperature 5 Max. temperature 25

**S.S. WATUKA**

Steamer "Watuka", Capt. Hooper, sailed in the early morning for Liverpool N.S. with a cargo of coal. The first coal cargo to leave Louisbourg this season.

### Church Services

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. in company with Emeline, I attended services in the First United Church. The morning service was conducted by Dan Nicholson, (Elder) and the evening service by A.W. Stacey (Elder).

### Annual Meeting

At the close of the evening service the First United Church choir held its annual meeting, with M.S. Huntington presiding. The following officers were elected for the current year: John A. MacDonald, Choir Leader (reelected) Miss Christine MacDonald, Secretary-Treasurer (reelected) Miss Blanche Cross, Representative on the Official Board. M.S. Huntington, Chairman (reelected)

### S.S. MONTCALM

Canadian Government Ice Breaker, "Montcalm", Capt. O'Hearn, arrived in the early part of the night. The Montcalm is at present on buoy service on the Cape Breton coast.

## February, 1937

### Monday 1

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and moderately cold with light easterly wind. Snow began to fall at about 7:30 P.M. and continued moderately during the early part of the night and decreasing to a light drizzle. Snowfall about 3 inches. Min. temperature 5 Max. temperature 31

### S.S. CHRISTIAN BORG

Norwegian Steamer, Christian Borg, enroute from Germany to Halifax via St. John's, Nfld, with a cargo of coal, arrived in the morning, bunkered, and sailed in the evening.

### Landed Buoys

Government Steamer "Montcalm" landed a number of buoys on the Government Wharf during the forenoon.

### Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the First United Church was held in the church at 7:30 P.M. with A.W. Stacey acting as Chairman and M.S. Huntington, Secretary. The attendance was small only 28 persons being present. Reports were read by officials of the church and of the various organizations within the church. The report of the Treasurer showed the total indebtedness at the end of 1936 to be \$1879.80, including notes payable in the bank, \$785.00 and loan from J.M. MacRury \$500.00. J.N. MacDonald, Mrs. J.N. MacDonald and M.S. Huntington were reelected, Treasurer, Secretary and assistant Treasurer respectively. J.A. MacDonald, J.N. MacDonald and M.S. Huntington were reelected Stewards for a 3 year period. Rod MacLeod was elected a Steward, for a 2 year term to fill out the unexpired term of the late William Phalen. Ushers for 1937, B.N. Spencer, D.J. MacIntyre, D.J. MacInnis and Harold Wilson. The three first named were reelected. Auditors (reelected) Miss May Campbell and John MacRury. Meeting adjourned at about 10 P.M. Rev. D.A. MacMillan, Pastor of the United Church, was unable to be present owing to illness.

## **February, 1937**

### **Tuesday 2**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy with moderate to fresh easterly wind. Snow squalls during the afternoon and evening. Snowfall about 2 inches.

Max. temperature 24 Max. temperature 26.

#### **S.S. CYRIL**

Danish Steamer "CYRIL" arrived during the afternoon and bunkered.

#### **Death of Mrs. Dory**

The death occurred this morning at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Adolph Garnier of Mrs. Mary Dory.

#### **Town Elections**

Today is election day in all the towns in the Province of Nova Scotia with the exception of the Town of Glace Bay which by a special act of the Legislature the election in that town does not take place until the first Tuesday in March each year.

In the Town of Louisbourg the following three candidates for Councillors were elected by acclamation: Alex C. MacDonald, James F.D. Townsend and Clifton Townsend. The two first named were reelected. Clifton Townsend is a new man in civic politics. The Town Council now consists of the following persons:

Mayor: M.S. Huntington

Councillors: G.B. Hiltz, Jeremiah Smith, D.J. MacInnis, Alex C. MacDonald, James F.D. Townsend and Clifton Townsend.

## **February, 1937**

### **Wednesday 3**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy with a few light snow squalls. Moderate to fresh east to northeast winds.

Min. temperature 18 Max. temperature 30

#### **S.S. LORD STRATHCONA**

Steamer "Lord Strathcona" Captain Kenny, sailed at 9 A.M. for Manchester, England and Swansea, Wales with 9,600 tons of steel products. 7,300 tons of this cargo was loaded at Sydney before she had to leave there, owing to ice conditions.

#### **S.S. CYRIL**

Danish Steamer, "Cyril" sailed at about 8:30 A.M.

#### **S.S. EVEROSA**

Latvian Steamer "Everosa" arrived at 1:30 P.M and bunkered during the afternoon and evening.

#### S.S. CARIBOU

Newfoundland passenger steamer "Caribou", unable to reach North Sydney owing to ice conditions headed for Louisbourg and arrived here at 3:30 P.M. She had on board 37 passengers. This is her first trip to Louisbourg this season.

#### S.S. MONTCALM

Government Ice Breaker, "Montcalm" sailed and returned.

#### First Drift Ice

The first drift ice to appear off Louisbourg this season was sighted a short distance off shore this morning.

#### Choir Practice

At 7:30 P.M. I attended choir practice in the First United Church.

### **February, 1937**

#### **Thursday 4**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy with moderate north-north east wind and a few light snow squalls.

Min. temperature 5 Max. temperature 28

#### S.S. EVEROSA

Latvian Steamer "EVEROSA" sailed at about 7 A.M.

#### S.S. ASPHALION

Elder-Dempster Line Steamer "Asphalion", Capt. Brandon arrived at about 10:30 A.M. from Liverpool, England, for to load a part cargo of steel products.

#### S.S. CARIBOU

Newfoundland Steamer "Caribou" sailed for Port-au-Basque with mails, freight and passengers, at about 1 P.M.

#### S.S. ARRANMORE

Government Steamer, "Arranmore", Capt. MacDonald arrived here at about 4 P.M. The Arranmore is on buoy duty.

#### S.S. WATUKA

Steamer "Watuka" Capt. Hooper, arrived at 7 P.M. from Liverpool, N.S. for a cargo of coal.

#### S.S. MONTCALM

Government Ice-Breaker, "Montcalm", Capt. O'Hearn sailed and returned.

#### Funeral

The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary Dory took place at 1:45 P.M. to St. Bartholomous Church were service was held by Rev. E.B. Gabriel. Interment took place in St. Bartholomous Cemetery, on Clarke's Road.



## **February, 1937**

### **Friday 5**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately cold, becoming cloudy in the late afternoon. Light moderate north to northeast wind.

Min. temperature 1 below Max. temperature 23

#### **S.S. WATUKA**

Steamer "Watuka" Capt. Hooper, sailed at about 6 A.M. for Halifax, N.S. with a cargo of about 2000 tons of coal.

#### **S.S. ASPHALION**

British Steamer, "Asphalion", Capt Brandon, sailed at about 11 A.M. for Durham, South Africa, via St John, N.B. where she is to load a general cargo. While in port she loaded about 450 tons of steel products.

#### **S.S. ARRANMORE**

Government Steamer "Arranmore" Capt. MacDonald, sailed in the early morning on buoy duty.

#### **S.S. MONTCALM**

Ice Breaker, "Montcalm", Capt. O'Hearn, sailed and returned.

#### **Louisbourg Museum Registrations**

According to figures released by William MacKinnon, caretaker of the Louisbourg Museum, 17,679 persons registered at the museum during the year 1936. This is probably about half of the total visitors to the park and museum during the year, as a very large number do not care to register or do not get a chance to do so. Mr. MacKinnon says that the total registrations for 1935 were approximately 9,000.

## **February, 1937**

### **Saturday 6**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and comparatively mild with light to moderate easterly wind.

Min. temperature 14 Max. temperature 28

#### **S.S. CARIBOU**

Newfoundland Steamer "Caribou", Capt. Tavernor, arrived in the morning from Port-au-Basque, Nfld, 11 passengers on board.

#### **Meeting of Town Council**

At 7:30 P.M. I attended, and presided at, the annual meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Louisbourg. At this meeting I administered the oath of allegiance to Councillor Jeremiah Smith, and the oath of allegiance and the oath of office to the newly elected Councillors: James F.D. Townsend, Alex C. MacDonald and Clifton Townsend. Those present were: Councillors: G.B.

Hiltz, D.J. MacInnis, Jeremiah Smith, J.F.D. Townsend, Alex C. MacDonald and Clifton Townsend. Clerk: B.M. Spencer and Police Officer: D.M. Johnston. Mayor M.S. Huntington. Councillor Hiltz was on motion reelected presiding Councillor. Dr. H.J. Townsend reelected Medical Health Officer. Under the Sheep Protection Act, Mr. R. A. Peters was reelected Sheep Valuer. A resolution was presented by the Mayor and passed by the Council urging on the Honorable Minister of Public Works and Mr. Donald MacLennan, M.P. for this constituency, the claims of Louisbourg, for a public building.

The council decided to supply electric light for the purpose of lighting the Community Skating Rink on Warren Street. Rate as follows: Minimum rate of \$1.25 per month free, amount of current used above this amount to be charged at regular rate.

Standing committee for the current year were appointed as follows:

Street and Bridge: Hiltz, MacDonald, Clifton Townsend, School: Huntington, Smith, Hiltz, Finance: Huntington, James Townsend, Smith, Police: MacInnis, Smith, MacDonald, Licence: Huntington, MacDonald, James Townsend, Arbitration: MacInnis, Smith, Huntington,

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## **February, 1937**

### **Sunday 7**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Snow began to fall at about 7 A.M. and continued until noon. Snowfall about 5 inches. Cloudy during the afternoon with light drizzle of snow and rain, clearing at night. Moderate east to southeast wind, which in the afternoon shifted to western and later to northwest.

Min. temperature 18 Max. temperature 38

### **S.S. CARIBOU**

Nfld. Steamer "Caribou", Capt. Taverner, sailed during the afternoon for Port-au-Basque Nfld. A special train from Sydney arrived shortly before noon with passengers and mails for the Newfoundland boat.

### **Drift Ice**

Coast and western end of the harbour blocked with drift ice. First drift ice to enter the harbour this season.

### **Church Services**

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. I attended services in the First United Church. Rev. John MacKinnon of Sydney was in charge of both services. Emeline was not out to church in the forenoon, but accompanied me to church in the evening.

### **Board of Stewards**

At the close of the evening service I attended a meeting of the Board of Stewards of the First United Church, in the church. Those present were: John H. Skinner, Neil MacRury, John A. MacDonald, Rod MacLeod and M.S. Huntington. This being the annual meeting the following officers were elected: John H. Skinner, Chairman (reelected) John A. MacDonald, Secretary (reelected)

## **February, 1937**

### **Monday 8**

Louisbourg, N.S.

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

Min. temperature 14 Max. temperature 25.

#### **S.S. MONTCALM**

Ice-breaker "Montcalm", Capt. O'Hearn, sailed at about noon for the Bird Rocks to the assistance of a man who is reported to be ill at that place.

#### **S.S. WATUKA**

Steamer "Watuka", Capt. Hooper, arrived during the forenoon from Halifax, N.S. for to load a cargo of coal.

#### **No drift Ice**

No drift ice in sight of the port of Louisbourg.

#### **Highways Open**

No interruption in automobile traffic between here and Sydney has occurred this season, so far.

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Assessment: Huntington, Smith Clifton Townsend

Poor: Huntington, MacInnis, James Townsend, Public Property: MacInnis, James Townsend, Clifton Townsend, Electric Light: MacInnis, MacDonald, James Townsend, Public Health: Whole Council, Law and amendment: Whole Council, Fire Committee: Clifton Townsend, MacInnis, Huntington, Revising Jury List: Hiltz, MacDonald, James Townsend.

## **February, 1937**

### **Tuesday 9**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear, mild and sun shining during the forenoon, becoming cloudy early in the afternoon and foggy with mist and light showers in the evening. Light variable wind mostly southwest.

Min. temperature 17 Max. temperature 37

#### **S.S. WATUKA**

Steamer "Watuka", Capt. Hooper, sailed in the early morning for St. John, N.B. with a cargo of coal.

#### **Death of Kenneth MacKillop**

Kenneth MacKillop of Gabarus, son of the late Rev. E. D. MacKillop passed away at the City Hospital, Sydney, today, after a brief illness. He was about 25 years of age.

#### **Survey Completed**

The survey of the proposed new highway diversion from Catalone Corner to enter the eastern end of the Town of Louisbourg was completed today. This survey was begun on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November

1936 and was in charge of Mr. White, an engineer in the employ of the Nova Scotia Highway Department. It is reported that no serious obstacles, to the constructing of a road, were met with during the entire distance which is about 4 miles.

## **February, 1937**

### **Wednesday 10**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and mild with light variable wind. Light frost at night.

Min. temperature 13 Max. temperature 38

#### S.S. WISA

Finnish Steamer "Wisa" from St John's Nfld. enroute for Portland, Maine, U.S.A. arrived at 6 P.M. for bunker coal.

## **February, 1937**

### **Thursday 11**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and comparatively mild with light east to northeast winds. Light drizzle of snow and some frost at night.

Min. temperature 5 Max. temperature 24

#### S.S. ALASKA

Norwegian Steamer "Alaska", Capt. Jacobson, arrived at 1 P.M. for a cargo of steel products, and began loading at 4 P.M.

#### S.S. SEA GLORY

British Steamer "Sea Glory" arrived at about 7 P.M. for bunker coal.

#### S.S. WISA

Finnish Steamer "Wisa" sailed in the morning for Portland Maine.

## **February, 1937**

### **Friday 12**

Louisbourg, N.S.

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

Min. temperature, A.M. 8 below. Max. temperature 18

#### S.S. SIAK

Norwegian Steamer, Siak, Capt. Haug, arrived at about 4 P.M. for a cargo of steel products. The Siak anchored in the stream and will not likely begin loading until next week.

## **February, 1937**

### **Saturday 13**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Light drizzle of snow in the early morning. Foggy and mild during the forenoon. Partly clear in the afternoon. Snowfall about ½ inch. Light southwest wind.

Min. temperature 16 Max. temperature 36

#### S.S. SEA GLORY

British Steamer, "Sea Glory" sailed in the early morning. The Sea Glory was detained here since yesterday morning owing to her winches being out of order through the freezing of her steam pipes. She was unable to hoist her anchor until her winches were repaired.

#### S.S. SIAK

Norwegian Steamer, "Siak" which was at anchor in the harbor since yesterday afternoon, docked at the freight pier in the evening.

#### Hockey Game

A Louisbourg hockey team composed of boys of about 13 years of age and known locally as the "Tinkers" went to Mira Gut today and played a game with a similar team, resulting in a tie score 3-3.

The names of the Louisbourg boys are as follows: James MacDonald, Frank Murphy, Donald Phalen, Billy Bagnell, Ronald Cann, Bobby Thomas, Roy Parsons, Dan Townsend and Charles Shaw.

#### Hockey Game

Beginning at 9:20 P.M. a hockey match was played on the Warren Street rink, between a team composed of local railroad men and a local team of non-railroad men, resulting in a score of [Blank] to [Blank] in favour of the non-railroad team. The names of those taking part in the game were as follows: Railroad Men: Wilfred Troke, Clifton Townsend, Chas. Bagnell, Malcolm MacLeod, Guy Hiltz, Jr. Kiley MacDonald, Alex Nicholson, Ernest Matheson and Chas. Dickson. Non-Railroad Men: Russell Townsend, [Blank] Ryno, Dr. H.J. Townsend, James Crowdis, Gordon Troke, Walter Jewell, Dan MacPherson, John MacDonald, and John MacLeod.

### **February, 1937**

#### **Sunday 14**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Partly clear during the forenoon. Cloudy in the afternoon and foggy in the evening. Light variable wind.

Min temperature 12 Max. temperature 34

#### S.S. WATUKA

Steamer "Watuka", Capt. Hooper, arrived from St. John N.B. at 2:30 P.M. for a cargo of coal.

#### Church Services

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. I attended services in the First United Church. Both services were in charge of Mr. William Roach. Mr. Roach is a native of Ball's Creek, C.B. and was a Roman Catholic before his conversion about sixteen years ago. Since that time, I understand he has been engaged in evangelistic work in various places.

## **February, 1937**

### **Monday 15**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Heavy rain during the early hours of the morning which continued until about 8 A.M. Cloudy and foggy in the forenoon, clearing at noon, cloudy in the evening. Strong south to southwest wind.

Min. temperature 26 Max. temperature 37

#### **S.S. WATUKA**

Steamer "Watuka", Capt. Hooper, sailed in the afternoon for Liverpool, N.S. with a cargo of about 2000 tons of coal.

#### **Drift Ice**

Eastern half of the harbour plugged with slab ice, held there by the westerly wind. Western end of the harbour and coast clear of ice. No ice in sight off the coast.

#### **Snow Lessened**

Considerable of the snow disappeared during today's thaw, but there is still enough for good sleighing on the streets and highways throughout the country districts. Highways still open to automobile traffic.

## **February, 1937**

### **Tuesday 16**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately cold with fresh to moderate northwest wind.

Min. temperature 8 Max. temperature 30

## **February, 1937**

### **Wednesday 17**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Heavy snow storm, with fresh to strong northeast wind at times reaching gale force. Snow began to fall at 7 A.M. Continued unabated all day and until late into the night. Most terrific snow storm for several years. Snowfall about 15 inches. Huge banks of snow on the streets and highways.

Min. temperature 12 Max. temperature 21

#### **Bus Service Interrupted**

The service run by Sullivan's Bus between Sydney and this town failed to make its regular trips today owing to the heavy snowfall. On the morning trip from Sydney it arrived at about the usual time, 10:30 A.M. But on the return trip, leaving here at 1 P.M. it got within about 3 or 4 miles of its destination and had to stay there for the night. The evening trip was canceled. Today's failure is the first serious interruption of the service this winter.

#### **S.S. SIAK**

Norwegian Steamer, "Siak", Capt. Haug, sailed at about 7 A.M. for Manchester, England, with a cargo of about 1,500 tons of steel products.

### S.S. ROSECASTLE

Steamer, "Rosecastle", Capt. Gilding, enroute from Halifax for Louisbourg, was within a short distance of the entrance of the harbor at 7 A.M. when the snow storm shut down thick. Unable to enter with safety in the storm, the ship put to sea and did succeed in reaching port today.

### February, 1937

#### Thursday 18

Louisbourg, N.S.

Moderately cold, clear and sun shining with strong northeast wind reaching gale force at times.

Wind moderated in the evening.

Min. temperature 15 Max. temperature 23

#### Snow Drifts

Streets and highways piled high with snow drifts. Snow drifting all day. Bus service between Sydney and Louisbourg discontinued until highway conditions improve. Sydney and Louisbourg Railway trains running on schedule.

### S.S. ROSECASTLE

Steamer, "Rosecastle", Capt. Gilding, arrived here at 6 P.M. from Halifax, N.S. for a cargo of coal and began loading shortly after her arrival.

The Rosecastle was due here yesterday morning, but was driven a long distance off shore by the force of yesterday's storm.

#### No Ice

Harbor entirely free of ice as a result of yesterday's storm. No ice even in the extreme eastern pond, all having broken up and passed out to sea during the gale.

### February, 1937

#### Friday 19

Louisbourg, N.S.

Moderately cold and remarkably clear with moderate to fresh northeast wind.

Min. temperature 13 Max. temperature 26

#### Hockey Games

A Senior and a Junior Hockey Team arrived from Mira Gut on the evening train and played 2 games of hockey on the open air rink, Warren Street, with similar teams from Louisbourg, resulting as follows: Junior teams, a tie score 3-3. Senior Teams, Score 7-2 in favour of Mira. Louisbourg Senior team as follows:

Alex Smith, John MacDonald, Michael Kennedy, Walter Jewell, Jr. John MacAskill, Stewart Hiltz, Hugh Braker, John MacKinnon, John Wilson and Alex MacDonald.

#### Awards in Essay Contest

At 2 P.M. I visited the schools of the Town and announced the results of the Louisbourg Essay Contest. The successful contestants were as follows:

First Prize: Martell Skinner, Louisbourg High School, age 17  
Second Prize: Harold Wilson, Louisbourg High School, age 17  
Third Prize: Miss Monica Boyd, Arichat High School, age 14  
Other pupils from Louisbourg schools who took part were: Robert Thomas, Donald Lewis, Howard Cann, Lyle Skinner, Marion Nicholson, Mary Kelly, James F. MacDonald, Charles Crowdis, Viola Lynk, Duncan A. MacKay and Ethel Tucker. Total 13. The Arichat pupils taking part were: Monica Boyd, Hyla MacDonald and Leah Forrest. Total: 3. West Louisbourg : Blanche Kelly. This essay contest was sponsored by Major Haroland Pell, Honorary Governor General of the "General Society of Colonial Wars" 14 East 54<sup>th</sup> St. New York. Three cash prizes were offered as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> \$25.00, 2<sup>nd</sup>, \$15.00, 3<sup>rd</sup>, \$10.00 for the three best essays on the siege of Louisbourg of 1745, to consist of about 1000

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## **February, 1937**

### **Saturday 20**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Mild and remarkably clear with moderate to fresh northeast wind.

Min. temperature 16 Max. temperature 36

#### S.S. ALASKA

Norwegian Steamer "Alaska", Capt. Jacobson, sailed at 9 A.M. for England with a cargo of about [Blank] tons of steel products.

#### S.S. ANNA SOFIE

Norwegian Steamer, "Anna Sofie" arrived, at about 1 P.M. for bunker coal.

#### S.S. CARIBOU

Newfoundland Steamer "Caribou", Capt. Tavernor, arrived at about 1:30 P.M. from Port-au-Basque, Nfld. with passengers, mails and freight.

#### S.S. ROSECASTLE

Steamer, "Rosecastle", Capt. Gilding sailed, at 2 P.M. for St. John, N.B. with a cargo of about 10,000 tons of coal.

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words . Essays to be in the hands of the judges not later than December 31, 1936.

## **February, 1937**

### **Sunday 21**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Moderately cold and remarkably clear with moderate to fresh northeast wind.

Min. temperature 19 Max. temperature 33

#### S.S. WATUKA



Steamer "Watuka", Capt. [Blank] arrived, sometime last night from Liverpool, N.S. for a cargo of coal.

#### S.S. CARIBOU

Nfld Steamer, "Caribou" Capt. Tavernor, sailed at about 1 P.M. with passengers, mails and freight for Port-au-Basque, Nfld.

#### S.S. ANNA SOFIE

Steamer "Anna Sofie", sailed in the early morning.

#### Church Services

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. I attended services in the First United Church. Mr. William Roach, (Evangelist) was in charge of both services. Emeline accompanied me to church, both morning and evening.

### **February, 1937**

#### **Monday 22**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Mostly clear with moderate to fresh northeast wind.

Min. temperature 17 Max. temperature 34

#### Snow Disappearing

The mild weather of the past few days has thawed away a lot of the snow. Many places are bare of snow on the streets, while in other places there are large banks, which prevent any attempt at motor traffic.

#### S.S. WATUKA

Steamer "Watuka", Capt. sailed during the forenoon for Halifax, N.S. with a cargo of coal.

### **February, 1937**

#### **Tuesday 23**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy with light mist and drizzle. Moderate east to southeast wind. Silver thaw at night.

Min. temperature 26 Max. temperature 32

#### APPEAL COURT

At 2 P.M. I went to the Town hall for the purpose of attending, and presiding at, the regular annual session of the Assessment Appeal Court of the Town of Louisbourg. There being no appeals from the assessment, no session was held.

Those present were: three assessors: B.M. Spencer, John N. MacDonald and D.A. Campbell. The other two members of the assessment committee, besides myself, Councillors Jeremiah Smith and Clifton Townsend, were not present.

#### Meeting of School Board

AT 7:30 P.M. I attended and presided at the Annual meeting of the Louisbourg School Board. Those present were Commissioners: Clarence Peters, D.A. Campbell, Jeremiah Smith, G.B. Hiltz and M.S. Huntington, Clerk: B.M. Spencer. At the opening of this meeting I was reelected chairman for the 12<sup>th</sup> consecutive year as a member of the Louisbourg School Board. At this meeting the estimates for school purposes for the current school, year amounting to \$3,800.00 were passed by the board.

## **February, 1937**

### **Wednesday 24**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy, foggy and mild with light variable wind.

Min. temperature 25 Max. temperature 38

#### **Drift Ice**

Mouth, and western portion, of the harbour filled with drift ice. No ice in sight off the coast.

#### **S.S. CARIBOU**

Nfld Steamer, "Caribou", Capt. Tavernor arrived at noon from Port-au-Basque, Nfld.

#### **Arrests Made**

Yesterday, Feb. 23, D.M. Johnston, Chief of Police of the Town of Louisbourg went to Glace Bay on the morning train and with the assistance of Officer Archie MacKay of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police placed under arrest Martin Parsons, Joseph MacNeil and Vernon Adshade, all charged with breaking, entering and burglarizing the house of Capt. Ned Holland, Sydney Road, during the autumn of 1935.

On arriving at Glace Bay, Officer Johnston applied to Magistrate James MacKay for search warrants. Armed with these warrants and accompanied by Officer MacKay, R.C.M.P. he proceeded to the homes of the accused and in each home, found some of the articles missing from the Holland house, including mirrors, bedding and silverware. The officers took charge of the stolen articles. After bail had been procured for the prisoners they were released to appear before magistrate MacKay, for a hearing on next Friday, Feb 26.

The Holland house, where the burglary took place, about November 1935, is situated about 3/4 of a mile from the boundary of the Town of Louisbourg on the west side of the highway leading to Sydney. The house was unoccupied at the time the entry took place and the break was not discovered until several days later. An effort was made, at the time, to apprehend the guilty parties, but without success.

## **February, 1937**

### **Thursday 25**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Sydney, N.S.

Snowfall of about 2 inches in the early morning. Misty and showery during the day with light to moderate easterly wind.

Louisbourg to Sydney

Left Louisbourg by train at 8:15 A.M. for Glace Bay enroute to Sydney. Arrived at highway at about 11:20 A.M. Stayed at Vidal Hotel.

#### Meeting of Jail Commission

At 3 P.M. I attended and presided at, the regular monthly meeting of the Cape Breton County Jail Commission in the office of the County Jail. Alderman D.J. MacLean and Alderman Angus MacDonald of the Jail Commission were both present. During the meeting we inspected all the wards and jail premises and found everything in good order with the exception of a leak in the concrete floor in the kitchen closet where considerable water was coming up from underneath. We authorized the warden to have the matter attended to as soon as convenient. Number of prisoners: Male 102, Female 2, total: 104

We passed the following bills for payment:

C.P. Moore Ltd. \$13.50

Crowells Limited \$48.35

Crowells Limited \$22.50

C.H. Harshman \$27.90

F.J. Gillis \$15.00

Chappells Ltd. \$4.38

Wrights Ltd. \$21.60

Wrights Ltd \$48.60

Dominion Coal Co. Ltd. \$120.76

Thompson and Sutherland Ltd. \$42.75

MacDonald's Ltd \$17.00

Meeting adjourned to meet again, on Thursday, March 25/37 at 3 P.M.

#### S.S. CARIBOU

Nfld. Steamer, Caribou, Capt. Tavernor, sailed from Louisbourg at about noon with passengers, mails and freight for Port-au-Basque, Nfld.

#### S.S. WATUKA

Steamer "Watuka", Capt. Hooper, arrived at Louisbourg in the evening from Halifax, N.S. for a cargo of coal.

### **February, 1937**

#### **Friday 26**

Sydney, N.S.

North Sydney, N.S.

Clear and mild with light northwest wind. An ideal day.

#### Committee Meeting

At 11 A.M. a committee consisting of Warden R.A. MacKinnon of the Municipality of the County of Cape Breton, Mayor S.E. Muggah, Sydney, Mayor F.L. Kelly, North Sydney, Mayor A.C. MacCormick, Sydney Mines, Mayor William Hinchey, New Waterford, Mayor Ben Edwards and myself met in the council chamber in the Court House, for the purpose of considering the feasibility of acquiring and using the Old Government Air Station in the Town of North Sydney as additional accommodations for the insane patients of the County of Cape Breton, including the towns and the city of Sydney. After discussing the matter from its various angles, all

present being favourable to the position with the exception of Mayor Muggah, we adjourned at noon for the purpose of having lunch, and visiting the Air Station immediately after. At 1 P.M. we all motored to the Air Station with the exception of Mayor Muggah, who was familiar with it as a result of a previous visit. At North Sydney we inspected the two buildings of the Air Station and found them in fair condition despite the fact that it is about 18 years since they were built. On motoring back to Sydney we again assembled as a committee, with all present, in the council chamber where we all expressed ourselves, as considering the scheme practicable, if repairs amounting to \$5,500.00 were made to the most suitable building which was an estimate made by Mr. MacMillan, contractor of North Sydney, Mayor Muggah, objecting. By motion it was next decided to get in touch with the Provincial Health Authorities and get their approval or disapproval of the project. Should the verdict of the health authorities prove favorable our next move is to approach the Federal Government with a view of obtaining a long time lease of the Air Station buildings which have been idle ever since they were built. Next meeting of committee to be called by the chairman when required.

## **February, 1937**

### **Saturday 27**

Sydney, N.S.

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately cold with moderate west to southwest wind. Cloudy in the late afternoon and evening. Snow squalls at night. Snowfall about ½ inch.

#### Sydney to Louisbourg

Left Sydney at about 12:30 P.M. by train car for Glace Bay enroute to Louisbourg. Left Glace Bay by train at 2:45 P.M. Arrived at Louisbourg at about 4:15.

#### S.S. WATUKA

Steamer "Watuka", Capt. Hooper, sailed from Louisbourg yesterday, at about noon, with a cargo of coal for Liverpool, N.S.

#### Committed to Supreme Court

Yesterday, Feb. 26, Martin Parsons, Joseph MacNeil and Verner Adshade, who were arrested on last Tuesday by Police Officer Johnston of Louisbourg and Officer Archie MacKay, R.C.M.P. and charged with breaking and entering into the home of Capt. Ned Holland, Sydney Road, Louisbourg in the autumn of 1935; were before Stipendiary Magistrate James MacKay at Glace Bay and committed to stand trial at the next sitting of the Supreme Court. The prosecution was conducted by Sergt. Norman Churchill, R.C.M.P. while L.D. Currie, L.L.B. represented the accused. Witnesses examined were: Police Officer: D.M. Johnston, Louisbourg, Officer Archie MacKay, R.C.M.P., John Holland, Louisbourg, brother of Capt. Holland, John W. Holland and Angus Holland, sons of Capt. Holland.

The clue to the Holland burglary was obtained through an anonymous letter received recently by the Glace Bay detachment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

## **February, 1937**

### **Sunday 28**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately cold with moderate northwest wind.  
Min. temperature 5 Max. temperature 25

#### S.S. ROSECASTLE

Steamer, "Rosecastle", Capt. Gilding, arrived in the morning from St. John, N.B. for a cargo of coal.

#### S.S. AAGOT

Finnish Steamer, "Aagot" arrived in the evening for bunker coal. The Aagot is enroute from Boston, Mass. to Hull, England with a cargo of scrap iron.

#### Church Services

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. in company with Emeline, I attended services in the First United Church. Mr. William Roach, (Evangelist) was in charge of both services.

#### S.S. KRUSAA

Danish Steamer, "Krusaa" arrived here on last Thursday morning and after taking bunker coal sailed on Friday morning Feb. 26.

### **March, 1937**

#### **Monday 1**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately cold with moderate southwest wind.

Min. temperature 2 below zero, Max. temperature 27

#### S.S. AAGOT

Finnish Steamer", Aagot", sailed in the evening for Hull, England, after taking bunker coal at this port.

### **March, 1937**

#### **Tuesday 2**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and comparatively mild with light southwest wind. Cloudy in the evening, wind shifting to northeast.

Min. temperature 12 Max. temperature 35

#### Highway Open

The highway between here and Sydney which has been closed to automobile traffic owing to heavy snow was opened today when the snow plow of Sullivan's Bus Service and two or three cars arrived here at about 6:30 P.M. The Sullivan outfit has been working since last Saturday morning with the object of opening the road between Sydney and Louisbourg for the purpose of resuming the bus service, which was stopped by the snow storm of February 17.

Nova Scotia Legislature Opens

The Nova Scotia Legislature, under the Premiership of Hon. Angus L. MacDonald, was opened today at Halifax by Lieutenant Governor Wm. H. Covert.

Gordon S. Harrington, a former Premier, is leader of the opposition. The Liberals have 22 members and the Conservatives 8.

Mr. Phalen is clerk and Mr. Alonzo A. Martell of Louisbourg is Deputy Clerk.

## **March, 1937**

### **Wednesday 3**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Moderate cold and mostly cloudy with light to moderate northerly wind.

Min. temperature 4 Max. temperature 28

#### **S.S. WATUKA**

Steamer, Watuka, Capt. Hooper, arrived from Liverpool, N.S. at about 10 A.M. for a cargo of coal.

#### **S.S. ROSECASTLE**

Steamer, "Rosecastle", Capt. Gilding, sailed at about 7:30 A.M. for Halifax with a cargo of about 10,000 tons of coal.

#### **Bus Service Resumed**

A bus of the Sullivan Bus Service, Sydney, arrived here from Sydney at about noon, and returned during the afternoon. This is the first trip of the bus since the snow storm of February 17. Several cars made the trip over the highway between here and Sydney during the day.

#### **Hockey Game**

In the late afternoon, a hockey team from Louisbourg motored to Mira Gut in Beaver's truck and played a game with the Mira Gut team, resulting in a victory for the Mira team by a score of 11 to 4. The Louisbourg team consisted of the following persons: John MacDonald, Hugh Braker, John MacKinnon, Michael Kennedy, John Wilson, Thomas Peck, Neil MacLeod, David Baldwin, Paul Bates, John MacAskill, Stewart Hiltz, Alex Smith and Albert Martell.

#### **S.S. ARRANMORE**

Government Steamer, "Arranmore" arrived in the evening and docked at the Government wharf.

## **March, 1937**

### **Thursday 4**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately cold during the forenoon. Cloudy and threatening in the afternoon. Snow began to fall at about 6 P.M. and continued until about midnight. Light southwest wind, increasing to a fresh breeze at night. Snowfall about 4 inches.

Min. temperature 2 below zero, Max. temperature 30

#### **S.S. WATUKA**

Steamer, Watuka, Capt. Hooper, sailed in the morning for Liverpool, N.S. with a cargo of about 2,000 tons of coal.

#### Bus Service

Sullivan's Bus Service, while running behind schedule, managed to make two trips to Louisbourg today despite the condition of the highway. On the return from Louisbourg in the evening, the bus met with an accident which delayed its arrival at Sydney.

#### Public Building

Today's edition of the Sydney Post Record contained the information that the Federal Government had voted an appropriation of \$20,000 for a public building for the Town of Louisbourg.

### **March, 1937**

#### **Friday 5**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Mostly cloudy with light southwest wind which early in the day shifted to northeast.

Min. temperature 11 Max. temperature 36

#### Agricultural Meeting

At 8:30 P.M. I attended, and presided at, a meeting which was held in the Town hall by Mr. Campbell of the Provincial Agricultural Department.

Mr. Campbell gave an address on gardening and farming with a view to organizing garden clubs in Louisbourg and vicinity. There were 17 adults present. Previous to the opening of the meeting he gave a talk to a number of school children on the subject of gardening.

Mr. Campbell intends returning in a short time to complete the organization. On motion of the meeting Guy B. Hiltz was elected to head the farm and garden organization in the Town of Louisbourg.

#### S.S. MONTCALM

Icebreaker "Montcalm", Capt. O'Hearn arrived from North Sydney at about 10 P.M. and anchored in the lower end of the harbour.

### **March, 1937**

#### **Saturday 6**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Partly clear and moderately cold with light to moderate northwest wind.

Min. temperature 2 Max. temperature 36

#### Council Meeting

At 7:30 P.M. I attended, and presided at, a meeting of the Town Council. Those present besides myself were: Councillors: D.A. MacInnis, Jeremiah Smith, G.B. Hiltz, James F.D. Townsend, Alex C. MacDonald, and Clifton Townsend. Clerk: B.M. Spencer, Police Officer: D.M. Johnston and Medical Health Officer: H.J. Townsend, M.D.

At this meeting the assessment roll showing a total assessment of \$268,700.00 was accepted.

Estimated revenue for current year: \$14,214.75 Estimated expenditures \$11,792.19. Above estimates passed on motion of the Council.

D.M. Johnston reappointed Police Officer at a salary of \$25.00 a month.

H.J. Townsend, M.S. Medical Health Officer presented his report for 1936 which was on motion accepted.

Acceptance of auditors report was laid over until next night of meeting.

Tax rate set at 4.25 per cent.

#### Heber Arrived

Heber arrived on the evening train, from his home at Salmon River to spend the weekend with us.

### **March, 1937**

#### **Sunday 7**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Mostly clear and moderately cold with light to moderate westerly wind.

Min. temperature 3 Max. temperature 24

#### Church Services

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. in company with Heber, I attended services in the First United Church.

Rev. A.C. LeGrow of Victoria Road United Church, Sydney, was in charge of both services.

Emeline was not out to the morning service, but accompanied us in the evening.

#### S.S. ROSECASTLE

Steamer "Rosecastle", Capt. Gilding, arrived from Halifax at about 1:30 P.M. for a cargo of coal.

### **March, 1937**

#### **Monday 8**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and cold with moderate to fresh northwest wind.

Min. temperature 5 Max. temperature 26

#### S.S. WATUKA

Steamer, Watuka, Capt. Hooper, arrived at about 10 A.M. from Liverpool, N.S. for a cargo of coal.

#### S.S. MONTCALM

Icebreaker, "Montcalm", Capt. O'Hearn, sailed at about 10:30 A.M. for St. Paul's Island.

#### Board of Trade

##### Louisbourg to Sydney

At 1 P.M. accompanied by Heber, who was on his way home, I motored to Sydney in a car of Sullivan's Bus Service, Sam MacDonald, driver. The purpose of my trip was to attend a special meeting of the associated Board of Trade of the Island of Cape Breton which was called at the



insistence of the New Waterford Board of Trade for the purpose of considering New Waterford's claim for the Trans-Canada Highway to pass through the Town of New Waterford and continue through Dominion, Glace Bay, Dominion No.6, Port Morien, Mira Gut and thence along the shore to the Town of Louisbourg.

At about 6 P.M. I was joined at Sydney by a delegation from the Louisbourg Board of Trade, consisting of Dr. H.J. Townsend, President, George Lewis, Secretary, Roy Ingraham, Treasurer, James H. Crowdis and Alistair MacDonald.

At about 8:30 P.M. the meeting was called to order in the Board of Trade room on Prince Street, with Alex Ross presiding, and Alderman George Morrison, of Sydney acting as Secretary in the absence of the regular Secretary, Frank MacIntyre.

Those present from the various boards were as follows:

Sydney: Alex Ross, George Morrison, D.J. Bonnell, A.N. Mann, Lt. Col. J.A. MacDonald.

North Sydney: John Barrington, Glace Bay: D.R. Cameron, Albert Cameron, Johnston Cheeve, Dr. MacIntosh. New Waterford: Mayor William Hinchey, L.E. Weatherbe, M.J. MacDonald, Angus A. MacDonald, James Johnston, Harry Hines. Louisbourg: Dr. H.J. Townsend, George Lewis, Roy Ingraham,

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## **March, 1937**

### **Tuesday 9**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Snow began to fall at about 6 A.M. following by sleet two hours later. Snowfall about 2 inches. Showery during the forenoon. Moderate to light east to southwest wind. Foggy during the afternoon.

Min. temperature 24 Max. temperature 36

### **S.S. WATUKA**

Steamer, "Watuka", Capt. Hooper, sailed in the early morning for Liverpool, N.S. with a cargo of coal.

### **Bus Service**

Motor car, of Sullivan's Bus Service, due to arrive here at about 10:30 A.M. with passengers and mails did not reach here until about 5:30 P.M. On the return trip the car was unable to get through owing to bad condition of the highway and returned to Louisbourg. The mails were forwarded to Sydney on board a workman's, train leaving here shortly after midnight.

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James H. Crowdis, Mayor M.S. Huntington.

After a long discussion over which would be the most serviceable, a direct highway from Sydney to Louisbourg by the shortest possible route to enter Louisbourg at the eastern end of the town or a highway from Sydney via New Waterford, Glace Bay and following the shore of the Atlantic to Louisbourg, I made a motion that we indorse Louisbourg's claim for a direct road from Sydney to Louisbourg. An amendment was moved by Johnston Cheeve of Glace Bay that we recognize the claims of Louisbourg and urge the Provincial Government to direct and construct the Trans-Canada Highway via New Waterford and the shore line to Louisbourg. The amendment was

defeated by a vote of 5 to 6 and the motion carried by the same vote. Sydney, North Sydney and Louisbourg delegates for the motion, New Waterford

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## **March, 1937**

### **Wednesday 10**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Foggy and mild during the forenoon. Light frost in the morning. Cleared shortly after noon, warm and springlike in the afternoon. Light to fresh southwest wind.

Min. temperature 21 Max. temperature 40

#### **S.S. ROSECASTLE**

Steamer, "Rosecastle", Capt. Gilding, sailed at about 8:30 A.M. for with a cargo of coal.

#### **S.S. BRANT COUNTY**

Norwegian Steamer, Brant County arrived at about 2 P.M. for to load a part cargo of steel products. The "Brant County" is a two funnel ship and is commanded by Captain Bovik.

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and Glace Bay for the amendment. After the vote was taken Johnston Cheeve of Glace Bay introduced a motion calling for the construction of the Trans-Canada via New Waterford, Glace Bay, Dominion No.6, Port Morien and along the shore of Louisbourg. After a long discussion regarding the legality of this motion, some claiming that it was a repetition of the amendment to the first motion, Mr. Ross the chairman ruled it in order. On being put it was carried by a vote of 5 to 3. For the motion: New Waterford 2 Glace Bay 3 against-Sydney 1 North Sydney 1 Louisbourg 1. Messrs. Bonnell, MacDonald and Mann of the Sydney delegation did not vote. Delegates entitled to vote at this meeting of the associated Board were as follows: New Waterford: Mayor Hinchey and L.E. Weatherbe. Glace Bay: Dr. MacIntosh, Johnston Cheeve and D.R. Cameron. Sydney: D.J. Bonnell, O.N. Mann, Lt. Col. J.A. MacDonald, and George Morrison. North Sydney: John Barrington. Louisbourg: Mayor M.S. Huntington. Meeting adjourned at about 11:30 P.M. after which all of the Louisbourg delegates had supper at the "Palace Grill". I returned by motor car with the rest of the Louisbourg delegates. Left Sydney at 12:10 midnight, arrived home at about 1:30 in the morning of the 9<sup>th</sup>.

## **March, 1937**

### **Thursday 11**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and cold with fresh westerly wind.

Min. temperature 11 Max. temperature 23

## **March, 1937**

### **Friday 12**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately cold with moderate westerly wind.

Min. temperature 3 Max. temperature [Blank]

### **March, 1937**

#### **Saturday 13**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and moderately cold with light west to southwest wind.

Min. temperature 2 Max. temperature 33

### **March, 1937**

#### **Sunday 14**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and mild with light northwest wind which became variable in the afternoon. Bright sunshine during the forenoon. Partly cloudy in the afternoon and evening. An ideal day.

Min. temperature 15 Max. temperature 39

#### **S.S. BRANT COUNTY**

Norwegian Steamer, Brant County, Capt. Bovik sailed in the morning for England, with part cargo of steel products (about 2,800 tons)

#### **Church Services**

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. in company with Emeline I attended services in the First United Church. Rev. R. C.F. MacLennan of Knox United Church, Glace Bay was the preacher at both services.

### **March, 1937**

#### **Monday 15**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Mostly clear and mild with light variable winds, mostly southwest.

Min. temperature 18 Max. temperature 41

#### **FIRE**

At about 8 A.M. the fire whistle blew for a fire at St. Bartholomews Anglican Church. The firemen responded quickly and in a short time had a line of hose laid from the hydrant on Main Street, opposite the rectory. A well directed stream of water soon had the blaze under control without doing serious damage. The origin of the fire, which was on the north side where the chimney comes through the roof, is unknown, but is supposed to have started from a spark landing on the roof and setting fire to the shingles near the chimney. Would estimate the actual damage at about \$200.00, covered by insurance.

### **March, 1937**

#### **Tuesday 16**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and chilly with light to fresh easterly wind. Light drizzle and mist in the afternoon and evening with silver thaw at night and showers.

Min. temperature 26 Max. temperature 32

#### Presented Prizes

At 2 P.M. I visited the Town school and presented consolation prizes to all the pupils who took part in the "Society of Colonial Wars" essay contest and failed to win one of the major prizes. The prize money amounting to \$13.00 was donated by Major Howland Pell, Honorary Governor General of the General Society of Colonial Wars, New York and was distributed as follows: James F. MacDonald \$1.00, Marion Nicholson \$1.00, Duncan A. MacKay \$1.00, Charles Crowdis \$1.00, Donald Lewis \$1.00, Lyle Skinner \$1.00, Ethel Tucker \$1.00, Blanche Kelly \$1.00, Howard Cann \$1.00, Robert B. Thomas \$1.00, Viola Lynk \$1.00, Mary Kelly \$2.00.

### **March, 1937**

#### **Wednesday 17**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Heavy rain in the morning. Cloudy and foggy until noon. Mild and mostly clear in the afternoon and evening. Light southwest wind.

Min. temperature 25 Max. temperature 42

#### S.S. BRITISH PRINCE

British Motor Ship, "British Prince", Capt. Shaw, arrived here at about 1:30 P.M. for a cargo of steel products.

#### Choir Practice

At 7:30 P.M. I attended choir practice in the First United Church.

#### Garden Club Organized

A meeting was held in the Town hall at 8 P.M. at which a Garden Club was organized with B.M. Spencer, President and Roy Ingraham, Secretary. Mr. Gordon Campbell of the Provincial Agricultural Department was the organizer. I was present for a short time near the close of the meeting.

#### Bert Wilcox arrives Home

Bert Wilcox of this town who has been representing Louisbourg and vicinity at the Sportsmen's shows at Boston, New York and Hartford arrived here tonight. Mr. Wilcox reports that the shows were very successful and that he expects a large number of swordfish anglers to visit Louisbourg during the coming summer.

### **March, 1937**

#### **Thursday 18**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear during the forenoon, becoming cloudy and threatening early in the afternoon, with light snow squalls. Moderate southwest wind.

Min. temperature 24 Max. temperature 36

#### S.S. WATUKA

Steamer, "Watuka", Capt. Hooper, arrived from Halifax at about 3 P.M. for a cargo of coal. The Watuka had gone to Halifax for annual repairs, but was ordered to Louisbourg to load a cargo of coal for Wabana, Newfoundland.

#### S.S. BOLTENHAGEN

German Steamer, "Boltenhagen", Capt. Ebert arrived at about 3:30 P.M. from St. John, N.B. for bunker coal. The Boltenhagen is the first German ship to visit Louisbourg for many years and the first ship to ever to enter the harbour flying the Nazi flag.

### **March, 1937**

#### **Friday 19**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy with a light drizzle of snow during part of the day and some fog. Light southwest wind.  
Min. temperature 26 Max. temperature 39

#### S.S. BOLTENHAGEN

German Steamer, "Boltenhagen", Capt. Ebert, sailed at about 10:30 A.M.

#### S.S. WATUKA

Steamer, "Watuka", Capt Hooper sailed at about 10:45 A.M. for Wabana, Nfld with a cargo of coal.

#### Concert

A concert and Birthday Party was held in Calvin Hall at 8 P.M. under the auspices of the Ladies Aid of the First United Church. Was present for a short time and sang two solos: "Off to Philadelphia" and "Father O'Flynn".

#### Inspects Suggested Air Station Site

Flight Lt. Commander Vagne arrived by bus from Sydney at about 10:30 A.M. for the purpose of looking over the suggested Air Station Site at MacKenzie's Barren about 3 miles from Louisbourg on the line of the S. & L. Railway. At Louisbourg he was joined by Dr. H.J. Townsend, George Lewis, James Crowdis and Alistar MacDonald of the Louisbourg Board of Trade, who accompanied him, to the proposed site.

In conversation with him at the Crowdis Hotel, after his return, he seemed to be very favourably impressed with what he had seen on his visit to the suggested site. The Lt. Commander is attached to the Air Station at Eastern Passage near Halifax, N.S. He left for Sydney by bus at about 2 P.M., the bus car having been held one hour for his convenience.

### **March, 1937**

#### **Saturday 20**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and mild with light westerly wind.  
Min. temperature 20 Max. temperature 42.

#### S.S. ROSECASTLE

Steamer, "Rosecastle", Capt. Gilding arrived at about 7 A.M. from St. John, N.B. and anchored in the stream; later she docked on the western side of the freight wharf. It is reported that the Rosecastle is not to be loaded at present, but is to lay up here until navigation opens on the St. Lawrence. The crew will likely be paid off.

#### Council Meeting

At 7:30 P.M. I attended, and presided at, a meeting of the Town Council. Those present were: Councillors: G.B.Hiltz, Jeremiah Smith, Alex C. MacDonald, Clifton Townsend, James F.D. Townsend, Mayor M.S. Huntington. Clerk: B.M. Spencer, Police Officer: D. M. Johnston. At this meeting a resolution was passed, favouring the proposal to acquire the Government Air Station at North Sydney, for additional accommodation for the harmless insane of the County of Cape Breton. This resolution is to be forwarded to the Hon. F.R. Davis, Minister of Health for the Province of Nova Scotia.

#### Narrowly Escapes Drowning

Emerson Parsons, aged 8, son of Mrs. Gordon Parsons, narrowly escaped drowning, this afternoon, when he fell from Bert Wilson's wharf into about 4 ½ feet of water. He was rescued by his brother, Gordon, aged 11, who jumped into the water and brought him alongside the wharf where he was pulled onto the wharf by Robert Thomas, aged 17.

### **March, 1937**

#### **Sunday 21**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and sunshiny during the early part of the day, but becoming cloudy at noon. Light to moderate easterly wind. Light drizzle of snow during the night.

Min. temperature 15 Max. temperature 39

#### Church Services

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. in company with Emeline, I attended services in the First United Church. Both services were conducted by Mr. Roach (Evangelist).

#### Song Service

At about 9 A.M., Emeline and I motored, with Emerson and Mrs. Grant, to Wesley Townsend's home, where we with others present, held a service of song. Wesley has been confined to his bed through illness for the last four or five months and seems to be gradually growing weaker. He seemed to greatly enjoy the song service and invited us to repeat it next Sunday.

### **March, 1937**

#### **Monday 22**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Snow began to fall in the early morning and continued until after nightfall. Fresh to strong northeast wind.

Min. temperature 24 Max. temperature 28

Snowfall, at least, 12 inches.

### Bus Service Interrupted

Car of Sullivan's Bus Service which left Sydney at 9 A.M. got within about 3 miles of Louisbourg but could proceed no further. Mails and passengers on board the bus were taken the rest of the way by horse and sleigh, arriving here at about 1:45 P.M.

### Crew Paid Off

The greater part of the crew of the Steamer "Rosecastle", which arrived here on last Saturday morning, were paid off today. The "Rosecastle" is to lay up here an indefinite period probably until navigation opens on the St. Lawrence.

### March, 1937

#### Tuesday 23

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and cold with fresh to strong northwest wind. Blustery and disagreeable.

Min. temperature 16 Max. temperature 28

### Highways Blocked

Highways blocked with snow drifts. No automobile traffic on roads leading out of town. No bus service between Sydney and Louisbourg today. Snow continued to drift all day.

### March, 1937

#### Wednesday 24

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and chilly with fresh to strong northwest wind.

Min. temperature 12 Max temperature 23

### S.S. TAURI

Finnish Steamer "Tauri", arrived in the afternoon for bunker coal.

### March, 1937

#### Thursday 25

Louisbourg, N.S.

Sydney, N.S.

Mostly clear with light to moderate westerly wind.

Min. temperature (Louisbourg) 7

### Jail Commission

I left Louisbourg on the 8:15 A.M. train for Glace Bay enroute to Sydney for the purpose of attending the regular meeting of the Cape Breton County Jail Commission. On reaching Glace Bay, I took the train for Sydney, arriving at about 11:30 A.M. Registered at the Vidal Hotel. At 3 P.M. with Commissioners D.J. MacLean and Angus MacDonald, I attended, and presided at, the regular meeting in the office of the County Jail.

The following bills were passed for payment: Thompson-Sutherland Ltd. \$31.32, J.W.

Rudderham \$40.78, C.H. Harshman \$22.31, Dominion Coal Co. Ltd. \$97.75, Wrights Limited \$54.00, C. & G. MacLeod Ltd. \$2.40, Chappells Ltd. \$0.30, Chappells Ltd. \$2.63, Hagen & Co,

Sydney Ltd. \$16.80, Chappells Ltd. \$2.47, Dominion Tar and Chemical Co. Ltd \$34.56, F.J. Gillis \$7.50, Numac Mfg. Co. Ltd. \$21.50 Inspected the wards, corridors , kitchen, furnace room etc. and found everything in good order.

Repairs to plumbing, which we authorized at the February meeting, have been carried out in a satisfactory manner, and the leak in the concrete floor stopped. Number of prisoners: Males 97, females, 4. Total 101.

#### Death of James MacLean

The death occurred at his home 45 Beacon St. Sydney, this afternoon of Conductor James MacLean. He was about 63 years of age and is survived by his wife, two sons: Earl and Robert living at Sydney, one daughter, Mrs. Lewis of Truro, N.S. Mr. MacLean was born at Reserve Mines and started railroading when about 14 years old. For a number of years he made his home at Louisbourg, moving to Sydney in 1915. For many years he was in charge of the passenger train between Sydney and Louisbourg and was one of the most popular conductors in the Province. His many friends will regret to hear of his passing. At 8 P.M. I visited the home and extended sympathy to Mrs. MacLean and family.

#### S.S. FARNORTH

Steamer, "Farnorth" arrived from Halifax in the morning for bunker coal. After bunkering she sailed for St. John's, Nfld.

### March, 1937

#### Friday 26

Sydney, N.S.

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and mild with light southwest wind.

Min. temperature (Louisbourg) 12 Max. temperature 39

#### Sydney to Louisbourg

Left Sydney by train car at 12:30 P.M. for Glace Bay enroute to Louisbourg. Left Glace Bay on S. & L. train at 2:45, arrived Louisbourg at 4:15 P.M.

#### S.S. BRITISH PRINCE

British Motor Ship "British Prince", sailed from Louisbourg in the morning with about 8000 tons of steel products enroute to Vancouver, British Columbia, via Halifax, N.S. She will complete her cargo at Halifax.

### March, 1937

#### Saturday 27

Louisbourg, N.S.

Partly clear and mild with light southwest wind. Light snow squalls at night.

Min. temperature 22 Max. temperature 38

#### S.S. WATUKA

Steamer "Watuka", Capt. Hooper arrived at about 7 A.M. from Wabana, Nfld. for a cargo of coal. The Watuka loaded for Halifax during the day.



## BANQUET

At 9:30 P.M. on the invitation of the Louisbourg "Broadbill Guides Association" of which I am Honorary President, I attended, and presided at, a banquet at the "Dundonald Inn", held by the Guides Association in honor of its President, Mr. Bert Wilcox who a short time ago returned from the United States, where he represented Louisbourg at the Sportsmens Shows held during the winter at Boston, Mass. New York City and Hartford, Connecticut.

The Toast list was as follows:

"The King", responded to by singing "God save the King"

"Our Country" responded to by singing "O Canada"

"Our Honorable Guest" proposed by Vice-President, Sam Levy, responded to by Charles Stacey.

"Michael Lerner, and Members of the Lerner Scientific Expedition" Proposed by Holland Fleet, responded to by William Lewis.

"Our Organization" proposed by Ed Levy responded to by the President, Bert Wilcox.

"Our Host" proposed by the chairman and responded to by D. Roy Ingraham, proprietor of the Inn.

### God Save the King

Among those present were: Sam Levy, Chas. Stacey, Fraser Wilcox, Ed Levy, Lloyd Harris, Holland Fleet, Wm. Lewis, Bert Wilcox, Ed Wilcox, George Wilcox, George Stacey, D. Roy Ingraham, Douglas Fleet, Freeman Mosher, Cecil Pearl, Walter Pearl, Joseph Bagnall, Thas Trenholme.

## March, 1937

### Sunday 28

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and mild with southwest to west wind.

Min. temperature 23 Max. temperature 42

Light snow squalls during the night.

### S.S. WATUKA

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

### S.S. SAMSO

Norwegian Steamer, "Samso", arrived at about 6:30 P.M. for bunker coal.

### S.S. INGERSEKS

Norwegian Steamer, "Ingerseks", arrived at about 7 P.M. for a cargo of steel products, and docked at the Freight wharf.

### Church Services

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. in company with Emeline. I attended services in the First United Church. Rev. John MacKinnon, D.D. (Retired) of Sydney, conducted both services. The sacrament of the Lord's supper was dispersed at the morning.

### Song service

At about 9 A.M. Emeline and I visited Wesley Townsend, who is confined to his bed through illness and with others present took part in a song service.

#### Special Train

A special train left here at about 12 o'clock noon, for Sydney with employees of the Sydney and Louisbourg Railway, who wished to attend the funeral of the late James MacLean, which took place at Sydney, at 2:30 P.M.

### March, 1937

#### Monday 29

Louisbourg, N.S.

Mostly clear and mild with light southerly wind.

Min. temperature 22 Max. temperature 42

#### Drift Ice

Apparently, a large quantity of drift ice a short distance off shore in the evening.

#### S.S. SAMSO

Norwegian Steamer, "Samso", Capt. Peterson, sailed in the early morning.

### March, 1937

#### Tuesday 30

Louisbourg, N.S.

Mild and mostly cloudy with light southwest wind.

Min. temperature 24 Max. temperature 40.

#### Automobile Traffic

The first automobile from Louisbourg to Sydney since the snow storm of the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst. got through today. Edward Peters with his car and A.W. Cameron with his truck reached Sydney shortly after noon. No bus service between Sydney and Louisbourg since the storm of the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

#### Streets Mostly Bare

The streets of the town are bare with the exception of places where the snow lodged in banks.

#### Loading the ROSECASTLE

The Steamer, "Rosecastle" which has been lying at the dock since the 20<sup>th</sup> inst. began loading a cargo of coal, today, for St. John, N.B. The majority of her crew were paid off on the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst.

#### Ice Broken At Sydney

According to Press and Radio reports, the Government ice -breaker "Montcalm", broke up the ice on Sydney harbour yesterday afternoon.

### March, 1937

#### Wednesday 31

Louisbourg, N.S.  
Cloudy with light variable wind.  
Min. temperature 20 Max. temperature 36

#### Choir Practice

At 7:30 P.M. I attended choir practice in the First United Church.

### **April, 1937**

#### **Thursday 1**

Louisbourg, N.S.  
Cloudy with light variable wind.  
Min. temperature 17 Max temperature 38

#### S.S. EVERENE

Latvian Steamer, "Everene", arrived in the early morning, bunkered during the day and sailed in the evening.

### **April, 1937**

#### **Friday 2**

Louisbourg, N.S.  
Cloudy and mild with light northeast to east wind.  
Min. temperature [Blank] Max. temperature [Blank]

#### Crew Signed On

A number of the crew of the Steamer, Rosecastle, who were paid off on the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst. were signed on today. The Rosecastle has been laid up here since the 20<sup>th</sup> of this month. She has been loaded with a cargo of coal and is expected to sail tomorrow.

### **April, 1937**

#### **Saturday 3**

Louisbourg, N.S.  
Clear and very chilly with moderate to fresh east wind.  
Min. temperature 16 Max. temperature 30

#### S.S. ROSECASTLE

Steamer "Rosecastle", Capt. Gilding, sailed in the morning for St. John, N.B. with a cargo of coal.

#### Held Investigation

Today, at the request of the Royal Canadian Humane Association, Hamilton, Canada, I investigated the case of the near drowning, which took place at Bert Wilcox's wharf, this town, on the afternoon of the 20<sup>th</sup> inst., and found the facts as follows:

Gordon Parsons, aged 11, Emerson Parsons, 8, Donald MacRury, 10, Robert Thomas 17, Percy Tutty and Ewen Harris, were playing on the Wilcox Wharf, when Emerson Parsons fell overboard into about 4 ½ feet of water, his brother Gordon immediately leaped into the water after him and

succeeded in bringing him alongside where he was pulled out of the water and onto the wharf by Robert Thomas. Donald MacRury shouted for assistance when the accident happened, and was heard by Capt. Fraser Wilcox who was about 50 yards away. Wilcox seized a pole and rushed towards the shore where he saw the Parsons brothers, in the water alongside the wharf and Robert Thomas in the act of assisting them onto the wharf, and to safety.

I shall report my findings to the Royal Canadian Humane Association, 202 Imperial Building, Hamilton, Ont, Canada.

#### Drift Ice

What appears to be a large body of drift ice was in sight all day, a short distance off shore. None of it entered the harbour.

#### **April, 1937**

##### **Sunday 4**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and very chilly with moderate to fresh northeast wind.

Min. temperature 15, Max. temperature 32.

#### Church Services

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. I attended services in the First United Church. Rev. John MacKinnon D.D. (Retired) of Sydney conducted both services. At the close of the evening service, the Women's Missionary Society held a Missionary and Song Service, which was led by Mrs. A.W. Stacey, President of the W.M.S. At the Missionary service I sang a solo, entitled [Blank]

#### Visited Wesley

In the afternoon Emeline and I went to see Wesley, who is rapidly getting weaker. Fletcher called for us with his car and took us down to the house. Wesley has failed very fast during the past week. At about 11 A.M. today he became semi-conscious, but rallied to some extent in the afternoon and was able to recognize those attending him.

#### Drift Ice

Drift ice in sight on the distant horizon, but none inshore.

#### **April, 1937**

##### **Monday 5**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear with moderate north to northeast wind.

Min. temperature 17 Max. temperature 41

#### S.S. CETUS

Norwegian Steamer, "Cetus", arrived at about 2:15 P.M. for bunker coal. The Cetus is enroute from St. John, N.B. to England, deal laden.

#### Mails by Bus

Mails came through from Sydney by bus today for the first time since the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst. The first bus, of the Sullivan Bus Service, since the highway tie-up of the 22<sup>nd</sup>, came through from Sydney on last Saturday.

### **April, 1937**

#### **Tuesday 6**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear in the morning, but becoming cloudy early in the day. Light southwest to south winds. Rain during the night.

Min. temperature 18 Max. temperature 40

#### **S.S. INGERSEKS**

Norwegian Steamer "Ingerseks" sailed in the morning for England with a cargo of 7400 tons of steel products.

#### **S.S. CETUS**

Norwegian Steamer "Cetus" sailed in the morning.

#### **S.S. LOVAAS**

Norwegian Steamer "Lovaas" Capt. Anderson, arrived at about 3 P.M. for a cargo of steel products.

### **April, 1937**

#### **Wednesday 7**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Rain in the early morning. Foggy and mild during the forenoon. Showery in the afternoon. Heavy rain at night. Light southwest wind in the forenoon, variable in the afternoon. Northeast at night.

Min. temperature 29 Max. temperature 49

#### **S.S. BETTY**

Norwegian Steamer "Betty", arrived in the early morning, bunkered during the day and sailed in the evening.

### **April, 1937**

#### **Thursday 8**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and mild, with moderate to fresh west to southwest winds.

Min. temperature 25 Max. temperature 50

### **April, 1937**

#### **Friday 9**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear in the morning, but becoming cloudy early in the forenoon. Showery during the night. Moderate west southwest wind becoming variable in the evening.  
Min. temperature 22 Max. temperature 44

S.S. GUNNY

Norwegian Steamer "Gunny" arrived at about 11 A.M. for bunker coal. She bunkered in the afternoon but did not sail.

**April, 1937**

**Saturday 10**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and drizzly with a silver thaw. All out-of-doors covered with a coating of ice, which disappeared during the day. Light easterly wind, which shifted to west and north west during the night.

Min. temperature 25 Max. temperature 37

S.S. LOVAAS

Norwegian Steamer, "Lovaas", Capt. Anderson, sailed in the morning with a cargo of about 2700 tons of steel products.

S.S. GUNNY

Norwegian Steamer "Gunny" sailed in the morning.

**April, 1937**

**Sunday 11**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cool and partly clear with moderate to fresh west to northwest wind.

Min. temperature 24 Max. temperature 42

S.S. ROSECASTLE

Steamer, "Rosecastle", Capt. Gilding, arrived from St. John, N.B. at about 10:30 A.M. for a cargo of coal, and anchored in the stream. In the afternoon she docked on the east side of the coal pier.

Church Services

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. I attended services in the First United Church. Rev. John MacKinnon D.D. (Retired) of Sydney conducted both services.

**April, 1937**

**Monday 12**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and cool with moderate to fresh northeast wind.

Min. temperature 21 Max. temperature 40

Drift Ice

What appears to be a large quantity of drift ice in sight off the harbour. Close inshore in the evening. No ice in the harbour.

#### Death of Wesley Townsend

Wesley Townsend, who had been ill for more than a year passed away at 8 A.M. today. He was 60 years old on the 20<sup>th</sup> of last June and had spent nearly all of his life at Louisbourg, where he was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him. He is survived by his step-mother, two brothers, and one sister. The brothers are: Rev. H.D. Townsend of Valley Station, Colchester County, N.S. and Fletcher Townsend of Louisbourg, N.S. The sister is Mrs. M.S. Huntington, also living at Louisbourg.

#### **April, 1937**

##### **Tuesday 13**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and cool with moderate northeast wind which shifted to southwest in the afternoon.

Min. temperature 18 Max. temperature 39

#### S.S. CHR J. KAMPMANN

Danish Steamer "Chr J. Kampmann", arrived in the morning, bunkered and sailed in the afternoon.

#### **April, 1937**

##### **Wednesday 14**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Partly clear and cool with moderate to fresh southwest wind. Showers in the evening.

Min. temperature 21 Max. temperature 42

#### S.S. FARNORTH

Steamer "Farnorth" arrived at noon for bunker coal.

#### Funeral

The funeral of the late Wesley Townsend took place this afternoon. A brief service at the house at 2 o'clock was continued at the First United Church at 2:30. Rev. C.R.F. MacLennan of Knox United Church, Glace Bay conducted the services at the house, church and grave. Hymns sung were "Forever with the Lord", at the house and at the church, "Jesus Lover of my Soul", "Peace Perfect Peace" and "Abide with Me". While the choir sang as a voluntary, "I Know in Whom I have Believed".

The Pallbearers were: Arthur Townsend, Fred Hunt, B.M Spencer, Arthur Cann, Dan Townsend and Archie MacDonald.

The members of the Louisbourg Citizens Brass Band, of which Wesley Townsend was the reorganizer, paraded in a body to the church and grave (without instruments). Interment took place in the Townsend burial plot in the United Church Cemetery (Former Methodist) on Clarke's Road. The funeral was largely attended, the church being crowded to the door.

#### **April, 1937**

**Thursday 15**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and foggy with moderate to fresh southwest wind. Showers during the night.

Min. temperature 28 Max. temperature 42

**S.S. FARNORTH**

Steamer "Farnorth" sailed at about noon for St. John's, Nfld.

**S.S. ROSECASTLE**

Steamer, "Rosecastle", Capt Kenny, sailed at about 2 P.M. for the St. Lawrence River, with the first cargo of coal from a Cape Breton port, this season.

**S.S. SAGANAGA**

Steamer "Saganaga" under charter to the British Empire Steel and Coal Company Ltd. arrived for a cargo of coal.

**April, 1937****Friday 16**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and foggy with moderate southwest wind and some showers.

Min. temperature 29 Max. temperature 41

**S.S. HADA COUNTY**

Norwegian Steamer "Hada County" arrived during the night for a part cargo of steel products.

**April, 1937****Saturday 17**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and cool with moderate east to north east wind.

Min. temperature 22 Max. temperature 38

**S.S. SAGANAGA**

Steamer "Saganaga" sailed in the morning for the St. Lawrence, with a cargo of coal.

**April, 1937****Sunday 18**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear in the morning, but becoming cloudy early in the day. Light east and northeast wind.

Min. temperature 17 Max. temperature 36

**S.S. WATUKA**

Steamer "Watuka" Capt. Hooper, arrived shortly after noon from Halifax for a cargo of coal.



## FIRE

At 10:20 A.M. the fire whistle sounded for a fire on the roof of a house owned by the Town of Louisbourg and occupied by Fred Kyte and family. The firemen responded promptly and took the hose reel to the scene but the fire was all out before we got to it, the neighbors having extinguished it with a few buckets of water.

## Church Services

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. I attended services in the First United Church where Rev. John MacKinnon, (retired) of Sydney preached both morning and evening.

## April, 1937

### Monday 19

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and chilly in the morning. Snow began to fall at about 7:30 A.M. and continued moderately until late in the afternoon. Light east to northeast wind. Snowfall about 5 inches. Min. temperature 24 Max. temperature 40

### Mrs. Townsend's House Closed

Emeline, who has been staying with her step-mother, Mrs. Z.W. Townsend since the death of Wesley Townsend, last Monday morning, returned to our home this afternoon, and brought her step-mother with her. She is to make her home with us. Her house has been closed indefinitely. I have been stopping at the Townsend home, at night, and getting my breakfast and dinner there, since Wesley's death.

## April, 1937

### Tuesday 20

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and foggy with light south to southeast winds. Snow began to fall at about 4 P.M. and continued moderately during the night. Min. temperature 22 Max. temperature 40

### Firemen's Dance

The annual "At Home" of the Louisbourg Volunteer Fire Brigade took place in the Masonic hall, in the evening. A large crowd present, and an enjoyable evening spent. Was present for a short time.

### Placed under Arrest

James Lahey, under the influence of liquor, was placed under arrest for creating a disturbance at the fireman's dance and lodged in jail by Police Officer D.M. Johnston.

### S.S. WATUKA

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

## April, 1937

**Wednesday 21**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and foggy with light drizzle of snow which continued all day. Light east to northeast winds. Snowfall of yesterday, last night and today about 6 inches.

Min temperature [Bank] Max. temperature [Blank]

Drift Ice

Mouth of harbour and western end full of drift ice.

S.S. SKJOLDHEIM

Norwegian Steamer, "Skjoldheim", arrived in the morning for bunker coal.

**April, 1937**

**Thursday 22**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cool and mostly clear with light to moderate easterly wind.

Min. temperature 24 Max. temperature 43

S.S. HADA COUNTY

Norwegian Steamer, "Hada County", sailed with a part cargo of steel products about 4500 tons.

S.S. SKJOLDHEIM

Norwegian Steamer, "Skjoldheim" sailed in the morning.

**April, 1937**

**Friday 23**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cool and partly clear with moderate east to northeast wind.

Min. temperature 24 Max. temperature 37

**April, 1937**

**Saturday 24**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cold and partly clear with fresh northeast wind.

Min. temperature 22 Max. temperature 37

**April, 1937**

**Sunday 25**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Mostly clear, chilly and raw, with light to fresh northeast wind.

Min. temperature 20 Max. temperature 41

### S.S. WATUKA

Steamer, "Watuka", Capt Hooper, arrived in the early morning from Liverpool, N.S. for a cargo of coal.

### Church Services

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. I attended services in the First United Church. Mr. Donald MacLeod, Ministerial Student, of Broughton, N.S. conducted both services. Mr. MacLeod is to be in charge of this congregation for the next two months.

### **April, 1937**

#### **Monday 26**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with light to moderate northeast to north winds.

Min. temperature 29 Max. temperature 55

### S.S. SEJRO

Danish Steamer, "Sejro", arrived, bunkered and sailed.

### S.S. WATUKA

Steamer, Watuka, Capt. Hooper, sailed for Halifax shortly before noon, with a cargo of coal.

### First Cargo from Sydney

A news item in the Sydney Post-Record, today's issue, says that the S.S. WANSTED, sailed from Sydney today with the first cargo of coal from that port this season.

### **April, 1937**

#### **Tuesday 27**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with light variable wind. A perfect day.

Min. temperature 22 Max. temperature 50.

### S.S. INGERFEM

Norwegian Steamer, "Ingerfem" arrived and bunkered.

### S.S. HAVBRIS

Norwegian Steamer "Havbris" arrived in the evening for a cargo of steel products. This ship tried to reach Sydney, but owing to ice conditions, had to head for this port.

### Drift Ice

A considerable quantity of drift ice, in sight, a short distance off shore. None in the harbour.

### **April, 1937**

#### **Wednesday 28**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately cool, with moderate to fresh southwest wind.  
Min. temperature [Blank] Max. temperature [Blank]

#### S.S. INGERFEM

Norwegian Steamer, "Ingerfem", enroute from Galveston, Texas, to Three Rivers, Quebec sailed in the morning.

#### S.S. HAVBRIS

Norwegian Steamer, "Havbris" which arrived yesterday evening docked at the Freight Wharf at 8 A.M. and at noon began loading a cargo of steel.

#### S.S. CRUIZER

British Empire Steel and Coal Company's tug, "Cruizer", Capt. Gilfoil which has been here since Jan. 30/1937 attending to the docking of ships at this port, sailed for Sydney at 10 A.M. today. The Cruizer will be engaged in a similar capacity at Sydney, during the Spring, Summer and Autumn months.

### **April, 1937**

#### **Thursday 29**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Sydney, N.S.

Cloudy and very chilly with moderate to fresh northeast wind. Clearing in the evening.

Min. temperature (Louisbourg) 25 Max. temperature (Louisbourg) 36

#### Meeting of Jail Commission

Left Louisbourg at about 8:30 A.M. in Abe Cameron's truck, arrived at Sydney at about 10 A.M. Made several business calls in the forenoon. Had dinner at the Vidal Hotel.

At 3 P.M. the County Jail Commission, consisting of Alderman D.J. MacLean, Alderman Angus MacDonald and myself, met in the office of the County Jail for our regular monthly meeting and jail inspection.

At this meeting we passed the following bills for payment:

Thompson and Sutherland Ltd. \$111.91, F. J. Gillis (brooms) \$7.50, Wrights Limited (Blankets & Mattress covers) \$46.86, J.W. Rudderham (Plumbing) \$16.78, C.H. Harshman (Drugs) \$30.38

Dominion Coal Co. Ltd (18 tons coal) \$103.50, Chappells Limited \$6.00

Number of prisoners: Male 89, female 5 Total 94

Inspected the jail quarters and found everything in good order. Heard complaints from two prisoners, Wilson of Reserve complained of the quarters being overcrowded. Hugh Murphy of Glace Bay, on a charge of drunkenness, claimed he had a fit instead of being drunk, and therefore was suffering an injustice. Authorized the warden to have a new fence around the jail property on the side next the Main road. Authorized the purchase of 50 pairs of overalls and 50 pairs shoes, for the prisoners who are to work on the jail farm. Authorized the purchase of 3 uniforms for the jail staff.

Returned to Louisbourg on Sullivan's bus arriving at about 6:30 P.M.

#### FIRE

At about 10 P.M. the fire whistle sounded for a roof fire at the United Church manse (Louisbourg). Firemen responded quickly and extinguished it before much damage was done. Fire

loss about \$100.00. After the fire was out Mrs. (Rev.) D.A. MacMillan served lunch to the firemen who were present.

## **April, 1937**

### **Friday 30**

Louisbourg, N. S.

Clear and cool with moderate northeast wind.

Min. temperature 22 Max. temperature 41

### **S.S. HAVBRIS**

Norwegian Steamer, "Havbris" sailed for England at about 1 P.M. with a cargo of about 1800 tons of steel products.

## **May, 1937**

### **Saturday 1**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and cool with moderate northeast to east winds.

Min. temperature 20 Max. temperature 37

### **New Lieut. Governor**

Today, at Halifax N.S. Robert Irwin was sworn in as Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Nova Scotia. The oath of office was administered by his Lordship, Sir Joseph Chisholm, Chief Justice of the Province. Robert Irwin succeeds W.H. Covert who held the office of Lieut. Governor for the last five years.

### **Ordered to Sydney**

The Louisbourg Shippers and Trimmers who usually are employed during the spring, summer and autumn months at the shipping piers of the British Empire Steel and Coal Corporation, Sydney, N.S. were today ordered to report for work on Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## **May, 1937**

### **Sunday 2**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with light easterly wind. An ideal day.

Min. temperature 28 Max. temperature 54

### **Church Services**

Mr. Donald MacLeod conducted services in the First United Church at 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. Having a cold today, I was not out to church.

## **May, 1937**

### **Monday 3**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and warm with very light variable wind. Mostly southerly. A perfect day.

Min temperature 24 Max. temperature 61

S.S. FRNFIELD

Small Steamer "Frnfield" enroute to Sydney, arrived here in the evening and remained overnight.

**May, 1937**

**Tuesday 4**

**Louisbourg, N.S.**

Clear and moderately warm with fresh to moderate northerly wind.

Min. temperature 24 Max. temperature 54

Fire Loss Adjusted

Mr. Stevenson of Sydney, Fire Insurance, Adjustor, visited Louisbourg today and adjusted the fire loss of the United Church Manse, which took place on last Thursday night. For damages to the roof and damage to the interior from water, he allowed \$290.00.

S.S. FERNFIELD

Steamer, "Fernfield" which arrived here yesterday evening, sailed for Sydney this morning.

Trees Arrive

Ornamental trees consisting of 50 Carolina Poplars and 150 Scotch Pines, which arrived here from the Provincial Forestry Nursery at Lawrencetown, N.S. last week are being distributed and planted today. These were shipped to the Louisbourg Board of Trade, and are being distributed by James H. Crowdis.

**May, 1937**

**Wednesday 5**

**Louisbourg, N.S.**

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

Min. temperature 23 Max. temperature 50

S.S. LADY LAURIER

Government Steamer, "Lady Laurier", arrived in the evening. The Lady Laurier is at present engaged in replacing the buoys along the Cape Breton coast. Today, she replaced the automatic buoy off the harbour at this port.

Maid arrives

Miss Clara Gillis, a maid which Emeline engaged a short time ago, arrived this evening, and will go on duty tomorrow morning. She is a native of Newfoundland and for the last two or three months has been working at Captain MacPhail's, next door.

Train Wreck

Canadian National Railway train, "Ocean Limited" enroute from Montreal to Halifax was badly wrecked near Springhill Junction, N.S. at 5:45 P.M. when it collided with a run-a-way coal train consisting of eight cars, running in the opposite direction. Of those on board, 4 were killed

outright and many injured. The killed were: Engineer; Clarence Bauer, of Moncton, Express Messenger; Camille LeBlanc, Moncton, Alfred Legere and Ernest Long, both of Maccan. Later, 2 more bodies were found in the wreckage which brings the total number of killed up to 6. The last two bodies were unidentified.

## **May, 1937**

### **Thursday 6**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with moderate variable wind. An ideal day. Some fog off the coast, but clear on land.

Min. temperature 29 Max. temperature about 50

#### **Dry Weather**

The weather has been exceptionally dry for this time of year. We have had no rain for a considerable time and as a result the country is in great need of moisture. Forest fires are raging in many parts of the Province and causing much damage.

#### **Air Liner Hindenburg Destroyed**

Enroute from Frankfort-on-Main, Germany to Lakehurst, New Jersey, U.S.A. had completed the trip and was approaching her moorings when an explosion took place which totally destroyed the Air Liner and killed a large number of her crew and passengers. The Hindenburg is said to have had on board a crew of 61 and 39 passengers. The number of dead is placed at about 34. Capt. Max Pruss was in command and had succeeded Capt. Ernst Lehmann, who was also on board in an advisory capacity. The accident took place at 7:20 P.M. Atlantic Standard time. Cause unknown. Later, Capt. Max Pruss died of his injuries.

## **May, 1937**

### **Friday 7**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cool and mostly clear with light to moderate northeast wind.

Min. temperature 26 Max. temperature 43

## **May, 1937**

### **Saturday 8**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy with light to moderate northeast wind.

Min. temperature 27 Max. temperature 52

#### **Council Meeting**

At 7:30 P.M I attended, and presided at, a meeting of the Town Council. Those present were: Councillors: G.B. Hiltz, D.J. MacInnis, Jeremiah Smith, Alex C. MacDonald and Clifton Townsend. Clerk: B.M. Spencer, Police Officer: D.M. Johnston. Daniel Fleet, who addressed the Council respecting the street leading from the Main Street to the shore, and known as Marvin Street.

### Death

The death of Miss Elizabeth MacRury took place this morning at about 6 o'clock after an illness lasting for several months. She was about 75 years of age and is survived by one brother, James of Sydney and one sister, Christina with whom she lived.

### Concert

In the evening a concert was held in Calvin hall by MacDuff Copeland and Kenneth Duff, under the auspices of the Ladies Aid of the First United Church.

## **May, 1937**

### **Sunday 9**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool. Rained moderately during the greater part of the day. Moderate easterly wind which shifted to northerly at night. Rainfall about 1/4 inch.

Min. temperature 32 Max. temperature 41

### Church Services

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. I attended services in the First United Church. Mr. Donald MacLeod was in charge of both services. Emeline was not out to church in the morning, but accompanied me in the evening.

### Trans-Atlantic Flyers

At 9:20 P.M. Dick Merrill and John L. Lambie flew over Louisbourg enroute from Brooklyn, New York for England. I heard the roar of their motors but did not get out of doors in time to catch a glimpse of the plane as it sped in an easterly direction. Merrill and Lambie expect to land at Croydon, England, tomorrow afternoon.

## **May, 1937**

### **Monday 10**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool with light variable wind.

Min. temperature 29 Max. temperature 58

### Funeral

The funeral of the late Elizabeth MacRury took place at the MacRury home at 1 P.M. The services at the house and grave were conducted by Rev. Joseph Cathcart of the Presbyterian Church, Louisbourg. Interment took place at Black Brook Cemetery near Sydney.

## **May, 1937**

### **Tuesday 11**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool with light to moderate southwest wind.

Min. temperature 28 Max. temperature 47



**May, 1937**

**Wednesday 12**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and cool with light to moderate northwest wind which early in the day shifted to southeast.  
Min. temperature 30 Max. temperature 60

Coronation

The coronation of King George the Sixth and Queen Elizabeth took place today in Westminster Abbey, London, England. A description of the coronation procession through the streets of London and the service which followed in the Abbey was broadcast by radio to all parts of the British Empire as well as foreign countries.

The broadcast which commenced at 5 A.M. Atlantic Standard time, was continued all day and came in very clearly, the best Empire broadcast to which I have listened. The ceremony and service which took place in Westminster Abbey was heard here between the hours of 6 and 8 A.M., which would be from 10 to 12 London time.

**May, 1937**

**Thursday 13**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and rather cool with moderate to fresh southwest wind. Cloudy in the evening.  
Min. temperature 26 Max. temperature 51

Planted Trees

Today, I received from W.H. Perron & Co Ltd. of Montreal, 12 Linden trees, 4 of which were for B.M. Spencer. In the afternoon I planted 3 of them on the First United Church property, facing Main Street and 1 on the side facing Warren Street. Tomorrow I intend to plant three more on the Warren Street side which will make a total of 7. I am presenting the trees to the United Church congregation.

**May, 1937**

**Friday 14**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy, chilly and raw with moderate to fresh northeast wind and a few light showers in the evening.

Min. temperature 29 Max. temperature 53

Visited MacKenzie's Barren

In the afternoon, Capt. Walsh of the Royal Canadian Engineers, Halifax, N.S. who arrived in town with Dr. Freeman O'Neil of Sydney, visited the proposed flying field at MacKenzie's Barren, about four miles from Louisbourg on the line of the Sydney and Louisbourg Railway. He was accompanied on his visit to the barren by James Crowdis, Dr. H.J. Townsend, Alistair MacDonald and myself, all of Louisbourg. Capt. Walsh appeared to be favourably impressed with

what may some day be a landing field for air planes. On his return from the proposed flying field he left for Sydney with Dr. O'Neil.

#### Planted Trees

Today, I completed the tree planting, which I began yesterday, by planting three more on the Warren Street side of the First United Church property. This makes a total of seven out of the eight I received yesterday. The eighth tree I planted at the south end of my shop, on Warren Street.

**May, 1937**

**Saturday 15**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy, misty, foggy, showery and chilly with moderate east to southeast wind.

Min. temperature 32 Max. temperature 38.

#### Dumping Stone

The work of dumping pit stone into the pier trestle, by the British Empire Steel and Coal Corporation Ltd., which was discontinued on Dec 18/1936, was resumed this week. It is said to be the intention of the corporation to fill the trestle with stone, from where they left off last December, to the shore of the harbour.

**May, 1937**

**Sunday 16**

**Louisbourg, N.S.**

Cloudy and foggy with a few light showers during the day and heavy rain during the night.

Min. temperature 34 Max. temperature 52

#### Church Services

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. I attended services in the First United Church. Mr. Donald MacLeod was the preacher at both services. Emeline accompanied me in the evening, but was not out to the morning service.

#### Preaches at Kennington Cove

Rev. D.A. MacMillan, who through illness has not preached since Sept 27/1936 held service at Kennington Cove this afternoon. This is the first time he has attempted to hold service since his return from the hospital at Boston in the autumn of 1936.

**May, 1937**

**Monday 17**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and foggy with occasional showers. Heavy rain in the early morning. Rainfall of yesterday, last night and today about 1 inch.

Min. temperature 38 Max. temperature 47

#### Board of Trade

At 8 P.M. I attended a meeting of the Louisbourg Board of Trade in the Town hall. Those present were: Dr. H.J. Townsend, George Lewis, James Crowdis, A. Tilly, Roy Ingraham, Neil Murphy, D.M. Johnston, B.M. Spencer, A.A. Martell, Reyno, Alistair MacDonald.

#### **May, 1937**

##### **Tuesday 18**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and foggy with light to moderate southwest wind.

Min. temperature 35 Max. temperature 59

#### Planted Dahlias

In the afternoon, I planted 20 dahlia bulbs in my garden, the first I planted this season.

#### Patterson Nominated

At a convention of the Liberal Party held at Marion Bridge this evening, Malcolm Patterson, K.C. Crown Prosecutor for the County of Cape Breton, was nominated to contest the constituency of Cape Breton West, (which includes Louisbourg) at the coming Provincial election. Other names submitted to the convention were: Dan MacAulay of Port Morien and Geo. D. Lewis of Louisbourg. Lewis withdrew his name, and the ballot which followed between Patterson and MacAulay resulted as follows:

Patterson, 107, MacAulay 64. The Louisbourg delegates numbering 25, with the possible exception of one, supported Patterson. The date of the election has not yet been set, but it is generally expected to take place during the coming summer.

#### Public Building, Site

Mr. H.A. Russell, assistant Resident Architect, Dept. of Public Works, Halifax, N.S. arrived in town in the forenoon for the purpose of selecting a site for Louisbourg's Public Building, which is to contain the Post Office and Customs Office. As my vacant lot on the corner of Main and Warren Streets seems to be the unanimous choice of the Louisbourg Citizens, Mr. Russell readily approved of the location. He, however, did not have authority to determine the price. I offered him the lot, which is about 50 ft. in width by about 90 in length, for \$1500.00.

#### **May, 1937**

##### **Wednesday 19**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and foggy. Partly clear during the mid-day hours. Light southwest wind.

Min. temperature 32 Max. temperature 58

#### Delegation from Florence, N.S.

At about 5 P.M. a delegation from Florence, N.S. arrived here by motor car for the purpose of consulting me respecting Town Government and the steps necessary to be taken for to have a community incorporated as a town.

At present the citizens of the village of Florence are considering the question of incorporation and committees have been appointed for the purpose of getting information. The committee which

came here consisted of Bert Coakley, Angus Ferguson, Stephen Dolhanty and Robert Gillan. On their arrival I accompanied them to the town hall where B.M. Spencer, Town Clerk and I gave them the required information. They left to return at about 6:30 P.M.

#### Death of Alex MacIntyre

The death occurred this evening, at the home of his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. D.J. MacIntyre, Elwood Street, this town of Alex MacIntyre. Mr. MacIntyre, who was about 76 years of age is survived by three sons and two daughters. The sons are: D.J., Hugh and Roderick, all living at Louisbourg.

#### No Daylight Saving for Sydney

Today's issue of the Sydney Post-Record gave the result of the vote on daylight saving time, which was taken in the City of Sydney yesterday. The figures are as follows:

For Daylight Saving 964

Against Daylight Saving 1103.

### **May, 1937**

#### **Thursday 20**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy, foggy and showery with light south west wind. Rainfall about ½ inch.

Min. temperature 28 Max. temperature 49

#### Death of Child

The death took place this evening of Annie, 17 months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex MacDonald, Main Street, this town.

#### Election Date Announced

Provincial Newspapers of this date carried the announcement that the Legislature of this Province had been dissolved and June 29, 1937 set as the date of the Provincial election. Nomination day, June 22.

Premier Angus L. MacDonald, returned from England yesterday, where he represented the Province of Nova Scotia at the Coronation of King George the Sixth and Queen Elizabeth.

### **May, 1937**

#### **Friday 21**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and foggy with occasional showers. Partly clear for a short time in the late afternoon.

Light variable wind.

Min. temperature 37 Max. temperature 59

#### Funeral

At 1:30 P.M. I attended the funeral of the late Alex MacIntyre, which took place from the home of his son, D.J., Elwood St. to the Presbyterian Church. Service at the house conducted by Rev. Joseph Cathcart, assisted by Rev. D.A. MacMillan, of the First United Church. Services at the

church and grave conducted by Rev. Joseph Cathcart. Interment took place at "Willow Grove" Cemetery on Clarke's Road.

**May, 1937**

**Saturday 22**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy in the morning and evening but clear during the greater part of the day. Fresh north to northeast wind.

Min. temperature 38 Max. temperature 54

**Funeral**

At 10 A.M. I attended the funeral of Annie, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex MacDonald. Services at the house and grave were conducted by Rev. Joseph Cathcart.

**May, 1937**

**Sunday 23**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy with some fog, misty during the afternoon and evening. Light easterly wind.

Min. temperature 38 Max. temperature 55

**Church Services**

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. I attended services in the First United Church. The 11 A.M. service was conducted by Rev. D.M. Sinclair of St. James United Church, Sydney, and the 7 P.M. service by Mr. Donald MacLeod who is at present supplying for the United Church at Louisbourg. Mr. Sinclair and Mr. MacLeod exchanged pulpits at 11 A.M.

**May, 1937**

**Monday 24**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Partly clear with light to moderate easterly wind which shifted to south and southwest in the afternoon.

Min. temperature 34 Max. temperature 59

**May, 1937**

**Tuesday 25**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool with light to moderate easterly wind.

Min. temperature 33 Max. temperature 48

**May, 1937**

**Wednesday 26**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool with light to moderate easterly wind.  
Min. temperature 33 Max. temperature 48

#### Visited School

At 2 P.M. I visited the schools and gave the pupils of each department a short talk on the contests which are being sponsored by the Louisbourg Board of Trade, and announced the prize list for each. Prizes are being offered by the Board of Trade and the Women's Institute for the best flower gardens in town during 1937. Two special prizes for the best [blank].

**May, 1937**

#### **Thursday 27**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Sydney, N.S.

Cool and mostly clear with light to moderate easterly wind.

Min. temperature [Blank] (Louisbourg) Max. temperature [Blank] (Louisbourg)

#### Jail Commission

Left Louisbourg at 9:20 A.M. on Abe Cameron's truck, for the purpose of attending the regular monthly meeting of the Cape Breton County Jail Commission. Arrived at Sydney shortly after 10 A.M. Made a number of business calls before noon. Had lunch at Vidal Hotel at 12:30 P.M. At about 3 P.M. with Alderman D.J. MacLean and Alderman Angus MacDonald, both of Sydney, I attended, and presided at, the regular meeting of the Jail Commission in the office of the county jail.

**May, 1937**

#### **Friday 28**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy with a few light showers and mist. Light to moderate easterly wind.

Min. temperature 34 Max. temperature 49

#### Minstrel Show

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**May, 1937**

#### **Saturday 29**

Louisbourg, N.S.

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

Min. temperature 37 Max. temperature 64

**May, 1937**

#### **Sunday 30**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and warm, becoming cloudy in the late afternoon. Light northwest wind shifting to southwest during the afternoon. An ideal day.

Min. temperature 39 Max temperature 72

#### Church Services

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. in company with Emeline, I attended services in the First United Church. Mr. Donald MacLeod conducted both services.

### May, 1937

#### Monday 31

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and very warm with light northwest to southwest winds.

Min. temperature 44 Max. temperature 81

### June, 1937

#### Tuesday 1

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with light winds, mostly southwest. Cloudy in the evening with showers accompanied by thunder and lightning.

Min. temperature 44 Max. temperature 68

#### Planted Gladioli Bulbs

Today, I planted gladiola bulbs in my backyard garden.

### June, 1937

#### Wednesday 2

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with variable wind, mostly southwest.

Min. temperature 34 Max. temperature 65

### June, 1937

#### Thursday 3

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with light to moderate variable wind mostly southwest and southeast.

Min. temperature 31 Max. temperature 62

### June, 1937

#### Friday 4

Louisbourg, N.S.

Salmon River, N.S.

Cloudy and cool with light winds.

Motored to Salmon River

Left Louisbourg at 1 P.M. on Sullivan's Bus enroute to Salmon River via Sydney. Arrived at Sydney at about 2 P.M. Met Heber at Sydney and with him motored to Salmon River, arriving at about 4 P.M.

## **June, 1937**

### **Saturday 5**

Salmon River

Grand Mira

Clear and moderately warm with light variable wind. An ideal day.

#### Motored to Grand Mira

In the forenoon, I motored to Grand Mira and Upper Grand Mira with Heber who visited these places on highway business. We returned at about 3 P.M. Leaving home at about 3:30 P.M. we visited Clifford Huntington's, W.A. MacDonald's and Dan P. MacKeigan's before returning.

#### Conservative Meeting

A meeting in the interests of the Conservative party was held in the Masonic hall at Louisbourg, in the evening. E. MacKay Forbes, the Conservative candidate for Cape Breton West, was the principal speaker.

## **June, 1937**

### **Sunday 6**

Salmon River

Clear and warm with light to moderate west to northwest winds.

Went for a walk with Heber out the East Bay road to the foot of the mountain, returning at about 12:30 P.M.

In the afternoon we visited H.W. Crawley's and Phil Gibbon's. Returned home at about 6 P.M.

#### Ordained at Sackville

Mr. Donald MacLeod, United Church Ministerial student, of Broughton, N.S., who has been supplying the First United Church, Louisbourg, since April 25, 1937 was ordained at Sackville, N.B. today, where the Maritime Conference of the United Church has been in session during the past week.

#### S.S. THEMIO TO

Dutch Steamer, "Themio to" arrived at Louisbourg today for bunker coal. This is the first ship to arrive at Louisbourg since the Dominion Coal Company announced its intention of using the port of Louisbourg for to take care of the bunker coal trade during the summer months, and thus relieve the congestion at the port of Sydney.

## **June, 1937**

### **Monday 7**

Salmon River

Mostly cloudy, and moderately warm with light variable wind. A few light showers.



Spent the day around home. Planted 20 Dahlia bulbs for Heber.

S.S. HARCOLI

British Steamer, "Harcoli" arrived at Louisbourg for bunker coal.

S.S. INGA

Norwegian Steamer "Inga" arrived at Louisbourg for bunker coal.

S.S. ROCKPOOL

British Steamer "Rockpool" arrived at Louisbourg for bunker coal.

S.S. THEMIOTO

Dutch Steamer "Themiototo" sailed from Louisbourg today after taking on board a quantity of bunker coal.

**June, 1937**

**Tuesday 8**

Salmon River

Clear and warm with light variable winds.

Max. temperature 78

In the evening Heber and I motored to Clifford Huntingtons, and from there motored to Arnold Severances at Juniper Mount, via Marion Bridge. Arrived home at about 9 P.M.

S.S. LOKE

Norwegian Steamer "Loke" arrived at Louisbourg, bunkered and sailed.

S.S. HARCOLI, S.S. INGA, S.S. ROCKPOOL

British Steamers "Harcoli", "Rockpool", and Norwegian Steamer, "Inga" which called at Louisbourg yesterday for bunker coal, sailed today for their various destinations.

**June, 1937**

**Wednesday 9**

Salmon River

Cloudy and moderately warm with light variable wind. Light showers in the early afternoon. Partly clear in the evening.

Went to Clifford Huntington's in the forenoon. In the afternoon, with Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Huntington and family I attended a school picnic at Sandfield where quite a number had gathered for an afternoons outing. Returned home with Heber in the evening.

**June, 1937**

**Thursday 10**

Salmon River

Clear and warm with light to moderate westerly wind. Max temperature 80.

I visited Arthur Huntington and family in the afternoon. Also went for a walk up the Salmon River as far as the junction of the Gaspereau River. Returned home at about 8 P.M.

### **S.S. Pikepool**

British Steamer "Pikepool" arrived at Louisbourg for bunker coal. After bunkering she sailed.

### **DREDGE ARRIVES**

Dredge No. 17 of the Department of Public Works, Capt. Stone arrived at Louisbourg this evening for the purpose of dredging around the fishermen's wharves at the port of Louisbourg.

## **June, 1937**

### **Friday 11**

Salmon River

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy with rain during the forenoon. Cloudy with showers in the afternoon. Light southwest wind.

### **S.S. HARDINGHAM**

British Steamer "Hardingham" arrived at Louisbourg in the afternoon, bunkered, and sailed in the evening.

### **Salmon River to Louisbourg**

Motored to Sydney with Heber arriving at about 8 A.M. Sydney to Louisbourg by Sullivan's Bus. Arrived at about 10 A.M.

## **June, 1937**

### **Saturday 12**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Partly clear, and moderately warm with light to moderate southwest wind. Foggy off the coast.

Min. temperature 44 Max. temperature 68

### **S.S. FERNFIELD**

Steamer "Fernfield", arrived in the early morning, bunkered during the forenoon and sailed.

### **S.S. GRAIGWEN**

British Steamer "Graigwen" arrived in the morning. Aftering bunkering she sailed in the afternoon.

### **S.S. HERTHA**

Norwegian Steamer, "Hertha" arrived at about 11 A.M. bunkered in the afternoon and sailed at night.

### **Motored to Truro**

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Townsend and Emeline left here at about 7 A.M. on a motor trip to Valley Station, Colchester County, N.S. for the purpose of visiting Rev. Howard D. Townsend who is very ill at his home.

## DREDGE BEGINS WORK

Dredge no. 17 which arrived here on last Thursday evening, began operations today.

### **June, 1937**

#### **Sunday 13**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Mostly clear and moderately warm with light to moderate southwest wind.

Min. temperature 42 Max. temperature 63

#### Church Services

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. Rev. Donald MacLeod held services in the First United Church. I was out to the evening service, but was not present in the morning, except to choir practice at the close of the morning service.

#### Meeting of Official Board

After the evening service, I attended a meeting of the Official Board of the United Church at the Manse. Those present were: Rev. D.A. MacMillan, Chairman, Arthur M. Townsend, A.W. Stacey, Daniel Fleet, Mrs. William Phalen, Mrs. D.J. MacIntyre, Mrs. A.M. Townsend and Rev. Donald MacLeod.

### **June, 1937**

#### **Monday 14**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with light to fresh southwest wind.

Min. temperature 33 Max. temperature 61

#### S.S. SPURT

Norwegian Steamer, "Spurt" arrived at 8 A.M. for bunker coal.

#### S.S. STAKESBY

British Steamer, "Stakesby" arrived at about 8 P.M. for bunker coal.

#### Marriage

The marriage of Roderick MacIntyre to Miss Cynetta King took place this afternoon. Mr. Joseph Cathcart performed the ceremony.

#### Death of Stanley Tanner

The death of Stanley Tanner, a former resident of Louisbourg occurred at about 9 P.M. in the City Hospital, Sydney. Mr. Tanner, who was about 73 years of age is survived by his wife and three brothers. The brothers are Samuel, Nelson and Wesley all of this town. One sister, Mrs. Ernest Wilkie lives in Lunenburg County, N.S. Mr. Tanner moved to Sydney a number of years ago. His real name was Stanish Newton Tanner, but was usually known as "Stanley".

### **June, 1937**

## **Tuesday 15**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Heavy rain in the morning. Cloudy and foggy, clearing in the afternoon.

Min. temperature 43 Max. temperature 65

S.S. SPURT

S.S. STAKESBY

Norwegian Steamer "Spurt" and British Steamer Stakesby which bunkered here yesterday and last night, sailed in the afternoon.

### Returned from Valley Station

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Townsend and Emeline, who motored to Valley Station, Colchester County, N.S. on Saturday, returned home at about 5:30 P.M. The party visited Halifax yesterday returning to Valley Station in the evening. While away they visited Rev. H.D. Townsend at his home at Valley Station. Mr. Townsend who has been seriously ill for several months is still confined to his bed and is not showing any sign of improvement.

### Meeting of Racing Committee

At 8 P.M. I attended, and presided at a meeting of the racing committee of the Fishermen's annual boat race, at the home of Bert Wilcox. Those present were: A.A. Martell, Holland Fleet, Edgar Bates, John A. MacDonald, and Lloyd Harris. At this meeting A.A. Martell was reelected secretary and I, Chairman. It was decided to hold the race on July 1<sup>st</sup> as usual. Meeting adjourned to meet again, at the same place on next Friday, June 18 at the same hour. Tonight's meeting is the first of what is usually a series of meetings leading up to the race.

## **June, 1937**

### **Wednesday 16**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with light variable wind, mostly southwest. An ideal day.

Min. temperature 34 Max. temperature 67

S.S. PHILIP T. DODGE

British Steamer "Philip T. Dodge", enroute from Montreal, Canada to London, England arrived in the morning, bunkered during the day and sailed in the evening.

### Work on Highway Diversion

Work on the new highway from Catalone Corner to the eastern end of the Town of Louisbourg was begun today. Alex MacKeigan was foreman of the gang of workers who were engaged in cutting away the trees on the right-of-way between the old and the new Sydney and Louisbourg Railways. The length of this diversion is said to be about four miles.

### Funeral

The funeral of the late Stanley Tanner, took place at about 4:30 P.M. in the Anglican Cemetery on Clarke's Road. The remains were brought to Louisbourg by motor hearse after a funeral service held at Sydney in Christ Church (Anglican) by Rev. Mr Holborrow. Rev. Mr. Holborrow of

Sydney and Rev. E.B. Gabriel of St. Bartholomews Church, Louisbourg were both present at the cemetery.

## **June, 1937**

### **Thursday 17**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and cool with moderate to fresh southwest wind.

Min. temperature 31 Max. temperature 61

#### **S.S. BORGFRED**

Norwegian Steamer, "Borgfred" arrived, bunkered and sailed.

#### **S.S. HADA COUNTY**

Norwegian steamer "Hada County" arrived in the evening for bunker coal. This ship is enroute from Montreal, Canada, to Rotterdam, Holland. She has a number of passengers on board.

#### **Lobster Supper**

Members of the Y's Mens Club of Sydney and their friends numbering about 80 motored to Louisbourg in the evening where they partook of a Lobster supper served by the Ladies of St. Bartholomews congregation. I was guest speaker for the evening and gave them a half hour talk on the "Rise and Fall" of Old Louisbourg.

## **June, 1937**

### **Friday 18**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Partly clear in the forenoon. Cloudy with light showers during the afternoon. Heavy rain during the night. Light to moderate southwest wind.

Min. temperature 39 Max. temperature 65

#### **S.S. HADA COUNTY**

Norwegian Steamer "Hada County" finished bunkering, and sailed at about 4 P.M.

#### **Meeting of Racing Committee**

At 8 P.M. I attended, and presided at a meeting of the racing committee of the Fisherman's annual boat race, which was held at the home of Bert Wilcox. Those present were: A.A. Martell, Bert Wilcox, Edgar Bates and A.W. Stacey. After transacting some business in connection with the coming race, meeting adjourned to meet again at the same place, on the evening of Thursday, June 24.

## **June, 1937**

### **Saturday 19**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool with rain and drizzle all day. Moderate to fresh northeast wind.

Min. temperature 42 Max. temperature 49

### Liberal Meeting

At 8 P.M. a meeting in the interests of the Liberal Party was held in the Masonic hall. The following addressed the meeting in the order named: Angus MacDonald, New Waterford; Donald Finlayson, Barrister, Sydney. Dr. D.J. Hartigan, M.P., New Waterford and Malcolm A. Patterson, K.C. of Sydney. Mr. Patterson is the Liberal candidate in this constituency (Cape Breton West) for the Provincial election which is to take place on the 29<sup>th</sup> of this month. A full house greeted the speaker. Robert A. Peters was Chairman.

### June, 1937

#### Sunday 20

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and cool with light to moderate southwest wind.

Min. temperature 41 Max. temperature 65

#### S.S. TRAJAN

Norwegian Steamer "Trajan" arrived at 5 P.M. for bunker coal.

#### Church Services

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. I attended services in the First United Church. Rev. Donald MacLeod was in charge of both services, at the 11 A.M. service he was assisted by Rev. D.A. MacMillan.

### June, 1937

#### Monday 21

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool with light southerly wind. Showers in the evening.

Min. temperature [Blank] Max. temperature 58

#### S.S. TRAJAN

Norwegian Steamer "Trajan" sailed during the forenoon.

### June, 1937

#### Tuesday 22

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy in the forenoon, clearing at noon, cloudy in the evening. Light southwest wind.

Min. temperature 46 Max. temperature 63

#### Visited Park

Today I visited the Louisbourg National and Historic Park, with Mr. and Mrs. H.W. Jubien of Sydney and party.

### June, 1937

**Wednesday 23**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy in the forenoon, clearing at noon, cloudy in the evening. Light Southwest wind.

Min. temperature 49 Max. temperature 68

**June, 1937****Thursday 24**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Sydney, N.S.

Moderately warm and cloudy with light winds.

Min. temperature (Louisbourg) 51 Max. temperature (Louisbourg) 72

Meeting of Jail Commission

In the morning I motored to Sydney in A.W. Cameron's truck for the purpose of attending the regular monthly meeting of the Cape Breton County Jail Commission. Arrived at Sydney at 10 A.M. Made several business calls in the forenoon. Had lunch at Vidal Hotel.

Death of Child

The death occurred today, at Louisbourg, of Florence, 11 months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neil MacKeigan, Elwood St.

S.S. SEVEN SEAS SUN

British Steamer "Seven Seas Sun" arrived at Louisbourg for bunker coal.

S.S. LORD COCHRANE

British Steamer "Lord Cochrane" arrived at Louisbourg, bunkered and sailed.

**June, 1937****Friday 25**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy with some fog. Misty with a few light showers. Light northeast wind.

Min. temperature 49 Max. temperature 68

S.S. PENHALE

British Steamer "Penhale" arrived in the evening for bunker coal.

S.S. EKATENERINI NICOLAOU

Greek Steamer "Ekatenerini Nicolaou" arrived in the evening for bunker coal.

S.S. SEVEN SEAS SUN

British Steamer "Seven Seas Sun" sailed in the morning.

**June, 1937****Saturday 26**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and foggy , partly clear in the afternoon, foggy at night.  
Min. temperature 47 Max. temperature 74

#### S.S. BAUTA

Norwegian Steamer "Bauta" arrived in the forenoon for bunker coal and anchored in the stream.  
Docked in the evening.

#### S.S. PENHALE

#### S.S. EKATENERINI NICOLAOU

British Steamer "Penhale" and Greek Steamer "Ekatenerini Nicolaou" finished bunkering and sailed in the evening for the St. Lawrence.

#### Political Meeting

At 8:30 P.M. I attended a political meeting in the Masonic hall, which was addressed by a young man by name of MacRitchie and E. MacKay Forbes, the Conservative candidate for this constituency. (Cape Breton West)

### **June, 1937**

#### **Sunday 27**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Light southwest to southeast winds. Clear and warm during the forenoon. Cloudy and foggy in the afternoon and evening.

Min. temperature 43 Max. temperature 76

#### Visited National Park

At about 3:30 P.M. I visited the Louisbourg National and Historic Park, with a party from Sydney consisting of Mayor S.E. Muggah, Mr. MacDonald, City Clerk, Mr. Clarke of Clarkes Foundry, the Commanders of two French warships which are now visiting Sydney, the Doctor of one of the ships and two or three other persons from Sydney. At the park I gave a short talk to the visitors on the story of Louisbourg's past history and pointed out points of interest.

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#### Church Services

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. Emeline and I attended services in the First United Church where Rev. Donald MacLeod conducted both services.

Mr. MacLeod who has been supplying the United Church, here since April 25, 1937 terminated his services today. From here he goes to Glace Bay for the purpose of supplying Knox United Church, Glace Bay, during the summer months.

#### Visited Manse

At the close of the evening service the members of the United Choir went to the manse and took part in a sacred "Sing Song". (was present.)

#### S.S. MILL HILL

British Steamer "Mill Hill" arrived at about 9:30 P.M from Montreal for bunker coal.

### **June, 1937**



**Monday 28**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and warm with some fog. Light southerly winds. Light shower in the afternoon.

Min. temperature 54 Max. temperature 70

**S.S. BAUTA**

Norwegian Steamer, "Bauta" sailed.

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The names of the French officers who visited Louisbourg today are as follows:

Commander Gonet of the D'Entrecasteaux

Commander Emmanuelli of the Ville D'Ys

Chief Medical Carre of the Ville D'Ys

**June, 1937****Tuesday 29**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and foggy with light southerly wind.

Min. temperature 54 Max. temperature 66

**S.S. ARANDA**

Norwegian Steamer "Aranda" arrived, bunkered and sailed.

**S.S. NORTH DEVON**

British Steamer "North Devon" arrived at 6 P.M. for bunker coal.

**PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS**

The Nova Scotia Provincial Elections took place today, resulting in the return of the Liberal Government, under the Premiership of Hon. Angus L. MacDonald with a majority of 20 seats in an assembly of 30. 25 Libs, 5 Cons. Result in Louisbourg Town as follows: M.A. Patterson (Liberal) 322, E. MacKay Forbes (Conservative) 226, Louisbourg District (No.6), Patterson, 91, Forbes 77 (Louisbourg in the constituency of Cape Breton West)

Candidates elected in today's contest as follows:

Annapolis: J.D. MacKenzie (Liberal) Antigonish: MacIsaac (Lib.) Colchester: Blois (Con.) Thomas (Con.) Digby: J.W. Comeau (Lib.) Cumberland: Black (Con.) Smith (Con.) Queens: Cameron (Con.) Cape Breton Center: Dwyer (Lib.) Cape Breton North: Murray (Lib.) Cape Breton South; George Morrison (Lib.) Cape Breton West; M.A. Patterson (Lib.) Cape Breton East; L.D. Currie (Lib) Victoria; Campbell (Lib) Richmond; D.D. Boyd (Lib) Inverness; Dr. McGarry (Lib) Halifax Center; Dr. Forrest (Lib) Halifax North; Connolly (Lib) Halifax South; A.L. MacDonald, Premier (Lib) Halifax West; Hagen, (Lib) Halifax East; Stevens, (Lib) Yarmouth; Garner, (Lib) Pictou; MacQuarrie, (Lib) Munroe (Lib) Kings; J.A. MacDonald (Lib) Hants; A.S. MacMillan (Lib) Lunenburg; Dr. Davis (Lib) G.E. Ramky (Lib) Guysboro (sic); Tarry (Lib) Shelburne; Henry Bill (Lib)

**June, 1937**

**Wednesday 30**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and foggy, with rain in the afternoon. Light to moderate easterly wind.

Min. temperature 53 Max. temperature 67

S.S. KERET

Norwegian Steamer "Keret" arrived, bunkered and sailed.

S.S. KERNFIELD

Steamer "Fernfield" arrived for bunker coal.

**July, 1937**

**Thursday 1**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and foggy in the forenoon. Partly clear during the afternoon and evening. Light to moderate southwest wind.

Min. temperature 50 Max. temperature 71

Fisherman's Annual Race  
(Blank)

S.S. NORTH DEVON

British Steamer "North Devon" sailed in the morning.

S.S. FERNFIELD

Steamer "Fernfield" sailed in the morning.

S.S. GYDA

Norwegian Steamer "Gyda" arrived in the afternoon for bunker coal and docked on the east side of the coal pier.

**July, 1937**

**Friday 2**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with moderate to fresh southwest wind.

Min. temperature 50 Max. temperature 66

S.S. GYDA

Norwegian Steamer "Gyda" sailed at 9:30 A.M.

S.S. YORKMOOR

S.S. HADRIAN

British Steamer "Yorkmoor" and Norwegian Steamer "Hadrian" arrived in the afternoon for bunker coal.

S.S. FOUNDATION FRANKLIN

Tug, "Foundation Franklin" arrived in the afternoon for bunker coal.

**July, 1937**

**Saturday 3**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with moderate to fresh southeast wind.

Min. temperature 44 Max. temperature 67

S.S. YORKMOOR

S.S. HADRIAN

British Steamer "Yorkmoor" and Norwegian Steamer "Hadrian" sailed.

S.S. FOUNDATION FRANKLIN

Tug "Foundation Franklin" sailed in the evening.

Arrived from Salmon River

Heber arrived here by motor at about 8:15 P.M. for the purpose of spending the weekend with us.

**July, 1937**

**Sunday 4**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and warm with light to moderate south west wind.

Min. temperature 45 Max. temperature 75

S.S. RAMO

Norwegian Steamer, "Ramo" arrived at 1 P.M. for bunker coal.

Church Services

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. in company with Emeline I attended services in the First United Church. The morning service was conducted by Rev. D.A. MacMillan and the evening service by Major Greatorex of the Glace Bay detachment of the Salvation Army, assisted by Rev. D.A. MacMillan. In the evening the music was in charge of the Glace Bay Salvation Army Band under the leadership of Bandmaster Ferneyhough. In the afternoon the band gave a sacred open air concert on the vacant lot, corner of Main and Warren Street.

Mr. Ferneyhough, Bandmaster of the Salvation Army Band and three of the bandsmen, Dawson Smith and Stubbart had supper with us.

**July, 1937**

**Monday 5**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with moderate southwest wind.

Min. temperature 44 Max. temperature 72

#### S.S. PEARLSTONE

Arrived, at about 1 A.M. British Steamer "Pearlstone" for bunker coal. After bunkering she sailed at about 4:30 P.M.

#### S.S. RAMO

Norwegian Steamer "Ramo" sailed during the forenoon.

#### S.S. GRACEFIELD

British Steamer "Gracefield" arrived at 9 P.M. for bunker coal.

#### Marriage

The marriage of Godfrey Poirier, of Poirierville, Richmond County, to Miss Mary Hunt of this town took place this morning. Rev. Father D.H. Doyle performed the ceremony.

#### Left for Home

After spending the week end with Heber left for home by motor car at about 10 A.M.

### **July, 1937**

#### **Tuesday 6**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Thunder shower at 8 A.M. followed by bright sunshine until about 1:30 P.M. Cloudy with thunder, lightning and heavy showers during the afternoon and evening.

Min. temperature 48 Max. temperature 69

#### Visited National Park

In the afternoon, I visited the Louisbourg National and Historic Park with Miss Catherine MacLennan and Mrs. (Dr.) J.K. MacLeod of Sydney. Within the museum at about 3 P.M. Mrs. J.K. MacLeod on behalf of the Louisbourg Chapter of the I.O.D.E. of Sydney, presented an engraving, depicting the capture of the "Prudent" and "Bienfaisant", in Louisbourg Harbour, to the Louisbourg Museum. Miss Catherine MacLennan, Honorary Curator, of the Museum accepted the gift and thanked the donors. After being introduced by Miss MacLennan, I gave an address describing the action in which, on the morning of July 26/1758 the two ships were taken by British sailors. There were about 60 members of the I.O.D.E. present.

#### Visited Louisbourg

At about 5:30 P.M. about 30 delegates of the Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island Hospital Association who are attending a convention at Sydney, arrived at the National Park. By previous arrangement with Mayor Muggah of Sydney who accompanied them, I met the party at the Museum and gave a talk on "Old Louisbourg", after which I took the visitors on a tour of the Kings Bastion and Citadel. On returning from the park the party had dinner at the Dundonald Inn before returning to Sydney. After spending the afternoon at the park, I returned home at about 6:45 P.M.

#### S.S. GRACEFIELD

British Steamer "Gracefield" sailed at 8 A.M.

**(Note: The following clipping was preserved in the diary.)**

*Sydney Post -Record, July 8, 1937*

*Historic Picture is Presented to Museum*

*Engraving of Two Louisbourg Siege Ships, "Prudent" and "Beinfaisant" given by Louisbourg Chapter of I.O.D.E. in Impressive Ceremony on Tuesday. Work of Senator J.S. MacLennan and Daughter, Praised by Speakers.*

*Tuesday proved a red letter occasion in the interesting history of the Louisbourg Chapter of the I. O. D. E. when about 50 members of the organization gathered at the historic seaport town, along with interested citizens to formally present to the Federal museum an engraving portraying the capture of the ships, "Prudent" and "Beinfaisant" in the harbor of Louisbourg, on the morning of July 26, 1758.*

*This picture bearing the date of the engraver, February 14, 1771, and framed in oak taken from one of the ships was presented by Mrs. John Know MacLeod, Honorary Regent of the Chapter.*

#### **LAUDS FOUNDER**

*Mrs. MacLeod, who is a charter member spoke most feelingly of the honor which had been conferred upon her in making this presentation and dwelt for a few moments upon the history of the formation of the Chapter by the late Mrs. John S. MacLennan, whose desire from the beginning was that this Chapter should make every effort to help towards establishing Louisbourg as a national memorial.*

#### **READS EXCERPTS**

*Mrs. MacLeod read excerpts from the diary of the late Rev. Hugh MacLeod, D.D. describing the conditions existing in Louisbourg some 75 years ago, remarking that the conditions were very much the same when the Louisbourg chapter was formed, 26 years ago. She recalled the well known words of the late Hon. Joseph Howe:*

*"A wise nation preserves its records, decorates the graves of its illustrious dead, repairs the great public structures and foster national pride, and love of country by perpetual references to the sacrifices and glories of the past." This she stated, the Louisbourg Chapter is endeavoring to do today.*

#### **ACCEPTS GIFT**

*In receiving the picture on behalf of the museum, Miss Katherine MacLennan, Honorary Curator warmly thanked the members for their gift. She referred to a conversation which she had recently with Mr. Coutley, the Government Inspector of Parks, who said "truly Louisbourg was a physical wreck, but a spiritual inspiration."*

#### **DESCRIPTIVE TALK**

*Mayor M.S. Huntington, next speaker gave a vivid description of the Siege of Louisbourg in 1758 and read from the diary of General Amherst to the effect that the very day -July 6, 179 years ago, marking the beginning of the siege. His worship also paid special tribute to Senator the Honorable John S. MacLennan for the many gifts which he had presented to the museum, as well as the great service Miss MacLennan is rendering by collecting and arranging the relics and treasures in it.*

## VOICES THANKS

*The Regent, Mrs. Charles Sutherland, thanked all who had made the occasion possible especially Honorary Vice Regent, Miss Kimber, who had been untiring in her efforts to aid the Chapter in this particular phase of its work.*

*She also read, to the gathering the "resolution" which was passed by the Louisbourg "Chapter in which they have agreed to do all in their power to aid the museum on the historic grounds and thus carry on the tradition upon which this Chapter was founded and from which place it derives its name.*

*Thus ended the happier day of July 6, 1937, made possible by the heroic efforts of that by-gone day of July 6, 1758.*

### **July, 1937**

#### **Wednesday 7**

Louisbourg, N.S.

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

Min. temperature 48 Max. temperature 73

#### S. S. MOUNT MYRTO

Greek Steamer "Mount Myrto" arrived at 10:30 P.M. for bunker coal.

#### Choir Practice

At 8:30 P.M. I attended choir practice in the First United Church.

### **July, 1937**

#### **Thursday 8**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Moderately warm and mostly clear with light southwest wind. An ideal day.

Min. temperature 46 Max. temperature 73

#### S.S. HERLEIK

Norwegian Steamer "Herleik" arrived, bunkered and sailed.

#### S.S. CLEARTON

British Steamer "Clearton" arrived for bunker coal and anchored in the west end of the harbour.

#### Police Motor Ship Arrives

Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Motor Ship "John A. MacDonald" arrived in the evening and sailed at about 10 P.M. The John A. MacDonald is in command of Capt. James Fraser.

#### S. S. FIRBY

British Steamer "Firby" arrived for bunker coal.

### **July, 1937**

#### **Friday 9**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and warm with light northwest wind. An ideal day.

Min. temperature 52 Max. temperature 78

S.S. MOUNT MYRTO

Greek Steamer, "Mount Myrto" sailed at 9 A.M.

S. S. SYDFOLD

Norwegian Steamer "Sydfold" arrived for bunker coal in the morning and anchored in the stream.

S. S. CLARE LILLY

British Steamer, "Clare Lilly" arrived for bunker coal and anchored in the western end of the harbour.

S. S. FIRBY

British Steamer "Firby" bunkered during the day and sailed at 8 P.M.

Visited National Park

At about 3 P.M. I went to the Louisbourg National and Historic Park with a party from Sydney, consisting of Mayor Muggah, City Clerk, James MacDonald, Commander Curzen-Herve, Lieut Campbell and two other officers of H.M.S. Dundee which is now in Sydney harbour.

Arrived from Salmon River

Lillian Huntington, (my Niece) arrived by bus in the evening for the purpose of spending a holiday with us.

**July, 1937**

**Saturday 10**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and warm with moderate to fresh north west wind.

Min. temperature 47 Max. temperature 76

S. S. CLEARTON

British Steamer "Clearton" sailed in the early morning.

S. S. SYDFOLD

Norwegian Steamer "Sydfold" sailed

S. S. CLARE LILLY

British Steamer "Clare Lilly" sailed at about 7 P.M.

**July, 1937**

**Sunday 11**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with northwest to northeast winds.

Min. temperature 44 Max. temperature 73

#### Church Services

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. I attended services in the First United Church. Rev. D. A. MacMillan was the preacher at both services. Emeline was not out to church in the morning but accompanied me in the evening.

#### Arrived From Sydney

In the afternoon Miss Bertha Huntington and Mr Hopkins of Sydney motored to Louisbourg and spent the afternoon and evening with us. They left to return at about 9 P.M.

### **July, 1937**

#### **Monday 12**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with light to moderate variable wind.

Min. temperature 39 Max. temperature 72

#### S. S. GREEK MARINER

Greek Steamer "Greek Mariner" arrived in the early morning, bunkered during the day, and sailed at 5 P.M.

#### S. S. BRAA

Norwegian Steamer "Braa", arrived at 7 A.M. for bunker coal.

#### First Swordfish

The first swordfish of this season was landed here today. A fisherman by name of Organ enroute from North Sydney to Louisbourg caught the fish by the northward of Scatari Island. This is the earliest date on record on which a swordfish was landed at this port.

### **July, 1937**

#### **Tuesday 13**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cool and partly cloudy with light to moderate easterly wind.

Min. temperature 41 Max. temperature 72

#### S. S. BRAA

Norwegian Steamer "Braa" sailed in the early morning.

### **July, 1937**

#### **Wednesday 14**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy in the early part of the day. Clear during the afternoon and evening. Moderate northeast wind. Min. temperature 51 Max. temperature 68



### Choir Practice

At 8:30 P.M. I attended choir practice in the First United Church.

### July, 1937

#### Thursday 15

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with moderate to fresh southwest wind.

Min. temperature 46 Max. temperature 72

#### Thirteenth Anniversary

At noon, today, Emeline and I celebrated the thirteenth anniversary of our marriage to the extent of having lunch at the Dundonald Inn.

### July, 1937

#### Friday 16

Louisbourg, N.S.

Showers and drizzle of rain and some fog. Moderate to fresh southwest wind. Rainfall about ½ inch.

Min. temperature 54 Max. temperature 62

#### S. S. RYM

Norwegian Steamer "Rym" arrived at about 9 A.M. for bunker coal.

#### S. S. NIDAREID

Norwegian Steamer "Nidareid" arrived in the afternoon for bunker coal.

#### Death of Alex Munroe

Alex Munroe, a prominent resident and business man of Marion Bridge, passed away in the City Hospital, Sydney this evening after a short illness.

### July, 1937

#### Saturday 17

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy in the early part of the day, clearing at noon. Clear and warm during the afternoon. Cloudy at night.

Min. temperature 56 Max. temperature 76

#### S.S. RYM

#### S.S. NIDAREID

Norwegian Steamers "Rym" and "Nidareid" sailed in the early morning.

#### Swordfish

Swordfish fleet is beginning to assemble at this port for the seasons fishing. About 25 fish were landed here today. Very unusual for swordfish to be landed here this early in the season.

### July, 1937

**Sunday 18**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and warm with moderate to fresh south west to west winds.

Min. temperature 56 Max. temperature 80

**S. S. KOUMOUNDOUROS**

Greek Steamer "Koumoundouros" arrived at about 10 A.M for bunker coal.

**Church Services**

At 7 P.M. Emeline and I attended services in the First United Church. There was no service in the United Church in the morning, the pastor being at Kennington Cove where he held service and dispensed the Communion of the Lord's Supper.

**July, 1937****Monday 19**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool , clearing in the evening. Moderate northeast wind.

Min. temperature 51 Max. temperature 65

**S. S. KOUMOUNDOUROS**

Greek Steamer "Koumoundouros" bunkered, and sailed in the forenoon.

**S. S. GEORGE J. COULANDRIS**

Greek Steamer "George J. Coulandris" arrived, bunkered and sailed.

**S. S. FERNFIELD**

Steamer "Fernfield" arrived, bunkered and sailed.

**July, 1937****Tuesday 20**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Sydney, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with light to moderate southwest wind.

Min. temperature (Louisbourg) 49 Max. temperature (Louisbourg) 70

**Louisbourg to Sydney**

Left Louisbourg at 1 P.M. for Sydney for the purpose of attending a meeting called by Mayor S.E. Muggah of Sydney to deal with the matter of providing a programme of entertainment for the delegates attending the convention of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities which is scheduled to meet at Sydney on August 24, 25, 26/ 1937. At 2:30 P.M. we met in the Supreme Court room in the County building. Those present were: Mayor S.E. Muggah (Sydney, Chairman) Mayor D.W. Morrison, Glace Bay, Mayor Fenwick Kelly, North Sydney, Mayor A.C. MacCormick, Sydney Mines, Mayor M.S. Huntington, Louisbourg, James MacDonald, City Clerk, Sydney (Secretary) and two other men whose names were unknown to me. Warden R.A. MacKinnon was also present. After discussing various matters concerning the coming convention, the matter of

finalizing the arrangements was left in the hands of Mayor Muggah and County Warden Rod MacKinnon. I returned home on Sullivan's bus, leaving Sydney at 5:30 P.M.

S. S. BLAIRANGUS

British Steamer "Blairangus" arrived at Louisbourg for bunker coal, at about 6:30 P.M.

Swordfish

About 70 swordfish were landed at Louisbourg today. An unusually large catch for so early in the season.

**July, 1937**

**Wednesday 21**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with moderate to fresh southwest wind.

Min. temperature 46 Max. temperature 69

S. S. BLAIRANGUS

British Steamer "Blairangus" bunkered last night, and sailed at about 10 A.M. today.

HON. A. S. MACMILLAN

Hon. A.S. MacMillan, Minister of Highways for the Province of Nova Scotia visited Louisbourg for a short time at 10 A.M. today. He left for Halifax via Gabarus and the shore road to Point Tupper.

S. S. CONSUL OLSSON

Swedish Steamer "Consul Olsson" arrived for bunker coal at about 11 P.M.

**July, 1937**

**Wednesday 22**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Partly clear and moderately warm with light to moderate easterly wind.

Min. temperature 47 Max. temperature 75

S. S. CONSUL OLSSON

Swedish Steamer "Consul Olsson" bunkered, and sailed at about 2:30 P.M.

**July, 1937**

**Friday 23**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with light to moderate southwest wind.

Min. temperature 56 Max. temperature 72

**July, 1937**

## **Saturday 24**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with light to moderate southwest wind.

Min. temperature 52 Max. temperature 74

### Death of Rose Bates

The death of Miss Rose Bates of this town took place at the Annex of the City Hospital, Sydney, N.S. today.

### Visited National Park

At about 10:30 A.M. I visited the Louisbourg National and Historic Park with Dr. J.C. Webster of Shediac, N.B., D.C. Harvey, M.A. Provincial Archivist, Halifax, N.S., F.W. Gray of the British Empire Steel and Coal Corporation, Sydney, N.S., R.A. Peters, Honorary Supt. of the Louisbourg Park and Miss Catherine MacLennan, Honorary Curator of the Louisbourg Museum. After spending about two hours at the park we had lunch at the Fleur-de-lis Tea Room, after which we returned to the park for a short time during which we visited the military cemeteries on Point Rochefort. At about 2:30 P.M. we motored to Kennington Cove and visited the Cairn and tablet at the scene of Wolfe's Landing.

## **July, 1937**

### **Sunday 25**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Mostly clear and moderately warm with light to moderate southwest wind.

Min. temperature 55 Max. temperature 75

### Church Services

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. I attended anniversary services in the First United Church. At 11 A.M. the preacher was Rev. L. B. Campbell of the First United Church, Sydney, N.S. and in the evening Rev. Donald MacLeod (who is now supply) Knox United Church, Glace Bay. Rev. D. A. MacMillan, the regular pastor assisted at both services.

### S. S. ADRIA

Panama Steamer "Adria" arrived at about 2 P.M. for bunker coal.

### S. S. NIDERIED

Norwegian Steamer "Nideried" arrived in the early part of the night for bunker coal.

### Motored to Valley Station

At 7:30 A.M. Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Townsend and Emeline left here by motor car for Valley Station, Colchester County, N.S. for the purpose of visiting Rev. H.D. Townsend who is very ill.

### Arrived from Salmon River

At about 10:20 A.M. a party consisting of Heber, Eleanor, John and Hector Huntington, Arnold Severance and Miss Severance.

## **July, 1937**

**Monday 26**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Mostly clear on land, but with fog off the coast. Warm with light to moderate southwest wind.

Foggy in the evening.

Min. temperature 51 Max. temperature 75

**Funeral**

At 9 A.M. I attended the funeral of the late Miss Rose Bates. Funeral service was conducted by Rev. D.H. Doyle. Interment in the Roman Catholic Cemetery.

**July, 1937****Tuesday 27**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Foggy and mostly cloudy with fresh southwest wind.

Min. temperature 58 Max. temperature 71

**S. S. NIDAREID**

Norwegian Steamer "Nidareid" delayed by the fog yesterday evening, sailed in the morning.

**S. S. TORNY**

Norwegian Steamer "Torny" arrived in the morning, bunkered, and sailed in the afternoon.

**Visited National Park**

At about 8 A.M. I visited the Louisbourg National and Historic Park with Mr. and Mrs. Woods of Pittsburgh, Penn. U.S.A.

**S. S. LADY LAURIER**

Government Steamer "Lady Laurier"

**S. S. ADRIA**

PANAMA Steamer, "Adria" which arrived here on last Sunday, lumber laden, owing to having a very heavy list was not considered seaworthy, and it was decided to discharge part of her deck load. She is now lying at the east side of the freight wharf where the work of discharging was begun during the night under the direction of Capt. D.W. Levy of Louisbourg. The lumber is to be put overboard into the harbour and formed into a raft.

**July 1937****Wednesday 28**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy with some fog. Light shower of rain at about 4 P.M. Moderate southwest wind.

Min. temperature 52 Max. temperature 71.

**S. S. WESTMINSTER**

British Steamer "Westminster" arrived at about 9:30 A.M. for bunker coal.

S. S. JUNO

German Steamer "Juno" arrived at about 10 A.M., bunkered, and sailed at about 5 P.M.

S. S. KERET

Norwegian Steamer, "Keret" arrived at about 9 P.M. for bunker coal.

S. S. CRAIGPOOL

British Steamer "Craigpool" arrived at about 10 P.M. for bunker coal and anchored in the stream.

S. S. LADY LAURIER

Government Steamer "Lady Laurier" sailed in the forenoon, and returned to port at 10 P.M.

**July, 1937**

**Thursday 29**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Sydney, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with moderate northeast to east winds.

Min. temperature (Louisbourg) 52 Max. temperature (Louisbourg) 74

S. S. WESTMINSTER          S. S. KERET

British Steamer, "Westminster" sailed in the early morning and Norwegian Steamer "Keret" during the day. Both from Louisbourg.

S. S. LADY LAURIER

Government Steamer "Lady Laurier" sailed (from Louisbourg) in the early morning.

Motored to Sydney

Motored to Sydney with Cecil Stevens at 9 A.M. for the purpose of attending the regular monthly meeting of the Cape Breton County Jail Commission.

**July, 1937**

**Friday 30**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately arm with moderate southwest wind. Cloudy in the evening.

Min. temperature 47 Max. temperature 75

S. S. CRAIGPOOL

British Steamer "Craigpool" sailed in the early morning.

S. S. BARON DECHMONT

British Steamer "Baron Dechmont" arrived in the early morning, bunkered and sailed at 2:30 P.M.

**JULY 1937**

**Saturday 31**

Louisbourg, N. S.

Clear and warm with light variable wind.

Min. temperature 60 Max. temperature 79

#### S. S. LIBRA

Norwegian Steamer "Libra" arrived in the early morning, bunkered and sailed during the afternoon.

#### S. S. ADRIA

Panama Steamer, "Adria" lumber laden, which arrived here on last Sunday afternoon, badly listed, sailed at 6 P.M. for Liverpool England. While in port a considerable quantity of her deck load was discharged which brought her on to an even keel. When she sailed this evening she appeared to be quite seaworthy.

#### DEATH OF REV. H. D. TOWNSEND

Rev. Howard D. Townsend, passed away at his home, Valley Station, Colchester Co, N.S. at about 12:50 A.M. after an illness of about five months. Mr. Townsend who was [Blank] years of age is survived by his wife, who previous to her marriage was Miss Matilda Reich, and four sons: Alwyn, Wafford, Lawrence and Gerald. He is also survived by one brother, Fletcher and one sister, Emeline ( Mrs. M.S. Huntington) both of Louisbourg.

#### Leave for Valley

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Townsend and Emeline left here by motor at about 12:15 P.M. for Valley Station, for to visit the home of the late Rev. H.D. Townsend and be present at his funeral which takes place tomorrow at 2 P.M.

### **August, 1937**

#### **Sunday 1**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Truro, N.S.

Cloudy, Rain during the afternoon and night. Rainfall (Louisbourg) about 1 inch.

Min. temperature (Louisbourg) 50 Max. temperature (Louisbourg) 72

#### Left for Valley Station

At 1:50 A.M. Mr. and Mrs. E.A. Grant, A.W. Stacey and I left Louisbourg by motor car for Valley Station, Colchester Co. for the purpose of visiting the home, and attending the funeral of the late Rev. H.D. Townsend.

### **August, 1937**

#### **Monday 2**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy with moderate to fresh southwest wind.

Min. temperature 56 Max. temperature 70

#### S. S. BESTUM

Norwegian Steamer "Bestum" sailed at about 11 A.M.

S. S. IMOIGNE

British Steamer "Imogne" sailed in the afternoon.

**August, 1937**

**Tuesday 3**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Heavy rain in the early morning. Mostly cloudy during the day. Light northerly wind, shifting to southwest and increasing.

Min. temperature 56 Max. temperature 74

**August, 1937**

**Wednesday 4**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Mostly cloudy and moderately warm with light southwest wind. Heavy showers between 7:30 and 9:30 A.M.

Min. temperature 52 Max. temperature 77

S. S. OLGA E. EMBIRICOS

Greek Steamer "Olga E. Embiricos", arrived in the early morning, bunkered during the day, and sailed at about 7 P.M.

Yacht ELLIDA

United States Yacht, "Ellida" arrived at about 7 P.M. from Sydney. On board are Mr. Henry L. Shatwick, Treasurer of Harvard University, E.P. Richardson and Henry Roosevelt, all of Boston, Mass. Shortly after their arrival I met the party at the Dundonald Inn and arranged to accompany them on a visit to the "Louisbourg National and Historic Park" and the Museum at 10 A.M. tomorrow.

Choir Practice

At 8:30 P.M. I attended choir practice in the First United Church.

**August, 1937**

**Thursday 5**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with light to moderate southwest wind. Some fog in the morning. Cloudy in the evening.

Min. temperature 53 Max. temperature 75

Visited National Park

At 10 A.M. with A.A. Martell, who drove us with his car, I visited the Park with Mr. Shatwick, Mr. Richardson and Mr. Roosevelt, all of Boston. At the Park we were joined by Mrs. Josiah O. Tow and her daughter, Miss Freshman, both of Kittery Point, Maine. We then went into the Museum where I gave a talk to the visitors on Louisbourg and its early history.



Near the close of my talk we were joined by the "Historic Tour Party" consisting of C.W. Jefferys, famous Canadian Artist, MacDonald Oxley, Mr. and Mrs. MacNaughton, Miss MacEachern, Agnes D. MacReady, Mrs. L.L. Pollock, all of Toronto and other parts of the Province of Ontario.

## **August, 1937**

### **Friday 6**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and warm with southwest wind which shifted to northwest early in the day, increasing to a fresh breeze. Some fog in the early morning.

Min. temperature 56 Max. temperature 78

#### **S. S. EUGENE LIVANOS**

Greek Steamer "Eugene Livanos" arrived during the forenoon for bunker coal.

#### **S. S. IVVIVA**

Norwegian Steamer "Ivviva" arrived at about 4:30 P.M. for bunker coal and anchored in the stream. Docked at the coal pier at 8 P.M.

#### **S. S. FERNFIELD**

Steamer "Fernfield" arrived, bunkered and sailed.

#### **Visited National Park**

At about 11:30 A.M. I visited the Louisbourg National and Historic Park with Commander Beech of the Canadian Cruiser Sagenay and Lt. Commander Bidwell of the Canadian Cruiser St. Laurent, who motored from Sydney and called for me to accompany them to the park. At the park we were joined by Colonel and Mrs. Pickering of the U.S. A. At the Museum I gave the party a talk on the early history of Louisbourg, after which we visited points of interest at the Citadel and elsewhere. We returned to town at about 1:30 P.M. The Sagenay and St. Laurent are visiting Sydney at present.

## **August, 1937**

### **Saturday 7**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and warm with moderate southwest wind. Fog off the coast during the afternoon.

Min. temperature 55 Max. temperature 80

#### **S. S. EUGENE LIVINOS**

Greek Steamer "Eugene Livinos" sailed in the early morning. While in port she took on board about 1200 tons of bunker coal.

#### **S. S. UNGAVA**

Newfoundland Steamer "Ungava", lumber laden, arrived in the early morning. After bunkering, she sailed shortly after midnight.

## S. S. IVVIVA

Norwegian Steamer, "Ivviva", lumber laden, finished bunkering and sailed in the afternoon.

### **August, 1937**

#### **Sunday 8**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and warm on land with thick fog off the coast. Light southwest wind. Very foggy and sultry during the evening and night.

Min. temperature 54 Max. temperature 78

#### Church Services

At 3 P.M. I attended the 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service at Catalone United Church motoring there with E.A. and Mrs. Grant. Service in charge of Rev. D. A. MacMillan, assisted by Rev. Donald MacGuire of Montgomery, Alabama, U.S.A. and Rev. John MacKinnon, D.D. of Sydney. Rev. Donald MacGuire was the preacher. At 7 P.M. accompanied by Emeline, I attended service in the First United Church, Louisbourg where Rev. D.A. MacMillan was also in charge with Mr. MacGuire as the preacher.

At 1 P.M. I attended the funeral service of the late Miss Mabel Plowman in the First United Church. The remains were brought from Margaree Harbour today by motor car. They were accompanied by Mr. & Mrs. Munroe, Mr. Lawrence and others, all of Margaree. Rev. D.A. MacMillan conducted the services at the church and grave. Interment in United Church Cemetery, Clarke's Road.

#### CROWNINSHIELDS LANDS SWORDFISH

Mr. B.D. Crowninshields, United States Sportsman, who has been angling for swordfish off Louisbourg for the past eight or ten days, landed fish here this evening, weighing 124 pounds.

### **August, 1937**

#### **Monday 9**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and very warm with east to northeast wind. Hottest day, so far, this season.

Min. temperature 63 Max. temperature 83

### **August, 1937**

#### **Tuesday 10**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Partly clear with moderate to fresh south west wind.

Min. temperature 60 Max. temperature 76

#### Visited National Park

At about 2 P.M. I went to the Louisbourg National and Historic Park with Rev. Mr. Morton, of Providence, Rhode Island and the Misses Jetta and Hortense Gibbons of Huntington, C.B. While at the park we visited the museum and other points of interest.

17 years ago, while a student minister Mr. Morton was in charge of the Grand Mira-Gabarus Circuit.

## **August, 1937**

### **Wednesday 11**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Partly clear and warm with moderate to fresh southwest wind. Fog off the coast during the day and on land in the evening.

Min. temperature 60 Max. temperature 78

#### Visited National Park

Mr. Barch, a member of the New York Historical Society, accompanied by his wife and daughter arrived in the morning from Sydney by taxi.

At about 10 A.M. accompanied by A.A. Martell, I visited the National Park and took Mr. Barch and daughter on a sightseeing tour of the ruins of the Citadel and Museum. They were very much pleased with their visit.

#### Masonic Outing

In the afternoon members of seven Cape Breton County lodges held their annual outing at the Louisbourg Park. At about 7 P.M. they had supper in the Parish hall, where the ladies of the Anglican congregation catered to them. Supper was followed by a meeting in the lodge rooms of Mariners Lodge, Louisbourg. A dance was also held on the ground floor of the hall.

#### S. S. TRELOSKE

British Steamer "Treliske" arrived at about 7:30 A.M. After bunkering during the day, she sailed at about 7 P.M.

#### S. S. CILTVAIRA

Latvian Steamer "Ciltvaira" arrived at noon for bunker coal.

#### Choir Practice

At 8:30 P.M. I attended choir practice in the First United Church. A business meeting followed dealing with the resignation of the choir leader, J.A. MacDonald, who in a letter dated July 26, 1937 asked to be relieved of his duties. A resolution was passed by the meeting (7 present) requesting him to continue his service.

## **August, 1937**

### **Thursday 12**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Warm and mostly clear, on land. Fog off the coast. Fresh west, southwest wind.

Min. temperature 60 Max. temperature 74

#### Motored to Sydney

At about 9 A.M. I motored to Sydney with William Lewis, for the purpose to taking part in a broadcast that was being sent out over an international coast to coast hookup from Station

C.J.C.B. at Sydney. This broadcast was arranged by Philip Sheridan of the Mandeville Press, New York in the interest of Nova Scotia, and particularly Louisbourg, as a resort for swordfish anglers. Mr. Edge, of Station W.O.R. Mutual Broadcasting Company, Newark, New Jersey delivered the address which occupied about 13 minutes, of the 15 minutes allotted for the broadcast. I came on first with an address of welcome, to Mr. Edge, to Louisbourg, consisting of about 190 words.

## **August, 1937**

### **Friday 13**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Showers in the early morning. Cloudy and fog during the day. Moderate to fresh southwest wind.

Min. temperature 60 Max. temperature 67

#### S. S. MARISA THORDEN

Finnish Steamer "Marisa Thorden" arrived in the morning for bunker coal.

#### S. S. BLINK

Norwegian Steamer "Blink" arrived shortly after noon for bunker coal.

#### Visited National Park

In the afternoon I visited the Louisbourg National Park and Museum with Miss Milburne, a teacher in a school in Calgary, Alberta and Miss Kirkpatrick, a doctor from New York, and two other ladies that were in the party.

Before leaving the park I was joined by Dr. H.J. Townsend of Louisbourg, his father Dr. Townsend of New Glasgow, and his uncle, Mr. Fraser also of New Glasgow, to whom I gave a talk on the history of Louisbourg, as a fortified city.

## **August, 1937**

### **Saturday 14**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and foggy during the first half of the day. Fog cleared during the afternoon. Light to moderate southwest wind.

Min. temperature 58 Max. temperature 72

#### S. S. MARISA THORDEN      S. S. BLINK

Finnish Steamer, "Marisa Thorden" and Norwegian Steamer "Blink" sailed in the morning.

#### S. S. NIDAREID

Norwegian Steamer "Nidareid" arrived at about 8 P.M. and bunkered.

## **August, 1937**

### **Sunday 15**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and warm with light to moderate southwest wind.

Min. temperature 49 Max. temperature 72

### Church Services

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. I attended services in the First United Church. Rev. D.A. MacMillan was the preacher at both services. Emeline accompanied me in the morning but was not out to the 7 P.M. service.

### S. S. LADY LAURIER

Government Steamer "Lady Laurier" arrived and docked at the Government wharf.

### Funeral

At 2 P.M. I attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Martin Levatte. Service at the house, church and grave were conducted by Rev. E.B. Gabriel of St. Bartholomews Anglican Church. Interment took place in the Anglican Cemetery on Clarke's Road.

### August, 1937

#### Monday 16

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and warm with light to moderate southwest wind.

Min. temperature 49 Max. temperature 75

### S. S. CETUS

Norwegian Steamer "Cetus" arrived, bunkered and sailed.

### S. S. LADY LAURIER

Government Steamer "Lady Laurier" sailed in the morning.

### August, 1937

#### Tuesday 17

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and warm with moderate to fresh southwest wind.

Min. temperature 57 Max. temperature 71

### TAX SALE

At 1:30 P.M. I attended tax sale in the town hall conducted by B.M. Spencer, Town Clerk, which resulted as follows:

Property of M.D. Cameron, Amount due	\$84.83	No bid
Henry Mitchell Estate	34.50	" "
Property of William King	226.77	" "
Vincent O'Toole Estate	60.37	" "
John Weatherbe Estate	38.65	" "
Property of Peters Bros	359.00	" "
Property of Mrs Prescilla A Townsend		

Sold to clear title amount due \$50.85 purchased by Philip Townsend acting for Mrs. Prescilla Townsend.

Anthony Townsend Estate, sold to clear title, amount due \$88.08 purchased by Anthony E. Townsend.

Property of Benjamin Heckman, sold to clear title amount due \$75.86 purchased by Benjamin Heckman for amount due.

#### Death

The death occurred at the home of her son, John, at Catalone, of Mrs. Neil A. MacAulay. Mrs. MacAulay was within two months of her 90<sup>th</sup> year.

#### **August, 1937**

##### **Wednesday 18**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Mostly cloudy, with southwest wind which shifted to northeast early in the day. Some thunder and a few light showers in the forenoon.

Min. temperature 54 Max. temperature 72

#### S. S. JONNA

Danish Steamer "Jonna" arrived at about 10 A.M., bunkered and sailed shortly after noon.

#### **August, 1937**

##### **Thursday 19**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately cool with light to moderate variable winds, mostly southwest.

Min temperature [Blank] Max temperature [Blank]

#### Funeral

At about 1:15 P.M. I left here with Rev. and Mrs. D.A. MacMillan, for Catalone to attend the funeral of the late Mrs. Neil A. MacAulay which took place at 2 P.M. The service at the house and grave were conducted by Rev. D.A. MacMillan, assisted by Rev. Norman MacQueen.

#### **August, 1937**

##### **Friday 20**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Salmon River, N.S.

Cloudy and moderately warm, clearing in the afternoon.

#### Motored to Marion Bridge and Salmon River

At 12:15 P.M. I left Louisbourg by motor car with Rev. D.A. and Mrs. MacMillan, D.J. Matheson and John MacRury for Marion Bridge where we attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Neil MacDonald of Sandfield, Mira, which was held from the home of her daughter, Mrs. Neil Ferguson of Marion Bridge. After a brief service at the house the remains were taken to St. Columba Presbyterian Church where the service was in charge of Mr. Sutherland, Student Minister, who was assisted by Rev. Norman MacQueen, who delivered the address. Rev. D.A. MacMillan, Rev. Donald MacGuire and Rev. A.A. MacIvor.

Interment took place in River View Cemetery, Marion Bridge.

After the funeral, Mr. MacMillan and party returned to Louisbourg. I motored up to Clifford Huntington's with Caleb Gibbons and party. Had supper at Clifford's, after which I walked up to Heber's arriving at about 7 P.M.

#### **S. S. LANGLEEMERE**

British Steamer "Langlemere" arrived at Louisbourg, bunkered and sailed.

#### **S. S. PHILIP T. DODGE**

British Steamer "Philip T. Dodge" arrived at Louisbourg, bunkered and sailed during the night.

### **August, 1937**

#### **Saturday 21**

Salmon River, N.S.

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy, clearing in the forenoon, cloudy in the afternoon and evening.

#### Salmon River to Louisbourg

Left Salmon River at about 7 A.M. by motor with Heber and went to Sydney. Left Sydney by motor bus driven by Alex Burke of Louisbourg at 11 A.M., reached Louisbourg at about 11:50 A.M.

#### **S. S. CLARE LILLY**

British Steamer "Clare Lilly" arrived at Louisbourg, bunkered and sailed.

#### Council Meeting

At 7:30 P.M. I attended, and presided at a meeting of the Louisbourg Town Council. Those present were: Councillors: G.B. Hiltz, Clifton Townsend and Jeremiah Smith, Town Clerk: B.M. Spencer, Police Officer: D.M. Johnson and Mayor Huntington.

#### Arrived from Salmon River

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Huntington, arrived in the evening from Salmon River via Mira, for a short visit. While in town they are our guests.

### **August, 1937**

#### **Sunday 22**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool with light to moderate northerly wind. Light showers in the morning.

Min. temperature 53 Max. temperature 66

#### Church Services

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

### **August, 1937**

#### **Monday 23**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool with light to moderate east to southeast winds. Rain began to fall at about 5:30 P.M. Rainfall about 1/4 inch.

Min. temperature 50 max temperature 66

S. S. KERET

Norwegian Steamer "Keret" arrived during the evening for bunker coal.

**August, 1937**

**Tuesday 24**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Sydney, N.S.

Mostly clear and moderately warm with light southwest wind.

Min. temperature 48 (Louisbourg) Max. temperature (Louisbourg) 71

S. S. KARET

Norwegian Steamer "Keret" sailed from Louisbourg.

S. S. HEKTOR

Norwegian Steamer "Hektor" arrived at Louisbourg for bunker coal.

Convention of Union of N.S. Municipalities

Left Louisbourg at about 8:30 A.M. in company with B.M. Spencer, Town Clerk, and motored to Sydney with Cecil Stevens, for the purpose of attending the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities. First session opened at about 10 A.M. in the Supreme Court chamber in the County building with the President, Mayor S.E. Muggah of Sydney in the chair. Addresses of Welcome were delivered by Mayors S.E. Muggah, of Sydney, D.W. Morrison of Glace Bay, William Hinchey, New Waterford, M.S. Huntington of Louisbourg and Warden Rod MacKinnon of the Municipality of Cape Breton, also Mayor A.C. MacCormick of Sydney Mines. Replies to the address were made by Mayor Walter Mitchell, Halifax, Deputy Mayor Hamilton, New Glasgow, Dr. Herbin, Lockport and Town Clerk, F.W. Harris of Annapolis Royal. The Presidential address and a paper by F.W. Gray, Assistant General Manager of the British Empire Steel and Coal Corporation Ltd. followed. Session adjourned at about noon to meet at 2:30 P.M.

Had lunch at Vidal Hotel in company with B.M. Spencer, Town Clerk, and Councillor Clifton Townsend, Louisbourg.

At 2:30 P.M. in company with B.M. Spencer, Town Clerk, Councillors Clifton Townsend and Alex MacDonald the other representatives of the Town of Louisbourg, I attended the afternoon session of the convention. During this session papers were read by R.M. Hattie, of Halifax on "Town Planning and Civic Improvement" and by W.C. Clark, Deputy Minister of Finance, Ottawa on "Housing".

Returning, Mr. Spencer and I returned to Louisbourg at about 6:30 P.M. via Sullivan's Bus Service.

MEETING OF SCHOOL BOARD

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**Wednesday 25**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Sydney, N.S.

Mostly clear and moderately warm with light winds. An ideal day.

Min. temperature (Lbg) 45 Max. temperature (Louisbourg) 76

## Convention Union of N.S. Municipalities

Left Louisbourg in company with B.M. Spencer on Cecil Steven's bus enroute to Sydney with the other three Louisbourg representatives. I attended the morning session of the Municipalities Convention at 9:30, President, Mayor S.E. Muggah presiding. The morning session opened with an address by Hon. Michael Dwyer, Minister of Mines in Provincial Legislature, on the "Problem of the Young Man". This was followed by Land "Taxation and Municipal Finance" by H.E. Manning, K.C. of Toronto and "Municipal Taxation" by Frank Rowe, B.A. Assistant Commissioner of Municipal affaires for Nova Scotia. Report of committee on Resolutions and appointment of Committee on nominations, was followed by adjournment at 1 P.M.

At 2:30 Delegates met on the steps of the Court House and the convention Photograph was taken after which they were given the opportunity of visiting Louisbourg National Park, or No. 12 mine at New Waterford. Upwards of one hundred motored to Louisbourg, where I delivered two addresses in the museum on the history of old Louisbourg and also took a party of the visitors on a tour of the ruins. Light lunches were served to the delegates at the Fleur-de-Lis Tea Room, a short distance from the park gate (Miss MacKinnon, Proprietress)

With Spencer and Townsend, I returned home at about 7 P.M.

## S. S. KING EDWARD

British Steamer "King Edward" arrived at Louisbourg in the evening for bunker coal.

## S. S. HEKTOR

Norwegian Steamer "Hektor" sailed.

**August, 1937****Thursday 26**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy in the morning, becoming mostly clear during the day. Moderate to fresh south-west-wind.

Min. temperature [Blank] Max. temperature [Blank]

## S. S. KING EDWARD

British Steamer "King Edward" sailed in the morning.

## S. S. NEA

Norwegian Steamer "Nea" arrived in the morning, bunkered and sailed shortly after noon.

(Continued from August 24<sup>th</sup>)

At 7:30 P.M. I attended and presided at a meeting of the School Board. Members present were: Clarence Peters, D.A. Campbell, G.B. Hiltz and M.S. Huntington, Clerk: B.M. Spencer, Police Officer: D.M. Johnson and Dan Nicholson.

At this meeting, Miss Mary Hiltz who has had leave of absence for two years was reinstated on the staff of the Louisbourg Town School.

It was decided to have the A Class taught in the Louisbourg School during the coming term, on George Lewis, W.L. Skinner, James Crowdis and Dan Nicholson agreeing to pay jointly the sum of \$450.00 for the salary of the extra teacher required owing to the A class being taught.

The application of Clarence Peters for the job of Janitor of the Louisbourg School was accepted by the board, conditional, on Walter Tucker presenting his resignation.

## **August, 1937**

### **Friday 27**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Sydney, N.S.

Moderately warm and mostly cloudy with light to moderate southwest wind.

#### Motored to Sydney

At about 8:45 A.M. in company with B.M. Spencer, Town Clerk, I motored to Sydney in Cecil Steven's bus for the purpose of attending the Municipal Administration Course being held in the Supreme Court Chamber at Sydney under the auspices of Dalhousie University.

#### S. S. FERNFIELD

Steamer "Fernfield" arrived, bunkered and sailed.

#### S. S. KORSF JORD

Norwegian Steamer "Korsf Jord" arrived, bunkered and sailed.

#### S. S. MARIEANN

Norwegian "Marieann" arrived during the night for bunker coal.

## **August, 1937**

### **Saturday 28**

#### S. S. KEM

Norwegian Steamer, "Kem" arrived shortly before midnight for bunker coal.

## **August, 1937**

### **Sunday 29**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with moderate southwest wind.

Min. temperature 45 Max. temperature 70

#### Church Services

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. I attended services in the First United Church. Rev. D.A. MacMillan was in charge of both services and delivered the address at the morning service. In the evening Rev. Charles Anderson of the New Aberdeen United Church was the preacher.

### Motored to Baddeck

Emeline, Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Grant motored to Baddeck today. Left Louisbourg at about 9:45 A.M. and returned at 11 P.M.

## August, 1937

### Monday 30

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and very warm with light to moderate southwest wind.

Max temperature about 77.

### Motored to Sydney

Left Louisbourg at about 1:15 P.M. on Sullivan's regular bus. This bus broke down on Riverdale Street and I transferred to another bus car driven by Alex Burke of Louisbourg.

Left Sydney by Canadian National Railway train at 7 P.M. enroute to Norwich, Connecticut for the purpose of attending the sixth Reunion of the Huntington Family Association which meets at Norwich on September 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

## August, 1937

### Tuesday 31

Truro, N.S.

Cloudy and moderately warm with light winds.

Arrived at Truro on train from Sydney at about 6 A.M. Left Truro by train at 10:20 A.M. Arrived at Moncton at 2:15 P.M. Left Moncton for St. John, N.B. at 3:20. Arrived at St. John at 6:20. Left St. John for Boston, Mass at 6:55 P.M. Passed baggage and immigration inspection a short distance out of St. John.

## September, 1937

### Wednesday 1

Boston, Mass.

Clear and very warm with light winds. Arrived at Boston by train at about 8:15 A.M. Registered at the Parker House, Tremont Street at 2 P.M. Starting from Hotel Braddock, went on a sight-seeing tour, by motor car, to Lexington and Concord, returning to Parker House at about 5 P.M. Among the places visited were: Agassiz Museum, Sight of Washington Elm Cannon used in the siege of Boston, site where four Americans were captured by the British, Cooper Tavern, site of capture of British Supply train, Johnathan Harrington House, Munroe Tavern, site of Old Belfry, Lexington Green Battle Ground, Capt. Parkers Statue, Buckman Tavern, Pulpit Rock, Stone Boulder marking the line of the Minute Men, Revolutionary War Memorial, the Hancock-Clarke House, site of Capture of Paul Revere, Grapevine Cottage, Hawthorne's Wayside, The Orchard House, the home of Louisa May Alcott, Home of Ralph Waldo Emerson, First Parish Meeting House. Place where the First Provincial Congress was held, Wright Tavern, Revolutionary War Museum (Concord) Burial Hill, Concord Elm, the Old Manse, made famous by Hawthorne in his "Mosses From an Old Manse", Old North Bridge, Sleeping Hollow Cemetery, Mount Auburn Cemetery, Longfellows Home, Site of the Spreading Chestnuts Tree.

## September 1937

## **Thursday 2**

Boston, Mass

Clear and very warm with light winds.

### Called on Mayor

At 10 A.M. I called on Mayor Mansfield, of Boston, at his office, in the City Hall and was very kindly received by him.

Left Boston by train at 11 A.M. for New London (Shore Route) arrived at New London at 2:15 P.M.

Left New London by bus at about 3 P.M. for Norwich, Conn. (distance about 14 miles) Stopped at Norwich Inn, about 2 miles from the City of Norwich, where I registered and engaged a room. Went to Norwich by bus at about 4 P.M. Returned to the Inn at about 7:30 P.M. While in the City of Norwich I visited the City Hall, and the Public Library (Otis Library) where I spent about one hour reading Caulkins History of Norwich. After returning to the Inn, I met several persons who had come to attend the Huntington Reunion which takes place tomorrow in the First Congregational Church, Norwich Town. Among whom were: Mr. & Mrs. F.W. Sullivan, Battle Creek, Kalamazoo St. Michigan, Mrs. William S. Smart, Mrs. Edward B. Sargent, 36 Main St. Merrimac, Mass. Frank B. Huntington, Grand Central Station, Chicago, Illinois; Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Fitch, Palmer, Mass. Mr. & Mrs. Charles L. Zeigle, Newton, Mass. Mrs. George H. Huntington.

## **September, 1937**

### **Friday 3**

Norwich, Connecticut

Clear and very warm with light winds.

### Huntington Family Reunion

Shortly before noon I attended the first session of the Huntington Reunion at the First Congregational Church, Norwich Town, where we signed the register and purchased our tickets for luncheon, on the lawn of the Jabez Huntington House and for the banquet at the Norwich Inn at 7:30. Meeting was called to order at about 12 o'clock, by the president, James Lincoln Huntington. Opening prayer by Rev. Leonard John Kramer, Hymn, "O God our help in ages past". Reading of scripture [Blank] Chapter 44 by the President, Singing of the Huntington Hymn. Meeting adjourned at about 12:45 P.M. and those present went to the Huntington House, now occupied by Mrs. Edith Huntington Wilson, where lunch was served on the lawn under the elms to about 100 guests.

At 2:30 we again met at the church where the following programme was carried out: "Father Huntington" A biographical sketch, by James Lincoln Huntington, "A Huntington Baptismal Robe" by Miss Caroline Kellogg, "Once More, What's in a Name" by Professor Ellsworth Huntington, (Yale University) "William Edwards Huntington" a biographical sketch, by Raymond E. Huntington. Historians Report by Francis Isabel Huntington. Meeting adjourned.

At 7:30 we attended a dinner at the Norwich Inn where there were about 100 guests present. After dinner an illustrated lecture was given by Charles G. Thompson entitled, "A Trip to Canton Island".

Among those whom I recognized as being present at the reunion I attended here in 1912 were: Mrs. Arthur Fitch, Palmer, Mass, Prof. Ellsworth Huntington, Rev. Donaldson, New York, Miss Frances Isabel Huntington, Hawell, Michigan.

## **September, 1937**

### **Saturday 4**

Norwich, Connecticut

Clear and very hot with light winds. Temperature said to be 100 degrees in the shade. Thunder and lightning accompanied by wind and heavy showers at about 5 P.M. Misty during the night.

#### Huntington Family Reunion

At 9 A.M. I attended the business meeting of the Huntington Reunion, which opened yesterday in the First Congregational Church. The meeting opened by the singing of the Huntington Hymn. Then followed the report of the Secretary-Treasurer and reports of Committees, and election of officers for the next five years, or until the next reunion. During this session I was called upon for an address, during which I extended greetings from the Huntington's in Nova Scotia, to the reunion and expressed my pleasure in being present.

## **September, 1937**

### **Sunday 5**

Norwich, Connecticut

Rainy, drizzly and cool with light to moderate northeast wind.

Left Norwich Inn at about 10 A.M. and went to New London, Connecticut by bus. Attended service in the First Baptist Church in New London at 11 A.M. where I took communion. Left New London by train for New York at 1:17 P.M. Arrived in New York, Grand Central Station, at about 4 P.M.

Took a taxi to the "Herald Square Hotel", where I registered and engaged a room.

At 7 P.M. I attended service in the First Presbyterian Church on Fifth Avenue.

My principal reason for going to New York was to visit my first cousin, Mrs. George Margasian, formerly Miss Esther Huntington, who lives on Horatio Street, New York City.

## **September, 1937**

### **Monday 6**

New York City

Labor Day

Clear and cool with light to moderate winds.

Labor Day, a public holiday nearly all places of business closed for the day.

Set out in the morning at about 9 o'clock to locate Mr. and Mrs. Margasian, whose address was given me as 80 Horatio Street. I found the number but learned that they had moved in last December to another house on the same street, probably No. 14. I found No. 14 without much trouble, but there learned from a neighbor that the Margasians were spending the summer on Long Island. This person informed me that Mr. Margasian kept a store on 23<sup>rd</sup> St. near 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue. After some difficulty I located the store on 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, and found a cousin of George

Margasian in charge of it, from whom I learned that Mr. and Mrs. Margasian, and family, were returning to the city this evening. I then decided to remain here until tomorrow in order to see the Margasians.

Shortly after noon I went to Battery Park, where after spending an hour or two in that vicinity I boarded a sightseeing yacht at 2:30 P.M. and took a trip around Manhattan Island. (Distance about 32 miles) A trip well worthwhile. While returning down the Hudson River, saw the White Star-Cunard Ocean Liner, "Queen Mary" lying at her dock on the New York City side of the Hudson.

## **September, 1937**

### **Tuesday 7**

New York City

Clear and moderately warm with light winds.

#### Visited Mr. and Mrs. Margasian

At about 10 A.M. I called at the shop operated by George Margasian on 23<sup>rd</sup> Street near 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue where I met Mr. Margasian, who appeared to be very much pleased to see me. He invited me to call to see him at his home 14 Horatio Street at about 2:30 P.M. when his wife would be home.

After spending the time from about 10:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. taking in the sights of the City, including a visit to the Aquarium at Battery Park, I called on the Margasian at about 2:45 P.M. and found both of them at home and very much pleased to have me call. Mrs. Margasian, (Cousin Esther) is looking real well and had many questions to ask about her relatives in Cape Breton. They have three girls, the oldest about 15 years. I did not see them, as they were to a movie show, and I did not have the time to spare to wait for them to return.

After leaving the Margasian home, I did some more sight seeing before leaving the City, including a visit to the Church of the Transfiguration, better known as the "Little Church around the Corner", at East 29<sup>th</sup> Street, where I signed the visitors register.

At about 5:30 P.M. I left the Grand Central Station, on a New York Central train for Albany, N.Y. where I arrived at about 9:30. Registered and engaged a room at the Capital Hotel, where I stopped for the night.

## **September, 1937**

### **Wednesday 8**

Albany, N.Y.

Ticonderoga, N.Y.

Clear and warm with light winds. An ideal day.

#### Albany to Ticonderoga

Left Albany by bus for Glens Falls, via Saratoga Springs at about 9 A.M.; (distance about 50 miles) Arrived at Glens Falls at about 10:30. Left Glens Falls at about 10:45, by bus, for Fort Edward, (distance about 5 miles) Visited site of Fort Edward, and old cemetery near the Fort. Also grave of Major Duncan Campbell, in the Union Cemetery about 1 ½ miles from where the first burial took place, in the cemetery near the Fort. I also saw the grave and tombstone of Jane McCrea, who was murdered by Indians, near Fort Edward on July 27, 1777. The Campbell grave and tombstone and the McCrea grave and tombstone, are enclosed together, by an iron fence, in

the Union Cemetery. Returned to Glens Falls, by bus, at about 2 P.M. and left immediately by bus, for Fort George, (distance about 9 miles) arriving at about 2:30. Spent the next 2 1/4 hours in the Town of Fort George, during which I visited the sites of Fort George and Fort William Henry, which are quite near together at the head of Lake George (southern end). Not much remains of these forts which played such an important part in the history of that region during the eighteenth century. A few markers and monuments stand, on the Fort George site, which is a state park, but there is no evidence of any development having taken place on the site of Fort William Henry, which I believe is owned by the Delaware and Hudson Railway Company. Left the Town of Fort George, by bus, at 4:45 for Ticonderoga, (distance about 40 miles) over a splendid highway, flanked on the right by beautiful Lake George, over 30 miles in length, and on the left by the Adirondack Mountains. A most picturesque drive. Arrived at Ticonderoga at about 6:30 P.M. Registered, and engaged a room at Legere's Inn. After having supper I took a stroll through the town which is a place of about 5000 population. Went as far as the entrance to Fort Ticonderoga Park, a distance of about 2 miles from the town, before returning to the Inn, where I stayed all night.

## **September, 1937**

### **Thursday 9**

Ticonderoga, N.Y.

Crown Point, N.Y.

Clear and warm with light winds, an ideal day.

#### Visited Fort Ticonderoga

Motored to Fort Ticonderoga at about 8:30 A.M., the Fort being about 2 miles from the town. I spend about 5 1/2 hours at this most interesting spot. While restoration work is still being carried on under the direction of Mr. S.H.P. Pell, the greater part of the fort has been restored, as near to the original as possible. While here I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Pell, who received me very kindly and personally conducted me through the museum and Library. Mr. Pell introduced me to a friend of his, Archer M. Huntington of New York who I understand is interested in the restoration work at the fort. Mr. Huntington is almost a giant in stature, being 6 feet 5 inches in height and would probably weigh 275 pounds. I was also introduced to Mrs. Huntington and Mrs. Pell. Mr. Pell is a cousin to the late Major Howland Pell, who was chairman of the Committee of the Society of Colonial Wars, which erected the monument at Louisbourg in 1895. I left the fort at about 2:30 P.M. and walked to town. At 4:15 I engaged a taxi and motored to Crown Point (distance about 9 miles) where I visited Fort Crown Point and Fort St. Frederick which are quite near together.

## **September, 1937**

### **Friday 10**

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## **September, 1937**

### **Saturday 11**

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**Wednesday 15**

Sydney, N.S.

Louisbourg, N.S.

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**September, 1937**

**Thursday 16**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and foggy with showers, wind southwest.

Min. temperature 60 Max. temperature 70

S. S. FERNFIELD

Steamer "Fernfield" arrived and bunkered.

S. S. TORNBY

Norwegian Steamer "Tornby" arrived bunkered and sailed.

**September, 1937**

**Friday 17**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Heavy rain in the early morning. Cloudy with some fog during the day. Moderate southwest wind.

Min. temperature 53 Max. temperature 68

**September, 1937**

**Saturday 18**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and showery. Heavy rain during the afternoon. Wind southwest.



Min. temperature 42 Max temperature 68

**September, 1937**

**Sunday 19**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with light south west wind.

Min. temperature 45 Max. temperature 66

Church Services

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. in company with Emeline I attended services in the First United Church. Rev. D.A. MacMillan was in charge of both services.

S. S. DUX

Norwegian Steamer "Dux" arrived in the afternoon for bunker coal.

Visited National Park

At about 3:50 P.M. W.N. MacDonald of Sydney called at my home with a request for me to accompany him and party consisting of Mr. Campbell, Premier of Prince Edward Island, Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. MacDonald to the Louisbourg National Park and Museum.

**September, 1937**

**Monday 20**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Heavy shower of rain in the morning. Partly clear during the day. Fresh to strong southwest wind.

Min. temperature 45 Max. temperature 61

S. S. DUX

Norwegian Steamer "Dux" sailed at about 8:30 A.M.

S. S. NEWTON PINE

British Steamer "Newton Pine" arrived at about 8 A.M. for bunker coal.

S. S. ALDERPOOL

British Steamer "Alderpool" Capt. Wilson arrived at about 6 P.M. for bunker coal.

**September, 1937**

**Tuesday 21**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and cool with moderate to fresh northwest wind.

Min. temperature 34 Max. temperature 58

S. S. NEWTON PINE

British Steamer "Newton Pine" sailed in the morning.

S. S. CAPO NOLI

Italian Steamer "Capo Noli" arrived in the forenoon for bunker coal.

S. S. ALDERPOOL

British Steamer "Alderpool" Capt. Wilson, sailed at about 5 P.M.

NEW HIGHWAY

The work of piling and burning the brush on the right of way of the new highway diversion from Catalone corner to the east end of the Town of Louisbourg was begun today. About 15 men employed.

SCHOONER FIELDWOOD

Three masted Schooner "Fieldwood" Capt. Smith, lumber laden, enroute from Halifax to England arrived here at about 6 P.M.

**September, 1937**

**Wednesday 22**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and cool with moderate north to northeast winds.

Min. temperature 33 Max. temperature 58

Light frost in the morning.

S. S. CAPO NOLI

Italian Steamer "Capo Noli" sailed in the morning.

Choir Meeting

At 8:30 P.M. I attended, and presided at, a special business meeting of the First United Church Choir, which was held in the church.

**September, 1937**

**Thursday 23**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and cool with moderate winds.

Min. temperature 33 Max. temperature 60

**September, 1937**

**Friday 24**

Louisbourg, N.S.

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

Min. temperature 45 Max. temperature 64

S. S. WIRTA

Finnish Steamer "Wirta" arrived for bunker coal.

### S. S. SKRIM

Norwegian Steamer "Skrim" arrived in the evening for bunker coal.

### Garden Club Exhibition

At 2 P.M., I attended an exhibit of vegetables grown by 11 boys and 1 girl of the Louisbourg Garden Club. The exhibit took place in the vacant room in the Town hall. Mr. B.M. Spencer is leader and instructor of the Club and deserves great credit for the success the club has achieved during the past season. At about 8 P.M. Mr. Spencer gave a banquet at the Dundonald Inn to the members of the garden club and a number of invited guests, including Rev. D.A. MacMillan, Rev. D.H. Doyle, Rev. E.B. Gabriel, A.W. Stacey, A.A. Martell.

## September, 1937

### Saturday 25

Louisbourg, N.S.

Mostly cloudy with light to moderate southeast wind which increased to a fresh breeze after nightfall. Heavy showers during the evening and night.

Min. temperature 41 Max. temperature 65

### Meeting of Official Board

At about 8 P.M. I attended a meeting of the Official Board of the First United Church, in the church. Those present were: Rev. D.A. MacMillan, John H. Skinner, Arthur Townsend, John A. MacDonald, John N. MacDonald, A.W. Stacey.

### S. S. WIRTA

Finnish Steamer "Wirta" sailed during the forenoon.

### S. S. CLUNEPARK

British Steamer "Clunepark" arrived, bunkered, and sailed in the evening.

### S. S. HADA COUNTY

Norwegian Steamer "Hada County" arrived for bunker coal in the evening.

## September, 1937

### Sunday 26

Louisbourg, N.S.

Heavy rain during the greater part of the day, accompanied by a gale of wind. Southeast shifting to south, and to southwest at night and moderating.

Min. temperature 58 Max. temperature 67

### Church Service

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

## September, 1937

**Monday 27**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with light to moderate northwest wind. Cool at night.

Min. temperature 40 Max. temperature 70

**Library Meeting**

At 3:30 P.M. I attended and presided at a meeting in the Town office, which was addressed by Miss Nora Bateson of Baltimore, Maryland, U.S.A. who is at present making a survey of the Province of Nova Scotia regarding the feasibility of establishing Regional Libraries in the Province. The meeting was attended by 20 persons. Among those present were:

Rev. D.A. MacMillan, Rev. Father D.H. Doyle, B.M Spencer, Town Clerk; Miss May Campbell, Principal of Louisbourg Schools, Miss Annie Pope, Miss Mary Hiltz, Miss Blanche Cross, Miss Margaret Campbell, Mr. Donald Wilson, Dan Johnston, Mrs. MacPhail, Mrs. A.W. Cameron, Mrs. Roy Ingraham, Mrs. George Lewis, Rev. Father Poirior (Main-a-dieu)

**S. S. HADA COUNTY**

Norwegian Steamer "Hada County" sailed at about 3:30 P.M.

**September, 1937****Tuesday 28**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Partly clear during the forenoon. Cloudy in the afternoon. Light rain during the evening. Light to moderate northeast wind.

Min. temperature 38 Max. temperature 55

**September, 1937****Wednesday 29**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Rained heavily during the greater part of the day. Fresh to strong northeast wind.

Min. temperature 45 Max. temperature 53

**S. S. TASIS**

Greek Steamer "Tasis" arrived in the evening for bunker coal.

**September, 1937****Thursday 30**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Sydney, N.S.

Cool and partly cloudy with moderate to fresh northwest wind.

Min. temperature 38 Max. temperature 54

**Meeting of Jail Commission**

At 9 A.M. I left Louisbourg in Cecil Stevens's bus for Sydney. Arrived at Sydney at about 10 A.M. Made a number of business calls in the forenoon. Met Heber at C.P. Moore's Ltd. at about 11 A.M. Had dinner with him at George's Restaurant.

At 3 P.M. attended, and presided at, a regular meeting of the Cape Breton County Jail Commission in the office of the Jail. All Commissioners present, (MacLean, MacDonald, and Huntington)

S. S. TAVIS

Greek Steamer "Tasis" sailed today from Louisbourg.

S. S. UNGAVA

British Steamer (Nfld) "Ungava" arrived at Louisbourg for bunker coal.

**October, 1937**

**Friday 1**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cool and mostly cloudy.

S. S. UNGAVA

British Steamer "Ungava" sailed in the afternoon.

**October, 1937**

**Saturday 2**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool, partly clear in the forenoon. Mostly cloudy in the afternoon with frequent rain squalls and part snow. Very disagreeable in the afternoon.

Min. temperature 31 Max. temperature 53

DEDICATION OF MUSEUM

The Louisbourg National and Historic Park Museum was formally dedicated this afternoon at about 5 O'clock by Lord Tweedsmuir, Governor General of Canada. The Museum was completed during the winter of 1936, after which plans were made for the official opening to take place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July of last year, but owing to the illness of Lord Tweedsmuir, it was indefinitely postponed.

Those who took part in the dedicatory program today were as follows: Professor D.C. Harvey, Provincial Archivist and Nova Scotia representative on the Historic Site and Monuments Board, who was Chairman and also addressed the gathering on the work of the Board. Hon. Angus L. MacDonald, Premier of Nova Scotia, M.S. Huntington, Mayor of Louisbourg, address on the Rise and fall of Old Louisbourg, and the Governor General who in a seven minute address declared the museum officially open to the public.

A detachment of about 50 men from the Cape Breton Highlanders under Major George Crowell acted as Guard of Honor and was inspected by his Excellency on his arrival.

It was intended to have had the dedication exercises out in the open, in front of the museum main entrance, but owing to the unfavorable conditions of the weather, it was found necessary to have the ceremony inside the building.

A loudspeaker was installed, so that those who could not gain entrance to the museum could hear the addresses.

## **October, 1937**

### **Sunday 3**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cool and mostly cloudy with moderate to fresh northerly wind. Rain squalls with part hail in the evening.

Min. temperature 27 Max. temperature 45

#### Church Services

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. I, in company with Emeline, attended services in the First United Church. Rev. D.A. MacMillan was the preacher at both services. The Communion of the Lord's Super was dispersed at the morning service.

## **October, 1937**

### **Monday 4**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cool and clear with light west to southwest winds.

Min. temperature 26 Max. temperature 53

#### S. S. GYPSUM KING

British Steamer "Gypsum King", Capt. Anderson, arrived in the afternoon, bunkered, and sailed.

## **October, 1937**

### **Tuesday 5**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and cool with moderate to fresh southwest wind.

Min. temperature 28 Max. temperature 56

#### S. S. FERNFIELD

Steamer "Fernfield" arrived, bunkered and sailed.

#### S. S. CONSUL OLSSON

Swedish Steamer "Consul Olsson" arrived for bunker coal in the afternoon.

## **October, 1937**

### **Wednesday 6**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with light to moderate southwest wind. Rain during the night.

Min. temperature 42 Max. temperature 60

#### S. S. PILCOT

British Steamer "Pilcot" arrived in the afternoon for bunker coal.

Visited Salmon River

At about 1:15 P.M. I left Louisbourg by motor car with A.A. Martell who was going up there on business. While there called at the homes of Arthur, Caleb and Clifford Huntington. Spent about one hour at Cliffords. Saw Heber on the road near Caleb Huntingtons. Arrived back at Louisbourg at about 5 P.M.

#### Sold Property

Colin MacKenzie, K.C. accompanied by Roland MacIntyre arrived from Sydney at about 4:30 P.M. for to see me respecting my corner lot on the corner of Main and Warren Streets which has been selected as a site for Louisbourg's new public building. (Post Office and Customs Office) Mr. MacKenzie has been employed by the Department to search the title and make the transfer. Emeline and I signed the deed this evening, transferring the property to the Canadian Government.

#### S. S. CONSUL OLSSON

Swedish Steamer "Consul Olsson" sailed.

### October 1937

#### Thursday 7

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and mild with occasional heavy showers. Moderate to fresh southwest wind.

Min. temperature 52 Max. temperature 58

#### S. S. PILCOT

British Steamer "Pilcot" sailed in the morning.

#### S. S. SCHURBEK

German Steamer "Schurbek" arrived at about 9 A.M. bunkered during the day and sailed at about 6 P.M.

### October, 1937

#### Friday 8

Louisbourg, N.S.

Sydney, N.S.

Clear and cool with light to moderate northwest wind.

Min. temperature 31 Max. temperature 54

#### Motored to Sydney

Left Louisbourg at 9 A.M. in Cecil Steven's bus for Sydney. Made a number of business calls. Had lunch at Vidal Hotel. Met Maria, Clifford, Fred, Maud and Bertha while in the city. Bought a dining room table at D.J. Bonnell's as a wedding present for Frances Huntington. Left Sydney for Louisbourg at 4 P.M. with Cecil Stevens. Arrived home at about 5 P.M.

#### S. S. YORK MOOR

British Steamer "York Moor" arrived at Louisbourg in the afternoon, bunkered, and sailed at about 10 P.M.

#### S. S. SYDFOLD

Norwegian Steamer "Sydfold" arrived at Louisbourg at about 5:30 P.M. for bunker coal.

S. S. PRIMO

Norwegian Steamer "Primo" arrived at about 10:30 for bunker coal.

**October, 1937**

**Saturday 9**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool with light to moderate northwest wind. Hail squalls at noon.

Min temperature 26 Max. temperature 48

S. S. SYDFOLD

Norwegian Steamer "Sydfold" sailed in the morning.

S. S. PRIMO

Norwegian Steamer "Primo" sailed.

S. S. ARUNDO

Dutch Steamer "Arundo" arrived in the afternoon, bunkered, and sailed at about midnight.

Council Meeting

At 7:30 P.M. I attended, and presided at a meeting of the Town Council. Those present were: Councillors: G.B. Hiltz, Clifton Townsend, and Alex MacDonald. Clerk: B.M. Spencer, Police Officer: D.M. Johnson, Mayor: M.S. Huntington.

**October, 1937**

**Sunday 10**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool with very light variable winds.

Min. temperature 28 Max. temperature 51

Church Services

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. I attended services in the First United Church. Rev. D.A. MacMillan conducted both services. Emeline accompanied me in the evening.

**October, 1937**

**Monday 11**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Thanksgiving Day

Rained heavily all day. Moderate easterly gale very disagreeable.

Min. temperature 37 Max. temperature 48

S. S. PEARLMOOR

British Steamer "Pearlmoor" arrived at about 7 A.M. for bunker coal.



## **October, 1937**

### **Tuesday 12**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Mostly clear and cool with west to northwest gale.

Min. temperature 31 Max. temperature 49

#### **S. S. PEARLMOOR**

British Steamer "Pearlmoor" sailed at about 6 P.M. after bunkering.

#### **Death of Mrs. MacLean**

The death occurred this afternoon, at her home on East Main Street of Mrs. Sarah MacLean, widow of the late Neil MacLean, formerly of Clarke's Road.

## **October, 1937**

### **Wednesday 13**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy with moderate to light southwest wind.

Min. temperature 32 Max. temperature 53

#### **Marriage**

At about 12:10 P.M. Mrs. J.N. Spencer, Emeline and I motored to Salmon River with Fletcher Townsend, for the purpose of attending the marriage of Cecil David Hussey to Frances Sarah Huntington, both of Salmon River.

The wedding which took place at 2:30 P.M. in the Baptist Church was largely attended. The groom was attended by his brother, Harvey, while the bridesmaid was Miss Lillian Huntington, sister of the bride. We left for home immediately after the marriage, arriving at about 4:30.

We had a tire blowout both going and coming, which caused considerable delay.

#### **S. S. SPERO**

Norwegian Steamer "Spero" arrived, bunkered and sailed.

## **October, 1937**

### **Thursday 14**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Mostly cloudy with light variable winds.

Min temperature 38 Max. temperature 54

#### **Schooner FIELDWOOD**

Three masted schooner "Fieldwood" sailed this morning for Halifax in tow of the Halifax tug, BAN SCOTT. The Fieldwood, enroute from Halifax to England with a cargo of lumber, arrived here on September 21, 1937, in a leaky condition. After a survey was held it was decided that the vessel was not fit to continue on her voyage. Later it was decided to send her back to Halifax in tow.

Capt. Smith was master of the Fieldwood until yesterday, when he was discharged by the owner, the first mate Burke taking his place. The Fieldwood is said to be owned by Mrs. Croft of North Sydney, wife of Capt. Croft, now in the Government service.

#### Funeral

At 1:30 P.M. I attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Neil MacLean. The funeral service which was held in the MacLean home, was conducted by Rev. Joseph Cathcart, assisted by Rev. D.A. MacMillan. Interment took place in the cemetery at Catalone. I motored to the cemetery with Fletcher Townsend.

#### BOARD OF TRADE

At 8 P.M. I attended a meeting of the Louisbourg Board of Trade presided over by the Vice-President, James H. Crowdis. Those present were: D.M. Johnston, Rev. E. Gabriel, George Lewis, B.M. Spencer, [Blank] Ryno, Sam Levy, Alistair MacDonald, Roy Ingraham, A.A. Martell, James H. Crowdis and M.S. Huntington.

#### October, 1937

##### Friday 15

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy with moderate rain in the forenoon. Partly clear in the late afternoon and evening. Very cool at night.

Min. temperature 27 Max. temperature 39

#### S. S. PHILIP T. DODGE

Steamer "Philip T. Dodge" arrived shortly after noon, bunkered, and sailed at about 10 pm.

#### S. S. BESTUM

Norwegian Steamer "Bestum" arrived at about 10:30 P.M. for bunker coal.

#### Taken to Jail

Alex MacDonald of this town was taken to the County Jail at Sydney, yesterday afternoon, to serve a 30 day sentence for a violation of the Liquor Control Act. The conviction took place before Stipendiary Magistrate B.M. Spencer on August 23, 1937.

#### October, 1937

##### Saturday 16

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool with moderate winds.

Min. temperature 26 Max. temperature 41

#### S. S. BESTUM

Norwegian Steamer "Bestum" sailed at about 1:30 P.M.

#### S. S. KERET

Norwegian Steamer "Keret" arrived in the early morning, bunkered during the day, and sailed in the afternoon.

## **October, 1937**

### **Sunday 17**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool with light westerly winds.

Min. temperature 27 Max. temperature 44

#### **Church Services**

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. in company with Emeline, I attended services in the First United Church. Rev. D.A. MacMillan was the preacher at both services.

#### **Scarlet Fever**

In the afternoon a case of Scarlet Fever was discovered by Dr. F. O'Neil of Sydney and Dr. R.P. Baird of this town, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex MacDonald, Main Street. Owing to Dr. H.J. Townsend, our medical Health Officer, having not handed in his resignation before leaving here about the middle of last month, no one was appointed as his successor, so I took upon myself the responsibility of appointing Dr. R.P. Baird, Deputy Health Officer until such time as we get Dr. Townsend's resignation, and make a regular appointment.

## **October, 1937**

### **Monday 18**

Louisbourg, N.S.

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

Min. temperature 25 Max. temperature 49

#### **Meeting of Board of Health**

At 10 A.M. I attended, and presided at, a meeting of the Louisbourg Board of Health which I called for the purpose of dealing with the case of scarlet fever which was discovered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex MacDonald, yesterday.

Mr. MacDonald is at present in jail, serving a 30 day sentence, for violation of the Liquor Control Act. Mrs. MacDonald is home with six children, the youngest being three days old. After discussing the case from various angles, it was decided, by the board, to get a woman to take charge of the MacDonald home for an indefinite time. Councillor G.B. Hiltz and I were appointed to interview Mrs. Murdoch Campbell, with a view to getting her to look after the MacDonald family, at the expense of the town. After the meeting closed we called on Mrs. Campbell, and engaged her to visit the MacDonald family, at least twice a day, and do the best she could with them, for the consideration of \$2.00 a day.

#### **SCARLET FEVER**

A case of scarlet fever was discovered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank O'Keefe, this evening and the house was placed under quarantine.

#### **DEATH of MRS. JOHN DICKSON**

The death of Mrs. John Dickson, (Widow) took place at her home on Main Street this morning, after a brief illness. Mrs Dickson was about 78 years of age.

## **October, 1937**

### **Tuesday 19**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and mild with light to moderate southwest wind.

Min. temperature 32 Max. temperature 51

#### **FIRE**

At about 8:30 PM a fire was discovered in a dwelling owned by Sam Dowling, and occupied by his father, Ernest Dowling. The fire alarm was sounded and the firemen responded quickly and soon had the blaze under control. Damage from fire and water about \$150.00. Estimated value of building about \$1000.00. Insurance on building \$500.00.

#### **CAPE BRETON COUNTY MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS**

Elections in the Municipality of Cape Breton County, as well as all the other rural municipalities throughout the Province of Nova Scotia took place today.

Result in Cape Breton County as follows:

District 1 Reserve, Alex Campbell, majority 154 over W.J. Guthro.

“ 2 Westmount, Councillor Frank Lewis, acclamation

“ 3 Hillside Councillor W.A. MacDonald, majority 50 over F.A. Huntington.

“ 4 Little Bras D’Or, Councillor A.F. LeBlanc, majority 48 over L. Sullivan and A. MacKeigan. No.5 Main-a-dieu, Thomas Lathigee, majority 2 over Councillor William Burke. No.6 Louisbourg, Councillor Michael Pope, majority 13 over Thomas Buckley. No.7, Gabarus, Councillor Charles Mann, acclamation. No.8, East Bay, South, John P. Gillis, majority 12 over Councillor Rod S. MacNeil. No.9 Boisdale, Warden Rod MacKinnon, acclamation. No.10 Boularderie, John Broderick, majority 17 over J.R. Bain and M. Andrea. No.11 Dominion, No. 6 Gordon MacGregor, majority 97 over Wallace Wadden and J. Nicholson. No.12 Port Morien, Robert Orr, majority, 223 over Councillor Norman Ferguson, Matthew MacIntosh, and Thomas Phalen. No.13, Big Pond, Joseph Campbell, majority 11 over Councillor D.S. MacNeil and Duncan MacPherson. No.14, Grand Narrows,

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## **October, 1937**

### **Wednesday 20**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Mostly clear, and mild with light southwest wind. An ideal day.

Min. temperature 42 Max. temperature 60

#### **FUNERAL**

At 2 P.M. I attended the funeral of the late Mrs. John Dickson. After a brief service at the house, the remains were taken to St. Bartholomews Church. Services at house, church and grave conducted by Rev. E.B. Gabriel.

S.S. PENDEEN

British Steamer "Pendeen" enroute from Russia to Montreal with a cargo of coal, arrived at about 2:30 P.M. for bunker coal.

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Councillor A.D.H. MacKinnon, majority 89 over Rod Farrell. No.15, Catalone, Councillor Alex Ferguson, majority 22 over Dan Ferguson. No.16 Trout Brook, Councillor Angus MacIsaac majority 47 over H. MacPherson. No.17 Grand Mira, Sylvester MacDonald, majority 14 over Councillor Colin F. MacDonald. No.18 South Forks, Councillor Wilfred Carmichael, acclamation. No.19 East Bay (North) Councillor Joseph MacGillivray, majority 41 over J. MacKinnon. No.20, Lingan, Councillor Gus Brown, majority 162 over Richard Wilson. No.21, Enon, Councillor John MacDonald, majority 28 over A. MacDonald. No.22, Frenchvale, Councillor Steve MacLean, acclamation. No.23, George's River, Malcolm O'Handley majority 20 over Robie Jackson. No.24, Bateston Councillor Alex R. MacDonald, acclamation.

Totals: Liberals, 18 Conservatives 6

Previous Standing: Liberals 13, Conservative 11

The above election report was taken from the October 20<sup>th</sup> issue of the Sydney Post Record.

## **October, 1937**

### **Thursday 21**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and mild with showers in the forenoon. Clearing shortly before noon. Cloudy in the late afternoon and night with showers at night.

Min. temperature 47 Max. temperature 56

### **S. S. PENDEEN**

British Steamer "Pendeen" sailed in the morning.

### **DEATH OF MRS TOWNSEND**

The death of Mrs. Patience Townsend, widow of the late Daniel Townsend, took place at about 10 P.M. at her home on Main Street. Mrs. Townsend who was about [blank] years of age had been in poor health for about two years. She is survived by two sons and two daughters. The sons are: Daniel, Engineer on S.S. whose home and family are in Louisbourg, Clifton, an employee of the S. & L. Railway, who lived with his mother. The daughters are: Lila, (Mrs. Fletcher Townsend) Phoebe (Mrs. Edison Skinner), both living at Louisbourg. She is also survived by one brother, Charles Dickson, of New Waterford and one sister, Mrs. Rachel Clarke of Boston, Mass.

## **October, 1937**

### **Friday 22**

Louisbourg, N.S.

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

Min. temperature 34 Max. temperature 55

### **S. S. CRAGPOOL**

British Steamer "Cragpool" arrived at 11 A.M. and after bunkering sailed for the St. Lawrence at about 11 P.M.

S. S. GYDA

Danish Steamer "Gyda" arrived at 12:30 P.M. and anchored east of the Freight wharf to await her turn at the Coal Pier where she is to take bunker coal. Owing to repairs being carried on to the Coal Pier, only one side is now used for shipping bunker coal.

S. S. AUN

Norwegian Steamer "Aun" arrived at about 10 P.M. for bunker coal and anchored in the southwest end of the harbour to await her turn to come to the dock.

**October 1937**

**Saturday 23**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Mostly clear, until late in the afternoon when the sky became cloudy followed by mist, and some rain during the evening. Light to moderate southwest wind increasing at night.

Min. temperature [Blank] Max. temperature [Blank]

S. S. GYDA

Danish Steamer "Gyda" after bunkering, sailed in the early morning.

S. S. AUN

Norwegian Steamer "Aun" docked, bunkered, and sailed shortly after noon.

S. S. SARPEN

Norwegian Steamer, "Sarpen" arrived at about 5:30 P.M. for bunker coal.

S. S. CRUIZER

British Empire Steel and Coal Corporation's tug Cruiser, Captain Gilfoil, with barge (formerly S.S. Carlton) in tow enroute from Montreal to St. John, N.B. via Sydney, arrived here at about 6:30 P.M. for shelter.

**October, 1937**

**Sunday 24**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy, foggy, misty and showery with light to moderate southwest wind.

Min. temperature 51 Max. temperature 57

Church Services

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. in company with Emeline I attended services in the First United Church. Rev. D.A. MacMillan was in charge of both services. At the 11 A.M. service he was assisted by Rev. Warren Dickson who preached the sermon. Mr. Dickson is a son of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Dickson, of Sydney, N.S. formerly of Louisbourg. Mr. Dickson was born at Louisbourg about 25 years ago, shortly before his parents moved to Sydney. At present he has a charge in the Province of Saskatchewan.

FUNERAL of MRS. TOWNSEND

At about 2 P.M. in company with Emeline, I attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Patience Townsend. Services at the house, First United Church and grave, were conducted by Rev. D.A. MacMillan, assisted by Rev. Warren Dickson. Hymns sung during the service were as follows: "Abide with Me", at the house, "Lead Kindly Light", "There's a Land that is Fairer than Day" and "Peace Perfect Peace", at the church.

Pallbearers were: Lewis Cann, Arthur Cann, B.M. Spencer, Louis Tutty, George Harris, and A.W. Stacey. Interment took place in the United Church cemetery, former Methodist Cemetery, on Clarke's Road.

## **October, 1937**

### **Monday 25**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Heavy showers in the morning. Mild and partly clear during the greater part of the day with light southwest winds.

Min. temperature 40 Max. temperature 55

#### **S. S. GYPSUM KING**

British Steamer "Gypsum King" arrived in the early morning, bunkered, and sailed in the afternoon.

#### **S. S. CRUIZER**

Tug "Cruizer", Captain Gilfoil, sailed with barge in tow, at about 5:30 P.M. enroute to St. John, N.B. Owing to an accident to the towing gear, which took place a short distance off the harbour entrance, both ships returned to port, about an hour later.

## **October, 1937**

### **Tuesday 26**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and cool with light northwest wind, an ideal day.

Min. temperature 39 Max. temperature 49

#### **S. S. CRUIZER**

British Empire Steel and Coal Corporation's tug "Cruizer", Captain Gilfoil, after having repairs made to her towing gear, sailed at 3:30 P.M. for St. John, N.B. with a steel barge in tow. This barge, according to my informant, was formerly a Lake boat, called the Carlton.

## **October, 1937**

### **Wednesday 27**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cool and mostly clear with light southwest wind.

Min. temperature 28 Max. temperature 50

## **October, 1937**

### **Thursday 28**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Sydney, N.S.

Cloudy and cool with light mist in the afternoon and evening. Light easterly wind.

Min. temperature (Louisbourg) 37 Max. temperature (Louisbourg) 50

#### Motored To Sydney

Left Louisbourg for Sydney at about 9 A.M. on Steven's bus for the purpose of attending the regular monthly meeting of the Cape Breton County Jail Commission. Arrived at Sydney at about 10 A.M. Made the following business calls: Chappells Limited, R.H. Davis & Co. Ltd., Mason's Limited, C.W. Kelly and C.P. Moore Limited. Also called on Mayor S.E. Muggah at the City Hall. Had lunch at Vidal Hotel. Called on Sheriff Ronald MacVicar at his office in respect to the boundaries of the Town of Louisbourg.

At 3 P.M. attended, and presided at the regular meeting of the Jail Commission in the office of the County Jail with all the Commissioners present.

Prisoners in jail at present: 74 male, 5 female.

Checked and passed for payment, the following bills:

C.H. Harshman (drugs) \$18.17; Bayer & Co, (pipes & fittings) \$1.70; F.J. Gillis (Brooms) \$7.50; Wrights Limited (Blankets) \$47.52; Chappells Limited (Lumber) \$6.33; Dominion Coal Co. Ltd (coal) \$23.00; J.W. Rudderham (Plumbing) \$12.01; C.P. Moore Limited (Glass Putty etc.) \$40.53. George Street Hardware (Hardware) \$18.08; Thompson & Sutherland Ltd, (Hardware) \$27.18; Thompson & Sutherland (Hardware) \$7.54.

Visited the various wards and found everything in good order. Left for Louisbourg at 5:30 P.M. on Mike Sullivan's bus, arrived at about 6:40.

#### S. S. ATNA

Steamer "Atna" arrived at Louisbourg in the early morning, bunkered and sailed during the day.

### **October, 1937**

#### **Friday 29**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Heavy rain in the early morning, cloudy, mild and foggy during the day. Heavy showers in the evening. Light to moderate southwest wind, shifting to west during the early part of the night and clearing.

Min. temperature 46 Max. temperature 57

### **October, 1937**

#### **Saturday 30**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy with moderate to fresh southwest wind. Light showers in the afternoon.

Min. temperature 41 Max. temperature 54

#### S. S. NIDAREID

Norwegian Steamer, "Nidareid" arrived in the early morning, bunkered, and sailed shortly after noon.

#### S. S. KORSFJORD

Norwegian Steamer "Korsefjord" arrived in the evening, bunkered, and sailed during the night.



### SCARLET FEVER

A case of scarlet fever was discovered today at the home of John Pool, Pepperell Street by Dr. Baird. Mr. Pool's daughter Muriel has contracted the disease. This makes three cases in town including the first discovered at the home of Alex MacDonald on October 17.

### Breaks Adrift

Dredge, "Foundation Scarboro" enroute from Halifax to Montreal, in tow of the Halifax tug, Banskott, broke away from the tug near the southern entrance to the Strait of Canso, tonight, and is now adrift.

Those on board the dredge are :Edward Morris, Thomas Morris, Clarence Glover, and George Morgan.

### Marriage

The marriage of Donald Beaver of this town to Miss Isabel Fraser, of Baddeck, took place this afternoon at the First United Church Manse. Rev. D.A. MacMillan, pastor of the United Church performed the ceremony.

## October, 1937

### Sunday 31

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cool and partly clear with moderate to fresh northwest wind and a few light rain squalls.

Min. temperature 28 Max. temperature 42

### Church Service

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. I attended services in the First United Church where Rev. D.A. MacMillan conducted both morning and evening services. Emeline accompanied me in the morning, but was not out in the evening.

### Visited Mr. & Mrs. Fletcher Townsend

At 3 P.M. Emeline and I visited Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Townsend. Fletcher has been totally laid up with an attack of rheumatism for the last few days, but is better now.

### SCARLET FEVER

Another case of Scarlet fever was discovered today, by Dr. Baird (Health Officer), this time at the home of Dan MacDonald, Commercial Street. This makes the fourth case since the first outbreak on Oct. 17.

## November, 1937

### Monday 1

Louisbourg, N.S.

Partly clear with moderate to fresh northwest wind. Rain, sleet and hail squalls during the afternoon and evening. Heavy frost at night.

Min. temperature 25 Max. temperature 40

#### Harvested Dahlia Bulbs

Harvested part of my dahlia bulbs in the afternoon. A number of dahlias still in bloom in the garden, having sustained no serious damage by frost so far this season.

S. S. BANSCOTT

Tug, Banscott arrived during the night.

#### **November, 1937**

##### **Tuesday 2**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cool and partly clear with moderate to fresh west to southwest wind.

Min. temperature 22 Max. temperature 43

#### Harvested Dahlia Bulbs

Finished digging and storing dahlia bulbs in the afternoon. Heavy frost of last night totally killed the foliage. First killing frost of the season.

S. S. BANSCOTT

Halifax tug Banscott Capt. Turner, sailed at about 9:30 A.M. The Banscott is in search of the dredge FOUNDATION SCARBORO, which broke away from her on last Saturday night near the southern entrance of the Strait of Canso, while enroute from Halifax to Montreal.

#### **November, 1937**

##### **Wednesday 3**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy, cool and showery with moderate to fresh southwest wind.

Min. temperature 35 Max. temperature 49

#### Planted Tulip Bulbs

In the late afternoon I planted about 100 tulip bulbs. 85 of these I planted in a circular bed in the middle of the lawn in front of the house. The remaining 15 I planted in the back garden.

#### DEATH OF JAMES B. MACLACHLAN

The death occurred today at his residence, Steele's Hill, Glace Bay of James B. MacLachlan, Labor leader and agitator. Mr. MacLachlan, who was about 69 years of age was born in Scotland coming to this country about 35 years ago.

(The following newspaper clipping was in the diary.)

*Sydney Post Record Nov 4, 1937  
James B. McLachlan Claimed by Death*

*Former U.M.W. Secretary-Treasurer and One of Canada's Best Known Labor Men, Died Yesterday.*

*Glace Bay, Nov 3—James Bryson McLachlan for many years an outstanding figure in the ranks of Labor in eastern Canada, died at his home at Steele's Hill, shortly before noon today, death following an illness of a year, an internal malady being the cause of death.*

*Born in Eccle Fechan, Scotland, in the same house in which the late Thomas Carlyle, famous Scottish historian and essayist was born. Mr. McLachlan was 69 years of age. With his wife and older members of his family he came to Sydney Mines 35 years ago, and as he had been active in the Labor movement in Scotland, holding a minor office in the Miner's Federation of Great Britain, he soon identified himself with the Labor movement in Sydney Mines and was elected president of Princess Local of then Provincial Workmen's Association.*

#### **FAVORED NEW UNION**

*He was one of a number of Nova Scotia miners of that era who felt that the affairs of mine workers would be better handled through the agency of an International Union, and when the first move was made to bring in the United Mine Workers of America, McLachlan was a ready sympathizer.*

*The following year saw, U.M.W. organizers come in here, the most active being Messers Sutherland and Patterson and the next year the U.M.W. had gained such numerical strength in the coal fields that a strike was called on July 6<sup>th</sup> 1909 for recognition. The strike was the most expensive in the history of eastern Canada and after being out ten months the supporters of the U.M.W. called it off.*

#### **TOOK OVER OFFICE**

*At Sydney Mines, when the strike was called, McLachlan came to Glace Bay to take over the office of Secretary-Treasurer of the U.M.W. and after the strike was lost, he continued for some time in the employ of that Union as an organizer.*

*A Local Union was organized and the faithful soon had sufficient strength to make the government of the day recognize them to the effect that a meeting was arranged with them and the remaining members of the P.W.A. And from the meeting was formed the Amalgamated Mine Workers with John Morrison, Sydney Mines as President and Mr. McLachlan as Secretary-Treasurer.*

#### **REMOVED FROM OFFICE**

*At the end of the Great way the A.M.W. went over in a body to the United Mine Workers, with James B. MacLachlan as Secretary-Treasurer. He held this office until the summer of 1923, when he along with Dan Livingstone, who was President of the District and other officers were removed from office by International President Lewis for calling an outlaw strike of the coal miners in sympathy with the steel workers, who were on strike at the time.*

*That ended Mr. MacLachlan's direct connection with the United Mine Workers, but from that time until his illness forced him into retirement, he was a virile and untiring critic of the Union that he had been so long associated with.*

*His official connection with the U.M.W. served, Mr. MacLachlan devoted the greater part of his time to his dairy farm, which he established on Steele's Hill at the close of the 1909-10 strike. In his spare time he edited at times the "Labor Herald" and "The Miner" as well as being practically the founder of the Workers' Party, in Canada, which at a convention held in Toronto, in 1930, became the Communist Party of Canada.*

#### **ACTIVE COMMUNIST**

*He was an active agent for that body in eastern Canada, making among other trips one to Russia, where he spent some time studying conditions in that country, under Soviet rule. He made frequent pilgrimages to Upper and Western Canada and the United States, and had quite a following among the industrial workers.*

*Owing to a disagreement on policy, he withdrew from the Communist Party in 1936, and shortly after retired from active life owing to illness from which he died today.*

*During the height of his career as a Labor leader, Mr. MacLachlan held to a wonderful degree, the goodwill and confidence of the industrial workers of this country. A clever platform talker with a marvelous memory and ability to quote statistics, he could fire a crowd and sway an audience in a truly wonderful manner.*

*He sat on two Conciliation Boards, one dealing with a miners' dispute and the other with a steel workers' dispute at Sydney.*

*In his long years as a labor leader, Mr. MacLachlan had many hectic experiences. Shortly after the end of the famous 1909-10 strike, he was presiding at a meeting in a hall on Union Street when a free-for-all fight started in which two men were fatally shot, Billy Bryne and Mickey Murphy.*

*At Waterford, on another occasion, he was forced to leave the hall where he was speaking through a rear entrance when the crowd he was addressing became hostile, although of him it could never be said that he lacked the courage of his convictions. On another occasion he ran foul, of the law and was arrested in Glace Bay on a charge of sedition.*

*He was taken to Sydney and the next day removed to Halifax, where he was tried and convicted. On his return several months afterwards to Glace Bay, he received a wonderful reception from the miners who met him at Sydney and held a parade through Glace Bay in which it was estimated over eight thousand people took part. He addressed them from an elevated stand at South Street park.*

#### **SENSATIONAL BATTLE**

*Although he sought a seat in the House of Assembly and also in the Federal parliament, he was never elected as a member of parliament. One of his most sensational political battles was when he and his colleague were defeated by W.F. Carroll, now Justice Carroll and George Kyte, who were the Liberal standard bearers in the Federal election of this election was famous for a joint meeting held at Sydney between Carroll and McLachlan, where the famous "Donald the Boo", letter was read by Candidate Carroll and which was conceded to have brought about the defeat of McLachlan and his colleague.*

#### **GUIDING SPIRIT**

*Although McLachlan was never elected to office he was conceded to be one of the guiding spirits behind the movement which brought about the establishing of the A. M. W. here in 1932.*

*A rather distant type, he rarely if ever took any part in any movement here apart from his labor and political affiliation and while known to thousands, was known intimately by only a few. He was a strong home man, devoted to his family. He was a temperance advocate and possessed many admirable traits of character, although his public utterances and writings of late years failed to meet with the approval of many of his one-time supporters.*

*Besides this widow, he is survived by two sons, James of the machine shop staff and Tommy, well known No.11 miner and football player. The surviving daughter are Mrs. Charles Robertson,*

*Mrs. Murdoch McKeigan, Mrs. John Pemberton, Mrs. Fred Warner and the Barbara and Mary, who reside at home.*

*Several brothers and sisters in the Old Country and one sister in Winnipeg also survive. At the request of many friends the funeral is not to take place until Sunday afternoon, services at the home to be followed by Interment in Greenwood cemetery.*

## **November, 1937**

### **Thursday 4**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cool and mostly clear with moderate northwest wind.

Min. temperature 20 Max. temperature 37

#### Repairing Fence

Today, I had John MacKay, repairing fence, and putting in new gate posts in front of our house on Main Street. I was working with him in the afternoon.

## **November, 1937**

### **Friday 5**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Chilly, and mostly cloudy with moderate west southwest wind.

Min temperature 19 Max. temperature 40.

#### S. S. HOSANGLER

Norwegian Steamer "Hosangler" arrived , bunkered and sailed.

## **November, 1937**

### **Saturday 6**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool with moderate to fresh south west wind. Heavy showers in the afternoon and evening.

Min. temperature 38 Max. temperature 49

#### DREDGE FOUNDATION SCARBORO TOWED TO NORTH SYDNEY

Dredge "Foundation Scarboro" arrived at North Sydney today in tow of the Government Steamer Lady Laurier, Capt. Williams. The Foundation Scarboro, broke away from the tug Banskott on last Saturday night, while enroute from Halifax to Montreal. On last Monday she was sighted by the Lockport, N.S. fishing schooner, Howard Donald, about 75 miles southeast of Canso, and two of her crew of four men taken off by the schooner. Later, she was taken in tow by the motor vessel, Florann. After breaking adrift from the Florann, she was taken in tow by the Lady Laurier, about 110 miles off Scaterie Island.

The crew of the dredge consisted of four men at the time she broke away form the Banskott, as follows: Clarence Glover, Thomas Morris, Edward Morris and George Morgan. Clarence Glover and Thomas Morris were rescued from the dredge on last Monday morning by the fishing schooner Howard Donald and later landed at Lunenburg, N.S.

The other two members of the crew remained on board the drifting dredge, which at the time of the rescue was said to be about 75 miles southeast of Canso, N.S.

## **November, 1937**

### **Sunday 7**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and cool with light to moderate northwest wind.

Min. temperature 24 Max. temperature 46

#### Church Services

At 7 P.M. I attended service in the First United Church, where Rev. D.A. MacMillan conducted the service. At the conclusion of the regular service the regular "Thank offering" service of the Woman's Missionary Society was held with Mrs. A.W. Stacey as leader. I was not out to the morning service, the maid being away to church, I kept house while Emeline went to church.

## **November, 1937**

### **Monday 8**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool with light winds.

Min. temperature 25 Max. temperature about 40

#### Repairs Finished

At noon today, John MacKay of Big Lorraine, whom I had to work repairing and rebuilding fences around my property on Main St. since last Thursday morning finished the job.

#### S. S. CALGADOC MISSING

Grave fears are entertained for the safety of the Lake Steamer "Calgadoc" which sailed from Sydney, N.S. for Wabana, Newfoundland with a load of coal, on Saturday, October 30.

According to a news item in the Halifax Chronicle of this date, the Calgadoc is 247 feet in length, registered at Fort William, Ontario, and is owned by the Patterson Steamship Limited. Her crew is said to consist of 20 men. Fred Wilcox of this town and Fred Lynk of West Louisbourg were members of her crew when she sailed from Sydney.

Fred Wilcox is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Wilcox of Louisbourg, while Fred Lynk is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Lynk of West Louisbourg.

#### Left for Boston

Rev. and Mrs. D.A. MacMillan, left for Boston, on the night train from Sydney, today. Mr. MacMillan is going for the purpose of undergoing medical examination at the Lahey Clinic, and treatment and possibly an operation in the Deaconess Hospital. Mr. MacMillan on two previous occasions, 1935 and 1936, has had examinations and operations at the above institutions.

Mr. MacMillan has been in poor health for many years, but in a measure has been able to carry on his pastoral duties as Minister of the First United Church, at Louisbourg.

## **November, 1937**

### **Tuesday 9**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and mild with fresh to strong southwest wind. Rain during the night.

Min. temperature 34 Max. temperature 50

S. S. TORNY

Norwegian Steamer "Torny" arrived at noon, bunkered during the afternoon and sailed at 4:30 P.M.

**November, 1937**

**Wednesday 10**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cool and mostly cloudy with moderate westerly wind. Showery during the afternoon.

Min. temperature 28 Max. temperature 47

S. S. HERTHA

Norwegian Steamer "Hertha" arrived at 7 A.M., bunkered, and sailed in the afternoon.

DEATH OF J. RAMSEY MACDONALD

Today's newspapers carried accounts of the death of the Hon. J. Ramsay MacDonald, former Premier of Great Britain, which took place at 8:45 P.M. yesterday on board the liner Reina del Pacifico enroute to South America.

Mr. MacDonald who was born at Lossiemouth, Scotland on October 12, 1866, was on a trip for the benefit of his health, accompanied by his daughter, Sheila.

While on a trip to Canada, in 1934, he visited Louisbourg, on August 4, with his daughter Ishbel, where I had the pleasure of meeting them and escorting them through the points of interest at the Louisbourg National and Historic Park as well as the temporary museum on the grounds. Other members of the party on this occasion were: Hon. Senator J.S. MacLennan, Miss Catherine MacLennan and Mr. George E. Graham, General Manager of the Dominion Atlantic Railway. After having lunch at the Dundonald Inn, Premier MacDonald visited my shop on Main Street and purchased picture post cards of historic spots at Louisbourg and vicinity.

**November, 1937**

**Thursday 11**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Very cool and mostly cloudy with moderate north west wind and a few light snow squalls.

Min. temperature 25 Max. temperature 34

Armistice Day

Day generally recognized as a public holiday, schools, banks, all public offices closed or on holiday hours. The larger shops closed for the day. Had my shop open for business all day. As I handle newspapers, it would be very inconvenient to the public for my shop to be closed, so I usually have my shop open on all holidays with the exception of Christmas and New Years days, when I open for about one hour after the arrival of the mails.

Attended Chicken Supper

At about 7:30 P.M. Emeline and I with Mr. and Mrs. Grant, motored out Sydney Road to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gervin MacLean, where a chicken supper was being served under the auspices of the Ladies Aid of the Catalone United Church. We returned home at about 8:30 P.M.

Funeral of Angus Mackenzie  
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**November, 1937**

**Friday 12**

Louisbourg, N.S. Salmon River, N.S.

Mostly clear and very cool with moderate northwest wind.

Motored to Salmon River

At 1 P.M. I left Louisbourg on Sullivan's bus enroute to my former home at Salmon River. Arriving at Sydney at about 2 P.M. I met Heber there and with him, about one hour later, left for Salmon River where we arrived shortly before 4 o'clock.

Delegation to Halifax

A delegation consisting of Mayor A.C. MacCormack of Sydney Mines; Rev. W.L. Mercer, Dominion No.6; Mayor D.W. Morrison, Glace Bay; Mayor F.L. Kelly, North Sydney; Warden Rod A. MacKinnon, Municipality of Cape Breton County, Beaver Cove Councillor; Clifton Townsend, Louisbourg; Angus J. MacDonald, President of the Nova Scotia Hospital Association, Glace Bay; and Councillor Angus MacEachern, New Waterford, met Premier Angus L. MacDonald, and Hon. Dr. Davis, Minister of Health, at Halifax today and urged the necessity of a Tuberculosis Hospital for Cape Breton, to be built and maintained by the Government.

**November, 1937**

**Saturday 13**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Heavy frost in the early morning. Mild and remarkably clear, with a light air of northwest wind, almost cold. A perfect day.

I spent the forenoon in placing protection, against cattle and sheep, around some ornamental trees which I planted when I was home in last June. In the afternoon I visited the homes of Caleb and Arthur Huntington, returning at about 5 P.M.

S. S. HADA COUNTY S. S. KALO

Norwegian Steamer "Hada County" and Danish Steamer "Kalo" arrived at Louisbourg, bunkered and sailed.

**November, 1937**

**Sunday 14**

Salmon River

Cloudy and very chilly with moderate to fresh easterly wind.



Left home at about 10 A.M. and motored with Heber, who was on his way to Glace Bay, as far as the end of Clifford's road, from where I walked to Clifford's house and spent the greater part of the day there. At about 1:30 P.M., in company with Maria I visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hussey, on returning from Hussey's I went to Fred A. Huntington's where I spent about one hour. Returned to Clifford's at about 4 P.M. Heber returned from Glace Bay at about 5 P.M. and came to Clifford's where he remained until about 7 P.M.

At about 7 P.M. we left for church where service was held at 7:30. The preacher was Mr. Churchill, who has lately arrived on the Mira Gut, Homeville and Grand Mira field. Tonight's service was the first he has held in the Baptist Church, here, since his arrival. After the service I motored home with Heber. At the church service Heber and I sang a duet, "When Peace Like a River".

#### Schooner Henry H. Chamberlain Wrecked

Three masted schooner, Henry H. Chamberlain, Captain E.O. Fudge, was driven ashore at about 3 A.M. at White Point, Guysborough County, N.S. and became a total loss. After clinging to a ledge for seven hours, the crew of six men, including the Captain, were rescued by George Harnish and his two sons of Dover.

The Chamberlain, which had been several days at anchor at Louisbourg harbour, about two weeks ago, was enroute from Fourchu to Halifax with a cargo of concentrate from the Sterling Richmond County Mine.

### **November, 1937**

#### **Monday 15**

Salmon River

Cloudy and chilly with moderate to fresh easterly wind. Misty in the afternoon and evening.

Today I continued my work which I was engaged in on Saturday, erecting protection around some trees I had planted when I was here in June.

### **November, 1937**

#### **Tuesday 16**

Salmon River

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy, and misty followed by showers in the evening. Moderate easterly wind increasing to a strong breeze in the afternoon and evening, but moderating shortly after nightfall.

#### Salmon River to Louisbourg

In the morning I motored to Sydney with Fred Huntington, (my nephew) Heber having driven me as far as Fred's by car, arrived at Sydney at about 9 A.M.. Left Sydney at 11 A.M. in one of Mike Sullivan's bus cars. (Alex Burke, driver) arrived at Louisbourg at 12 o'clock.

#### S. S. NEION

Greek Steamer "Neion" arrived at Louisbourg in the morning for bunker coal.

### **November, 1937**

**Wednesday 17**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Mild, and partly clear, with light southwest wind.

Min. temperature 34 Max. temperature 47

**S. S. NEION**

Greek Steamer, "Neion" sailed, at about 9:30.

**Marriage**

Today, in the Baptist Church at Glace Bay, Heber was married to Miss Evelyn Severance. Ceremony was performed by Rev. A.W. Murray, pastor of the Glace Bay Baptist Church.

**Roofing Material Arrives**

This evening, I received from Thompson and Sutherland Ltd. of Sydney, (delivered by their truck) 42 bundles vulcanite shingles (14 squares), 100 lbs plastic cement, 4 rolls.

**November, 1937****Thursday 18**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Rained nearly all day with moderate southeast gale. Very disagreeable.

Min. temperature 44 Max. temperature 46

**November, 1937****Friday 19**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cool and mostly clear with fresh to strong north west wind.

Min. temperature 27 Max. temperature 38

**November, 1937****Saturday 20**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool with light easterly wind, which in the afternoon shifted to southeast and increased to a gale. Rain began to fall at noon and continued until late at night.

Min. temperature 23 Max. temperature 45

**Meeting of Town Council**

At 7:30 P.M. I attended, and presided at, a meeting of the Town Council. Those present were: Councillors Jeremiah Smith, Clifton Townsend, James F. Townsend, and Alex MacDonald, Town Clerk: B.M. Spencer, Police Officer: D.M. Johnston and Mayor M.S. Huntington.

**November, 1937****Sunday 21**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Southeast gale and heavy rain in the early morning. Moderate to fresh wind during the forenoon. Cloudy and foggy, wind southwest during the greater part of the day.  
Min. temperature 38 Max. temperature 50

#### Church Services

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. I attended services in the First United Church. Both services were conducted by Rev. John MacKinnon of Sydney.  
Rev. Mr. MacKinnon is supplying for Rev. D.A. MacMillan, the regular pastor, who is at present in the Deaconess Hospital, at Boston, Mass. where he underwent an operation about ten days ago. Mr. MacKinnon was also the preacher, here on last Sunday, October 14.

#### **November, 1937**

##### **Monday 22**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Partly clear, and cool with moderate to fresh southwest to west wind.

Min. temperature 27 Max. temperature 43

##### **November, 1937**

##### **Tuesday 23**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and cold with light westerly wind.

Min. temperature 20 Max. temperature 28

#### Visited Louisbourg Park

#### **November, 1937**

##### **Wednesday 24**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy with light snow squalls in the morning. Cleared during the forenoon. Light westerly wind.

Min. temperature 17 Max. temperature 32. Just enough snow in the morning to whiten the ground.

Less than ½ inch, which disappeared during the day. First time this season that the ground was whitened.

#### Marriage

The marriage of Lloyd Fleet to Miss Mabel Jewell, both of this town took place this morning in Stella Maris Church. Rev. Father D.H. Doyle performed the ceremony.

#### S. S. TORNY

Norwegian Steamer "Torny" arrived at about 11 P.M. for bunker coal.

#### **November, 1937**

##### **Thursday 25**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Sydney, N.S.

Cool and mostly cloudy with light westerly wind. Light snow squalls, just enough snow to whiten the ground. Snowfall less than ½ inch.

Min. temperature (Louisbourg) 15 Max. temperature (Louisbourg) 27

#### Motored to Sydney

At 9 A.M. I left Louisbourg for Sydney in Cecil Stevens' bus for the purpose of attending the regular meeting of the Cape Breton County Jail Commission. Made a number of business calls during the forenoon.

Met Heber at Sydney shortly after my arrival there.

At 3 P.M. presided at the regular monthly meeting of the Jail Commission in the Jail office, all commissions present.

Passed the following bills for payment:

George Street Hardware, Nov. 25 Hardware, \$12.65; Chappells Ltd Nov. 3, \$13.68; Dominion Coal Co Ltd. Nov. 2, \$61.82; Wrights Limited, Oct. 21, \$83.28; C.H. Harshman, Oct. 31, \$17.96; F.J. Gillis, Nov. 13, \$7.50; Bayer & Co. Nov. 13, \$1.50; Hallidays Craftsmen Ltd. \$9.00; Hallidays Craftmen Ltd. Nov. 6, \$12.30.

Prisoners 74 Male, 4 Female, Total = 78

#### Given up for Lost

The Great Lakes Steamer "Calgadoc" which sailed from Sydney, N.S. for Wabana, Nfld with a cargo of coal on Oct. 31/1937 has been given up for lost with all hands of her crew of 18, including one woman, there were two young men from Louisbourg: Fred Wilcox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Wilcox of Louisbourg town and Fred Lynk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Lynk, of West Louisbourg.

#### S. S. TORNY

Norwegian Steamer "Torny" sailed in the early morning.

#### **November, 1937**

##### **Friday 26**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and comparatively mild with light westerly wind. Light snowfall of yesterday all disappeared.

Min. temperature 16 Max. temperature 35

#### **November, 1937**

##### **Saturday 27**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy, foggy and misty with light variable wind.

Min. temperature 26 Max. temperature 38

#### S. S. BRAA

Norwegian Steamer "Braa" arrived at about 12:30 A.M., bunkered in the early morning and sailed at about 9:30 A.M.

#### Marriage

The marriage of William MacGillivray Jr. to Miss Sarah MacDonald, both of Louisbourg took place this evening at Sydney. Rev. A.A. Murray performed the ceremony.

## **November, 1937**

### **Sunday 28**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy with a light air of variable wind, mostly northerly and easterly.

Min. temperature 33 Max. temperature 35.

#### **Church Services**

At 11 A.M. I, in company with Emeline, attended service, in the Presbyterian Church, where Mr. Alexander Gibson, (Layman) of South Gut, Victoria County, N.S. was the preacher, in the absence of Rev. Joseph Cathcart, the regular pastor, who was at Baddeck.

At 3 P.M. Emeline and I attended a Memorial Service in St. Bartholomews Anglican Church, conducted by the pastor; Rev. E.B. Gabriel, in memory of the late Fred Wilcox Jr. who was on board of the missing steamer "Calgadoc" which sailed from Sydney, N.S. for 'Wabana, Nfld. on October 31, 1937 and has not been heard of since. I was not out to church in the evening. No service in the First United Church today.

## **November, 1937**

### **Monday 29**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and threatening, with moderate to fresh southerly wind.

Min. temperature 34 Max. temperature 41

## **November, 1937**

### **Tuesday 30**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Heavy rain in the early morning. Cloudy, clearing shortly before noon. Clear mild and calm during the afternoon with light air of westerly wind. A perfect afternoon.

Min temperature 29 Max. temperature 49

## **December, 1937**

### **Wednesday 1**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Sydney, N.S.

Clear with light westerly wind. An ideal day.

Min. temperature 21 Max. temperature 37

#### **Motored to Sydney**

At about 6:30 P.M. James Crowdis, Alistair MacDonald and I motored to Sydney in George Lewis' Car (James Crowdis, driver) for the purpose of attending the Annual Meeting and banquet of the Associated Board of Trade of the Island of Cape Breton, which was held in the dining room of the Isle Royale Hotel at about 7:30 P.M.

Mr. Leo Dolan of the Canadian Travel Bureau, Ottawa was the guest speaker and in an over an hours discourse gave a very interesting account of what the Travel Bureau is doing in the matter of attracting visitors to Canada. He estimates the amount of money spent by tourists in Canada for the present year at \$300,000,000 and the number of tourists to enter our borders, at about 20,000,000 persons.

Other speakers were Hon. Michael Dwyer, Minister of Mines in the Nova Scotia Government.

## **December, 1937**

### **Thursday 2**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear with light variable winds. An ideal day.

Min. temperature 21 Max. temperature 36

#### **Began Repairs**

Today, John N. MacDonald of this town, and John MacKay of Big Lorraine began the work of repairing my house. This job includes shingling the front end, replacing a window in the front end and shingling the entire roof. It is rather late in the season to carry on work of this kind successfully, so the work may not be completed until next spring. I have purchased Rock Faced, fire resisting shingles for the roof. These I got from Thompson and Sutherland Limited of Sydney at \$7.97 per square. I have estimated that I shall require about 14 squares for the roof.

## **December, 1937**

### **Friday 3**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and chilly. Snow began to fall at about 9:30 A.M. and continued, moderately, until about midnight. Light to fresh northeast wind. Snowfall about 6 inches.

Min. temperature 25 Max. temperature 28

First snowfall of any account this season, and first sleighing.

## **December, 1937**

### **Saturday 4**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and misty. Snow melting. Streets slushy. Drizzle of rain and snow during the night.

Moderate to fresh northeast wind.

Min. temperature 28 Max. temperature 30

## **December, 1937**

### **Sunday 5**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Heavy downpour of rain which lasted nearly all day, and accompanied by a moderate gale of north east to east wind. Very disagreeable.

Min. temperature 28 Max. temperature 38

### Church Services

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. Emeline and I attended services in the First United Church. Rev. W.N. Bayers, of the Lord's Day Alliance, Truro, N.S. was the preacher at both services.

Owing to the unfavorable conditions of the weather, there were only 12 persons present at the morning service, including the preacher.

### **December, 1937**

#### **Monday 6**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Heavy wind and rain in the early morning. Cloudy, foggy and showery during the day, with moderate southeast wind.

Min. temperature 38 Max. temperature 44.

### Snow Disappears

The snow which fell on last Friday has entirely disappeared off the streets, and only a few small patches remain in the fields.

### **December, 1937**

#### **Tuesday 7**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Heavy rain in the early morning, cloudy, foggy and showery during the day. Rain during the night. Partly clear for a short time during the forenoon. Light variable wind, mostly easterly.

Min temperature 38 Max. temperature 45

### **December, 1937**

#### **Wednesday 8**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Heavy rain in the early morning. Clear and mild during the day with light westerly wind. An ideal day.

Min. temperature 33 Max. temperature 44

### Heavy Rainfall

For the past few days there has been an exceptionally heavy fall of rain. The total rainfall since Saturday night has been about 6 inches. Highways have been flooded in many places.

### **December, 1937**

#### **Thursday 9**

Sydney, N.S.

Louisbourg, N.S.

Heavy rain in the early morning. Mostly cloudy during the day. Moderate to fresh south to southwest wind.

Min. temperature [Blank] Max. temperature [Blank]

#### Motored to Sydney

Visited Sydney on business. Left Louisbourg at 9 A.M. on Cecil Stevens' bus car, and returned home at about 5 P.M. on the same conveyance. Had dinner at Vidal Hotel.

Visited Dr. and Mrs. Kendall, 166 Union Street, Sydney, in the afternoon.

### **December, 1937**

#### **Friday 10**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Rain in the morning, cloudy in the forenoon with some fog. Partly clear in the afternoon. Light southwest wind.

Min. temperature 37 Max. temperature 44

#### Arrives from Salmon River

At about 1:30 P.M. Heber and Evelyn arrived by motor car. They intend to stay with us until tomorrow. As previously arranged Heber brought us our winter vegetables: 4 bushels Potatoes, 4 bushels Turnips, 1 bushel carrots and ½ bushel parsnips.

### **December, 1937**

#### **Saturday 11**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy in the morning, but clearing at about 10 A.M. Clear and mild during the afternoon with light to moderate northeast wind.

Min. temperature 27 Max. temperature 38

An ideal afternoon.

#### Leave of Home

Heber and Evelyn, who arrived here yesterday, left for home at about 11 A.M. by motor car.

#### Finished the Wall

Today, Edward MacDonald and John MacKay finished shingling the wall of the front of my house. While John MacDonald, in the afternoon was to work replacing a window in the front which had become badly decayed, and had to be removed.

### **December, 1937**

#### **Sunday 12**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Rain in the early morning, misty with occasional light showers during the day. Light northeast wind.

Min. temperature 27 Max. temperature 38

#### Church Services

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. I attended services in the First United Church. Both services conducted by Rev. John MacKinnon, D.D. (Retired) of Sydney, N.S.

### **December, 1937**



**Monday 13**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and cold with moderate to fresh westerly wind.

Min. temperature 17 Max. temperature 34

Painted Front of House

Today, after Edward MacDonald and John MacKay had put up the finish boards, I painted all the new work including the shingles, on the front of my house. John N. MacDonald finished the window in the afternoon.

After the three men were through with the front wall they erected staging at both the back and front of the house preparatory to shingling the roof, which they intend to start tomorrow, if the weather permits.

**December, 1937****Tuesday 14**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cold and partly clear with moderate westerly wind and a few light snow squalls.

Min. temperature 13 Max. temperature 24

Began Shingling

Edward MacDonald and John MacKay began shingling the roof of my house on the north side, today. John N. MacDonald was not working today, having been in poor health for some days, and not sufficiently recovered to undertake work of this kind. His brother, Edward has taken his place for a few days, at least.

**December, 1937****Wednesday 15**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cool and mostly clear with moderate west to northwest wind. A few light snow squalls in the forenoon.

Min. temperature 20 Max. temperature 28

Shingling

Edward MacDonald and John MacKay were shingling on the north side of the roof of my house.

Painting

In the afternoon for about 2 hours I was to work painting the fence in front of my residence on Main Street.

**December, 1937****Thursday 16**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Sydney, N.S.

Cold and mostly clear with moderate northwest wind.

Min. temperature (Louisbourg) 13 Max. temperature (Louisbourg) 26

Meeting of Jail Commission

At 9 A.M. I motored to Sydney in Cecil Steven's bus car, for the purpose of attending the regular monthly meeting of the Cape Breton County Jail Commission. Arrived at Sydney at about 10 A.M. made a number of business calls. Had dinner at Vidal Hotel.

**December, 1937**

**Friday 17**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool. Snow began to fall at about 2 P.M. and continued during the rest of the afternoon.

Snowfall about 2 inches.

Min. temperature 10 Max. temperature 31

Wind southeast.

**December, 1937**

**Saturday 18**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and chilly. Sleet which began to fall at about 2 P.M. was followed by rain which continued until late into the night. Moderate to fresh southeast to south winds.

Min. temperature 18 Max. temperature 39

Snow which fell yesterday almost entirely disappeared during the afternoon and night.

S. S. IMOGENE

British Steamer "Imogene" arrived in the morning.

Council Meeting

At 7:30 P.M. I attended and presided at a meeting of the Town Council. Those present were: Councillors: Clifton Townsend, James Townsend, G.B. Hiltz and Alex. MacDonald. Mayor: M.S. Huntington, Town Clerk: B.M. Spencer and Police Officer D.M. Johnston.

**December, 1937**

**Sunday 19**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and mild with moderate west to northwest winds.

Min. temperature 25 Max. temperature 41

Ground entirely bare of snow as a result of yesterday evenings rain.

S. S. IMOGENE

British Steamer "Imogene" sailed in the morning.

S. S. BROSUND

Danish Steamer "Brosund" arrived at about 10 A.M. for bunker coal.

### Church Services

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. I attended services in the First United Church. Rev. John MacKinnon of Sydney conducted both services.

### **December, 1937**

#### **Monday 20**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and mild with light northwest wind. Clear for a short time in the afternoon.

Min. temperature 21 Max. temperature 30

#### S. S. BROSUND

Danish Steamer "Brosund" after bunkering sailed in the early morning.

### **December, 1937**

#### **Tuesday 21**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cold and mostly cloudy with moderate northwest wind.

Min. temperature 9 Max. temperature 26.

#### S. S. WESTERN BELLE

British Steamer "Western Belle" which has been here since last Friday undergoing repairs to her machinery sailed at about 9 P.M. enroute to England.

#### Rev. D.A MacMillan arrives Home

Rev. and Mrs. D.A. MacMillan who have been absent from town since Nov. 8 last arrived home today. While away Mr. MacMillan was a patient at the Deaconess Hospital, Boston, Mass. where he underwent an operation. While I have not seen him since his arrival, I understand that there is quite an improvement in his physical condition. This operation is the third he has had in the same hospital.

### **December, 1937**

#### **Wednesday 22**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and cold with moderate to fresh northwest wind, which shifted to southwest during the night.

Min. temperature 10 Max. temperature 20

Snow began to fall at about 10:30 P.M.

#### Choir Practice

At 7:30 P.M. I attended choir practice in the First United Church.

### **December, 1937**

#### **Thursday 23**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Snowfall of about 2 inches last night was followed by rain and heavy wind in the early morning. Clear and mild during the day. By evening snow of last night had all disappeared.

Min. temperature 19 Max. temperature 35

## **December, 1937**

### **Friday 24**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately cold with light to moderate northwest wind. Ground bare of snow.

Min. temperature [Blank] Max. temperature [Blank]

#### S. S. HADRIAN

Norwegian Steamer, "Hadrian" arrived at about 5:30 P.M. for bunker coal.

## **December, 1937**

### **Saturday 25**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and threatening with light variable wind. Snow began to fall at about 4:30 P.M. and continued moderately, some of the time part rain, during the night. Up to 10 P.M. about 2 inches of snow had fallen.

Min. temperature 10 Max. temperature 31

#### S. S. HADRIAN

Norwegian Steamer, "Hadrian" sailed at about 7:30 A.M.

#### Family Gathering

Today, the annual family gathering took place at our house. Those who were present and had dinner were as follows: Mrs. Z.W. Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Townsend, Mr. & Mrs. E.A. Grant, M.S. and Mrs. Huntington, Miss Clara Gillis (Maid)

## **December, 1937**

### **Sunday 26**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Soft snow in the early morning which loaded down the telephone and electric light wires that many of them were broken, thus demoralizing the telephone and electric light service. Light drizzle of snow during the greater part of the day. Light northerly wind. Snowfall of last night about 5 inches.

Min. temperature 25 Max. temperature 31

#### Church Services

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. I attended the annual Christmas day services in the First United Church. Rev. John MacKinnon (Retired) of Sydney conducted both services. Emeline was not out to church in the morning but accompanied me in the evening.

## **December 1937**

**Monday 27**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Mostly cloudy and comparatively mild. Light northwest wind and occasional snow squalls.

Min. temperature, about 16 Max. temperature, about 30

About two thirds of all the telephones in this district are not functioning today as a result of yesterday mornings snow storm, which broke down the wires and in some cases the poles.

No communications from Louisbourg with the outside world, today, by telephone.

Quite a large number of electric light customers in this town were without lights last night, but today, repairs were made to the lines and I believe that tonight all customers have their usual light service. 7 electric light poles were broken as a result of the storm in this town.

Streets in town covered by about 5 inches of heavy snow, which should make good sleighing and wheeling when beaten down.

Mike Sullivan's bus service between Sydney and Louisbourg is still making its regular trips, but is running behind schedule.

Newspapers of this date report heavy damage to Telegraph, Telephone and power lines all over the province.

**December, 1937****Tuesday 28**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool with light northwest wind.

Min. temperature 15 Max. temperature 25

**December, 1937****Wednesday 29**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Snowed moderately from early morning until about 2:30 P.M. with light southerly wind. Snowfall about 2 inches. Wind shifted to northwest in the afternoon and increased to a strong breeze. Cold in the late afternoon and night.

Min. temperature 6 Max. temperature 31

**December, 1937****Thursday 30**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and cold with light northwest wind.

Min. temperature 2 Max. temperature 11

**December, 1937****Friday 31**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and cold with light to moderate northwest wind.

Min. temperature [Blank] Max. temperature [Blank]

List of residents and former residents of the Town of Louisbourg who died during the year 1937.

Name	Date of death	Place of death
Mrs. William H. Townsend	Jan 2	Louisbourg, N.S.
Mrs. D.A. Hardy	Jan 1	Sydney, N.S.
Mrs. Flora MacAulay	Jan 8	Louisbourg, N.S.
William Phalen	Jan 15	Louisbourg, N.S.
Mrs. Mary Dory	Feb 2	Louisbourg, N.S.
James MacLean	March 25	Sydney, N.S.
Miss Elizabeth MacRury	May 8	Louisbourg, N.S.
Alexander MacIntyre	May 19	Louisbourg, N.S.
Annie MacDonald	May 20	Louisbourg, N.S.
Stanley Tanner	June 14	Sydney, N.S.
Florence MacKeigan	June 24	Louisbourg, N.S.
Rose Bates	July 24	Sydney, N.S.
Rev. H.D. Townsend	July 31	Valley Station, N.S.
Mrs. Martin LeVatte	August	Louisbourg, N.S.
Mrs. Neil MacLean	October 12	Louisbourg, N.S.
Mrs. John Dickson	October 18	Louisbourg, N.S.
Mrs. Dan Townsend	October 21	Louisbourg, N.S.