# **TRANSCRIPT**

### **HUNTINGTON DIARY 1940**

Louisbourg, N.S., Jan. 1, 1940

Clergymen

Clergymen in charge of the various Congregations in the Town of Louisbourg, N.S.

Anglican: Rev. George Arnold Roman Catholic: Rev. D.H. Doyle

United Church of Canada: Rev. Donald MacLeod, M.A., B.D. Inducted June 30, 1939.

Presbyterian: Rev. Joseph Cathcart

Population

Population, Town of Louisbourg, Canadian Government Census 1931; 971.

Number of dwellings, Town of Louisbourg, about 260. Number of families, Town of Louisbourg, about 270.

Keeper of Lighthouse and Fog Alarm, Lighthouse Point, in the Town of Louisbourg: Wilfred Covey.

Manager, Local Bank (Royal Bank of Canada): E.J. Ryno

**Town Officials** 

Mayor: M.S. Huntington

Councillors: G.B. Hiltz (Presiding Counciller)

Jeremiah Smith
D.J. MacInnis
Alex C. MacDonald
James F.D. Townsend

Town Clerk and Treasurer: Beecher M. Spencer

Deputy Town Clerk: Daniel F. Nicholson, appointed Sept. 9, 1939

Stipendiary Magistrate: Beecher M. Spencer

Medical Health Officer: Henry J. Townsend, M.D.

Policeman, School Attendance Officer, Sanitary Inspector, Jailer, Inspector under the Fire Ordinance, Tax Collector and Meter Reader for the Electric Light Department: Daniel M. Johnston

Public School Staff:

Principal: Miss Mary Campbell, B.A.

Vice-Principal: Miss Annie Pope

Miss Blanche Cross Miss Christine MacLeod

Miss Mary Lynk

Mary LeBlanc (Domestic Science)

Public School Board:

M.S. Huntington (Chairman)

Jeremiah Smith

G.B. Hiltz

Clarence Peters, Government Appointees

Dougall A. Campbell, Government Appointees

Assessors

Beecher M. Spencer (General or Town Assessor)

John N. MacDonald Dougall A. Campbell

**Revisors Of Voters Lists** 

Robert A. Peters

Harold MacQueen

One member short, no one having yet been appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Duncan Lamont, October 3, 1939.

Collector of Customs, Port of Louisbourg, N.S.: Donald Wilson, Took office May 3, 1939

Immigration Officer: Walter E. Jewell Jr.

Harbour Master: Alexander Smith

Port Warden: Ernest Matheson

Pilots Port of Louisbourg:

Capt. D.W. Ley, George Harris, George Wilcox, John Poole, Ed Wilcox, Samuel Levy, Fraser Wilcox, Holland Fleet.

Pilot Commissioners

**NO ENTRY** 

Register of Births, Deaths, and Insurer of Marriage Licenses:

Mrs. James J. MacLean

Postmaster:

Hugh Lynk, Appointment made April 1912

### **JANUARY 1940**

# Monday 1

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy in the morning followed by snow at about 9:30 which continued until about 11 A.M. Partly clear during the afternoon. Light to moderate south wind shifting to southwest, and in the afternoon, to west. Snowfall about 1 inch.

Min. temperature 7, Max. temperature 36.

# New Year Gathering

At noon, Emeline and I motored to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Townsend where we had dinner and supper with the Townsends. Those present at dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Townsend, Clifton Townsend, Emeline and I. The same group were present at supper with the exception of Clifton, who was absent. Our annual New Year gathering was the smallest for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Grant, who were with us last year and for many years previously, are now in Montreal.

### Funeral

At 1:30 P.M., I attended the funeral of the late Isaac Cann which took place from his home at Havenside.

The services at the house, church and grave were conducted by Rev. George Arnold of St. Bartholomew's Anglican church.

The Pallbearers were Geo. Harris, Clarance Peters, John Williams, Louis Tutty, John MacAulay and Thomas Bagnall. Interment to (sic) place in the old Cemetery near the church. Funeral in charge of D.M. Johnston, undertaker.

# Death of Percy Stephen MacDonald

The death took place at an early hour this morning of Percy Stephen MacDonald, aged 2 years and 2 months, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex MacDonald, Main Street.

#### Masonic Ball

At about 9 P.M., Emeline and I attended the Annual At Home of Mariners Lodge A.F. & A.M. held in the Masonic hall, Warren St. A very enjoyable affair with a large number present.

#### JANUARY 1940

# **Tuesday 2**

Louisbourg, N.S.

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

Min. temperature, about 15, Max. temperature, about 22.

### S.S. KARIN THORDEN

Finnish Steamer, "Karin Thorden", arrived at about 11:30 P.M. for bunker coal.

# Week of Prayer

The first of the Series of "Week of Prayer" Services was held in the First United Church at 7:30 P.M. and conducted by Rev. Donald MacLeod, M.A., B.D.

#### JANUARY 1940

# Wednesday 3

Louisbourg, N.S.

Snow squalls accompanied by high wind in the early morning. Cloudy with light to moderate westerly wind during the day. Snowfall about 1 inch.

Min. temperature 14, Max. temperature 22.

#### Funeral

At 10 A.M., I attended the funeral of the late Percy Stephen MacDonald which took place from the home of his parents on Main Street.

Services at the house and grave were conducted by Rev. Joseph Cathcart, pastor of the Presbyterian Congregation. Burial took place in Willow Grave Cemetery on Clarkes Road. Funeral in charge of D.M. Johnston, undertaker.

# Week of Prayer

At 7:30 P.M., I attended the second of the Series of "Week of Prayer" services in the First United Church where the service conducted by Rev. Donald MacLeod, M.A., B.D. I also attended choir practice at the close of the service.

### S.S. KARIN THORDEN

Finnish Steamer, "Karin Thorden", Captain Eriksson, after bunkering, sailed during the early part of the night.

# Skating On Open Air Rink

The first skating of the Season on the open air rink, Strathcona St., took place this evening.

# **JANUARY 1940**

# **Thursday 4**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy, cold and blustery with fresh westerly wind.

Min. temperature 18, Max. temperature 24.

# Bus Service Interrupted

Sullivan's and Cameron's buses, which left here this morning enroute for Sydney, failed to return owing to snow drifts on the Sydney end of the highway. As a result of the tie-up on the Sydney end, no mails reached Louisbourg, today, by bus. All mails for this town arrived on the evening train which arrived shortly before 5 O'Clock.

# Week of Prayer

The third of the Series of "Week of Prayer" services was held in the First United Church at 7:30 P.M. The service was in charge of Rev. Donald MacLeod, M.A., B.D., while Rev. George Arnold of St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church, delivered the address.

# **JANUARY 1942**

# Friday 5

Louisbourg, N.S. Cloudy and mild with light westerly wind. Min. Temperature 23, Max. Temperature 31.

# Week of Prayer

At 7:30 P.M., I attended the fourth and last of the series of "Week of Prayer" Services in the First United Church where Rev. Donald MacLeod, M.A., B.D., was the preacher. At the close of the Service, I attended a special meeting of the Official Board with Rev. Mr. MacLeod presiding.

# Bus Service Resumed

The bus services, which were interrupted yesterday owing to snow drifts on the Sydney end of the highway between Louisbourg and Sydney, were running on schedule today.

# **JANUARY 1940**

# Saturday 6

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and comparatively mild with light variable wind.

Light drizzle of snow in the evening followed by moderate to fresh northerly wind.

Min. temperature 20, Max. temperature 28.

# **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, Alex. G. MacDonald, D.J. MacInnis and James F.D. Townsend, Town Clerk: B.M. Spencer, assistant clerk: Daniel Nicholson, Police officer: D.M. Johnston, Mayor: M.S. Huntington.

Amongst items of business transacted at this meeting were the appointment of Alex Burke as revisor for the Town of Louisbourg in the place of the late Duncan Lamont. The reception of the assessment roll for 1940. The endorsation by the Council of the action of the Town Clerk in procuring a portrait of the late William E. MacAlpine for the purpose of placing it on the wall of the Council chamber. Mr. MacAlpine served as Mayor of the Town of Louisbourg for 11 years, February 1909 until February 1920. Authorizing the Mayor to offer a reward of \$50.00 to any person furnishing information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person who set fire to the school building on the morning of December 25, 1939. The appointment of the Mayor as Louisbourg's representative on the Cape Breton County Joint Expenditure Board. The appointment of election officials to serve in the event of a contest in the town elections on Feb. 6, 1940.

#### **JANUARY 1940**

# Sunday 7

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cold and mostly cloudy with fresh to moderate northerly wind.

Min. Temperature 10, Max. Temperature 21.

### **Church Services**

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M., I attended services in the First United Church where Rev. Donald MacLeod, M.A., B.D., was the preacher.

# Annual Meeting of Choir

Immediately after the close of the evening Service, Emeline and I attended and presided at the Annual meeting of the First United church which was held in the church.

The following officers were, on motion of the meeting, reelected for the ensuing year: Miss Christine MacDonald, Secretary-Treasurer; M.S. Huntington, Chairman, Mrs. William Phalen, Choir Representative on Official Board, John A. MacDonald, Choir Leader, Mrs. John A. MacDonald, Organist.

Among those present at the meeting were the following: A.W. Stacey, John H. Skinner, Edison Skinner, Daniel Nicholson Jr., John A. MacDonald, M.S. Huntington, Rev. Donald MacLeod, M.A., B.D., Mrs. M.S. Huntington, Mrs. Arthur Townsend, Mrs. John A. MacDonald, Mrs. William Phalen, Mrs. D.G. MacIntyre, Miss Christine MacDonald, Miss Edith MacInnis, Miss Frances Levy, Miss Haroldina Beaver.

### Communion Service

At the morning Service in the First United Church, the Communion of the Lord's Supper was administered. Edward Levy and Frances Levy were baptized and received into membership of the church.

Visited Mr. & Mrs. Townsend

In the afternoon, Emeline and I visited Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Townsend.

#### JANUARY 1940

# Monday 8

Louisbourg, N.S.

Partly clear and moderately cold with light northerly wind.

Min. temperature 16, Max. temperature 23.

# S.S. ESTHER THORDEN

Finnish Steamer, "Easter Thorden", arrived at about 7 P.M. for bunker coal.

#### **JANUARY 1940**

# **Tuesday 9**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Chilly and partly clear with moderate northeast wind.

Min. temperature 16, Max. temperature 25.

### S.S. ESTHER THORDEN

Finnish Steamer, "Esther Thorden", after bunkering last night, sailed in the morning.

### S.S. FJORD

Norwegian Steamer, "Fjord", arrived at about 7 P.M.

# **Sydney Civic Elections**

The Annual Civic Elections in the City of Sydney were held to-day (sic) resulting as follows:

For Mayor: George B. Slaven 3956 votes (reelected)

" ", Sydney: E. Muggah 2281 " Majority for: Slaven 1675 "

On January 11, 1938, George B. Slaven defeated Mayor Sydney E. Muggah by a majority of

In yesterday's election the only Aldermanic contest was in Ward 5 where the vote stood as follows:

Norman MacKenzie 677 Dan Gallivan 540 Majority for MacKenzie 137

(Sydney Post-Record Jan. 10, 1940)

### **JANUARY 1940**

# Wednesday 10

Louisbourg, N.S.

Moderately cold and remarkably clear with light west to northwest winds. A perfect winter day. Min. temperature 6, Max. temperature about 22.

### S.S. FJORD

Norwegian Steamer, "Fjord", after bunkering last night, sailed at about 7:30 A.M.

# S.S. JAN

Norwegian Steamer, "Jan", arrived in the early morning. After bunkering, she sailed at about 4:30 P.M.

### **Choir Practice**

At 8 P.M., in company with Emeline, I attended choir practice in the First United Church.

### **JANUARY 1940**

# **Thursday 11**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Mostly cloudy with light variable wind.

Light drizzle of snow during the afternoon.

Snowfall about ½ inch.

Min. temperature 11, Max. temperature [blank].

# **JANUARY 1940**

# Friday 12

Louisbourg, N.S.

Partly clear and comparatively mild with light winds, mostly easterly. Light snow squalls in the evening.

Min. temperature 19, Max. temperature 32.

# S.S. RUTH

Swedish Steamer, "Ruth", arrived at about 9 A.M. After bunking, she sailed in the afternoon.

#### JANUARY 1940

# Saturday 13

Louisbourg, N.S.

Mostly cloudy and comparatively mild with light northeast wind.

Min. temperature 20, Max. temperature 30.

To-day (sic) brings to a close a week of ideal winter weather.

# S.S. LISBETH

Norwegian Steamer, "Lisbeth", arrived at 8 A.M. After taking on board about 550 tons of bunker coal, she sailed during the early part of the night.

#### **JANUARY 1940**

# Sunday 14

Louisbourg, N.S.

Mild and mostly cloudy with light north to northeast winds increasing during the night. Min. temperature 19, Max. temperature 34.

Church Services

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M., I attended services in the First United Church where Rev. Donald MacLeod, M.A., B.D., was the preacher.

Visited Mr. & Mrs. Townsend

In the afternoon, Emeline and I visited Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Townsend.

### **JANUARY 1940**

# Monday 15

Louisbourg, N.S.

Partly clear and mild with light variable wind, mostly northeast.

Min. temperature [blank], Max. temperature [blank].

# **JANUARY 1940**

# **Tuesday 16**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Light rain mixed with hail in the morning followed by light snow squalls at about 9:30. Mild in the afternoon and becoming partly clear in the evening.

Min. temperature [blank], Max. temperature [blank].

# Meeting of Joint Expenditure Board

Motored to Sydney in the morning in Cameron's bus (John MacInnis, driver) for the purpose of attending the Annual meeting of the Cape Breton County Joint Expenditure Board. Attended the first Session at 10:30 A.M. in the Council Chamber in the County building with Warden R.A. MacKinnon presiding. Other delegates were as follows:

Municipality of County of Cape Breton; Councillors, Frank Lewis and Alex Ferguson, Sydney; Mayor G.B. Slaven, Aldermen; D.F. MacLean, Tony Gallagher, Dan MacIsaac, Arthur MacLellan. Glace Bay Councillors; Cecil Cudahea, J.J. MacLean, Michael Morrison, North Sydney; Councillors; L.Y. Urguhart, A.N. Forbes. Sydney Mines; Mayor A.L. MacCormick, William Cunliffe. New Waterford Mayor P.G. Muise. Dominion: Councillor Ben Wilson, Louisbourg: Mayor M.S. Huntington.

Attended the afternoon Session at 1:45 o'clock with all delegates present. Left Sydney for home at 4:30 P.M. on Cameron's bus. Arrived at about 5:30.

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# Marriage

The marriage of William Baldwin Jr. to Miss Winnie Cannington took place the (sic) morning in Stella Maris church. Rev. D.H. Doyle performed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin will live on Riverdale Street in the Town of Louisbourg.

# S.S. BRITA THORDEN

Finnish Steamer, "Brita Thorden", arrived at about 7 A.M. After bunking, she sailed during the early part of the night.

# S.S. SONJA MAERSK

Danish Steamer, "Sonja Maersk", arrived at about 9 A.M.

#### JANUARY 1940

# Wednesday 17

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cold and remarkably clear with moderate to fresh westerly wind.

# Meeting of Joint Expenditure Board

Motored to Sydney in the morning in our Cameron's bus (John MacLean, driver). Attended adjourned meeting of Cape Breton County Joint Expenditure Board at 10:30 A.M. with all delegates present. Meeting adjourned at noon to meet at 1:45 P.M.

Attended afternoon Session of the Board. All members present.

Had dinner at "Dome Grill" supper at "Dianna Sweets".

Lodged at Vidal Hotel. Spent the evening with Ex-Mayor Sydney E. Muggah at his home 25 Charolette Street.

Lodged at Vidal Hotel.

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Delegations present at the opening Session, representing various organizations, were as follows:

Children's Aid Society: Archdeacon Arnold and Mr. MacGrath Bairncroft Orphanage: James Marley, Rev. L.B. Campbell

### **JANUARY 1940**

# **Thursday 18**

Sydney, N.S.

Light snow squalls in the morning. Cleared early in the forenoon. Clear and cold during the rest of the day.

Ideal winter weather

Min. temperature about 6.

# Cape Breton County Joint Expenditure Board

At 10:30 A.M., attended meeting of Cape Breton County Joint Expenditure Board. All members of Board present. Meeting adjourned at about 12:15 P.M. to meet at 1:45. Attended afternoon Session at 1:45. All members present with the exception of Mayor P.G. Muise of the Town of New Waterford.

Shortly before the session closed the following officials were elected: Cape Breton County Hospital Commission; Mayor G.B. Slaven, of Sydney, Counciller L.Y. Urguhart, North Sydney, Cecil Cudahea, Glace Bay. County Jail Commission; Mayor A.C. MacCormick, Sydney Mines, Mayor P.G. Muise, New Waterford, Alderman D.F. MacLean, Sydney.

Don Finlayson, Barrister of Sydney, was reelected Board Solicitor. P.G. Downing, Sydney, was reelected Auditor.

# **JANUARY 1940**

# Friday 19

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cold in the morning but becoming mild early in the day. Cloudy, snow which began to fall at about 5 P.M. Continued moderately during the night. Light variable wind mostly west and southwest.

#### S.S. HULDA THORDEN

Finnish Steamer, "Hulda Thorden", arrived at about 9 A.M. and took on board bunker coal.

### S.S. MONTCALM

Canadian Government Steamer, "Montcalm", Capt. MacDonald, arrived at about 3:30 P.M. and docked at the Government wharf. She is here on buoy service.

### JANUARY 1940

# Saturday 20

Louisbourg, N.S.

Moderately cold and remarkably clear with light variable wind. A perfect winter day. Min. temperature 11, Max. temperature 24.

# **United Church Congregational Meeting**

At 7:30 P.M., Emeline and I attended the Annual Congregational meeting of the First United Church. This meeting was held in the church with Rev. Donald MacLeod, M.A., B.D., as Chairman and M.S. Huntington Secretary. There were 33 persons present.

#### JANUARY 1940

# Sunday 21

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and cold in the morning. Cloudy at noon. Light drizzle of snow during the afternoon increasing at night. Light variable wind in the early part of the day. Southeast to southwest in the afternoon and evening. Snowfall about 2 inches.

Min. temperature 2, Max. temperature 28.

# **Church Services**

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M., I attended services in the First United Church where Rev. Donald MacLeod, M.A., B.D., was the preacher.

Visited Mr. & Mrs. Fletcher Townsend

In the afternoon, Emeline and I visited Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Townsend.

### **JANUARY 1940**

# Monday 22

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately cold in the morning.

Mostly cloudy and mild in the afternoon.

Light drizzle of snow for a short time in the later afternoon. Light west to southwest wind. Min. temperature [blank], Max. temperature 34.

### S.S. MONTCALM

Government Steamer, "Montcalm", sailed in the morning.

# **Ice Harvesting**

The first cutting and trucking of this season's ice supply began to-day (sic) on Grand Lake. Lewis & Company, who are cutting and hauling to-day (sic), report the ice as being about 11 inches thick.

# Death of Rev. John MacKinnon

The death of Rev. John MacKinnon, B.A., B.D., took place in the City Hospital, Sydney, at about 8 P.M. after an illness of about 3 months. Mr. MacKinnon, who was about 75 years of age, was in charge of Calvin Presbyterian Church Congregation of this town from 1905 until Jan. 1914 when he accepted a call to Baddeck.

# **JANUARY 1940**

# **Tuesday 23**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cold and mostly clear. Light snow flurries in the afternoon and evening. Moderate to fresh west to northwest wind. Strong wind from north-west for a short time in the evening. Min. temperature 6, Max. temperature 24.

### S.S. MAUD THORDEN

Finnish Steamer, "Maud Thorden", arrived at about 10:30 P.M. for bunker coal.

#### JANUARY 1940

# Wednesday 24

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately cold with light northwest wind which shifted to northeast in the late afternoon.

A perfect winter day.

Storm threatening at night.

Min. temperature 10, Max. temperature 30.

### S.S. MAUD THORDEN

Finnish Steamer, "Maud Thorden", after bunkering, sailed in the afternoon for Finland.

# S.S. CRUIZIER

British Empire Steel and Coal Corporation tug, "Cruizer", Capt. Gilfoil, arrived from Sydney at about 8 P.M. The Cruizer is here for the purpose of attending to the docking of ships and other duties during the winter shipping Season.

### S.S. CHRISTIAN KROHG

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

# **Choir Practice**

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

#### **JANUARY 1940**

# Thursday 25

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and mild with light to moderate northeast wind. Snow melting during the day. Min. temperature 24, Max. temperature 36.

# Meeting Of Fire Brigade

At 8 P.M., I attended a meeting of the Louisbourg Volunteer Fire Brigade in the fire hall.

### S.S. THYRA

Swedish Steamer, "Thyra", arrived in the evening for bunker coal.

### **JANUARY 1940**

# Friday 26

Louisbourg, N.S.

Snow squalls in the morning. Mostly clear during the day and mild. Light to moderate south to southwest winds. Snowfall about 2 inches.

Min. temperature 23, Max. temperature 35.

# S.S. WATUKA

Steamer, "Watuka", Capt. Hooper, arrived at about 1 A.M. for a cargo of coal. After loading, she sailed at noon. This is the first cargo of coal to be loaded at Louisbourg this season.

# S.S. THYRA

Swedish Steamer, "Thyra", after bunkering, sailed in the afternoon.

### S.S. CRUIZER

British Empire Steel & Coal Corporation tug, Capt. Gilfoil, sailed in the afternoon for Sydney.

# **JANUARY 1940**

# Saturday 27

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and mild with light variable wind.

Snowfall of about ½ inch in the morning.

Min. temperature 20, Max. temperature 34.

# Death of Adolphus Garnier

The death of Adolphus Garnier Sr. took place at about 5 A.M. to-day (sic) after an illness of several months. Mr. Garnier, who was about 72 years of age, is survived by his wife and three sons.

### **JANUARY 1940**

# Sunday 28

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy with moderate northerly wind. Light drizzle of snow which continued all day developed into a regular Snow storm after nightfall.

Min. temperature 25, Max. temperature 28.

### S.S. ROSE CASTLE

Steamer, "Rose Castle", Capt. C.D. Kenny, arrived in the forenoon and anchored in the stream.

### **Church Services**

Services in the First United Church at 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. were conducted by the regular pastor, Rev. Donald MacLeod, M.A., B.D.

Owing to having a severe cold, I was not out to church to-day (sic).

### **JANUARY 1940**

# Monday 29

Louisbourg, N.S.

Snow storm of last evening continued until the early morning hours. Cloudy with occasional light snow squalls during the day. Light northwest wind.

Snowfall of last night and the early part of today, about 10 inches.

Min. temperature 23, Max. temperature 31.

### Funeral

The funeral of the late Adolphus Garnier took place from his late home on Kent Street at about 9 A.M. Services at the church and grave were conducted by Rev. Father D.H. Doyle. Interment took place in the Roman Catholic Cemetery. Funeral in charge of Daniel M. Johnston, undertaker.

# S.S. ROSE CASTLE

Steamer, "Rose Castle", Capt. Kenny, which arrived here yesterday, sailed for Sydney at about 9:30 A.M. for the purpose of loading a cargo of coal.

# S.S. WATUKA

Steamer, "Watuka", Capt. Hooper, arrived from Halifax at about 10 A.M. for a cargo of coal. After loading, she sailed during the early part of the night.

# Bus Service Interrupted

As a result of last night's storm, no buses arrived from Sydney to-day (sic). Mails, usually carried by bus, arrived by train in the evening.

### JANUARY 1940

# **Tuesday 30**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Mostly cloudy with light to moderate northwest winds.

Min. temperature 17, Max. temperature 33.

# Nomination Day

In all the incorporated towns in the Province of Nova Scotia, with the exception of Glace Bay, this is nomination day for candidates for the offices of Mayors and Councillors.

In the Town of Louisbourg, the following nominations were filed with the Town Clerk, previous to the closing hour, 5 P.M.:

For Mayor: M.S. Huntington

For Councillors: Cleveland Townsend and Alexander Smith

As there were only two nominations for councillors to fill four vacancies on the board, there will still be two Councillors short when the elections take place on next Tuesday, February 6. The Council was one man short during the year 1939. The three retiring Councillors are: D.F.

MacInnis, G.B. Hiltz and Jeremiah Smith.

### **Bus Service Resumed**

Bus Services, which failed to function yesterday owing to snow storm of Sunday night, were resumed this evening.

#### **JANUARY 1940**

# Wednesday 31

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloud in the morning. Cloudy and comparatively mild during the day. Light variable wind. Min. temperature 2, Max. temperature 28.

# S.S. HILDUR I

Norwegian Steamer, "Hildur I", arrived at about 10:30 A.M. After bunkering, she sailed at about 3:30 P.M.

# S.S. MONTCALM

Government Steamer, "Montcalm", Capt. MacDonald, sailed in the evening.

### Back To Work

I went back to work, in the shop, at noon to-day (sic) after being at home since last Sunday with a severe cold.

# **FEBRUARY 1940**

### Thursday 1

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy during the forenoon with a light mist for a short time in the morning. Mostly clear in the afternoon. Moderate to fresh north to northeast wind.

Min. temperature 22, Max. temperature 32.

# **FEBRUARY 1940**

# Friday 2

Louisbourg, N.S.

Partly clear with light to moderate variable winds.

Min. temperature 12, Max. temperature 27.

### S.S. ZENDA

Steamer, "Zenda", arrived at about 4:30 P.M. for bunker coal.

### S.S. WATUKA

Steamer, "Watuka", Capt. Hooper, arrived at about 9 P.M. from Liverpool, N.S., for a cargo of coal.

# **FEBRUARY 1940**

# Saturday 3

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and chilly with light to moderate variable winds, mostly northeast. A light drizzle of snow at internals during the day.

Min. temperature [blank], Max. temperature [blank].

### S.S. ZENDA

Halifax owned Steamer, "Zenda", after bunkering last night, sailed early this morning.

# S.S. WATUKA

Steamer, "Watuka", Capt. Hooper, sailed at about noon with a cargo of coal for Halifax.

### FEBRUARY 1940

# Sunday 4

Louisbourg, N.S.

Snow squall in the morning accompanied by strong northeast to north wind. Stopped snowing at about 8:30 A.M. Clear and moderately cold during the day with moderate to fresh north to northwest wind.

Snowfall about 2 inches.

Min. temperature 6, Max. temperature 20.

### **Church Services**

Services in the First United Church at 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. conducted by the pastor Rev. Donald MacLeod, M.A., B.D.

I was not out to the morning service but Emeline and I were both present in the evening.

### S.S. MAGNHILD

Norwegian Steamer, "Magnhild", arrived in the forenoon for bunker coal.

# S.S. CITY OF HEREFORD

British Steamer, "City of Hereford", arrived at about 5:30 P.M. and anchored in the stream.

### Death of Annie Catherine Hiltz

The death of Annie Catherine Hiltz, infant daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James Hiltz, took place at about 5 A.M. at the house of Mr. & Mrs. Guy B. Hiltz, Warren Street. This child was about 2 months old.

#### **FEBRUARY 1940**

# Monday 5

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately cold with moderate to fresh northwest wind.

Min. temperature 2, Max. temperature 21.

# S.S. CRUIZER

British Empire Steel and Coal Company's tug, "Cruizer", Captain Gilfoil, arrived from Sydney at about 1 A.M. for the purpose of attending to shipping at the port of Louisbourg. The "Cruizer" arrived here from Sydney on Jan. 24 but returned on Jan. 26.

### S.S. CITY OF HEREFORD

British Steamer, "City of Hereford", docked at the Freight Wharf at about 10 A.M. for the purpose of loading part cargo of steel products.

The Hereford carries two guns mounted at the Stern as a defense against enemy Submarines and Air Craft. The bridge is piled up with sand bags as a protection against bombs and machine guns. This is the first ship to arrive here since the war began, carrying guns and other means of defense.

Registered Tonnage 5.101 Built in 1927.

# S.S. OCEAN EAGLE

Tug "Ocean Eagle", arrived here at about 10:30 A.M. and docked at the Government wharf.

# S.S. LORD STRATHCONA

Steamer, "Lord Strathcona", arrived at about 4 P.M. for a cargo of coal and docked on the west side of the coal pier.

### S.S. MONTCALM

Government Steamer, "Montcalm", arrived from Sydney at about 8 A.M. and anchored in the southwest end of the harbour.

### **FEBRUARY 1940**

# Tuesday 6

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cold in the morning. Remarkably clear all day.

Light northwest wind. A perfect winter day.

Min. temperature 3 below zero, Max. temperature 24.

### S.S. WATUKA

Steamer, "Watuka", arrived from Halifax at about 9:30 A.M. for a cargo of coal.

# S.S. VEGA

Swedish Steamer, "Vega", arrived at about 9:30 A.M. After bunkering, she sailed at about 7:30 P.M.

# S.S. MAGNHILD

Norwegian Steamer, "Magnhild", finished bunkering and sailed at about 10 A.M.

#### Funeral

At 10 A.M., I attended the funeral of Annie Catherine Hiltz which took place from the home of Mrs. Guy B. Hiltz, Warren St. Services at the house, church (St. Bartholomew's) and grave were conducted by Rev. George Arnold. Interment took place in the Anglican Cemetery on Clarkes Road. Funeral in charge of D.M. Johnston, undertaker.

### S.S. LORD STRATHCONA

Steamer, "Lord Strathcona", sailed during the night with a cargo of coal for Portland, Maine, U.S.A.

### Civic Elections

Civic Elections were held to-day (sic) in the towns throughout the Province of Nova Scotia. At Louisbourg, the following were elected by acclamation; Mayor M.S. Huntington (reelected); Councillors; Cleveland Townsend and Alexander Smith. The new Council, which will be two men short, will consist of the following persons: Mayor M.S. Huntington, Councillors: Alexander C. MacDonald, James F.D. Townsend, Cleveland Townsend and Alexander Smith.

For list of Mayors elected in Nova Scotia, see next page.

# **FEBRUARY 1940**

### Wednesday 7

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and mild. Light snow from about 8 A.M. until about 1 P.M. followed by light rain during the afternoon which froze as it fell making all out-of-doors very slippery. Snowfall about 2 inches.

Light to moderate southeast wind.

Min. temperature 10, Max. temperature 31.

# S.S. WATUKA

Steamer, "Watuka", sailed for Halifax at about 9:30 A.M. with a cargo of coal.

# S.S. MARIANNE

Norwegian Steamer, "Marianne", arrived at about 9A.M. and anchored in the stream.

Mayors Elected

According to press reports the following were elected Mayors in the various Nova Scotia towns in yesterdays elections:

Sydney Mines, A.C. MacCormick,

North Sydney, F.L. Kelly, New Waterford, W.J. Hinchey,

Dominion, P.J. Nearing,

Louisbourg, M.S. Huntington,

Liverpool, J.S. Mare,

Bridgewater, H.M. Sweeney,

Shelburne, F.S. King,

Luneburg, A.W. Schwartz,

Digby, Edward J. Theriault,

Parrsboro, P.L. Spicer,

Springhill, A.B. Wilson,

Antigonish, W.E. Landry,

Yarmouth, E.H. Spinney,

Kentville, B.W. Roscay,

Annapolis Royal, C.B. Fostor, Lockport, M. MacDonald Laing,

Oxford, E.B. MacDougall,

Dartmouth, L.F. Isnor,

Inverness, M.R. MacLeod,

Port Hawkesbury, A.J. Langley,

Port Hood, J.A. MacDougall,

Truro, J.H. Slackford, Pictou, Thomas Hooper,

New Glasgow, Thomas Barmerman,

Middleton, R.D. Johnston,

Wedgeport, Dr. W.C. O'Brien,

Mahone Bay, John G. Hagen,

Windsor, J.B. Lohnes,

Amherst, M.J. Kaufman,

Stellarton, F.H. Sobey,

Wolfville, [blank] Fraser,

Bridgetown, H.L. Ruggles,

Westville, John A. MacGregor,

Mulgrave, J.S. Brean,

Trenton, [blank], MacKinlay,

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### **FEBRUARY 1940**

# **Thursday 8**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and comparatively mild with moderate to fresh northwest wind. Streets very slippery as a result of silver thaw of yesterday afternoon.

Min. temperature 16, Max. temperature 32.

# S.S. MONTCALM

Canadian Government, "Montcalm", sailed at about 8 A.M. for Halifax.

# S.S. UNGAVA

Newfoundland Steamer, "Ungava", arrived at about 8:30 A.M. for a cargo of coal.

# S.S. CITY OF HEREFORD

British Steamer, "City of Hereford", Captain[blank], sailed at about 10:30 A.M. with a part cargo of steel products.

### S.S. DIXIE

Norwegian Steamer, "Dixie", arrived in the forenoon for bunker coal. After bunkering, she sailed at about 6 P.M.

#### S.S. THORDOC

Canadian Steamer, "Thordoc", arrived at about 5 P.M. for bunker coal and cargo.

# Death of Fred W. Armstrong

The death of Frederick W. Armstrong, age 67, took place in the Victoria General Hospital, to-day (sic), after an illness of four weeks. Born at Sydney, Mr. Armstrong was the Son of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Armstrong; his mother, before her marriage to Armstrong, was Miss Mary Ann Huntington of Grand Mira. Before moving to Halifax, he was employed at Glace Bay as paymaster for the Dominion Coal Company. At Halifax, he held an important position with the Workmen's Compensation Board.

Mr. Armstrong is survived by two sons and one daughter. The sons are William F. Practicing law at Truro N.S., Thomas at St. Louis, Missouri, U.S.A. The daughter, Florence is a student at Dalhousie University, Halifax, N.S.

### **FEBRUARY 1940**

# Friday 9

Louisbourg, N.S.

Partly clear in the morning. Cloudy with light snow in the forenoon. Snow squalls and very blustery during the evening and night. Light southwest wind shifting to northwest in the afternoon and increasing to a moderate gale at night. Snowfall about 2 inches. Min. temperature 6, Max. temperature 31.

#### S.S. UNGAVA

Newfoundland Steamer, "Ungava", sailed at about 7:30 with a cargo of coal for Newfoundland.

# S.S. THORDOC

Steamer, "Thordoc", sailed in the afternoon with a cargo of coal for Halifax, N.S.

### S.S. WATUKA

Steamer, "Watuka", Capt. Hooper, arrived from Halifax, N.S. at about 9 P.M. for a cargo of coal.

# Mayors Elected

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Joggins: Robert J. Melanson

# **FEBRUARY 1940**

# Saturday 10

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and cold with moderate to fresh northwest wind.

Min. temperature 5 below, Max. temperature 22.

# S.S. WATUKA

Steamer, Watuka, loaded a cargo of coal and sailed for Liverpool N.S. at about 3:30 P.M.

**Council Meeting** 

At 7:30 P.M. I attended and presided at a meeting of the Town Council. Was sworn in as Mayor of the Town of Louisbourg by B.M. Spencer, Town Clerk and stipendiary Magistrate after which I administered the Oath of allegiance and oath of office to the two new Councillers; Cleveland Townsend and Alexander Smith, who then took their places at the Council Board for the first time.

Those present were: Councillers: Alex C. MacDonald, James F.D. Townsend, Cleveland Townsend and Alexander Smith, Town Clerk; B.M. Spencer, Police Officer D.M. Johnston, Health Officer; H.J. Townsend, M.D. Mayor; M.S. Huntington, Spectators: Edward Levy and Oscar Harris. H.J. Townsend, M.D., was reappointed Medical Health Officer, D.M. Johnston reappointed Police Officer, Sanitary Inspector, Jailer, School attendance officer, Inspector of Fire Ordinance and Meter Reader. R.A. Peters was reappointed Sheep Valueer under the "Sheep Protection Act".

The following are the standing Councillers for the ensuring year: School; Alex C. MacDonald, Cleveland Townsend and M.S. Huntington. Electric Light; Alex C. MacDonald, James F.D. Townsend and Cleveland Townsend. School; Mayor M.S. Huntington, Cleveland Townsend and Alex C. MacDonald. Finance; Mayor M.S. Huntington, James F.D. Townsend, and Alex Smith. Police; Alex C. MacDonald, Alex Smith and Mayor M.S. Huntington. Lisuse (sic); Mayor M.S. Huntington, Alex Smith and James F.D. Townsend. Arbitration; Alex Smith, Mayor M.S. Huntington and James F.D. Townsend. Assessment; Mayor M.S. Huntington, Cleveland Townsend

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#### FEBRUARY 1940

# Sunday 11

Louisbourg, N.S.

Snow began to fall at about 9 A.M. Followed by rain at about 2 P.M., which continued during the afternoon early part of the night. Moderate to strong southeast wind which shifted to southwest as about 8 P.M.

Snowfall about 4 inches. Rainfall about [blank]

Min. temperature 4, Max. temperature 38.

Streets very slushy in the evening.

# **Church Services**

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M., I attended services in the First United Church where Rev. Donald MacLeod, M.A., B.D., was the preacher.

Owing to bad weather conditions, there were only 19 persons present at the evening service.

### Death of Governor-General

The death of John Buchan Baron Tweedsmuir of Elsfield, Governor General of Canada, took place at Montreal at 7:13 P.M. E.S.T. to-day (sic).

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and Alex Smith. Poor; Mayor M.S. Huntington, James F.D. Townsend and Cleveland Townsend. Public

#### **FEBRUARY 1940**

# Monday 12

Louisbourg, N.S.

Westerly gale in the early morning. Blinding snow squalls in the early part of the day. Very blustery during the greater part of the day. Strong west to northwest wind continued until late in the night.

Min. temperature [blank], Max. temperature [blank].

### S.S. ROSE CASTLE

Steamer, "Rose Castle", Capt. Kenny, arrived in the afternoon from St. John, N.B., and docked on the west side of the coal pier and began loading a cargo of coal.

# Death of Mrs. George MacGillivray

The death of Mrs. George MacGillivray, aged 80 years, took place at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Ferguson, Rankin Street, Glace Bay, at an early hour this morning.

Mrs. MacGillivray and family, who were formerly from Gabarus, lived for many years in the Town of Louisbourg, before removing to Sydney and later to Glace Bay. She is survived by her husband, two sons and one daughter. The sons are Melville at Sydney, Daniel at Cape Cod, Massachusetts. The daughter, Mrs. Ben Ferguson, (Gertrude), with whom she lived, at Glace Bay.

### **FEBRUARY 1940**

# **Tuesday 13**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cold and remarkably clear with light to moderate northwest wind. An ideal winter day. Min. temperature 7, Max. temperature 20.

# S.S. MARIANNE

Norwegian Steamer, "Marianne", which has been anchored in the harbour since last Wednesday, sailed at about 10 A.M.

### S.S. ROSE CASTLE

Steamer, "Rose Castle", Capt. Kenny, sailed at about 10 P.M. with a cargo of coal for Portland, Maine, U.S.A.

# Meeting of School Board

At 7:30 P.M., I attended and presided at the Annual Meeting of the School Board. At this meeting, I was again reelected chairman. I have now entered on my 21<sup>st</sup> year as a member of the Board and on my 15<sup>th</sup> year as chairman. The new Board consists of the following persons: M.S. Huntington (chairman), Commissioners; Cleveland Townsend, Alex C. MacDonald, Clarance Peters and D.A. Campbell, all of whom were present at tonight's meeting. The two last named members are the Provincial Appointees.

#### **FEBRUARY 1940**

# Wednesday 14

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately cold with moderate northwest wind which shifted to easterly during the early part of the night.

Min. temperature 6, Max. temperature 22.

### S.S. WATUKA

Steamer, "Watuka", Capt. Hooper, arrived from Liverpool, N.S., at about 5 P.M. for a cargo of coal.

# **Choir Practice**

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

# **FEBRUARY 1940**

# **Thursday 15**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and chilly with moderate northeast wind

Min. temperature 13, Max. temperature 30.

### S.S. WATUKA

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

# **FEBRUARY 1940**

### Friday 16

Louisbourg, N.S.

Mild and mostly clear with light to moderate northerly wind.

Min. temperature 23, Max. temperature 34.

### S.S. IMOGENE

Newfoundland Steamer, "Imogene", arrived at about 10 A.M. for cargo and bunker coal.

# S.S. LORD STRATHCONA

Steamer, "Lord Strathcona", Captain Stewart, arrived at about 5:30 P.M. from Portland, Maine, for a cargo of coal.

# S.S. THORDOC

Steamer, "Thordoc", arrived from Halifax, N.S., at about 7:30 P.M. for a cargo of coal.

### Death of Mrs. Michael MacKenzie

The death of Mrs. Michael MacKenzie, widow of the late Conductor Michael MacKenzie, took place at the home of her step-daughter, Mrs. Dan MacNeil, North George Street, Sydney. Mrs. MacKenzie, who was about 66 years of age, had been in ill health for upwards of a year.

Her husband died on December 21, 1938.

Mr. and Mrs. MacKenzie lived at Louisbourg for many years.

# **FEBRUARY 1940**

# Saturday 17

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and mild with a few snow squalls.

Moderate northerly wind increasing during the night.

Snowfall about 1 ½ inches.

Min. temperature 28, Max. temperature 36.

### S.S. IMOGENE

Newfoundland Steamer, "Imogene", sailed during the forenoon with a cargo of coal for St. John's, Nfld.

# S.S. THORDOC

Steamer, "Thordoc", loaded a cargo of coal and sailed for Halifax during the early part of the night.

# Prisoners Released From German Steamer "Altmark"

Press of to-day (sic) carried the story of the boarding of the German armed Steamer, "Altmark", Captain Heinrich Dan, by sailors from the British Destroyer, "Cossack", and the freeing of upwards of 300 British prisoners. The boarding took place yesterday or last night near the coast of Norway.

The Altmark had been in the South Atlantic for several months as an Auxiliary to the German Pocket Battleship, Admiral Graf Spee, which was sunk by her crew, after a fight with British Cruisers, on Dec. 17, 1939. The Altmark was on her way to Germany through Norwegian Coastal waters when intercepted by the Cossack. The prisoners on board the Altmark were from British merchant ships, sunk by the Admiral Graf Spee. In the fight between the boarding party and the Altmark's crew, 6 or 7 Germans were killed. One British casualty is reported. During the fight on deck, the Altmark ran aground on the shore of Gjessingfjord on the Norwegian coast.

(Above gleaned from press and radio reports)

# **FEBRUARY 1940**

# Sunday 18

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and mild with moderate northerly wind.

Min. temperature 26, Max. temperature 36.

# S.S. CARIBOU

Newfoundland passenger and freight Steamer, "Caribou", arrived in the early morning from Port-Au-Basque, Nfld., with passengers, mails and freight. First trip of the Caribou to Louisbourg this season.

### S.S. TORNY

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

#### Church Services

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M., I attended services in the First United Church where Rev. Donald MacLeod, M.A., B.D., was the preacher. At the morning service, a tribute was paid by Mr. MacLeod to the late Lord Tweedsmuir, Governor-General of Canada, who passed away at Montreal on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of this month.

#### FEBRUARY 1940

# Monday 19

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and mild with moderate north to northeast winds.

Min. temperature [blank], Max. temperature [blank].

### S.S. CARIBOU

Newfoundland Steamer, "Caribou", sailed in the early [blank] for Port-Au-Basque, Nfld., with passengers, mails and freight.

# S.S. TORNY

Norwegian Steamer, "Torny", after bunkering, sailed in the morning.

# S.S. O.A. BRODIN

Swedish Steamer, "O.A. Brodin", arrived at about 9 A.M. After bunkering, she anchored in the stream.

#### S.S. WENDOVER

British Steamer, "Wendover", Capt. Winter, arrived at about 4 P.M. from England for a cargo of steel products.

#### Funeral

At about 11 A.M., I attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Michael MacKenzie. The remains arrived from Sydney by hearse. Funeral service was conducted by Rev. Father D.H. Doyle in Stella Maris Church. Interment took place in the Roman Catholic Cemetery.

# **FEBRUARY 1940**

# **Tuesday 20**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and cold with moderate east and southeast winds. Snow began to fall at about 6:30 P.M. and continued during the night. Snowfall about 5 inches.

Min. temperature 26, Max. temperature 32.

#### S.S. LORD STRATHCONA

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

### **FEBRUARY 1940**

# Wednesday 21

Louisbourg, N.S.

Light rainfall in the early morning. Cloudy and mild during the greater part of the day. Very blustery with snow squalls during the evening and night. Snowfall about 2 inches.

Light to moderate north wind increasing to a strong breeze during the evening.

Drift ice in close to the shore at the harbour mouth.

Min. temperature 26, Max. temperature 32.

# S.S. CARIBOU

Newfoundland Steamer, "Caribou", Capt. Taverner, arrived at about 9:30 A.M. with passengers, mails and freight.

# Dr. Moses McGarry Nominated

At a Nominating Convention held at Port Hawkesbury to-day (sic), Dr. Moses McGarry was nominated to Contest the Constituency of Inverness Richmond and Cape Breton West in the interest of the Liberal Party, in the election to be held on the 26<sup>th</sup> of next month. Dr. McGarry's name was the only one before the convention.

The delegates from Louisbourg town were; R.A. Peters, William MacInnis, Alex Wilcox, Alex Cameron, Neil Murphy, Malcolm Boyd.

# Matthew MacLean Nominated

At Sydney Mines today, Matthew MacLean, M.P., was nominated to contest the election on March 26<sup>th</sup> next, in the interests of the Liberal party. MacLean received 90 votes. Two other names before the convention; Smith MacIvor and Rev. MacIntosh MacLeod, received 37 and 20 votes respectively.

# Dr. D.J. Hartigan Nominated

At Sydney to-day (sic), two names were before a Liberal nominating convention; Dr. D.J. Hartigan, M.P., and Mayor G.B. Slaven of Sydney. The vote stood Hartigan 297, Slaven 113.

# **FEBRUARY 1940**

# **Thursday 22**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Heavy gale in the early morning. Wind moderated after daylight but still continued to blow a strong breeze until the evening. Clear during the day moderately cold at night. Wind north.

Min. temperature 14, Max. temperature 20.

S.S. CARIBOU

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

# S.S. ROSE CASTLE

Steamer, "Rose Castle", Capt. Kenny, arrived at 1 P.M. from Portland, Maine, for a cargo of coal.

# S.S. THURDOC

Steamer, "Thurdoc", arrived from Halifax at 4 P.M. for a cargo of coal.

# S.S. MILL HILL

British Steamer, "Mill Hill", Capt. [blank], arrived here at about 10 P.M. and anchored in the southwest end of the harbour. This boat was reported stuck in the ice off Scatari Island. The tug, "Ocean Eagle", left here at 4 P.M. to go to her assistance. After releasing her, the tug returned to port.

# Isaac D. MacDougall Nominated

At a Nominating Convention held at Port Hawkesbury to-day (sic), Isaac D. MacDougall was nominated to contest the Constituency of Inverness, Richmond and Cape Breton West in the interests of the Conservative party in the forthcoming election, March 26<sup>th</sup> 1940.

# **FEBRUARY 1940**

# Friday 23

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear in the morning but becoming cloudy during the day.

Light variable wind mostly east and southeast.

Drift in sight off the coast.

Min. temperature 12, Max. temperature 32.

# S.S. O.A. BRODIN

Swedish Steamer, "O.A. Brodin", which arrived here on last Monday for bunker coal, sailed at about 8 A.M.

# S.S. ATLAND

Swedish Steamer, "Atland", Capt. [blank], arrived here at about 10 A.M. and anchored in the southwest end of the harbour. The Atland came here for the purpose of loading a cargo, or part cargo, of steel products but the order was cancelled owing, it is said, to two storms being ahead of her which was cause her a ton long delay. She sailed at about 8:30 P.M. for another port.

### S.S. THURDOC

Steamer, "Thurdoc", sailed at about 10 P.M. with a cargo of coal for Halifax, N.S.

# S.S. BEOTHIC

Newfoundland Steamer, "Beothic", arrived at about 8 P.M. for a cargo of coal.

# Accident on Shipping Pier

At about 10 P.M., while coal was being shipped from the pier, four cars broke loose and went by the run. One of them went over the end of the pier into the dock. One stood on end on the lower structure of the pier but, for some unknown reason, failed to go overboard, one plunged onto the drop table which gave way leaving the car standing almost on end, while still another crashed into its rear. All four cars were badly damaged as well as the end of the pier where the accident occurred. A shack on the end of pier was swept overboard and totally destroyed. No person was seriously hurt.

# **FEBRUARY 1940**

# Saturday 24

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately cold with light to moderate variable winds mostly southwest.

A perfect winter day.

Min. temperature 13, Max. temperature 30.

### S.S. ANNA

Swedish Steamer, "Anna", arrived at about 8:30 A.M. After bunking, she sailed in the afternoon.

# S.S. ROSE CASTLE

Steamer, "Rose Castle", Capt. Kenny, sailed at noon with a cargo of coal.

### S.S. CARIBOU

Newfoundland Steamer, "Caribou", arrived at about 7 P.M. from Port-au-Basque with passengers, mails and freight.

### **FEBRUARY 1940**

### Sunday 25

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and mild, becoming cloudy in the late afternoon. Snow began to fall at about 8 P.M. and was followed by moderate rainfall at 10 P.M. Snowfall about 2 inches.

Light to moderate southwest in the early part of the night.

Min. temperature 10, Max. temperature 35.

#### S.S. CARIBOU

Newfoundland Steamer, "Caribou", Capt. Taverner, sailed at about 1:45 P.M. for Port-au-Basque, Nfld., with passengers, mails and freight.

### **Church Services**

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

After the close of the evening, I attended practice for a Cantata entitled "Because I Live" which is to be rendered by the United Church Choir on Good Friday evening.

# Visited Mr. & Mrs. Fletcher Townsend

In the afternoon, Emeline and I visited Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Townsend.

# **FEBRUARY 1940**

# Monday 26

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and mild in the morning. Light drizzle of snow beginning in the forenoon continued all day. Light westerly wind shifting to north northeast increasing at night to a strong breeze. Very blustery during the night.

#### S.S. BEOTHIC

Newfoundland Steamer, "Beothic", finished loading a cargo of coal and sailed in the afternoon for Newfoundland.

### **FEBRUARY 1940**

# **Tuesday 27**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Heavy gale in the early morning with snow.

Wind moderate after 6 A.M. but continued to blow a strong breeze until late in the afternoon.

Snowfall of last night and to-day (sic), about 6 inches.

Streets and highways blocked with huge snow drifts.

Traffic at a standstill. No bus service between here and Sydney to-day (sic). Sydney and Louisbourg Railway train due to leave here at 8:15 was cancelled owing to heavy drifts along the railway line.

Max. temperature 13, Max. temperature 22.

# **Snow Plow Arrives**

Snow plow over the S. & L. Railway arrived at about 8:30 P.M. and followed by a train of steel products. Mails for Louisbourg arrived on one of these trains and were stored at the railway station for the night.

### S.S. THORDOC

Steamer, "Thordoc", arrived from Halifax at about 9:30 P.M. for a cargo of coal.

# S.S. MILL HILL

British Steamer, "Mill Hill", Capt. [blank], which has been at anchor in the southwest end of the harbour since last Thursday, was driven ashore, in the harbour, at "Old Town" by the force of last night's gale.

# Assessment Appeal Court

At 2 P.M., I went to the Town hall for the purpose of presiding at the assessment appeal Court, but, on my arrival, I found that no appeals had been entered so no sitting was held.

#### **FEBRUARY 1940**

# Wednesday 28

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately cold with light to moderate west to southwest winds shifting to easterly in the evening.

Cloudy at night.

Min. temperature [blank], Max. temperature [blank].

### S.S. WATUKA

Steamer, "Watuka", Capt. Hooper, arrived from St. John's, Nfld., at about 3 P.M. for a cargo of coal.

# S.S. THORDOC

Steamer, "Thordoc", sailed at about 4 P.M. with a cargo of coal for Halifax.

# S.S. MILL HILL

An attempt at noon today, by the tug, "Ocean Eagle", Capt. Cox, and the tug, "Cruizer", Capt. Gilfoil, to refloat the British Steamer, "Mill Hill", which was driven ashore early yesterday morning, met with failure. Another attempt made tonight by the same tugs proved successful. The Mill Hill was pulled off the beach where she lay stranded at about 11 P.M. and towed to an anchorage in the southwest end of the harbour.

### **FEBRUARY 1940**

# **Thursday 29**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and chilly in the forenoon. Clear and bright during the afternoon. Light to moderate northeast wind.

Min. temperature 10, Max. temperature 22.

# S.S. LORD STRATHCONA

Steamer, "Lord Strathcona", Capt. Stuart, arrived at about 8 A.M. from Portland, Maine, for a cargo of coal and anchored in the stream. She docked at the coal pier at about 5 P.M.

# S.S. WATUKA

Steamer, "Watuka", Capt. Hooper, sailed at about 4:30 P.M. with a cargo of coal for Halifax, N.S.

### **MARCH 1940**

# Friday 1

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately cold with light to moderate variable winds. Cloudy at night with east to northeast winds.

An ideal day.

Min. temperature [blank], Max. temperature [blank].

### S.S. WENDOVER

British Steamer, "Wendover", Capt. Winter sailed at about 7:30 A.M. with a full cargo of steel products. [blank] for England.

### S.S. CARIBOU

Newfoundland Steamer, "Caribou", Capt. Taverner, arrived at about 8:30 A.M. from Port-au-Basque, Nfld., with passengers, mails and freight.

#### S.S. MILL HILL

British Steamer, "Mill Hill", Capt. [blank], which arrived here on last Thursday for a cargo of steel products, docked at the freight wharf at about 9 A.M.

# **MARCH 1940**

# Saturday 2

Louisbourg, N.S.

Heavy northerly gale which began early in the morning, continued in full force all day and late into the night.

No snow fall to-day (sic), but snow that fell previously was drifted into huge banks in many places by the force of the wind. Traffic interrupted on the highways.

Min. temperature 11, Max. temperature 16.

### S.S. CARIBOU

Newfoundland Steamer, "Caribou", Capt. Taverner, sailed at about 9 A.M. for Port-au-Basque, Nfld., with passengers, mails and freight.

### S.S. LORD STRATHCONA

Steamer, "Lord Strathcona", Capt. Stuart, sailed at about 11:30 A.M. with a cargo of coal part of which was for Halifax and part for Portland, Maine.

### **MARCH 1940**

# Sunday 3

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and chilly. Gale, which began early yesterday morning, continued all day from north to northeast.

Min. temperature 16, Max. temperature 26.

### **Church Services**

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M., I attended services in the First United Church where Rev. Donald MacLeod, M.A., B.D., was the preacher.

# S.S. WATUKA

Steamer, "Watuka", Capt. Hooper, arrived at about 6 P.M. from Halifax, N.S., for a cargo of coal.

### **MARCH 1940**

# Monday 4

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and mild with moderate to light northeast wind.

Silver thaw in the morning, misty in the evening, showers during the night. Gale of north to north- northeast wind, which began early on Saturday morning, blew itself out in the early morning. Streets slushy in the evening.

Min. temperature 26, Max. temperature 34.

# S.S. ROSE CASTLE

Steamer, "Rose Castle", Capt. Kenny, arrived from [blank] at about 3 A.M. for a cargo of coal and anchored in the southwest end of the harbour. She docked in the forenoon and begun to load cargo.

### S.S. WATUKA

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

# Death of James MacDonald

The death of James MacDonald, Main Street Louisbourg, took place in the General Hospital, Glace Bay, at about 3 A.M. Mr. MacDonald, who was about 72 years of age, is survived by his wife and one son. His son is Counciller Alex C. MacDonald of this town. The remains arrived from Glace Bay on the evening train. I visited the MacDonald home in the evening.

### **MARCH 1940**

### **Tuesday 5**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and mild with light northeast wind.

Snow thawing and streets very slushy.

Min. temperature 32, Max. temperature 40.

Drift ice close on the coast.

### S.S. CARIBOU

Newfoundland Steamer, "Caribou", arrived at about 1:30 A.M. with passengers, mails and freight from Port-au-Basque, Nfld. She sailed to return during the night.

# Glace Bay Civic Elections

In a three Cornered Contest for the office, at Glace Bay to-day (sic), Mayor D.W. Morrison was reelected over his two rivals; ex-Mayor Charles MacVicar and Robert MacAulay. According to press reports, Morrison had a majority of 69 over MacVicar, his nearest opponent. Councillors elected were as follows:

Ward One; Michael Morrison, reelected, Ward Two; C. Roy MacDonald, Ward Three; John J. MacLean, Ward Four; Thomas MacLachlan, Ward Five; John Morrison, Ward Six; Anthony MacCormack.

March 7. Press reports of to-day (sic) place Mayor Morrison majority at 72.

March 11. At a recount, held on March 9, Morrison's majority was given as 98.

Total figures: Morrison; 3214, MacVicar; 3116, MacAulay; 1322.

# Nova Scotia Legislature Opens

The third Session of the 18<sup>th</sup> Legislature Assembly was opened by Chief Justice Sir Joseph Chisholm, in the absence through illness of Lieut. Governor Robert Irwin. The standing of the political parties in the assembly, at present, is as follows: Liberal 23 numbers, Conservative 4 C.C.F. 1, vacancies 2. Premier Angus L. MacDonald, Leader of opposition F.M. Blois succeeding Percy Black who resigned recently in order to Contest the Federal election on March 26. Speaker: Gordon E. Ramkey succeeding Dr. M.E. McGarry, who resigned in order to enter the Federal Contest in the Constituency of Inverness-Richmond and Cape Breton West.

### **MARCH 1940**

# Wednesday 6

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and mild with some fog. Light easterly wind.

Min. temperature 32, Max. temperature 35.

# S.S. ROSE CASTLE

Steamer, "Rose Castle", Capt. Kenny, sailed in the morning with a cargo of coal.

### Funeral

At 1:30 P.M., I attended the funeral of the late James MacDonald which took place from his home on Main Street. Services at the house and grave were conducted by Rev. Joseph Cathcart, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church. The Pallbearers were: Michael MacMullen, Stephen Murphy, Neil MacRury, Malcolm Boyd, Alex Alimard and M.S. Huntington. Interment took place in "Willow Grove" Cemetery on Clarkes Road.

Funeral in charge of D.M. Johnston undertaker.

# Death of Catherine MacAulay

The death of Miss Catherine MacAulay took place at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Beecher M. Spencer, Main St., at about 11:50 P.M. Miss MacAulay, who was 50 years of age, lived for many years in Boston, Mass., and vicinity. When she became ill, her sister, Mrs. B.M. Spencer, went to Boston and brought her home arriving on January 28 last. She is survived by 3 sisters and one brother. The Sisters are; Mrs. B.M. Spencer and Mrs. John Wilson, both at Louisbourg. Mrs. VonBiberstein in the U.S.A. The brother, John MacAulay, lives at Louisbourg. This family was born at Kennington Cove, about 6 miles from Louisbourg.

### **MARCH 1940**

# Thursday 7

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and mild with some fog in the evening.

Showers during the night.

Min. temperature 31, Max. temperature 35.

Harbour mouth and western part of the harbour blocked with drift ice.

#### S.S. CARIBOU

Newfoundland Steamer, "Caribou", Capt. Taverner, arrived at about 4:30 P.M. from Port-au-Basque, Nfld., with passengers, mails and freight.

# Funeral of Stewart Morgan

At 10:30 A.M., I attended the funeral of the late Stuart Morgan, which took place from the undertaking parlor of D.M. Johnston. Services at the church (Anglican) and grave were conducted by Rev. George Arnold. Interment took place in the Anglican Cemetery on Clarkes Road. Mr. Morgan, a native of Newfoundland, died in the City Hospital at Sydney on last Monday night. For a number of years, while engaged in cutting timber, he lived in a shack about three miles from Louisbourg, near the new Sydney and Louisbourg highway. Last Autumn he became ill and was brought to Louisbourg by Dr. H.J. Townsend and Chief of Police, D.M. Johnston, for treatment. After a few days at Louisbourg, at the home of Mrs. William Phalen, he was taken to the City Hospital, Sydney, where he remained until the time of his death. The pall bearers were: William Severance, Alex Burke, James Burke, M.S. Huntington, Richard French and Aswald MacDonald, the two later from Catalone.

### **MARCH 1940**

# Friday 8

Louisbourg, N.S.

Snowfall of about 2 inches in the early morning.

Cloudy mild and foggy. Partly clear for a while in the afternoon. Streets very slushy.

Light variable wind mostly southwest.

Harbour full of drift ice.

Min. temperature 30, Max. temperature 44.

# Cunard-White Star Liner Arrives at New York

To-day's (sic) press carried the story of the new Cunard-White Star Liner, "Queen Elizabeth", has reached her dock alongside Sister ship, the "Queen Mary", at New York.

The Queen Elizabeth left the Clyde River, Scotland, on last Saturday under the command of Capt. J.C. Townley.

The dimensions of the new liner are as follows:

85000 tons, 1,030 feet long, 118 feet wide, cost \$28,750,000.

She carried a skeleton crew and no passengers on the voyage.

### S.S. CARIBOU

Newfoundland Steamer, "Caribou", Capt. Taverner, sailed at about 2 P.M. for Port-au-Basque, Nfld., with passengers, mails and freight.

#### **MARCH 1940**

# Saturday 9

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy with some fog. Light southerly wind shifting to southeast and east in the afternoon, increasing to a strong breeze at night. Rain began to fall at about 3 P.M. and continued during the evening and night. Very heavy showers during the night.

Min. temperature 27, Max. temperature about 35.

### Drift Ice

Harbour full of drift ice and a narrow strip along the coast.

### S.S. WATUKA

Steamer, "Watuka", arrived about 1 P.M. from Liverpool, N.S., for a cargo of coal. The Watuka got stuck in the ice in the mouth of the harbour and was assisted in coming to the dock by the tug, "Ocean Eagle".

# Funeral of Catherine MacAulay

At 1:30 P.M., I attended the funeral of the late Catherine MacAulay which took place from the home of Mr. and Mrs. B.M. Spencer. Services at the home and grave were conducted by Rev. Donald MacLeod, M.A., B.D., of the First United Church. Interment took place at Catalone Cemetery. The pall bearers were: Edward MacDonald, Malcolm Boyd, Alex MacLean, Wellington Spencer, George Dillon and Neil MacRury.

# **MARCH 1940**

# Sunday 10

Louisbourg, N.S.

Rain, that began at about 3 P.M. yesterday, continued moderately all day and was followed by light snow squalls in the evening. Light variable wind. Harbour blocked by drift ice. Min. temperature 32, Max. temperature 37.

Rainfall of last night and to-day (sic), about 2 inches.

# S.S. CARIBOU

Newfoundland Steamer, "Caribou", Capt. Taverner, arrived at about 12:30 P.M. from Port-au – Basque, Nfld., with passengers, mails and freight.

# S.S. DIXIE

Norwegian Steamer, "Dixie", arrived in the afternoon for bunker coal.

### **Church Services**

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M., I attended services in the First United Church where Rev. Donald MacLeod, M.A., B.D., was the preacher.

Visited Mr. & Mrs. Fletcher Townsend

At 1 P.M., Emeline and I motored to the home of Mr. & Mrs. Fletcher Townsend, in Cameron's bus, where we remained until about 4 P.M.

### **MARCH 1940**

# Monday 11

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and mild. Partly clear during the afternoon. Light [blank].

# S.S. LORD STRATHCONA

Steamer, "Lord Strathcona", Capt. Stuart, arrived last night from Portland, Maine, for a cargo of coal and docked this morning at the shipping pier.

# S.S. WATUKA

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

### S.S. CARIBOU

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

### **MARCH 1940**

# **Tuesday 12**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool with light easterly wind.

Light fall of snow on the mainland of Nova Scotia, along the line of the C.N.R. between Antigonish and Halifax.

# Louisbourg to Halifax

Motored to Sydney in the morning in Fletcher Townsend's car (D.M. Johnston, driver) accompanied by Emeline and Miss Jeanette MacLeod (nurse), enroute to Halifax where Emeline is to undergo an operation in the Victoria General Hospital. Left Sydney at 8 A.M. on board C.N.R. Train. Arrived at Halifax at about 7:50 P.M. On arrival at Halifax, went immediately, by taxi, to Victoria General Hospital where Emeline was entered as a patient and assigned to Room no. 9 in the Pavilion.

After leaving the hospital, I engaged a room (no. 166) in the Halifax Hotel, where I stopped for the night. Miss MacLeod, unable to obtain a room near the hospital, also stayed at the Halifax.

### **MARCH 1940**

# Wednesday 13

Halifax, N.S.

Cloudy and moderately cold in the morning, becoming milder during the day. Light drizzle of snow in the morning. Light to moderate northwest wind.

Visited Hospital

At about 8:30 A.M., motored from Halifax Hotel with Miss Jeanette MacLeod, to the Victoria General Hospital. Found Emeline in good spirits and well satisfied with her surroundings. Dr. H.B. Atlee, whose office and residence is at 119 South Park Street, visited Emeline during the day. Conducted an examination and informed her that the operation would take place at 9 A.M. tomorrow. In the afternoon, Emeline was given a blood transfusion by Dr. [blank] Shane, an Intern, assisted by the nurse. I visited the hospital three times to-day (sic).

# Attended Session of Legislature

At 3 P.M., I attended a short Session of the Nova Scotia Legislature, with speaker G.E. Romkey, presiding. Session adjourned shortly after 4 P.M. to meet at 8:30 P.M. on March 27 1940.

## S.S. MILL HILL

British Steamer, "Mill Hill", sailed from Louisbourg this morning with a cargo of steel products.

#### S.S. CARIBOU

Newfoundland Steamer, "Caribou", Capt. Taverner, arrived at Louisbourg, to-day (sic), from Port-au-Basque, Nfld., with passengers, mails and freight.

#### S.S. MATHILDA

Norwegian Steamer, "Mathilda", arrived at Louisbourg, to-day (sic), for bunker coal.

### S.S. BOREAS

Norwegian Steamer, "Boreas", arrived and sailed without coming to the dock.

### **MARCH 1940**

### **Thursday 14**

Halifax, N.S.

Clear and mild with light to moderate northeast to north winds. An ideal day.

# Operation Performed

Emeline's Operation was performed at 9 A.M. where a fifty one pound Cyst was successfully removed from her stomach by Dr. H.B. Attlee and assistants. Emeline remained under the affect of the anesthetic all day. At about 5 P.M., she was given a second blood transfusion by Dr. [blank] Shane. At about 7 P.M., she began to show signs of coming back to consciousness. At about 9 P.M., when I left the hospital, she had not recovered sufficiently to know where she was or to recognize any person in the room.

About one hour was required to perform the operation. Visited hospital three times. Spent a very anxious day. Miss Neish, nurse, came on duty at 3 P.M. replacing Miss MacLeod, whose hours of duty are from 7 A.M. until 3 P.M. Miss Neish was relieved at 11 P.M. by Miss Hill, who shall carry on until Miss MacLeod comes on duty at 7 A.M. tomorrow.

# S.S. WATUKA

Steamer, "Watuka", arrived at Louisbourg, today, for a cargo of coal.

#### S.S. CARIBOU

Newfoundland Steamer, "Caribou", Capt. Taverner, sailed from Louisbourg, today, for Port-au-Basque, Nfld., with passengers, mails and freight.

### S.S. MATHILDA

Norwegian Steamer, "Mathilda", sailed from Louisbourg to-day (sic).

#### **MARCH 1940**

## Friday 15

Halifax, N.S.

Clear in the morning but becoming cloudy early in the day. Chilly and raw with moderate to fresh southeast wind.

## Visited Hospital

Visited the hospital in the forenoon, afternoon and evening. Found Emeline slightly improved since my last visit yesterday. She has recovered consciousness and recognized me for the first time since the operation. Was able to converse with me for a few minutes on each of my three visits to-day (sic).

She is still in a very serious condition with three nurses in attendance, Miss MacLeod, Miss Neish and Miss Hebb, one on each of three shifts.

### S.S. WATUKA

Steamer, "Watuka", Capt. Hooper, sailed from Louisbourg, today, with a cargo of coal.

# **MARCH 1940**

## Saturday 16

Halifax, N.S.

Rain and snow in the early morning. Partly clear in the forenoon. Strong southeast wind in the morning shifting to west and northwest in the afternoon.

#### Visited Hospital

Made my three daily visits to the hospital as on the three previous says. Found Emeline much better than she was yesterday and quite cheerful.

Received a telegram from Fletcher inquiring about Emeline's condition. Replied immediately by wire.

### Visited Point Pleasant

At noon, went for quite a long walk including a visit to Point Pleasant Park.

#### S.S. CARIBOU

Newfoundland Steamer, "Caribou", arrived at Louisbourg, to-day (sic), with passengers, mails and freight from Port-au-Basque, Nfld.

### **MARCH 1940**

## Sunday 17

# St. Patrick's Day

Halifax, N.S.

Cloudy with light variable winds. Cool with light snow squalls in the afternoon.

# Visited Hospital

Made my three visits to the hospital as usual. Found Emeline improving slowly but steadily; is able to take some nourishment and seems in good spirits, considering the ordeal she has undergone during the past week.

#### Church Services

At 11 A.M., attended service in the First Baptist Church, on Spring Garden Road, where Rev. Arthur L. Huddleston, D.D., was the preacher. At 7 P.M., attended service in St. Matthews United Church. At this service, Rev D.M. Grant was the preacher.

### S.S. THORDOC

Steamer, "Thordoc", Capt. Robinson, arrived at Louisbourg, to-day (sic), for a cargo of coal.

# S.S. CARIBOU

Newfoundland Steamer, "Caribou", Capt. Taverner, sailed from Louisbourg, to-day (sic), for Port-au-Basque, Nfld., with passengers, mails and freights.

#### S.S. DEA MAZZELLA

Italian Steamer, "Dea Mazzella", arrived at Louisbourg, to-day (sic), for bunker coal.

### S.S. SAMMANGER

Norwegian Steamer, "Sammanger", arrived at Louisbourg, to day (sic), for bunker coal.

#### S.S. ROSE CASTLE

Steamer, "Rose Castle", Capt. Kenny, arrived at Louisbourg, to-day (sic), for a cargo of coal.

## S.S. HEKTOR

Norwegian Steamer, "Hektor", arrived at Louisbourg, to-day (sic), for bunker coal.

#### **MARCH 1940**

### Monday 18

Halifax, N.S.

Clear and moderately cold with moderate to fresh northwest wind.

### Visited Hospital

Made three visits to the hospital as usual. Emeline steadily improving. Miss Neish, one of the nurses, not on duty to-day (sic). Miss Campbell has taken her place and went on duty at 3 P.M. Paid off Miss Neish who had been on duty four days \$15.00. Settled hospital bill to date. Paid Blood donors fees \$25.00 each for two transfusions \$50.00. Paid Dr. Muir, Anaesthetist, for Services in the operating room on March 14<sup>th</sup> \$10.00.

### Visited Bedford Basin

In the forenoon, went by train and on foot to the hill overlooking Bedford Basin, at the North End of the city. Counted a convoy of 41 ships in the Basin, destined for overseas.

While I was there, the ships began to get underway proceeding through the narrows and down the harbour at a distance of about one half mile apart.

#### S.S. HILDUR I

Norwegian Steamer, "Hildur I", arrived at Louisbourg, to-day (sic), and sailed.

#### S.S. WATUKA

Steamer, "Watuka", Capt. Hooper, arrived at Louisbourg, to-day (sic), for a cargo of coal.

### S.S. DEA MAZZELLA

Italian Steamer, "Dea Mazzella", sailed from Louisbourg to-day (sic).

#### **MARCH 1940**

# **Tuesday 19**

Halifax, N.S.

Cloudy and cool with light variable winds, mostly southeast. Rain during the night with increasing wind.

## Visited Hospital

Made my usual three visits to hospital. Emeline is improving steadily and appears to be doing nicely under the care of three nurses.

Paid Dr. H.B. Atlee \$200.00 for professional services.

Paid Miss Jeanette MacLeod for 1 weeks nursing service \$26.25.

Paid Miss Hebb for nursing services to date \$11.50.

Paid Hotel bill to date \$11.50.

## Martello Tower

Took a long walk through Point Pleasant Park and vicinity. Visited Martello Tower in the Park before returning.

# S.S. GRO

Norwegian Steamer, "Gro", arrived at Louisbourg, to-day (sic), for bunker coal.

### S.S. GUDUIN

Norwegian Steamer, "Guduin", arrived at Louisbourg, to-day (sic), for bunker coal.

#### S.S. ROSE CASTLE

Steamer, "Rose Castle", Capt. Kenny, sailed from Louisbourg, to-day (sic), with a cargo of coal.

### **MARCH 1940**

## Wednesday 20

Halifax, N.S.

Clear and cool with fresh northwest wind.

Silver thaw in the morning. All out-of-doors covered with ice which melted early in the forenoon.

Visited the hospital three times.

# Visited Hospital

Visited the hospital in the morning, afternoon and evening as usual. Found Emeline much better today. I am very much pleased with the progress she is making towards recovery.

I intend leaving for home on the evening train.

Paid Miss Hebb \$22.50 for one weeks nursing services.

### Left for Home

Left for home on the 7:45 P.M. train out of Halifax. Intend returning to Halifax sometime next week if conditions at home shall permit.

### S.S. LORD STRATHCONA

Steamer, "Lord Strathcona", Capt. Stuart, arrived at Louisbourg, today, for a cargo of coal.

#### **MARCH 1940**

## Thursday 21

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and chilly with moderate to fresh southeast wind. Showers and fog at night.

#### Arrived From Halifax

Arrived at Sydney by train from Halifax, N.S., at about 7:30 A.M. Left for Louisbourg at 9:15 A.M. on Cameron's bus (John MacInnis, driver) arrived at Louisbourg about 11:30 A.M.

#### S.S. GUDUIN

Norwegian Steamer, "Guduin", sailed to-day (sic).

### S.S. WATUKA

Steamer, "Watuka", Capt. Hooper, sailed to-day (sic) with a cargo of coal.

#### S.S. THORDOC

Steamer, "Thordoc", Capt. Robinson, sailed to-day (sic) with a cargo of coal.

#### S.S. SAMMANGER

Norwegian Steamer, "Sammanger", sailed to-day (sic).

### **MARCH 1940**

## Friday 22

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately cold with moderate west to north-west winds. Cloudy in the evening wind shifting to easterly.

Min. temperature 19, Max. temperature 37.

S.S. AAGOT

Finnish Steamer, "Aagot", arrived for bunker coal.

#### S.S. LORD STRATHCONA

Steamer, "Lord Strathcona", sailed with a cargo of coal.

### **MARCH 1940**

## Saturday 23

Louisbourg, N.S.

Snow storm in the morning with strong easterly wind. Stopped snowing shortly before noon. Wind shifted to westerly in the afternoon and increased to a moderate gale at night. Snowfall about 5 inches.

Min. temperature 20, Max. temperature 37.

Drift Ice

Harbour and coast blocked with drift ice.

### **MARCH 1940**

# Sunday 24

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cold with strong westerly wind at times reaching gale force. Mostly cloudy. Snow squalls in the evening.

Min. temperature 16, Max. temperature 27.

Drift Ice

Northwest end of the harbour full of heavy ice, southwest end clear. Ice in sight off the coast in the early part of the day.

#### S.S. THORDOC

Steamer, "Thordoc", arrived shortly before noon, from Halifax, for a cargo of coal.

### **Church Services**

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M., I attended service in the First United Church where Rev. Donald MacLeod, M.A., B.D., was the preacher.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administrated at the morning service. Three new elders were ordained during the morning service, namely; Edison Skinner, Ivan Fleet and Edward Levy.

Visited Mr. & Mrs. Fletcher Townsend

In the afternoon, I visited Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Townsend. Returned home at about 5 P.M.

# Bus Service Interrupted

No bus service between Louisbourg and Sydney to-day (sic) owing to snow drifts on the highway.

#### **MARCH 1940**

## Monday 25

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and chilly with fresh to strong west to west-southwest winds.

Min temperature [blank], Max. temperature [blank].

### Drift Ice

Northeast end of harbour blocked with drift ice. S.S. "Gro" and S.S. "Aagot", unable to sail on account of ice blockade and S.S. "Thordoc", unable to dock at the coal pier for the same reason.

### No Bus service

No bus service today between Louisbourg and Sydney owing to bad condition of the highway. Snow plow reported to be heading for Louisbourg but, up to a late hour tonight, had not reached here.

#### **MARCH 1940**

## **Tuesday 26**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Snow plow from Sydney reached here at about 4 A.M. Thus opening the highway between Sydney and Louisbourg for motor traffic.

Clear and moderately cold with moderate to fresh westerly wind.

### Left For Halifax

Left here at 1 P.M. on Sullivan's Bus (Robert MacPherson, driver) enroute to Halifax for the purpose of visiting Emeline who is a patient in the Victoria General Hospital. Interviewed Mr. Wilson at the General office of the Dominion Steel and Coal Corporation respecting the Electric Light and Power situation as it relates to the Steel Company and the Town of Louisbourg.

Left Sydney at 8:30 P.M. by train enroute to Halifax.

### **Canadian Elections**

Elections throughout the Dominion of Canada resulted in the return of the Liberal Government, under the Premiership of the Right Hon. William L. MacKenzie King, by a tremendous majority. The result in the Town of Louisbourg which is in the constituency of Inverness, Richmond and Cape Breton West was as follows: Three polls

Conservative Liberal

Polls	J.D. MacDougall	Dr. M.E. McGarry	
Florence Cameron's	85	137	
Alonzo Tutty's	58	115	
Freeman Mosher's	<u>71</u>	<u>91</u>	
	214	343	
Majority for Liberal candida	te 129		
District of Louisbourg (no. 6	53	73	
Majority for Liberal candida	jority for Liberal candidate 20 (Halifax Chronicle March 27, 1940)		

(April 3, 1940 Halifax Chronicle) Total vote in the above constituency:

J.D. MacDougall, Con. 7105 M.E. McGarry 9056 Liberal Majority 1951

Cape Breton South; Clarence Gillis C.C.F. 11553, Dr. Hartigan, Lib. 11463, Clyde Nunn, Con. 9823, Majority for Gillis 90.

Cape Breton North-Victoria; MacDonald (Conservative) 5101, Matthew MacLean (Liberal) 6188, [blank] Waye (C.C.F.) 2025.

Mainland of Nova Scotia; Antigonish-Guysboru [blank], Kirk, Lib. 6881, Landry, Con. 4378. Colchester-Hants; Purdy, Lib. 12329, Tremaine, Con. 10035, Cumberland; Black, Con. 8066, Cochrane, Lib. 8048, Deming's, C.C.F. 1369, Digby-Annapolis-King's, Ilsley, Lib. 15253, Thomas, Con. 9678.

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#### **MARCH 1940**

# Wednesday 27

Halifax, N.S.

Clear and cool becoming cloudy in the afternoon, moderate westerly wind.

### Arrived at Halifax

Arrived at Halifax by Train at about 8:45 A.M. Registered and engaged a room at the Halifax Hotel.

### Visited Hospital

Visited Victoria General Hospital three times during the day and, on each occasion, found Emeline doing nicely. Found quite an improvement in her general condition since I saw her on the day I left here, March 20.

Visited Citadel Hill in the late afternoon from where I saw British Battleship, "MALAYA", entering Halifax harbour. From the Citadel, I also saw a large French Battleship anchored east of George's Island.

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Halifax, Isnor, Lib. 19290, MacDonald, Lib. 22092, Finn, Lib. 9195, Donahoe, Con. 18140, Smith, Con. 17856, Borgford, C.C.F. 1527.

Pictou; MacCulloch, Lib. 9989, Cameron, Con. 8308, MacMillan, C.C.F. 615.

Queen- Luneburg; Kinley, Lib. 10631, Levy, Con. 6862, Vanbuskirk, C.C.F. 482. Shelburne-Yarmouth-Clare; Pottier, Lib. 10849, Walker, Con. 6635.

### **MARCH 1940**

# **Thursday 28**

Halifax, N.S.

Cool and remarkably clear with light to moderate northwest wind.

## Visited Hospital

Visited Victoria General Hospital three times during the day. Found Emeline steadily improving. She was allowed to sit up for about twenty minutes, and with the nurse's and my assistance, was able to stand on her feet and attempt at walking.

It is two weeks ago to-day (sic) since the operation.

# **MARCH 1940**

# Friday 29

Halifax, N.S.

Cold and remarkably clear with light to moderate northwest wind. An ideal day.

# Halifax Pilot Boat Rammed and Sunk

Halifax morning papers carried the news of the sinking of Pilot boat no. 2, near the entrance of Halifax harbour, with the loss of 9 men. The accident occurred at about midnight last night, when an unnamed Steamer, entering the harbour, collided with the Pilot boat and sent her to the bottom.

Those missing and feared to have been drowned are as follows:

Carl Dempsey, Pilot, 156 Henry St., Halifax City,

Lorne Dempsey, Pilot, Herring Cove, Halifax County,

James Dempsey, Pilot, Halifax City,

Claude Martin, Pilot, 141 Spring Garden Road, Halifax City,

James Renner, Pilot, 5 Woodlawn Terrace, Halifax City,

Lionel Pelham, Pilot, 66 Summit Street, Halifax City,

Roy Purall, Portuguese Cove, Halifax County, Boatman,

Matt Power, Engineer, Herring Cove, Halifax County,

Lawrence Thomas, Cook, 173 ½ Quinpool Road, Halifax City,

Those rescued were: Roy Sullivan, Pilot, 107 Nerman St., Halifax City,

Carl Himmulman, Pilot, Lunenburg.

Other members of the crew, who were in a dory about to place a pilot on board the incoming Steamer, were:

Tupper Hayes, Harvard St., Halifax City, Pilot,

Edward MacLaughlin, Brunswick St., Halifax City, Boatman,

Walter Power, Jane St., Halifax City, Boatman.

Visited Hospital

Made three visits to the hospital. Emeline was able to sit to-day (sic), at different times, for a total of about two hours.

The nurses, Miss MacLeod and Miss Campbell, and I gave her walking lessons around her room twice to-day (sic).

#### Left For Home

Left Halifax at 7:45 P.M. by train enroute for home.

#### **MARCH 1940**

## Saturday 30

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool with moderate southwest wind, some fog during the afternoon and night.

#### Drift Ice

Drift ice in the northeast end of the harbour and around the shipping. No ice in sight off the coast.

#### Arrived From Halifax

Arrived at Sydney, by train, from Halifax at about 7:30 A.M. Motored to Louisbourg in Sullivan's bus (Robert MacPherson, driver) arriving home at about 11 A.M.

#### S.S. THORDOC Ashore Near Fourchu

Steamer, "Thordoc", Capt. J.T. Robinson, enroute from Halifax to Louisbourg for a cargo of coal, ran ashore at about 6 P.M. about two or three miles west of Fourchu Richmond County, N.S. The crew were saved and landed at or near Fourchu during the early part of the night. The Thordoc is said to have been built at Newcastle-on-Tyne in 1908. Registered Tonnage 2158 and owned by the Patterson Steamship Company of Fort William, Ontario.

On November 11, 1918, Armistice Day, the Thordoc, than named the "J.A. McKee", was lying alongside the Freight Wharf at Louisbourg and, in the afternoon, fired a salute from a gun mounted at her stern.

#### **MARCH 1940**

### Sunday 31

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy, foggy and mild with light showers at intervals all day. Light to moderate southwest wind.

Min. temperature 33, Max. temperature 44.

#### **Church Services**

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M., I attended Services in the First United Church where Rev. Donald MacLeod, M.A., B.D., was the preacher. After the close of the evening, a meeting of the Board of Stewards was held in the church at which I was present.

Visited Mr. & Mrs. Fletcher Townsend

In the afternoon, I visited the home of Mr. & Mrs. Fletcher Townsend where I remained for about two hours.

Returned home at about 5 P.M.

#### **APRIL 1940**

## Monday 1

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm, becoming cloudy and chilly during the afternoon. Gale from northwest in the early morning, wind moderate during the day shifting to northeast in the evening.

Min. temperature 29, Max. temperature 44.

#### S.S. MAID OF STIRLING

Steamer, "Maid of Stirling", sailed at about 9 A.M. with a cargo of coal.

### S.S. WATUKA

Steamer, "Watuka", Capt. Hooper, arrived at about 9:30 A.M. for a cargo of coal.

### S.S. ROSE CASTLE

Steamer, "Rose Castle", Capt. Kenny, arrived at about 10 A.M. for a cargo of coal and docked on the east side of the coal pier.

### **APRIL 1940**

### **Tuesday 2**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and chilly with light trace of snow in the morning. Mostly clear during the afternoon and evening.

Light to moderate northeast wind.

Min. temperature 26, Max. temperature 38.

## Shipwrecked Seamen Arrive

Seamen of the Steamer, "Thordoc", which ran ashore near Fourchu on last Saturday evening, arrived here this evening from Fourchu on board the motor vessel, National II, Capt. [blank] Savary. The Thordoc is said to be a total loss.

### Federal Elections Declaration Day

Declaration Day proceedings, in connection with the Federal Elections held on March 26, 1940, according to to-day's (sic) press, gave the standing of the various political parties as follows: Liberal; 177, Conservative; 39, C.C.F.; 8, New Democracy (Social Credit); 9. One seat in doubt, Acadia Alberta.

N.S. Power Commission Engineer Visits Louisbourg

Albert Mahon, Engineer of the Nova Scotia Power Commission, Halifax, N.S., visited Louisbourg today and while here, made an inventory of our electric distribution system in the Town of Louisbourg, for the purpose of arriving at its value to the Power Commission, should the commission extend its light and power lines to the Town of Louisbourg replacing the present system, which is operated by the Town of Louisbourg. It is the intention, after placing a value on the present electric system, to enter into negotiations with the Town of Louisbourg for the purchase of the distribution system, or any part that may be of use to the commission.

#### **APRIL 1940**

## Wednesday 3

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and cool with light northwest wind which shifted to northeast in the late afternoon. An ideal day.

Min. temperature 21, Max. temperature 44.

#### S.S. ROSE CASTLE

Steamer, "Rose Castle", Capt. Kenny, sailed in the morning with a cargo of coal.

#### **Choir Practice**

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

#### **APRIL 1940**

## Thursday 4

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and springlike in appearance but somewhat chilly. Light northeast wind in the morning shifting to south and later to southwest.

Min. temperature 16, Max. temperature 36.

### S.S. MAID OF STIRLING

Steamer, "Maid of Stirling", arrived at about 6 P.M. for a cargo of coal.

## Meeting Of Fire Brigade

At 8 P.M., attended a meeting of the Louisbourg Volunteer Fire Brigade held in the Firemen's hall on Aberdeen Street. Those present were: Chief R.A. Peters, Deputy Chief Fred Burke, Secretary-Treasurer, M.S. Huntington, Ronnie MacVicar, Freeman MacKenzie, Jack Johnson, Abe Wilcox, D.J. MacKeigan, James Burke, Ralph Baker, John MacMullen, Burns MacMullen. The last two named were enrolled as firemen at this meeting.

# Earl of Athlone Appointed Governor-General

Press of to-day (sic) carried the news of the appointment of Major-General, the Earl of Athlone, as Governor-General of Canada; Succeeding the late Lord Tweedsmuir, who died at Montreal on February 11, 1940.

The Earl, who will be 66 years of age on the 14<sup>th</sup> of this month, is the youngest brother of the Queen Mother and an Uncle to His Majesty King George the Sixth. He and the Countess are expected to arrive in Canada some time next June.

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### S.S. WATUKA

Steamer, "Watuka", Capt. Hooper, arrived at about 6:30 P.M. for a cargo of coal.

#### **APRIL 1940**

## Friday 5

Louisbourg, N.S.

Snow in the morning followed by rain at about 10:30 A.M. Cloudy and foggy during the afternoon and night. Fresh easterly wind shifting to southwest in the afternoon and moderating. Min. temperature 29, Max. temperature 36.

#### S.S. WATUKA

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

# Earl of Athlone Appointed Governor General Continued from proceeding Page

The name in full of the new appointee is: Alexander Augustus Frederick William Alfred George Cambridge.

### **APRIL 1940**

## Saturday 6

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and chilly during the forenoon, clear and bright in the afternoon moderate to fresh northwest wind which shifted to northeast early in the night and increased to a strong breeze. Snow began to fall at about 10 P.M.

Min. temp. 20, Max. temp. 37.

### S.S. MAID OF STIRLING

Steamer, "Maid of Stirling", sailed at about 7 A.M. with a cargo of coal.

#### S.S. OCEAN EAGLE

Tug "Ocean Eagle", Capt. Cox, sailed at about 7:30 A.M. enroute to the Magdalen Islands with mails.

#### S.S. WOOLGAR

Norwegian Steamer, "Woolgar", arrived at about 9 A.M. After bunkering, she sailed at about 7:30 P.M.

Electric Light and Power Canvas

In the afternoon, D.M. Johnston, Police Officer, began a canvas of the town of Louisbourg for Light and Power contracts for the Nova Scotia Power Commission, which is shortly to extend its electric lines to the Town of Louisbourg and vicinity.

#### **APRIL 1940**

## Sunday 7

Louisbourg, N.S.

Partly clear with moderate to fresh northwest wind and a few light snow squalls. Snowfall of last night about 4 inches.

Min. temperature 13, Max. temperature 32.

#### **Church Services**

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M., I attended services in the First United Church where Rev. Donald MacLeod, M.A., B.D., was the preacher. The Thank offering of the Woman's Missionary Society was part of the evening.

At the close of the evening Service, a meeting of the Official Board was held when reports of the various organizations of the church were read and received. Among those present were: Rev. Donald MacLeod (chairman), Arthur Townsend (Secretary), John N. MacDonald, Dan Fleet, Edison Skinner, John Skinner, Donald Wilson, Edward Levy, Ronald Cann, M.S. Huntington, Mrs. William Phalen, Mrs. Rory Martell, Mrs. Charles Bagnall.

Visited Mr. & Mrs. Fletcher Townsend

In the afternoon, I visited Mr. & Mrs. Fletcher. Returned home at about 5 P.M.

#### **APRIL 1940**

### Monday 8

Louisbourg, N.S.

Remarkably clear and mild with light to northwest wind.

An ideal day.

Min. temperature 22, Max. temperature 44.

Snow, which fell Saturday night, nearly all melted during the day.

#### S.S. LOCH LOMOND

British Steamer, "Loch Lomond", arrived at about 9 A.M. for a cargo of steel products and anchored in the stream. About two hours after her arrival, she was ordered to Sydney, to load and sailed immediately. Enroute to Sydney, she met with heavy drift ice and was unable to proceed and returned to Louisbourg at about 6:30 P.M. where she docked on the east side of the freight wharf.

# Seaplane Arrives

At about 9:30 A.M., a Seaplane circled over the town several times and landed in the harbour about 400 yards west of the Government wharf. About 15 minutes after the arrival, several Naval and Air officers were brought ashore in the pilot boat and landed at the Government wharf, and were driven away in the direction of Sydney in two motor cars that had come from Sydney to

meet them. At about 10:30 A.M., the plane took off and flew in a northerly direction. In all probably the plane was from Halifax.

### S.S. N.B. MACLEAN

Canadian Government Icebreaker, "N.B. MacLean", arrived at about 6 P.M. and docked on the west side of the coal pier. After being engaged in breaking up the ice in the St. Lawrence between Quebec and Montreal, she left Quebec for the east coast on April the first.

## Marriage

The marriage of Tom MacKinnon, of Louisbourg, and Miss Edna Fiander, of Big Lorraine, took place to-day (sic) at Sydney. Mr. and Mrs. MacKinnon will reside at Louisbourg.

### **APRIL 1940**

# **Tuesday 9**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool with light south wind which, in the afternoon, shifted to southeast and at night increased to a strong breeze. Light showers in the afternoon followed by heavy rain during the night.

Min. Temperature [blank], Max. Temperature [blank].

# S.S. N.B. MACLEAN

Canadian Government Icebreaker, "N.B. MacLean", sailed at 7 A.M.

# Loading Steel

The work of discharging 500 tons of sand from the decks of the British Steamer, Loch Lomond, began at about 12 O'clock last night, was finished during (sic) and the loading of part cargo of steel products was begun at 4 P.M.

### German Invade Denmark and Norway

Press of to-day (sic) carried the news of the invasion of Denmark and Norway by German troops.

#### **APRIL 1940**

### Wednesday 10

Louisbourg, N.S.

Heavy downpour of rain in the early morning, which lasted until about 9 A.M. Foggy and mild during the rest of the forenoon. Partly clear and moderately warm in the afternoon.

Fresh southwest wind becoming light and shifting to northwest in the afternoon.

Rainfall of yesterday afternoon, last night and this morning about 2 inches.

Min. temperature 30, Max. temperature 49.

Drift Ice

Loose drift ice in the harbour and along the coast.

**Choir Practice** 

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

#### FOX SPARROWS ARRIVE

The advance guard of Fox Sparrows, which visit us every spring on their way north to their nesting grounds, have arrived. I was greeted with their songs this morning, for the first time this season. They usually remain with us for about three weeks, when they all suddenly disappear. I usually feed them with rolled oats, of which they are very fond. Last spring I first noticed them on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **APRIL 1940**

# **Thursday 11**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and spring like. Light easterly wind. An ideal day.

Min. Temperature [blank], Max. Temperature [blank].

#### S.S. WATUKA

Steamer, "Watuka", Capt. Hooper, arrived at about 8:30 A.M. for a cargo of coal.

#### S.S. MAID OF STIRLING

Steamer, "Maid of Stirling", arrived at about 10 A.M. for a cargo of coal.

#### Drift Ice

Considerable quantity of drift along the coast, blocking the entrance of the harbour in the afternoon. Some loose heavy ice in the harbour.

#### **APRIL 1940**

### Friday 12

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cool and mostly clear with light to moderate easterly wind.

# Louisbourg To Sydney

Left Louisbourg at 1 P.M. on Cameron's Bus (John MacInnis, driver) enroute to Halifax for the purpose of bringing Emeline home from the Victoria General Hospital. Left Sydney at 8:30 P.M. on board the C.N.R. train for Halifax.

# Meeting of A.R.P. General Committee

While at Sydney this afternoon, I attended and presided at a meeting of the "Air Raid Precautions" Committee, which was held in the Council chamber in the City hall at 2:30 O'clock. Among those present were the following:

Roy Young (secretary), W.R. Tracey, Chief of Police, Sydney, W.H. Cuzner, Sydney Mines, Councillor MacMillan, North Sydney, F.J. Mosher, Glace Bay, Victor Bert, Reserve Mines, Lloyd Weatherbee, Chief of Police, New Waterford, [blank] Nicholson, Dominion, Capt. [blank] Ferguson, Military defense Force, John N. Worgan, Sydney Steel plant, M.S. Huntington, Louisbourg.

At this meeting, it was decided to hold a general Practice, "Blackout", on next Tuesday night, April 16 at 9:30 O'clock.

### **APRIL 1940**

# Saturday 13

Halifax, N.S.

Cloudy and chilly with moderate to fresh southeast wind.

Rain began to fall at about 6:30 P.M. Heavy rain during the night.

#### Arrived At Halifax

I arrived at Halifax, on the C.N.R. train from Sydney, at about 8:45 A.M. Had breakfast at the Halifax Hotel. Visited Emeline at Victoria General Hospital at about 10 A.M. Found her much improved in health, ready and anxious to leave for home. I immediately began making arrangements for leaving Halifax on the 7:45 P.M. train. Visited Mrs. H.C.N. Levatte, 12 Summer St. Had short conference with A.M. James of the Nova Scotia Power Commission, respecting the proposal extension of the Commission's light and power lines to Louisbourg and vicinity. Had lunch at Halifax Hotel. Called at office of Dr. H.B. Atlee, 119 South Park Street at 2 P.M. Called the C.N.R. Station and completed arrangements for drawing room on the evening train leaving for Sydney. Also arranged for the use of a wheelchair at the railway station to assist Emeline in getting from the station entrance to the train. Engaged a taxi shortly before 7 P.M. and motored to the hospital. Left Hospital, by taxi, at about 7 P.M. with Emeline and Jeanette MacLeod (nurse). Motored to Railway Station where we went on board the train at about 7:20. Left Halifax enroute for Sydney at 7:45 P.M.

# Closing of Legislature

Nova Scotia Legislature, which opened at Halifax on March 5 1940. Closed this afternoon with the usual ceremonies.

### **APRIL 1940**

# Sunday 14

Louisbourg, N.S.

Heavy rain in the early morning. Cloudy and mild during the forenoon. Partly clear in the afternoon. Light to moderate southwest to west-southwest winds.

#### Drift Ice

Harbour and coast blocked with drift ice.

#### Arrived From Halifax

In company with Emeline and Miss Jeanette MacLeod (nurse), who are returning from the Victoria General Hospital Halifax, I arrived at Sydney on board the C.N.R. train at about 7:30 A.M.

At Sydney, we were met by D.M. Johnston with Fletcher Townsend's car. We immediately loaded the car and started for Louisbourg where we arrived at 9:15 A.M. The folks at home were very glad to have us arrive home safely and we were equally glad to be back again. Emeline is

recovering nicely from her operation which took place on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March last but is still unable to walk without assistance. She stood the journey well and did not seem to be any the worse for her long train and car ride.

#### **Church Services**

Services in the First United Church were conducted at 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. by Rev. Donald MacLeod, M.A., B.D., as usual.

I was not out to church at either of the services to-day (sic).

### **APRIL 1940**

# Monday 15

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and cool with light to moderate northeast wind.

Min. temperature 25, Max. temperature 43.

#### Drift Ice

Harbour and coast blocked with drift ice. Northeast wind cleared the northeast end of the harbour and the shipping piers in the afternoon.

#### S.S. ROSE CASTLE

Steamer, "Rose Castle", Capt. Kenny, sailed with a cargo of coal in the morning.

# S.S. MAID OF STIRLING

Steamer, "Maid of Stirling", sailed in the morning with a cargo of coal.

#### S.S. N.B. MACLEAN

Government Ice-Breaker, "N.B. MacLean", arrived at about noon, sailed in the afternoon and returned in the evening.

### S.S. WATUKA

Steamer, "Watuka", Capt. Hooper, arrived from Halifax, in the afternoon, for a cargo of coal. The Watuka was assisted to port by the Icebreaker, N.B. MacLean.

#### S.S. FOUDROYANT

French fishing trawler, "Foudroyant", arrived in the morning for bunker coal.

### S.S. LOCK LOMOND

British Steamer, "Loch Lomond", Capt. Thompson, sailed at about 11 A.M. with part cargo of steel products.

### **APRIL 1940**

# **Tuesday 16**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and cool with light to moderate northeast wind.

Milder in the afternoon.

Min. temperature 28, Max. temperature 48.

### S.S. WATUKA

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

### S.S. N.B. MACLEAN

Government Icebreaker, "N.B. MacLean", sailed in the morning.

#### S.S. YORK MOOR

British Steamer, "York Moor", arrived in the late afternoon and anchored in the stream.

## A.R.P. "Blackout"

In accordance with a decision reached at a meeting held at Sydney on last Friday afternoon, a Practice "Blackout" was held throughout the towns in the County of Cape Breton and the City of Sydney, including Louisbourg at 9:30 P.M. At Louisbourg, it was well observed by the citizens and was considered very successful. I heard no reports from the other towns yet.

#### **APRIL 1940**

## Wednesday 17

Louisbourg, N.S.

Mild and mostly cloudy with light variable wind, mostly southwest. Light showers and mist during the early part of the night.

Min. temperature 28, Max. temperature 52.

#### S.S. YORK MOOR

British Steamer, "York Moor", which arrived here yesterday afternoon, sailed for Sydney in the morning for the purpose of loading a cargo of steel products.

#### S.S. FOUDROYANT

French Fishing Trawler, "Foudroyant", sailed in the morning.

# **Choir Practice**

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

### Highway Grader Arrives

The Highway Grader arrived here this evening from Sydney, having been engaged grading the Sydney and Louisbourg highway during the day.

#### **APRIL 1940**

### **Thursday 18**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Mostly clear with light variable wind. Foggy during the late afternoon and night.

Min. temperature 28, Max. temperature 42.

#### Y.M.C.A. War Services Fund

At 3:30 P.M., I attended a meeting in the town office, which I called for the purpose of discussing ways and means of raising Louisbourg's share of the Y.M.C.A. War Services Fund. The meeting was very poorly attended. Those present were: Rev. Donald MacLeod of First United Church, Rev. George Arnold of St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church, George Lewis, Dan Nicholson, assistant clerk, Town office and M.S. Huntington. After a brief discussion, it was decided to seek the assistance of the Women's Institute in regard to the proposed campaign.

### **APRIL 1940**

# Friday 19

Louisbourg, N.S.

Light fall of snow in the early morning. Cloudy, chilly and foggy during the day. Misty in the afternoon and evening. Light to moderate southeast wind.

Snowfall about ½ inch.

Min. temperature 29, Max. temperature 33.

# S.S. CRUIZER

British Empire Steel and Coal Corporation Ltd. tug, "Cruizer", Capt. Gilfoil, which has been stationed at Louisbourg since Feb. 5, 1940, sailed for Sydney this morning to resume her duties at that port.

#### **APRIL 1940**

# Saturday 20

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cool and mostly cloudy with light to moderate easterly winds.

Min. temperature 30, Max. temperature 41.

#### S.S. WATUKA

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

#### S.S. LISBETH

Norwegian Steamer, "Lisbeth", arrived in the afternoon and anchored in the northeast end of the harbour.

#### **APRIL 1940**

### Sunday 21

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and chilly with moderate easterly wind.

Min. temperature 28, Max. temperature 40.

Snow began to fall at about 9 P.M.

#### S.S. WATUKA

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

#### S.S. DALMORE

British Steamer, "Dalmore", arrived in the morning and anchored in the stream. Late in the evening, she docked at the Freight wharf for the purpose of loading a cargo or part cargo of steel products.

#### Drift Ice

A considerable quantity of loose drift ice close inshore at the mouth of the harbour and along the coast.

#### **Church Services**

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M., I attended services in the First United Church where Rev. Donald MacLeod, M.A., B.D., was the preacher.

#### **APRIL 1940**

# Monday 22

Louisbourg, N.S.

Snow storm, which began at about 9 P.M. yesterday, continued all last night and was followed, this morning, by a drizzle of hail, snow and rain, which lasted all day and late into the night. Fresh to strong east to northeast wind.

Snowfall of last night about 6 inches.

Min. temperature 32, Max. temperature 32.

## **Bus Service Interrupted**

No Bus Service between Sydney and Louisbourg to-day (sic) owing to last night's snow storm. Cameron's Bus left here at 8 A.M. and reached Sydney but did not return. Sullivan's Bus, leaving here at the same hour, got as far as Catalone and stalled there.

No mails by Bus to-day (sic). Mails arrived by train in the evening.

### Automobile Accident

An Automobile owned and driven by Harold Musgrave of North Sydney, enroute from Sydney to North Sydney, was struck by a freight train at a level crossing at Coxheath at about 7:40 A.M. to-day (sic).

Two passengers; Corporal Hugh Powers, 28, Ottawa, Ont., and Corporal Cecil Hale, 32, Ottawa, Ont., both members of the Royal Canadian Air Force, died of their injuries in St. Rita Hospital, Sydney, about two hours after the accident. Musgrave and a third passenger, Aircraftman, Thomas MacLean, 30, Ottawa, Ont., are both in St. Rita Hospital in a Serious condition. April 25, Aircraftman, Thomas MacLean, who was badly injured in last Monday's accident, died late yesterday afternoon in St. Rita Hospital. (Sydney Post-Record)

#### **APRIL 1940**

### **Tuesday 23**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Drizzle of rain, sleet and snow, of yesterday and last night, continued during the greater part of the day. Strong northeast wind increasing during the night.

Min. temperature 32, Max. temperature 36.

Streets Slushy

Streets very wet and slushy caused by melting snow.

Drift Ice

Harbour blocked with drift ice but no ice in sight along the coast.

Loading Steel

British Steamer, "Dalmore", which arrived here on last Sunday morning, began loading a part cargo of steel products in the forenoon.

### **APRIL 1940**

# Wednesday 24

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cool and remarkably clear with moderate northeast to north winds.

Min. temperature 28, Max. temperature 38.

Drift Ice

Harbour clear of ice except for a small quantity in the southwest end. No ice close inshore along the coast.

Choir practice

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

Bus Service Resumed

Bus service between Louisbourg and Sydney, which has not been functioning since last Monday morning, was resumed to-day (sic) when Sullivan's Bus arrived here with mails and passengers shortly before noon.

### **APRIL 1940**

# Thursday 25

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool with light to moderate northeast to east winds.

Min. temperature 27, Max. temperature 44.

Drift Ice

Considerable ice along the coast. Harbour filling with ice in the afternoon.

S.S. DALMORE

British Steamer, "Dalmore", sailed in the morning with a part cargo of steel products.

#### **APRIL 1940**

# Friday 26

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cool and mostly cloudy with light variable winds.

Min. temperature 27, Max. temperature 40.

#### S.S. CARIBOU

Newfoundland Steamer, "Caribou", Capt. Taverner, arrived at about 3 A.M. from Port-au-Basque, Nfld., with passengers, mails and freight. The Caribou sailed to return at about 3:30 P.M.

### S.S. WATUKA

Steamer, "Watuka", Capt. Hooper, arrived at about 10 A.M. for a cargo of coal.

### S.S. ROSE CASTLE

Steamer, "Rose Castle", Capt. Kenny, arrived shortly after noon from St. John, N.B., for a cargo of coal.

#### Drift Ice

Harbour partly filled with drift ice and a considerable quantity of loose ice along the coast.

## Y.M.C.A. War Services Campaign

At 3:15 P.M., Rev. Donald MacLeod and Rev. George Arnold and I met the ladies of the Women's Institute in the Clinic room in the School building where we addressed the meeting in the interests of the Y.M.C.A. War Services Campaign, which is now in progress throughout the Dominion of Canada.

We were well received and were given to understand that the ladies of the Institute would, during the coming week, canvas the citizens of Louisbourg in order to raise funds for the above object.

### **APRIL 1940**

## Saturday 27

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and cool with light south to southwest winds.

Min. temperature 26, Max. temperature 44.

#### S.S. KYLE

Newfoundland Steamer, "Kyle", arrived in the morning.

#### S.S. WATUKA

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

S.S. CISS

Norwegian Steamer, "Ciss", arrived at about 6 P.M. for bunker coal and docked on the west side of the coal pier. After bunkering, she sailed shortly before midnight.

# Death of Mrs. W.L. Skinner

The death of Mrs. W.L. Skinner took place this afternoon at her home on Milton Street, this town, after a brief illness. Mrs. Skinner, who was 60 years of age, is survived by her husband, three sons and one daughter. The sons are: Donald, Martell and Lyle, at at (sic) present, in Halifax. The daughter, Margaret, who arrived home on last Thursday owing to her mother's illness, is a nurse in the Nova Scotia hospital, Dartmouth, N.S.

She is also survived by four brothers and one sister. The brothers are Alonzo A. Martell, Arthur Martell, Raymond Martell, all of whom have their homes at Louisbourg, and George Martell at Sydney. The sister is Mrs. Hooper of Fourchu, N.S.

#### **APRIL 1940**

### Sunday 28

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and cool with light easterly wind.

Min. temperature 25, Max. temperature 48.

#### Drift Ice

Harbour partly filled with drift and a considerable quantity along the coast.

# S.S. ROSE CASTLE

Steamer, "Rose Castle", Capt. Kenny, sailed in the morning with a cargo of coal (about 10,000 tons) for the St. Lawrence.

### S.S. SIRE

British Steamer, "Sire", arrived in the morning for bunker coal and anchored in the stream. In the afternoon, she docked on the east side of the coal pier.

### S.S. KYLE

Newfoundland Steamer, "Kyle", sailed at about 2:30 P.M. with passengers, mails and freight for Newfoundland.

# **Church Services**

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M., I attended services in the First United Church where Rev. Donald MacLeod, M.A., B.D., was the preacher.

### N.S. Power Commission

To-day (sic) I mailed to A.M. James, Rural Electrician Engineer of the Nova Scotia Power Commission, Halifax, N.S., a plan and key of all the prospective customers for light and power in the Town of Louisbourg and nearby districts. The location of each customer is marked on the plan with a number; the key gives the name of each customer. The plan was sent to me by the Commissionaire. I also mailed 16 contracts which makes a total of 165 which I have sent in since the canvas of the town was begun by D.M. Johnston, on April 6, 1940.

#### **APRIL 1940**

## Monday 29

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and mild with light variable winds, mostly south and southeast.

Min. temperature 24, Max. temperature 51.

#### S.S. SIRE

British Steamer, "Sire", enroute up the St. Lawrence, bunkered and anchored in the stream during the forenoon.

### S.S. WATUKA

Steamer, "Watuka", Capt. Hooper, arrived at about 4 P.M. for a cargo of coal.

### S.S. OCEAN EAGLE

Tug, "Ocean Eagle", Capt. Cox, sailed in the evening enroute to Halifax.

#### Drift Ice

Some drift ice along the coast and the harbour partly full.

### **APRIL 1940**

### **Tuesday 30**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and cool with light to moderate southwest wind.

Min. temperature 27, Max. temperature 52.

#### Drift Ice

Harbour full of ice with the exception of a small space in the southwest end. No ice in sight along the coast off the harbour except a few loose pieces.

#### S.S. WATUKA

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

## Funeral of Mrs. W.L. Skinner

The funeral of the late Mrs. W.L. Skinner took place from her late residence at 1:45 P.M. Services at the house, church and grave were conducted by Rev. George Arnold of St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church. Burial was in Anglican Cemetery on Clarkes Road. The pall bearers were: D.J. Matheson, William Martell, Dan MacNeil, H.H. Taylor, Charles Dickson and M.S. Huntington.

### Ladies Aid Birthday Party

At about 8 P.M., I attended Ladies Aid Birthday social in Calvin hall. Sang solo entitled "The Monarch of Woods" with Mrs. D.A. Morrison as accompanist.

#### **MAY 1940**

## Wednesday 1

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and mild with light to moderate southwest wind.

Min. temperature [blank], Max. temperature 54.

#### Drift Ice

Northeast end of the harbour full of drift ice. Clear water in the southwest end. Some loose ice along the coast.

### S.S. SIRE

British Steamer, "Sire", which anchored in the stream since bunkering on last Monday, sailed enroute to the St. Lawrence at about 6:30 P.M. The Sire is in command of Capt. James Matheson.

#### **MAY 1940**

# Thursday 2

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and mild with light southwest wind.

Min. temperature 28, Max. temperature 50.

#### Concert

At 8 A.M., I attended and presided at a concert held in the Parish hall under the direction of Capt. Brown, President of the Canadian Music Institute Ltd. The concert partly was composed of six members, exclusive of the President. The programme consisted of instrumental and vocal members and appeared to be well received by the audience which was fairly large.

### **MAY 1940**

### Friday 3

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and mild with light southwest wind.

Foggy during the afternoon and evening.

Min. temperature 36, Max. temperature 58.

### Drift Ice

A small quantity of loose drift ice in the northeast end of the harbour.

#### **MAY 1940**

### Saturday 4

Louisbourg, N.S.

Mild and very foggy all day with light to moderate southwest wind.

Rain began to fall at about 5:30 P.M. and continued during the night.

Min. temperature 38, Max. temperature 54.

#### S.S. POLARLAND

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

# Met Public Property Committee

At about 2 P.M., I met with the Public Property Committee of the Town of Louisbourg, consisting of Alex C. MacDonald, chairman, James F.D. Townsend and Alex Smith, in the Town hall where we inspected the Annex on the Southern end of the hall and discussed the matter of removing the upper story, roofing the lower part and using it as a storeroom for town property. At this meeting the Committee authorized me to interview John N. MacDonald (Carpenter), and get an estimate of the material required and the approximate cost of making the proposed change.

#### **MAY 1940**

## Sunday 5

Louisbourg, N.S.

Dense fog all day with light to moderate southwest wind.

Min. temperature 40, Max. temperature 55.

Rainfall of last night about 1 inch.

### S.S. POLARLAND

Norwegian Steamer, "Polarland", sailed in the morning.

#### **Church Services**

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M., I attended services in the First United Church where Rev. Donald MacLeod, M.A., B.D., was the preacher.

#### **MAY 1940**

## Monday 6

Louisbourg, N.S.

Mild with thick fog during the greater part of the day. Light southwest wind shifting to northeast in the evening and increasing cool at night.

Min. temperature 39, Max. temperature 59.

#### S.S. HAMPDEN

United States Steamer, "Hampden", Capt. Brownley, arrived in the forenoon for a cargo of coal and docked on the eastside of the coal pier.

#### **MAY 1940**

### **Tuesday 7**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy with moderate northeast wind in the morning. Wind shifted to south at noon and late to southwest. Fog in the afternoon and evening.

Min. temperature 37, Max. temperature 55.

Rain in the evening which continued during the night.

### S.S. HAMPDEN

United States Steamer, "Hampden", Capt. Brownley, sailed at about 4 P.M. with a cargo of coal (about 7000 tons) for the St. Lawrence.

### S.S. MONTCLAM

Canadian Government Icebreaker, "Montcalm", arrived in the evening and anchored in the southwest end of the harbour.

### **MAY 1940**

## Wednesday 8

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool with heavy rain in the early morning and light showers and mist during the forenoon. Partly clear in the evening. Moderate to fresh northeast to north wind.

Rainfall of last night about 1 inch.

Min. temperature 35, Max. temperature 46.

#### S.S. MONTCALM

Canadian Government Icebreaker, "Montcalm", sailed in the afternoon.

#### **Choir Practice**

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

#### **MAY 1940**

# Thursday 9

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool with fresh northwest wind.

Min. temperature 29, Max. temperature 48.

# New Garage

Work of excavating for the foundation of a new garage and filling station for the Irving Oil Company was begun this morning.

### **MAY 1940**

# Friday 10

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool with fresh northwest wind. Partly clear for a short time in the afternoon. Light snow squalls in the morning.

Min. temperature 28, Max. temperature 52.

Motored To Sydney

Left Louisbourg for Sydney at 8 A.M. on A.W. Cameron's bus (John MacInnis, driver) for the purpose of attending a meeting of the "Air Raids Precaution" Committee, arrived at Sydney at about 8:50 A.M. At 10:30 A.M. attended a meeting of the A.R.P. Committee in the Council chamber in the City hall, Sydney, with Warden R.A. MacKinnon, Presiding. Among those present were; Roy Young, (Secretary), W.R. Tracey, Chief of Police, Sydney, Major Smythe, Eastern Light and Power Company, W.H. Cuzner, Sydney Mines, Councillor MacMillan, North Sydney, Fred Mosher, Glace Bay, Gordon Nicholson, Dominion, Victor Bert, Reserve Mines, M.S. Huntington, Louisbourg, Inspector Evans, R.C.M.P. Sydney. At this meeting it was decided to hold a "Blackout" on some night next week.

Had lunch at "Palace Grill" at about 1 P.M. Returned at Louisbourg on Cameron's bus arriving at 5:40 P.M.

# Marriage

The marriage of Alex A. Smith to Miss Mary MacDonald, both of this town, took place this evening at the home of the bride. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Joseph Cathcart. Mr. and Mrs. Smith will make their home at Louisbourg.

# Germans Invade Belgium and Holland

Press and Radio announced that a large German force had invaded Belgium and Holland at an early hour this morning. Both Belgium and Holland are now at war with Germany and British and French Troops are rushing to their assistance.

#### **MAY 1940**

## Saturday 11

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and cool with light northwest wind which shifted to southwest early in the day, increasing to a moderate breeze.

Min. temperature 27, Max. temperature 52.

#### **MAY 1940**

### Sunday 12

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool with light to moderate easterly wind increasing during the night.

Min. temperature 28, Max. temperature 53.

### **Church Services**

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M., I attended services in the First United Church where Rev. Donald MacLeod, M.A., B.D., was the preacher.

### S.S. F.Q. BARSTOW

United States Oil Tank Steamer, "F.Q. Barstow", of about 5,700 tons register enroute from Montreal, arrived here at about 4 A.M. for the purpose of landing one of the crew, who was ill, for medical treatment.

The man was landed and taken to the local Marine hospital. After, the ship proceeded on her voyage.

### **MAY 1940**

# Monday 13

Louisbourg, N.S.

Heavy rain in the early morning which continued until about noon. Thick fog all day. Rainfall of last night and to-day (sic) at least 1 ½ inches.

Min. temperature 36, Max. temperature 48.

# Motored To Sydney

Left home at about 7:30 A.M. and motored to Sydney with Rev. Donald MacLeod, M.A., B.D., of the First United Church, Louisbourg. Other occupants of the car were; Mrs. J.A. MacDonald, Mrs. William Phalen, Mrs. D.J. MacIntyre and Vernon MacIntyre. At Sydney, Mr. MacLeod, Mrs. J.A. MacDonald and I took part in the daily devotional Services which is broadcast from Station C.J.C.B. at 9 A.M. Mr. MacLeod read the lesson, offered prayer and delivered the address. I sang two solos as follows: "Consolation", no 63 in "New Songs For Service" by Rodeheaver and "God Understands" no. 5 in "Rodeheaver Gospel Songs and Duets" Number 3. Returned home on Cameron's Bus at about 10:30 A.M.

# Trimmers And Shippers To Sydney

Louisbourg men, who work at Sydney shipping piers during the Spring, Summer and Autumn months, went to Sydney this morning to enter on their duties.

# **MAY 1940**

### **Tuesday 14**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cool and partly clear with moderate to fresh southwest wind.

### Motored To Sydney

Left home at 6:30 P.M. in Cameron's bus, (John McInnis, driver), and went to Sydney where at 7:30 P.M. I attended a meeting of the associated Board of Trade of the Island of Cape Breton, which was held in the Telephone building on Pitt Street, with Reg. MacNeil of North Sydney presiding. The most important item of business was the matter of the extension of the Canadian Air-Ways service to the Island of Cape Breton.

Immediately following the Board of Trade meeting, a meeting of the Cape Breton Tourist Association was held in the same room with President D.J. Bonnell in the chair.

Among those present at both meetings were Johnston Chew, Mr. Myers and Mr. Cameron, Glace Bay, W. Cuzner and Mr. Haley, Sydney Mines, Reg. MacNeil and Mr. Calguham, North Sydney, J.E. MacCurdy and D.J. Bonnell, Sydney, M.S. Huntington, Louisbourg, N.M. Brown, Sydney.

# Motored To Louisbourg

Left Sydney at about 11:30 P.M. for home arriving at about 12:30.

### E.J. Ryno Transferred To Inverness

Mr. E.J. Ryno, who has been Manager of the Louisbourg branch of the Royal Bank of Canada since August 1937, left here this evening, by bus, to take charge of the Inverness branch while he is to go on duty in a day or two. At Louisbourg, he is succeeded by William Stewart, whose home was formerly at Baddeck, N.S.

#### **MAY 1940**

## Wednesday 15

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and cool with moderate to fresh northwest wind.

Min. temperature [blank], Max. temperature [blank].

# Choir practice

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

#### **MAY 1940**

## **Thursday 16**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with light winds.

Min. temperature 30, Max. temperature 60.

## Meeting of Board of Trade

At 8 P.M., I attended a meeting of the Louisbourg Board of Trade in the Town office. The following persons present: James H. Crowdis, (President), George Lewis, (Secretary), D.M. Johnston, Alistar MacDonald, Dr. H.J. Townsend, Bert Wilcox and M.S. Huntington.

# Lobster Fishing Season Opens

The Lobster Fishing Season opened here this morning.

### Dominion Parliament Opened Today

Dominion Parliament, under the premiership of the Hon. William L. MacKenzie King, opened at Ottawa today.

## **MAY 1940**

# Friday 17

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool with considerable fog and light northwest wind.

Min. temperature 41, Max. temperature 58.

# Maid Leaves For Home

Miss Hazel Tutty, who has been here with us since the evening of March 11, last, as assistant to our maid, Katie Kennedy, left today owing to her mother, Mrs. David Tutty, requiring her Services at home. To-day (sic) we engaged Miss Cleophas Kennedy of Little Lorraine, a sister to

Miss Katie Kennedy, to take the place vacated by Miss Tutty. Miss Kennedy entered on her duties to-day (sic).

### **MAY 1940**

# Saturday 18

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and foggy with frequent showers and light southwest wind.

Min. temperature 40, Max. temperature 50.

#### **MAY 1940**

# Sunday 19

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool with fresh northwest wind.

Min. temperature 38, Max. temperature 56.

## **Church Services**

Rev. Donald MacLeod, of the First United Church, Louisbourg, and Rev. G.D. MacLeod, of Chalmers United Church, Dominion, exchanged pulpits at the evening service. There was also an exchange of chairs in the evening. The Louisbourg choir, twenty three in number, left here in motor cars at about 5 P.M. and led the service of praise at the evening service in Chalmers Church which began at 7:15 P.M. while the Dominion choir, consisting of about the same number occupied the choir, left in the First United Church, Louisbourg.

The following members of the Louisbourg choir were present and took part in the service at Dominion:

John A. MacDonald, (Leader), Mrs. John A. MacDonald, (organist), Mrs. William Phalen, Mrs. Edward MacDonald, Mrs. D.J. MacIntyre, Mrs. Arthur Townsend, Mrs. Dan J. MacLeod, Mrs. L.H. Cann, Miss Haroldine Beaver, Miss Christine MacDonald, Miss Mora Martell, Miss Margaret Martell, Miss Alma Nicholson, Miss Maud Smith, Miss Blanche Cross, Miss Edith MacInnis, Miss Elsie Bagnall, Daniel Nicholson, A.W. Stacey, John H. Skinner, Edison Skinner, Ernest Skinner and M.S. Huntington.

After the service at Dominion, on the invitation of Mrs. G.D. MacLeod, we visited Chalmers Manse where we were heartily received and served with a light lunch. At 9:15 P.M., I left for home with A.W. Stacey in a car driven by George Stacey; Maud Smith came with us as far as Sydney. We arrived home at 10:35 P.M.

The rest of the choir, after leaving the manse, visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony MacDonald at Glace Bay where remained for upwards of an hour before leaving for home. At 11 A.M., I attended service in the First United Church, Louisbourg, where Rev. Donald MacLeod, M.A., B.D., was the preacher.

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# **MAY 1940**

### Monday 20

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and cool with strong north to northeast winds.

Very chilly.

Min. temperature 32, Max. temperature 48.

### S.S. MARISA THORDEN

Finnish Steamer, "Marisa Thorden", arrived at about 8 P.M. for bunker coal and docked on the east side of the coal pier.

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At the close of the evening service in the First United Church, Louisbourg, the choir of Chalmers United Church of Dominion were invited to the home of A.W. Stacey, where a light lunch was served to them by Mrs. Stacey.

### **BIG FIRE AT GLACE BAY**

At about 4 P.M. to-day (sic), (May 19), the machine shop of the Dominion Coal Company Ltd., at Glace Bay, was totally destroyed by fire. The loss, including building and contents, is estimated at \$200,000.

#### **MAY 1940**

# **Tuesday 21**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and cool with moderate northeast wind in the early part of the day. Wind shifted to southwest at about noon. Cloudy during the afternoon and evening. Light showers in the early part of the night.

Min. temperature [blank], Max. temperature about 55.

### S.S. MARISA THORDEN

Finnish Steamer, "Marisa Thorden", after bunkering, sailed at about 8 P.M.

#### **MAY 1940**

### Wednesday 22

Louisbourg, N.S.

Light rain in the early morning. Cloudy during the day.

Light variable wind mostly southwest.

Min. temperature 35, Max. temperature 55.

Rainfall of last night about ¼ inch.

### Planted Dahlias

Planted 15 dahlia bulbs in the garden this afternoon. First this season.

# **Choir Practice**

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

#### **MAY 1940**

# **Thursday 23**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and cool with light east to southeast wind.

Min. temperature 31, Max, temperature 57.

## **Red Cross Meeting**

At about 2:30 P.M., I attended a meeting of the local branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society, in the Town hall, where Mr. [blank] Brown, Red Cross Canadian Commissioner, addressed the meeting.

Those present were as follows:

Mrs. Arthur M. Townsend, (President), Mrs. George Lewis, Mrs. L.H. Cann, Mrs. Wilfred Covey, Mrs. Harold MacQueen, Mrs. Walter E. Jewell Jr., Mrs. D.M. Johnston, Mrs. Charles Dickson, Mrs. Fred Cannington, Mrs. Hugh Lynk, Mrs. H.J. Townsend, Rev. Donald MacLeod, Rev. George Arnold and M.S. Huntington.

#### A.R.P. Blackout

At 9:30 P.M., an Air Raid Precautions "Blackout" was held in the various towns of the County of Cape Breton and the City of Sydney. At Louisbourg, it appeared to be very successful.

#### **MAY 1940**

## Friday 24

Louisbourg, N.S.

Mild and partly clear with light variable wind mostly southeast to southwest. Mist and fog at night.

Min. temperature [blank], Max. temperature 61.

#### S.S. NASCOPIE

Steamer, "Nascopie", arrived at about 1 A.M.

## S.S. TORNY

Norwegian Steamer, "Torny", arrived at about 7:15 P.M. for bunker coal.

#### Marriage

The marriage of Miss Bessie Troke of this town, to Peter Campbell of Glace Bay, took place at the United Church Manse this forenoon. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Donald MacLeod, M.A., B.D., pastor of the First United Church.

#### **MAY 1940**

## Saturday 25

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy, cool and foggy with light southerly wind.

Min. temperature 39, Max. temperature 54.

#### S.S. TORNY

Norwegian Steamer, "Torny", finished bunkering in the morning and sailed at about 10:30 A.M.

### S.S. SUREWATER

Lake Steamer, "Surewater", arrived in the morning for a cargo of coal and docked on the east side of the Freight wharf awaiting orders to load.

#### **FIRE**

At about 10:15 A.M., I, with other members of the fire Brigade, responded to an alarm for a fire with (sic) totally destroyed a dwelling on Main Street owned by Dan MacLean. The fire had gained great headway before being discovered, with the result that when the firemen arrived nothing could be done to save the building. The building was unoccupied at the time of the fire. Mrs. MacLean and family, having removed to their former home at Big Lorraine, about two weeks, where they intend to remain during the fishing season. The fire was undoubtedly of incendiary origin. Estimated value of building \$600.00. Value of contents \$150.00. Loss of contents \$75.00. No insurance on building or contents. No clue to the person or persons responsible for starting the fire.

#### **MAY 1940**

# Sunday 26

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy, foggy and mild with light southwest wind.

Min. temperature 38, Max. temperature 57.

### S.S. KARLANDER

Norwegian Steamer, "Karlander", arrived in the morning for bunker coal and docked on the west side of the coal pier.

## S.S. CILTVAIRA

Latvian Steamer, "Ciltvaira", arrived at about noon for bunker coal and 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 where Rev. Donald MacLeod, M.A., B.D., was the preacher.

### **MAY 1940**

## Monday 27

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and foggy in the early part of the day. Warm and mostly clear during the afternoon. First Summerlike day this season. Light variable wind.

Min. temperature [blank], Max. temperature 71.

#### S.S. KARLANDER

Norwegian Steamer, "Karlander", bunkered and sailed in the morning.

#### S.S. CILTVAIRA

Latvian Steamer, "Ciltvaira", bunkered and sailed at 1 P.M.

### S.S. SUREWATER

Lake Steamer, "Surewater", docked on the east side of the coal pier and began loading a cargo of coal.

#### **MAY 1940**

# **Tuesday 28**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool with light variable wind.

Min. temperature 38, Max. temperature 57.

#### S.S. SUREWATER

Lake Steamer, "Surewater", sailed at about 7:30 A.M. with a cargo of about 2600 tons of coal.

# Meeting of Board of Trade

At 8 P.M., I attended a special meeting of the Louisbourg Board of Trade in the town office with President J.H. Crowdis in the chair. Those present were as follows:

J.H. Crowdis, (President), George Lewis, (Secretary), Rev. George Arnold, Harold MacQueen, Rev. D.H. Doyle, John Poole, Dr. H.J. Townsend, Hugh Lynk, Neil Murphy, D.M. Johnston, Alistar MacDonald and M.S. Huntington.

The most important item of business before the meeting was the elections of officers which resulted as follows:

President; Dr. H.J. Townsend, Secretary; Alistar MacDonald, Treasurer; Harold MacQueen, Vice-President; Hugh Lynk.

Dr. Townsend positively refused to accept the office of president. Further attempts to select a president ended in a deadlock so it was decided to carry that item of business over until the next meeting of the Board.

# **Belgian Army Surrenders**

Radio and press announced to-day (sic) that King Leopold III, of Belgium, had ordered his troops to lay down their arms and cease fighting the German invaders.

### Planted Gladioli Bulbs

In the afternoon, I planted 45 gladioli bulbs in the garden. First for this season.

#### **MAY 1940**

### Wednesday 29

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and cool with light to moderate north to northeast winds.

Min. temperature 32, Max. temperature 59.

#### **Choir Practice**

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

## **MAY 1940**

# Thursday 30

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and cool with light to moderate northeast wind.

Min. temperature 34, Max. temperature 58.

## **Tourist Association Banquet**

Left Louisbourg at about 5:30 P.M. in William Lewis' motor car with William Lewis and James Crowdis. Arrived at Sydney at about 6:15 P.M. where we attended a banquet in the Isle Royal hotel held under the Auspices of the Cape Breton Tourist Association. The guest speakers were Hon. A.S. MacMillan, Minister of Highways for the Province of Nova Scotia and D. Leo Dolan, Canada Travel Bureau Director, Ottawa. Others who spoke briefly were D.J. Bonnell chairman, Leo B. Slaven, Mayor of Sydney, John Young, H.J. Kelly and Reg MacNeil. There were about 125 persons present. After the banquet, which closed at 10 P.M., we motored home arriving at 11:15 P.M.

#### Planted Gladioli Bulbs

In the afternoon, I planted 123 Gladioli bulbs in the front garden. This makes a total 168 I have planted to date.

#### **MAY 1940**

# Friday 31

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and warm with light southwest to west winds.

Min. temperature 34, Max. temperature 76.

# The Misses Wilcox and Bowman Arrive

Miss Mavis Wilcox and Miss Betty Bowman have arrived at Louisbourg from Vancouver B.C. for the purpose of sailing from here to Vancouver via the Panama Canal, on board the 11 ton sail boat "Thunderbird" commanded by Jack Sharke of the Yukon. Miss Wilcox arrived on yesterday morning and Miss Bowman this evening.

#### **JUNE 1940**

# Saturday 1

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool with light southwest wind. Foggy in the later afternoon. Light showers and mist at night.

Min. temperature 44, Max. temperature 62.

# Council Meeting

At 7:30 P.M., I attended and presided at a meeting of the Town Council. Those present were: Councillors Alex C. MacDonald, Alex Smith and James F.D. Townsend, Clerk; B.M. Spencer, Assistant Clerk; Dan Nicholson, Chief of Police; D.M. Johnston.

## **JUNE 1940**

# Sunday 2

Louisbourg, N.S.

Partly clear with light to moderate north to northeast wind. Warm for a while in the forenoon. Light rain in the early morning. Rainfall about 1/8 inch. Min. temperature 45, Max. temperature 72.

# **Church Services**

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M., I attended services in the First United Church where Rev. Donald MacLeod, M.A., B.D., was the preacher.

#### Death of Mrs. Frank Dickson

The death of Mrs. Frank Dickson, aged 92, a native of Mainadieu and a former resident of Louisbourg, took place at her home at Glace Bay, at an early hour this morning. Mrs. Dickson lived at Louisbourg for many years before removing to Glace Bay, upwards of twenty years ago. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. George MacDonald of Hollister, Massachusetts, and Miss Emma Dickson with whom she lived.

#### **JUNE 1940**

# Monday 3

Louisbourg, N.S.

Mostly cloudy and moderately cool with light to moderate southwest wind. Foggy in the late afternoon and evening.

Min. temperature 39, Max. temperature 61.

#### Planted Gladioli Bulbs

Planted 17 Gladioli bulbs in the front garden in the afternoon. This makes a total of 185 bulbs which is all I intend to plant this season.

#### **JUNE 1940**

## Tuesday 4

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately cool with fresh north to northeast winds.

Min. temperature about 38, Max. temperature about 60.

Funeral of Mrs. Frank Dickson

At 3:15 P.M., I attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Frank Dickson. The remains were brought to Louisbourg by hearse from her late home at Glace Bay, arriving here at about 3:15 P.M. The funeral service was held in the Anglican Church and was conducted jointly by Rev. George Arnold, of Louisbourg, and Rev. Mr. Crewe, Rector of St. Mary's Anglican Church, Glace Bay. Interment took place in the Anglican Cemetery on Clarkes Road where the service at the grave was conducted by Rev. Mr. Crewe.

## **JUNE 1940**

# Wednesday 5

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with light southwest wind.

Min. Temperature [blank], Max. Temperature [blank].

# **Choir Practice**

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

## Death of Daniel N. Kerr

The death occurred this morning at the City Hospital, Sydney, of Daniel N. Kerr, a former resident of Louisbourg. Mr. Kerr who was about 56 years of age, was, for many years and up to the time of his death, an employee of the Sydney and Louisbourg Railway.

# **Dropped Moorings**

This afternoon a small naval vessel with a scow in tow arrived and immediately after, dropped two mooring buoys in the northeast end of the harbour. These buoys are said to be for the use of Seaplanes.

#### **JUNE 1940**

## Thursday 6

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool with light to moderate easterly wind.

Heavy thunder and lightning storm accompanied by a very heavy downpour of rain in the evening and early part of the night.

Min. temperature 38, Max. temperature 60.

#### **JUNE 1940**

#### Friday 7

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool during the entire day with fresh easterly wind. Heavy rain, thunder and lightning in the early hours of the morning. Ceased raining at about 7 A.M. Rainfall of yesterday evening and last night was slightly more than 2 inches. This being the heaviest rainfall for many months.

Min. temperature [blank], Max. temperature [blank].

#### S.S. LISBETH

Norwegian Steamer, "Lisbeth", Capt. Berge, which has been anchored in the northeast end of the harbour, since her arrival here on April 20 last, docked on the east side of the coal pier and began taking on board bunker coal. This steamer has been detained here since her arrival owing to war conditions.

# N.S. Nurses Association Visits Louisbourg

At about 9:30 A.M., I motored to the Louisbourg National and Historic Park, where I met about 60 delegates of the Nova Scotia Registered Nurses Association who are, at present, holding its annual convention at Glace Bay.

The delegates arrived at the park at about 10 A.M. where I showed their points of interest. On returning from the park, I had lunch with the delegates at the "Dundonald Inn" after which I gave a brief talk on Louisbourg and its early history. The party left to return to Glace Bay by motor car at about 1:15 P.M.

# **JUNE 1940**

# Saturday 8

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool with light to moderate easterly wind.

Min. temperature 43, Max. temperature [blank].

# Motored To Sydney

Left Louisbourg for Sydney on Cameron's bus, (John MacInnis, Driver) at 8 A.M. Arrived at about 8:45. Attended meeting of Finance Committee of the Municipality of the County of Cape Breton, at about 11 A.M. in the warden's office in the County building.

At this meeting, presided over by Councillor Alex Ferguson, of Mira Gut. I presented the case for the Town of Louisbourg in the matter of the expense incurred in surveying the boundaries between the Town of Louisbourg and the Municipality of the County of Cape Breton in December 1938 and January 1939. I motored home in Cameron's bus, arriving at about 5:30 P.M.

#### S.S. LISBETH

Norwegian Steamer, "Lisbeth", Capt. Berge, which has been here since April 20, 1940, finished bunkering and sailed in the morning.

#### Funeral of D.N. Kerr

The funeral of the late Daniel N. Kerr took place this afternoon. Services at St. Andrews Church, Sydney, was conducted by Rev. L.B. Campbell in the absence of the St. Andrew's pastor. After the service, the funeral cortege proceeded to Louisbourg where interment took place in "Willow Grove" Cemetery on Clarkes Road.

A special S. & L. Railway train arrived from Glace Bay and vicinity bringing friends and acquaintances of the deceased.

## Sunday 9

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear in the forenoon and rather cool. Became cloudy in the afternoon with showers in the late afternoon and evening.

Min. temperature 39, Max. temperature 63.

#### **Church Services**

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M., I attended services in the First United Church where Rev. Donald MacLeod, M.A., B.D., was the preacher.

#### **JUNE 1940**

# Monday 10

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with light to moderate northeast wind. An ideal day. Min. temperature 42, Max. temperature 66.

# Hon. Norman Rodgers

Hon. Norman Rodgers, Minister of Defense in the Canadian Government, was instantly killed at about noon to-day (sic) when a plane in which he was flying from Ottawa to Toronto crashed to the ground about forty miles from his destination.

His three companions'; Flying Officer, John J. Cotter of Halifax, N.S., Aircraftsman, Oscar D. Brownfield, Big River, Saskatchewan and Aircraftsman, James E. Nesbitt, Saskatoon, also lost their lives in the accident.

Mr. Rogers, a native of Amherst, N.S., was about 46 years of age.

# Italy Enters World War

Premier Benito Mussolini of Italy, declared war on England and France to-day (sic) in support of Germany.

#### Canada At War

By a resolution passed, unanimously, by the House of Commons and the Senate at Ottawa this afternoon, it was announced by the Premier, Hon. W.L. MacKenzie King that a State of War now existed between Canada and Italy.

#### New Lieut.-Governor

Frederick Francis Mathers, K.C. of Halifax, N.S., was to-day (sic), sworn in as Lieut.-Governor of the Province of Nova Scotia. The oath was administered by Chief Justice, Sir Joseph Chisholm. The new Lieut.-Governor is the 19<sup>th</sup> since Confederation, 1867, and Succeeds the Hon. Robert Irwin, who retired a short time ago owing to ill health.

## **Tuesday 11**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with light variable wind, mostly southwest. A perfect day. Min. temperature 37, Max. temperature 67.

#### **JUNE 1940**

# Wednesday 12

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy in the morning but clearing early in the day and remaining clear until shortly after noon when the sky again became cloudy. Light variable wind during the greater part of the day. Warm in the forenoon.

Min. temperature 43, Max. temperature 75.

# Masonic Delegates Visit Louisbourg

In the afternoon, delegates, to the number of about 120 who are at present attending a meeting of the Grand Lodge at Glace Bay, visited the Louisbourg National and Historic Park. Before returning, they were guests of Marines Lodge of Louisbourg when a lobster supper in the Masonic hall was served to the visitors.

## **JUNE 1940**

## Thursday 13

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool. Heavy rain beginning at about noon and continuing all the afternoon and evening. Thunder and lightning for a short time at about 7 P.M.

Rainfall about 1 1/4 inches.

Min. temperature 42, Max. temperature 51.

# **FIRE**

Responded to a fire alarm, which sounded at 1:30 A.M., for a fire at the home of Mrs. David Tutty, Havenside Street. The fire, which was undoubtedly of incendiary anger, started outside at the back of the house in a corner where a porch joins the main building, where the back entrance is located. When discovered, by James Burke, it had burned the shingles off exposing the boarding for a height of several feet and had reached as high as an upstairs window, scorching the sill. James Burke, living nearby, was the first person to discover the blaze and turned in an alarm. Amount of damage to building about \$20.00. No insurance.

# S.S. LEONIDAS

Greek Steamer, "Leonidas", arrived for orders, at about 9:30 A.M. and docked on the east side of the coal pier.

## Friday 14

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with fresh northwest wind.

Min. Temperature [blank], Max. Temperature [blank].

#### S.S. LIONIDAS

Greek Steamer, "Lionidas", which arrived here yesterday forenoon [blank].

#### **JUNE 1940**

# Saturday 15

Louisbourg, N.S.

Mostly clear in the forenoon. Cloudy and threatening during the afternoon with a few light showers at night. Fresh to strong southwest wind during the greater part of the day. Min. temperature 47, Max. temperature 60.

#### S.S. SELFOSS

Icelandic Steamer, "Selfoss", arrived, bunkered and sailed.

## Thunderbird Sails

Auxiliary Shooner (sic) Yacht, "Thunderbird", 43 feet long and of 11 tons register owned and commanded by Jack Shark, said to be a Yukon gold miner with crew consisting of Miss Mavis Wilcox of Vancouver, B.C. and Miss Betty Lowman of Anacortes, Washington, U.S.A., sailed early this morning enroute to Vancouver via the Panama Canal. After spending the day at sea, off Louisbourg, where they met unfavorable weather, they returned to port in the evening. Will likely set out again at the first favorable opportunity.

# **JUNE 1940**

## **Sunday 16**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with fresh north-west wind which moderated and shifted to northeast in the later afternoon.

Min. temperature 40, Max. temperature 66.

#### **JUNE 1940**

# Monday 17

Louisbourg, N.S.

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

Min. temperature 40, Max. temperature 68.

## **Tuesday 18**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Partly clear and moderately cool with strong southwest wind.

Min. temperature 46, Max. temperature 60.

# Meeting of C.B. County Joint Expenditure Board

Left Louisbourg at 8 A.M. on Cameron's bus, (John MacInnis, driver), enroute to Sydney for the purpose of attending a meeting of the Cape Breton County Joint Expenditure Board which was scheduled for 10 A.M. at the Cape Breton Hospital. Motored from Sydney to the hospital with Alderman John MacLean. At the hospital, we were joined by the other members of the board and, while there, carried out an inspection of the new hospital Annex which is now about completed. Inspections ended at noon when I returned to the city with Alderman MacLean. At 12:30 P.M., Councillor William Cunliff, of Sydney Mines, Counciller L.Y. Urguhart of North Sydney and I were guests of Mayor A.C. MacCormick, Sydney Mines, to lunch at the Isle Royale Hotel.

At 2 P.M., the board assembled for the afternoon meeting in the County Council chamber with Warden Rod MacKinnon presiding. At this meeting, the new Annex, by a motion of the board, was taken over from the Contractors, Chappell Bros. Ltd. The total cost of constructing the building and furnishing it is about \$264,000.

Those present at to-day's (sic) meeting in the afternoon were as follows:

Municipality of Cape Breton County; Warden Rod MacKinnon, Councillors; Frank Lewis and Alex Ferguson, City of Sydney; Mayor G.B. Slaven, Alderman; MacLean, MacIsaac, Gallagher, MacLellan. Glace Bay; Councillors; Cudahea, Michael Morrison, J.J. MacLean. North Sydney; Mayor F.L. Kelly, Councillor; L.Y. Urguhart. Sydney Mines; Mayor A.C. MacCormick. New Waterford; Mayor William Hinchey. Louisbourg; Mayor M.S. Huntington, Clerk of Board; James MacNeil, Treasurer; A.C. Day, Solicitor; Dan Finlayson. Stenographer; Miss MacKenzie.

## **JUNE 1940**

## Wednesday 19

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool with fresh southwest wind which moderated at noon. Rain during the evening and night.

Min. temperature about 45, Max. temperature about 57.

# Marriage

The marriage of Kenneth Smith of Birch Grove, C.B., to Miss Jeanette MacLeod, R.N., of Louisbourg, took place at 2:30 P.M. to-day (sic). The ceremony was performed at the First United Church manse, Louisbourg, by Rev. Donald MacLeod, M.A., B.D., brother of the bride. Miss MacLeod, formerly of Broughton, G.B., has been a resident of Louisbourg since her brother took over the pastorate of the First United Church nearly a year ago. Mr. and Mrs. Smith will reside at Birch Grove.

### New Governor-General Arrives

The new Canadian Governor-General, the Earl of Althlone, and his wife, her Royal Highness Princess Alice, arrived at Halifax, N.S., to-day (sic). They left shortly after their arrival by special train, for Ottawa, where the Earl will be sworn into office on next Friday.

# Death of William Kelly

The death of William Kelly of West Louisbourg took place in St. Joseph's Hospital to-day (sic) after being ill for several months. Mr. Kelly, who was about 45 years of age, was, for about two years, a resident of the Town of Louisbourg where he had his home on Lorway Street.

# Choir practice

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

#### **JUNE 1940**

# Thursday 20

Louisbourg, N.S.

Heavy rain of last night continued all day during the evening with frequent showers during the night.

Fresh to moderate southwest wind. Foggy all day.

Min. temperature 49, Max. temperature 55.

#### **FIRE**

At 1:15 A.M., I responded to an alarm of fire for a blaze in a barn adjoining the two story shop occupied by Peter Bros., (Clarance and Robert), on Main Street. The fire had gained considerable headway before the firemen could reach the scene. The barn, shed and shop were totally destroyed. A barber shop owned and occupied by Fred Burke, which was near the Peter's buildings, was slightly damaged. While unable to save the burning buildings, firemen were able to keep the flames from spreading to other buildings near at hand. The fire, which was discovered by Mrs. A.W. Cameron who sent in the alarm, was undoubtedly of incendiary origin.

#### **JUNE 1940**

## Friday 21

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy with frequent showers during the day and late into the night with some fog. Light variable wind mostly southwest.

Min. temperature 48, Max. temperature 56.

#### S.S. PHILIP T. DODGE

Steamer, "Philip T. Dodge", arrived at about 9:30 A.M. for bunker coal and docked on the east side of the coal pier.

Earl Of Athlone Sworn In At Ottawa

Alexander Augustus Frederick George, Earl of Athlone, was sworn in at Ottawa, to-day (sic), as Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada.

LATER; September 1940, according to the "Canada Gazette", no. 25, Extra, vol. LXXIV, Ottawa, Friday, Sept. 13, 1940, the titles of the new Governor-General are as follows: Earl of Athlone, Knight of the Most Noble of the Garter, Member of the Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Grand Master of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order, Companion of the Distinguished Service Order, Colonel in the Army (retired), having the honorary rank of Major General, Aide-de-Camp to the King, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Dominion of Canada.

## **JUNE 1940**

# Saturday 22

Louisbourg, N.S.

Rained heavily from early morning until about 4:30 P.M. Fresh to strong northeast wind shifting to east, southeast and south. Wind moderated to light in the early part of the night. Rainfall, which began at noon on last Wednesday, 5 inches. Heaviest rain storm for several years. Min. temperature 42, Max. temperature 53.

# S.S. PHILIP T. DODGE

Steamer, "Philip T. Dodge", finished bunkering in the early morning and sailed immediately.

## S.S. FERNFIELD

Steamer, "Fernfield", arrived in the afternoon from Halifax for bunker coal.

#### **JUNE 1940**

# Sunday 23

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and cool with light southwest wind.

Min. temperature about 43, Max. temperature about 63.

## **Church Services**

At 11 A.M., 3 P.M. and 7 P.M., I attended services in the First United Church. At 11 A.M. Rev Donald MacLeod, M.A., B.D., regular pastor, was the preacher. At 3 P.M. Rev. D.M. Sinclair of Trinity United Church, Sydney. This was the regular annual parade service of Mariner's Lodge A.F. & A.M. At 7 P.M. Rev. Ian MacKay of Port Morien United Church was the preacher, he having exchanged pulpits with Mr. MacLeod, of Louisbourg. At afternoon service I sang a solo entitled, "God Knows", number 144 in [blank]. The following members of the Masonic Order were present at the 3 P.M. service: Clarence Peters, A.A. Martell, A.W. Stacey, J.H. Skinner, George Lewis, John Poole, Martin Levatte, J.H. Crowdis, W.L. Skinner, Edward Levy, Charles Stacey, D.J. Matheson, Bert Wilcox, Llloyd (sic) Harris, D.J. MacInnis, Ernest Matheson, Dr. James Lowley, (Glace Bay), John Tutty, Arthur Townsend, Guy Hiltz Jr., William MacInnis, L.H. Cann.

# Visitors From Salmon River and Sydney

Shortly after 10 A.M., Heber and Maria, my brother and sister, arrived by motor Truck from their home at Salmon River and Mr. & Mrs. Hedley Hopkins and baby, from Sydney, who came on Cameron's bus. The two parties spent the day with us leaving on the return trip at about 6:30 P.M.

### "Blackout"

At 10:15 P.M. the power house whistle sounded the usual seven short blasts for a "Blackout" which lasted for about 25 minutes. This practice Blackout was general throughout the towns of Cape Breton and the City of Sydney.

#### **JUNE 1940**

# Monday 24

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and cool during the forenoon becoming cloudy and threatening at about 11 A.M. Showery during the afternoon and evening. Moderate to fresh easterly wind.

Min. temperature 41, Max. temperature 63.

# S.S. REGENT

Latvian Steamer, "Regent", arrived in the morning. After bunkering, she sailed at about 5 P.M.

#### S.S. FERNFIELD

Steamer, "Fernfield", bunkered and sailed in the early part of the day.

#### Thunderbird Sails

Auxiliary Schooner Yacht, "Thunderbird", in command of Jack Shark, with crew members; Miss Mavis Wilcox of Vancouver, B.C. and Miss Betty Lowman of Anacortes, Washington, U.S.A., sailed at about 2 P.M. enroute to Vancouver via the Panama Canal.

The Thunderbird is 11 tons register and 43 feet in length, was built at Louisbourg by Daniel Fleet for Fletcher Townsend, of Louisbourg. Townsend sold the boat to Shark in 1938. Shark came here from the Yukon late in the Autumn of 1939 with the intention of setting out on his voyage immediately on his arrival, but owing to an illness that sent him to a hospital at Sydney which delayed his sailing, he remained here all winter.

Miss Wilcox and Miss Lowman arrived here from Vancouver on May 30 and 31 respectively where they joined Shark.

#### **JUNE 1940**

# **Tuesday 25**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and cool with moderate northerly wind

Min. temperature 44, Max. temperature 67.

# Wednesday 26

Louisbourg, N.S.

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

Cloudy in the late afternoon and evening.

Min. temperature 42, Max. temperature 68.

#### **Choir Practice**

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

## Hospital Annex Dedicated

The Cape Breton Hospital Annex, which has been in course of construction for the last seven or eight months, was formally opened to-day (sic) for occupation where members of the Cape Breton Joint Expenditure Board and Hospital Commission met there in the afternoon. Opened the door of the main entrance and placed the key in the hands of the keeper and Matron, Mr. and Mrs. Day. After the ceremony, which was in charge of Warden R.A. MacKinnon, those present had lunch in the institution. I was unavoidably absent.

#### **JUNE 1940**

# Thursday 27

Louisbourg, N.S.

Rain in the early morning. Cloudy foggy and showery throughout the day.

Min. temperature 48, Max. temperature 63.

## **JUNE 1940**

## Friday 28

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and cool with moderate southwest wind.

Foggy off the coast.

Min. temperature 49, Max. temperature 67.

## **Provincial Examinations**

The Provincial School Examinations, which began here on last Monday, finished to-day (sic). The examinations were held under the direction of Deputy Examiner, Roy Sheppard, of this town

The following were the candidates:

Grade 12; Harvey Lewis,

Grade 11; Arthur Covey, Charles Dickson, Betty Tucker, Marie Kennedy (West Louisbourg), Henry Power (West Louisbourg) Mary MacLean (Catalone), Mable Ferguson (Mira Gut).

### Tax Sale

At 1:30 P.M. I attended a tax sale in the Town office where eight properties were offered for sale by the Town Clerk, B.M. Spencer.

#### **JUNE 1940**

# Saturday 29

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy, foggy and cool with a few light showers during the day. Rain at night. Light southwest wind

Min. temperature 47, Max. temperature 59.

### **JUNE 1940**

# Sunday 30

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy, foggy and cool with light to moderate southwest wind.

Min. temperature 49, Max. temperature 62.

# **Anniversary Services**

At 11 A.M., 3 P.M. and 7 P.M., I attended the Anniversary Services of the First United Church. At 11 A.M. Rev. John A. MacDonald of Knox United Church, Glace Bay, was the preacher, he having exchanged pulpits with Rev. Donald MacLeod of the First United Church, Louisbourg. At 3 P.M. the Service was in charge of Rev. Donald MacLeod while Rev. Neil Maclean of the United Baptist Church, Sydney, preached the Sermon. At 7 P.M. Rev. Donald MacLeod had charge of the Service and delivered the address. There was special music by the choir Mrs. Ben Ferguson of St. Paul's Choir, Glace Bay, sang solos at 11 A.M. service and at 7 P.M. Mr. Connell of Knox United Choir, Glace Bay, sang a solo at the 3 P.M. service. Rev. Neil MacLean and his son, had supper with us before leaving for home.

#### **JULY 1940**

## Monday 1

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and foggy in the morning and evening. Clear and cool during the day. Moderate southwest wind.

Min. temperature 48, Max. temperature 62.

#### **JULY 1940**

## Tuesday 2

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cool and mostly cloudy with moderate to southwest wind.

Min. temperature 48, Max. temperature 62.

#### JULY 1940

# Wednesday 3

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and cool with moderate to fresh southwest wind.

Min. temperature [blank], Max. temperature [blank].

# Choir practice

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

# Renovating Town Hall

The work of renovating and repairing the town hall was begun to-day (sic) by John N. MacDonald and John Murray Wilson. It is the intention to remove the upper story of the hall annex and construct a flat roof on the lower story as well as to carry out necessary repairs to other parts of the building.

# Marriage

The marriage of James Price, of West Louisbourg, to Miss Jean O'Toole, of this town, took place this morning in Stella Maris Church.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father D.H. Doyle.

#### **JULY 1940**

# **Thursday 4**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Moderate rain during the forenoon was followed by a heavy downpour in the afternoon.

#### **JULY 1940**

## Friday 5

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool with moderate northerly wind which shifted to southwest in the evening. Some rain in the early morning.

Total rainfall of yesterday and last night 2 1/4 inches.

Min. temperature [blank], Max. temperature [blank].

## **JULY 1940**

# Saturday 6

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with light to moderate northeast wind which shifted to southerly early I the forenoon. Cloudy in the evening but clearing early in the night.

Min. temperature 44, Max. temperature 68.

#### **FIRE**

At about 1:45 A.M., James Burke, of this town, was caught in the act of setting fire to the Masonic hall on Warren Street. The discovery was made by George Phalen and Martell Skinner,

two young men of this town. The fire was started following a dance in the hall which ended at about 1 A.M. When discovered, Burke was in the act of starting a fire, on the outside, of the hall in a corner formed by the junction of the hall kitchen, with the main hall, near the southwest corner of the building. Phalen and Skinner put out the fire which was in its initial stages and reported the matter to the Chief of Police, D.M. Johnston. The chief noticed me at about 8:15 A.M. After visiting the scene of the fire with the Chief of Police and Fire Chief, R.A. Peters and getting a statement from Martell Skinner, I immediately ordered the arrest of Burke. Burke was taken into custody, at about 9:30 A.M., by the Chief of Police and taken before Stipendiary Magistrate, B.M. Spencer and remanded to the County Jail for preliminary hearing, which will likely take place sometime next week. At about 11 A.M., Burke was taken to the County Jail by Chief of Police, D.M. Johnston, and Provincial Constable, Daniel MacNeil, in MacNeil's motor car. Since June 20<sup>th</sup>, Burke has been under suspicion of being responsible for a number of incendiary fires in this town, covering a period of more than a year. Provincial Fire Marshall, Mayor S.S. Wright, Halifax, and Crown Prosecutor, Malcolm Patterson, Sydney, were notified by telephone of the arrest, by the Chief of Police.

#### S.S. MAGESTER

British Steamer, "Magester", arrived, bunkered and sailed. (Continued on Next Page)

## **JULY 1940**

# Sunday 7

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with light southwest wind

Min. temperature 42, Max. temperature 69.

## **Church Services**

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M., I attended services in the First United Church where Rev. Donald MacLeod, M.A., B.D., was the preacher.

After the close of the evening service, the choir of the First United Church met at our house and had a Sing-Song.

The visiting choir members were as follows:

J.A. MacDonald (Leader), Mrs. J.A. MacDonald (Organist), Christine MacDonald, Dan Nicholson, A.W. Stacey, Mrs. Edward MacDonald, Mrs. William Phalen, Edith MacInnis, Edison Skinner, Mrs. Dan J. MacLeod, Mara Martell.

Others present were: Rev. Donald MacLeod, Oscar Harris and Erna Jean MacDonald.

#### S.S. IMPERIAL MONARCH

British Steamer, "Imperial Monarch", arrived at about 1:15 P.M. for bunker coal.

(Continued from proceeding page) Council Meeting

At 7:30 P.M., I attended and presided at a meeting of the Town Council, in the Town office.

Those present were: Councillors; Alex C. MacDonald, James F.D. Townsend, Cleveland Townsend and Alex Smith. Clerk; B.M. Spencer, Police Officer; D.M. Johnston and Mayor M.S. Huntington.

#### **JULY 1940**

# Monday 8

Louisbourg, N.S.

Mostly clear and moderately warm with light southwest wind.

Min. temperature 46, Max. temperature 69.

## **JULY 1940**

# **Tuesday 9**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Mostly clear and moderately warm with light southwest wind and some fog on the coast.

Min. temperature [blank], Max. temperature 70.

#### **JULY 1940**

# Wednesday 10

Louisbourg, N.S.

Rain, thunder and lightning in the early morning. Warm and partly clear during the early part of the day followed by Thunder, lightning and heavy showers at about 10:30 A.M. until about noon. Mostly clear and warm during the afternoon. Some fog off the coat. Rainfall about ¼ inch. Min. temperature 52, Max. temperature 78.

## S.S. IMPERIL (sic) MONAARCH (sic)

British Steamer, "Imperial Monarch", which finished taking on board about 1500 tons of bunker coal last night, sailed this morning.

## **Choir Practice**

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

# **JULY 1940**

## **Thursday 11**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Some light rain in the morning which ceased shortly before noon. Partly clear during the afternoon and evening.

Light to moderate variable wind mostly southwest.

Min. temperature 53, Max. temperature 74.

A.R.P. Meeting At Sydney

Left here at 1 P.M. on Cameron's Bus (John MacInnis, driver) and went to Sydney for the purpose of attending a meeting of the Air Raids Precaution Committee called for to meet at 7:30 O'Clock in the Council chamber in the City hall.

Made several business calls at Sydney in the afternoon.

Had dinner at "Isle Royal" hotel.

Attended A.R.P. meeting at 7:30 P.M. with County Warden, R.A. MacKinnon, presiding. Others present were:

Mayor, F.J. Kelly, North Sydney, Counciller MacMillan, North Sydney, William Cuzner, Sydney Mines, Mayor, W.J. Hinchey, New Waterford, Victor Bert, Reserve Mines, Fred Mosher, Glace Bay, Roy Young, Sect., Sydney, Inspector Evans, R.C.M.P., Sydney, Mr. Doucette, New Waterford, Major Smythe, Sydney, Mayor, M.S. Huntington, Louisbourg. Left for home on Cameron's bus at 11:30 P.M.

# **July 1940**

# Friday 12

Louisbourg, N.S.

Some light rain in the morning which ceased shortly before noon. Partly clear during the afternoon and evening. Light variable wind mostly southwest.

Rainfall about 1/8 inch.

Min. temperature 52, Max. temperature 72.

#### Visited National Park

At about 3 P.M., I accompanied a party of nine United States High School Students and their leaders, making a total of eleven, to the Louisbourg National and Historic Park and Museum where I showed them points of interest and gave a short talk on the early history of the old city. This party arrived here yesterday afternoon, by bus, in which they came from their homes in the U.S.A. While in town, they are billeted in the houses of some of our high school students. After remaining here for one week, they are to go on a two weeks trip, by motor bus, through the Island of Cape Breton and part of the Mainland, taking our students, at whose homes they are staying, as guests. After returning to Louisbourg, they are to remain for another two weeks before leaving for home.

The party consists of the following persons:

Leaders: Mr. & Mrs. Olcott H. Denning, Redding, Connecticut.

Students: Bret Smithers, Salisbury, Connecticut, Charles Bean, Buffalo, New York, Miss Peggy MacGaffin, New York City, Miss Lorraine Oldham, Albany, New York, Lucy Marberry, Washington, D.C., Phoebe Stevens [blank], Libby Sizer, New Haven, Connecticut, Nancy Rausch, Plainfield, N.J., Polly Scott, Philadelphia, Penn.

### **JULY 1940**

# Saturday 13

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and moderately cool with light southwest wind. Light showers in the evening and early part of the night.

Min. temperature 51, Max. temperature 68.

## S.S. HADA COUNTY

Norwegian Steamer, "Hada County", arrived at about 9:30 A.M. for bunker coal and docked on the east side of the coal pier.

## S.S. ANTONIOS CHANDRIS

Greek Steamer, "Antonios Chandris", arrived at about 7:30 P.M. for bunker coal and docked on the west side of the coal pier.

#### **JULY 1940**

# **Sunday 14**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately cool with light to moderate southwest wind.

Min. temperature 51, Max. temperature 67.

## **Church Services**

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M., I attended services in the First United Church where Rev. Donald MacLeod, M.A., B.D., was the preacher.

#### S.S. KARLANDER

Norwegian Steamer, "Karlander", arrived at about 5:30 P.M. for bunker coal and anchored in the northeast end of the harbour.

#### Arrived From Salmon River

Shortly after noon, Heber, Evelyn and baby Jane, arrived from their home at Salmon River and spent the afternoon with us. They left for home, by motor truck, at about 6 P.M. At about 4 P.M., Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Hussy, Harvey Hussy and Miss Lillian Huntington, arrived from Salmon River, by motor truck, via Kennington Cove. They had supper with us, went to church and left for home at about 9 P.M.

# **JULY 1940**

# Monday 15

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately cool with light to moderate southwest wind.

Min. temperature [blank], Max. temperature [blank].

#### S.S. HADA COUNTY

Norwegian Steamer, "Hada County", finished bunkering and sailed at about 8:30 A.M.

#### S.S. ANTONIOS CHANDRIS

Greek Steamer, "Antonios Chandris", bunkered and sailed at about 11 A.M.

## S.S. KARLANDER

Norwegian Steamer, "Karlander", bunkered and sailed at about 3 P.M.

#### S.S. FERNFIELD

Steamer, "Fernfield", arrived in the morning bunkered and sailed at about 7:30 P.M.

# Sent Up To Supreme Court

James Burke, of this town, who was arrested on July 6, 1940 on a charge of Arson (setting fire to the Masonic Hall), was brought before Stipendiary Magistrate, B.M. Spencer, at 10 A.M. to-day (sic). After the evidence of Freeman MacKenzie, Chief of Police, D.M. Johnston, Martell Skinner and George Phalen had been taken, Burke was sent up for trial before the next sitting of the Supreme Court at Sydney.

Crown Prosecutor, Malcolm Patterson, K.C. of Sydney, conducted the prosecution while D.D. Finlayson, Barrister, Sydney, represented Burke. Chief of Police, D.M. Johnston, of Louisbourg, brought Burke from the County Jail, this morning, by motor car, and returned him to the institution at the close of the hearing.

# Photocopy Inserted:

28<sup>th</sup> Gloucestershire Regiment, repelling a charge of French cavalry under Marshal Ney, at Quatre Bras, Belgium, on June 16, 1815, two days before "Waterloo". In 1758, this Regiment, then known as Bragg's Regiment, was present at the siege and capture of Louisbourg. The following year, the 28<sup>th</sup> took an important part in the capture of Quebec. It was at the head of the regiment, at the Battle of the Plains of Abraham, Quebec, September 13, 1759, that Major-General James Wolfe, received his mortal wound.

#### **JULY 1940**

## **Tuesday 16**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool with light to moderate southwest wind.

Min. temperature 47, Max. temperature 70.

#### **JULY 1940**

# Wednesday 17

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and moderately cool with light southwest wind and a few light showers. Foggy part of the day.

Rainfall about 1/8 inch.

Min. temperature 44, Max. temperature 70.

## **Choir Practice**

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

#### **JULY 1940**

# **Thursday 18**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and warm with light southwest wind. First real Summer weather this season. Min. temperature 50, Max. temperature 75.

#### Board Of Trade

At 8 P.M., I attended a meeting of the Board of Trade in the Town hall. Those present were: James Crowdis, president, Alistar MacDonald, Secretary, Bert Wilcox, Neil Murphy, Dan Fleet, Dr. H.J. Townsend, George Lewis, John Poole, Holland Fleet, George Harris, Rev. D.H. Doyle, Hugh Lynk, William Stewart and M.S. Huntington.

## **JULY 1940**

# Friday 19

Louisbourg, N.S.

Warm with light variable wind. Clear in the early part of the day becoming cloudy at noon. Shower of rain at about 1:30 P.M. Partly clear in the late afternoon and evening. Min. temperature 51, Max. temperature 79.

## **JULY 1940**

# Saturday 20

Louisbourg, N.S.

Light rain in the early morning. Warm and partly clear during the day with light winds. Rainfall about 1/8 inch.

Min. temperature 57, Max. temperature 75.

# Meeting of School Board

At 7:30 P.M., I attended and presided at a meeting of the School Board in the Town office. Those present were: Comissions (sic); Clarance Peters, D.A. Campbell, Cleveland Townsend, Alex C. MacDonald and M.S. Huntington, Attendance officer, D.M. Johnston, Clerk; B.M. Spencer.

Resignation of Miss Christine MacDonald from the teaching staff was accepted and Miss Marion Nicholson was appointed, on motion of the Board, to fill the vacancy.

# First Swordfish

The first Swordfish to be landed here this season arrived here this afternoon and were purchased by Lewis & Company. The fish, two in number, were landed by two boats owned respectively by a Mr. Teale and a Mr. Henneberry and were caught a short distance off Louisbourg.

## **JULY 1940**

## Sunday 21

Louisbourg, N.S.

Partly clear and moderately warm with light to moderate easterly wind. Rainfall of about 1/8 inch in the early morning.

Min. temperature 56, Max. temperature 72.

#### **Church Services**

At 7 P.M., I attended service in the First United Church where Rev. Donald MacLeod, M.A., B.D., was the preacher. There was no service in the First United Church at 11 A.M. owing to the absence of Mr. MacLeod who was holding Communion Service at Kennington Cove.

#### **JULY 1940**

## Monday 22

Louisbourg, N.S.

Moderately warm and mostly cloudy with light easterly wind.

Min. temperature 51, Max. temperature 72.

## S.S. CARRAS

Greek Steamer, "Carras", arrived in the morning for bunker coal.

# Death of Sidney A. Rafuse

To-day's (sic) issue of the Sydney Post-Record announced the death of Sidney A. Rafuse, a former manager of the Louisbourg branch of the Royal Bank of Canada. At the time of his death, which took place at Sydney on last Saturday evening, he was a Corporal in the Home Guard. Heart failure is given as the cause of his death; the seizure taking place as he was walking along Dorchester Street, Sydney. He is survived by his widow and two sons; Bruce, in the Royal Canadian Air Force and Keith at home at Halifax.

Mr. Rafuse was manager of the Louisbourg branch of the Royal Bank of Canada from June 1922 until November 1931.

#### Pet Cat Died

One of our pet cats affectionately known as "Old Kitty", died this evening. She was fifteen years of age and had been in failing health for the last two or three months.

#### Swordfish

About fifteen Swordfish were landed here to-day (sic).

## **JULY 1940**

# **Tuesday 23**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool during the greater part of the day.

Light southwest wind, increasing to moderate in the afternoon.

Min. temperature 51, Max. temperature 72.

#### S.S. CARRAS

Greek Steamer, "Carras", sailed in the morning.

## **JULY 1940**

# Wednesday 24

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool with moderate to fresh southwest wind. Light mist at times.

Min. temperature 55, Max. temperature 65.

#### **JULY 1940**

## Thursday 25

Louisbourg, N.S.

Mostly clear with fresh southwest wind.

Min. temperature 58, Max. temperature 71.

## **JULY 1940**

# Friday 26

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy, foggy and cool with moderate to fresh southwest wind.

Min. temperature 54, Max. temperature 69.

## **JULY 1940**

## Saturday 27

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and foggy in the morning clearing at noon. Clear and warm during the afternoon and evening. Light to moderate southwest wind shifting to west, northwest, north and northeast. Rain in the early morning. Rainfall about ¼ inch.

Min. temperature 52, Max. temperature 82.

## **JULY 1940**

## Sunday 28

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and warm with light to moderate variable winds mostly southwest Min. temperature 51, Max. temperature 80.

#### **Church Services**

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M., I attended services in the First United Church where Mr. Colin Nickerson, student minister, who is now stationed at Marion Bridge, was the preacher both morning and evening.

Rev. Donald MacLeod, M.A., B.D., pastor of the Louisbourg United Church, occupied the pulpit of the United Church at Marion Bridge in the absence of Mr. Nickerson.

## S.S. LADY LAURIER

Government Steamer, "Lady Laurier", arrived in the morning.

## S.S. SELFOSS

Icelandic Steamer, "Selfoss", arrived at about noon for bunker coal and docked on the east side of the coal pier.

# Orange Church Parade

Members of the Loyal Orange Lodge of Louisbourg and visiting members held a church parade in the afternoon. They attended the Presbyterian Church where service was held and a Sermon preached by Rev. Joseph Cathcart.

## **JULY 1940**

# Monday 29

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and warm with light to moderate northwest wind which shifted to easterly in the late afternoon.

An ideal day.

Min. temperature 49, Max. temperature 80.

#### S.S. LADY LAURIER

Canadian Government Steamer, "Lady Laurier", sailed in the morning and returned to port in the evening.

#### S.S. SELFOSS

Icelander Steamer, "Selfoss", bunkered and sailed.

## **FIRE**

At 1:15 P.M., the fire whistle sounded for a fire on the roof of a dwelling owned and occupied by Holland Fleet at Havenside. The firemen responded quickly and, in a few minutes, had the fire all out but not before considerable damage had been done to the roof on the western side of the house. At this fire, Fire packs were used by the firemen and proved very effective in subduing the flames.

#### Death of Mrs. Harris

The death of Mrs. John Harris, aged 82 years, took place at an early hour this morning at the home of her son, Capt. Daniel Harris, Havenside Road. She is survived by two sons; George and Daniel at Louisbourg, one daughter, Mrs. Joseph Gray, Gabarus. Her husband predeceased her many years ago.

# **JULY 1940**

## Tuesday 30

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and warm becoming cloudy in the afternoon. Showers in the evening which continued during the night. Light to moderate southwest to south winds.

Min. temperature 48, Max. temperature 77.

#### S.S. LADY LAURIER

Government Steamer, "Lady Laurier", Capt. Williams, sailed in the morning.

# Three Years In Dorchester Penitentiary

To-day (sic) at Sydney, James Burke of Louisbourg, pleaded guilty to a charge of arson before County Court Judge, Neil R. Mac Arthur and was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary at Dorchester, N.B.

Burke was arrested by D.M. Johnston, Chief of Police, Louisbourg, on July 6, 1940, on a charge of setting fire to the Masonic hall, Louisbourg, at an early hour on the morning of July 6 1940. Burke has been a prisoner in the County Jail at Sydney since his arrest.

# **JULY 1940**

# Wednesday 31

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and warm clearing shortly before noon. Partly clear during the afternoon. Cloudy in the evening. Light northeast wind shifting to southwest. Rainfall of yesterday evening and last night, about ½ inch.

Min. temperature 59, Max. temperature 80.

#### Funeral of Mrs. Harris

At 1:30 P.M. I attended the funeral of the late Mrs. John Harris, which took place from the home of her son, George Harris, Main Street. Services at the house, First United Church and cemetery were conducted by Rev. Donald M.A., B.D. Interment took place in the United Church Cemetery on Clarkes Road.

#### **AUGUST 1940**

## Thursday 1

Louisbourg, N.S.

Warm and mostly clear during the forenoon with light variable winds. Cloudy with light drizzle of rain in the afternoon and evening. Showers during the night. Wind easterly in the afternoon increasing to a strong breeze.

Min. temperature 54, Max. temperature 77.

#### **AUGUST 1940**

# Friday 2

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy with fresh to strong northeast wind. Cleared shortly before noon. Very cool all day. Min. temperature 51, Max. temperature 64.

## Marriage

At 3 P.M., Emeline and I attended the marriage of Corporal Philip E. Bagnall, of North Sydney, to Mrs. Mildred Isabel Townsend, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Enoch Townsend, of Louisbourg. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Donald MacLeod, M.A., B.D., pastor of the First United Church, at the home of the bride.

#### **AUGUST 1940**

## Saturday 3

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and warm with light winds.

Min. temperature 51, Max. temperature 76.

# Large Catch Of Swordfish

Upwards of 500 Swordfish were landed here to-day (sic), by outside and local boats. This is probably an all-time record for one days catch at Louisbourg.

# **AUGUST 1940**

# Sunday 4

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and warm with light variable winds, mostly southwest.

Min. temperature 50, Max. temperature 78.

#### **Church Services**

At 11 A.M. and 3 P.M., I attended services in the United Church at Catalone where Rev. C.R.F. MacLennan, of New Glasgow, was the preacher. At 3 P.M., he was assisted by Rev. Mr. Gillis of the Presbyterian church, North Shore, and Rev. C. Leslie Taylor of a United church in the Province of Quebec.

At 7 P.M., I attended service in the First United Church, Louisbourg, where Mr. Legge, a student minister, whose home is in North Sydney, was the preacher. Rev. Mr. Taylor, who assisted at the afternoon service at Catalone, arrived here yesterday with his wife and family consisting of one boy, aged 14, and two girls, aged 16 (Twins). Mr. Taylor, who comes from a town in southern Quebec, is to occupy the pulpit of the First United Church at Louisbourg during the remaining Sundays of this month. He is occupying the United Church Manse during the absence of Rev. Donald MacLeod, who is now on his vacation. In both the forenoon and afternoon, I motored to Catalone and back with Mr. and Mrs. John A. MacDonald.

## S.S. DEA

Norwegian Steamer, "Dea", arrived at about 1:30 P.M. for bunker coal.

## **AUGUST 1940**

## Monday 5

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and warm in the early part of the day. Cloudy in the afternoon with fog and mist at night.

Min. temperature about 54, Max. temperature 74.

Light southwest wind in the morning, increasing to strong early in the day.

## S.S. DEA

Norwegian Steamer, "Dea", bunkered and sailed in the evening.

Big Catch of Swordfish Yesterday

It is estimated that about 500 Swordfish were landed here yesterday.

## **AUGUST 1940**

# **Tuesday 6**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy with fresh southwest wind clearing at noon. Mostly clear during the afternoon and evening.

Min. temperature 60, Max. temperature 75.

## **AUGUST 1940**

# Wednesday 7

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and warm with fresh to strong southwest wind.

Min. temperature 60, Max. temperature 73.

#### **Choir Practice**

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

## **AUGUST 1940**

## **Thursday 8**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and warm. Partly clear during the afternoon and evening. Some fog off the coast. Light southwest wind.

Min. temperature 54, Max. temperature 74.

Light showers in the early morning.

#### **AUGUST 1940**

## Friday 9

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and foggy with the sun shining through occasionally. Moderately warm with light southwest wind.

Min. temperature 54, Max. temperature 75.

## **AUGUST 1940**

# Saturday 10

Louisbourg, N.S.

Partly clear in the forenoon. Clear and sunshiny during the afternoon. Moderately warm during the greater part of the day. Cool in the late afternoon and night.

Fresh to strong northeast wind.

Min. temperature 52, Max. temperature 68.

## **AUGUST 1940**

## Sunday 11

Louisbourg, N.S.

Mostly clear with fresh northeast wind in the morning which moderated and shifted to southwest during the forenoon.

Min. temperature 50, Max. temperature 72.

## **Church Services**

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M., I attended services in the First United Church where Rev. C. Leslie Taylor, of Ormstown, Quebec, was the preacher. Mr. Taylor, who is pastor of the United Church at Ormstown, Quebec, is with his family, spending his holidays at Louisbourg; and is occupying the manse in the absence of Rev. Donald MacLeod, the regular pastor, who is now having his vacation.

#### **AUGUST 1940**

### Monday 12

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and warm during the greater part of the day.

Moderate to fresh southwest wind.

Min. temperature 44, Max. temperature 77.

## S.S. IMOGENE

Newfoundland Steamer, "Imogene", arrived in the early morning. After bunkering, she sailed at about 6 P.M.

## S.S. LAGARFOSS

Icelandic Steamer, "Lagarfoss", arrived in the early morning for bunker coal and anchored in the northeast end of the harbour. She docked on the west side of the coal pier at about 7 P.M.

## **AUGUST 1940**

## **Tuesday 13**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy with some thunder and a shower of rain in the morning. Cleared during the forenoon. Mostly clear and moderately warm in the afternoon. Fresh southwest wind.

Min. temperature 57, Max. temperature 73.

## S.S. LAGARFOSS

Icelandic Steamer, "Lagarfoss", bunkered last night and sailed in the early morning.

#### **AUGUST 1940**

## Wednesday 14

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool with heavy showers in the forenoon. Stopped raining at about 1 P.M. Partly clear during the afternoon and evening. Light variable wind in the forenoon followed by moderate northeast wind during the afternoon.

Rainfall about ¾ inch.

Min. temperature 50, Max. temperature 65.

# I.O.O.F. Delegates Visit Louisbourg

This afternoon, about 600 delegates of the Oddfellows and Rebaccas who, for the last day or two, have been attending their annual convention at Glace Bay. Visited the "Louisbourg National and Historic Park". I met the party of delegates at the park and, at about 5 P.M., extended a welcome to them as well as giving a fifteen minute address on the early history of Old Louisbourg. On behalf of the entertainment committee of the Glace Bay lodges, the choir of the First United Church, Louisbourg, served a light lunch to the delegates, at the gate, as they left the park grounds. The lunch consisted of a box of ice cream, one piece of cake and three ice cream wafers.

#### **AUGUST 1940**

# Thursday 15

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cool and mostly clear with with (sic) moderate to fresh northeast wind.

Min. temperature, about 52, Max. temperature 68.

## Visited National Park

In the afternoon, I went to the Louisbourg National and Historic Park with Rev. and Mrs. C. Leslie Taylor, son and two daughters, of Ormstown, Quebec. At the park, we visited the museum where I gave a short talk on the history of old Louisbourg, after which we made a tour of the citadel and other points of interest. We returned to town at about 5 P.M.

#### S.S. FERNFIELD

Steamer, "Fernfield", arrived, bunkered and sailed.

## **AUGUST 1940**

# Friday 16

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear with fresh northeast wind which moderated before noon. Cool in the first half of the day, moderately warm in the afternoon.

Min. temperature, about 50, Max. temperature about 69.

# Airplane Crashes

A plane, of the Royal Canadian Air Force, crashed into the sea off Hertford Island, near Cape Dauphin on the northeast coast of Cape Breton Island, to-day (sic), taking to their deaths the crew of three. The victims of the accident were: Flying officer T.C.E. Lay, of Regina, Saskatchewan. Loading Aircraftsman, A.J. Hurley of Van Creek Hill, near Ottawa and Leading Aircraftsman, G.R. Raymond of Norton, New Brunswick.

The plane is said to have been engaged in target practice and sunk immediately on striking the water. Efforts to recover the bodies have, so far, proved unsuccessful.

Later: A news item in the Sydney Post-Record of Monday, August 19, 1940, dated Ottawa, Aug. 18, stated that the bodies of Flying officer P.C.E. Lay, of Regina, and Aircraftsman G.R. Raymond, of Norton, N.B., had been recovered.

# S.S. MAGNHILD

Norwegian Steamer, "Magnhild", arrived in the evening. After bunkering, she sailed before midnight.

#### **AUGUST 1940**

#### Saturday 17

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and warm with light variable winds mostly southwest. A perfect day.

Min. temperature 52, Max. temperature 75.

#### Council Meeting

At 7:30 P.M., I attended a meeting of the Town Council, at which I presided. Those present were: Councillors; Alex C. MacDonald, Alex Smith and James F.D. Townsend. Mayor; M.S. Huntington, Town Clerk; B.M. Spencer, Police Offer; D.M. Johnston.

At this meeting, Town Clerk, B.M. Spencer and I were elected as delegates to attend the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities to be held at Halifax, N.S., on August 27, 28, and 29, 1940. It was decided to Arm our police officer, and I was instructed, by a vote of the council, to purchase a revolver for that purpose.

#### **AUGUST 1940**

## **Sunday 18**

# Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear in the early part of the day blowing heavy after noon. Light southwest and south winds. Min. temperature 56, Max. temperature 77.

#### **Church Services**

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M., I attended services in the First United Church where Rev. C. Leslie Taylor of the United Church in Ormstown, Quebec, was the preacher. At the evening service, I sang a solo entitled "His Eye is on the Sparrow".

At the close of the service, I attended a meeting of the Official Board, where it was decided to make a presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, at the close of the evening service next Sunday, on the eve of their departure for their home in the Province of Quebec.

# High School Students Leave For Home

United States High School Students, nine in number, under the leadership of Mr. & Mrs. Deming, who arrived here on July 11, left for their homes by motor bus at noon today.

#### **AUGUST 1940**

# Monday 19

Louisbourg, N.S.

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

Min. temperature 56, Max. temperature 82.

## **National Registration**

National Registration of all persons more than 16 years of age throughout Canada began at 8 A.M. to-day (sic). In the Town of Louisbourg, the Registers were as follows: School House booth; Lawrence O'Toole and Martell Skinner, Town Hall booth; Clarance Peters and Arthur Townsend Jr. D.M. Johnston's, shop booth; Oscar Harris and Alex Burke. Volunteer Assistant Registers were: Mrs. (Dr.) H.J. Townsend, Mrs. John MacPhail, Miss Jessie Hannan, D.M. Johnston, Harvey Lewis, Miss Blanche Cross, Miss Marion Nicholson, Miss Mara Martell, Mrs. Fred Kyte.

Booths will be open from 8 A.M. until 10 P.M. daily until 10 P.M. on Wednesday, next when the registration is scheduled to close.

#### **Public Meeting**

At 8 P.M., attended, and presided, at a meeting in the Town office which I called for the purpose of discussing the question of attaining a Medical Doctor to take over the medical practice in the Town of Louisbourg, which has become vacant owing to Dr. H.J. Townsend having been called up for military service. At this meeting a committee consisting of Edward MacDonald, Alistar MacDonald and M.S. Huntington was appointed to deal with the matter. There were 25 persons present.

#### **AUGUST 1940**

## **Tuesday 20**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Mostly cloudy and moderately warm with light to moderate winds increasing to fresh in the evening. A few light showers during the afternoon and evening.

Wind southerly.

Min. temperature 61, Max. temperature 77.

#### **AUGUST 1940**

# Wednesday 21

Louisbourg, N.S.

Heavy rain in the early morning. Rain ceased at about 9 A.M. when wind shifted from southwest to northerly. Cloudy during the forenoon. Clear and cool in the afternoon and evening.

Rainfall about 1 ½ inches

Min. temperature 52, Max. temperature 69.

#### Choir Practice

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

# Registration Completed

National Registration, which began at 8 A.M. on Monday, August 19, was completed, as far as the local registers were concerned, at 10 P.M. to-day (sic). The following are the figures for the three booths: School House; 225, Town Hall; 191, D.M. Johnston's; 171, Total; 617.

#### **AUGUST 1940**

# Thursday 22

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and cool with moderate to fresh northeast wind which shifted to east in the late afternoon. Cloudy in the evening.

Min. temperature 52, Max. temperature 67.

#### **AUGUST 1940**

## Friday 23

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy, misty and cool with moderate northeast wind.

Min. temperature [blank], Max. temperature [blank].

## Visited National Park

At about 3:30 P.M., went to the "Louisbourg National and Historic Park" with a party consisting of Lieut. Col. J.A. MacDonald, of Sydney, Mr. Malcolmson and Mr. Douglas, of Hamilton, Ontario.

At the park, I visited the museum with them and the Old Citadel and other points of interest.

## **AUGUST 1940**

## Saturday 24

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with light to moderate southwest wind. Min. temperature 56, Max. temperature 72.

# Frank B. Huntington Visits Louisbourg

Frank B. Huntington of Lake Forest, Illinois, U.S.A., arrived here on the bus from Sydney, at about 10:30 A.M. and was our guest while in town. Shortly after his arrival, we motored to the Louisbourg Historic Park, where we spent about 1½ hours at the museum and adjacent grounds before returning to town. At 12:30 P.M., he had dinner with us.

#### S.S. KURIKKA

Steamer, "Kurikka", (Finnish), arrived in the forenoon. After bunkering, she sailed in the evening.

#### S.S. IMOGENE

Newfoundland Steamer, "Imogene", arrived at about 7:30 A.M. for bunker coal.

## S.S. FERNFIELD

Steamer, "Fernfield", in during the forenoon for bunker coal.

#### **AUGUST 1940**

# Sunday 25

Louisbourg, N.S.

Mostly clear and cool with moderate to fresh west to northwest wind.

Min. temperature [blank], Max. temperature 64.

#### **Church Services**

At 11 A.M., I attended service in the First United Church where Rev. C. Leslie Taylor was the preacher. At 7 P.M., Mr. Taylor preached his farewell Sermon after having, with his family, spent his vacation at Louisbourg. At the close of the evening service, on behalf of the Official Board, a nicely mounted Swordfish Sword was presented to Mr. Taylor and a framed photograph of the Surf at the harbour mouth, to Mrs. Taylor. An address was read by A.W. Stacey and the presentations were made by John Skinner and Mrs. William Phalen, respectively. Mr. & Mrs. Taylor and their two daughters [blank], and [blank], and son John intend leaving tomorrow morning enroute to their home at Ormstown, Chateauguay County, Quebec.

## Left For Halifax

At 6:30 P.M., I left here on Cameron's bus car (John MacInnis, driver), for Sydney enroute to Halifax for the purpose of representing the Town of Louisbourg, at the Annual Convention of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities which meets at Halifax on Tuesday, August 27. Left Sydney at 7:45 P.M. on board the C.N.R. train for Halifax.

## **AUGUST 1940**

## Monday 26

### Halifax, N.S.

Clear and very cool with moderate northwest wind. Frost reported in some sections of Halifax County.

#### Arrived At Halifax

Arrived at Halifax, at about 8 A.M., on Canadian National Railway from Sydney. Engaged a room at the Halifax Hotel. Interviewed A.M. James, Rural Electrification Engineer of the Nova Scotia Power Commission, respecting the extension of the Commission's lines to the Town of Louisbourg and surrounding districts. I was informed by Mr. James that the survey for this project was to begin early this week.

# Dr. P.S. Campbell

In the afternoon, I called to see Dr. P.S. Campbell, Chief Provincial Health Officer and discussed with him the situation at Louisbourg, regarding the absence of a medical doctor at Louisbourg and surrounding districts caused by the calling up of Dr. H.J. Townsend for military service.

# Lt. Col. J.B.A. Cavanaugh, M.D., D.M.O.

In the late afternoon, I called on Lt. Col. J.B.A. Cavanaugh M.D., District Medical Officer of Military District no. 6, at his office, no. 6 Doyle Street and discussed with him and Major DeWilte, M.D., the Louisbourg situation arising from Dr. H.J. Townsend having enlisted and been called up for military service, leaving the Town of Louisbourg and vicinity without a medical doctor. We went into the matter quite thoroughly but did not arrive at any definite conclusion as to what shall happen should we fail to get a medical man to take up Dr. Townsend's practice at Louisbourg.

## Meeting of Resolution Committee

At 9 P.M., Daylight time, I attended a meeting of the Resolution Committee of the Union of N.S. Municipalities in the Lord Nelson Hotel with A.M. Butler, president.

## **AUGUST 1940**

## **Tuesday 27**

Halifax, N.S.

Clear and cool with moderate northerly wind.

# Convention Union of N.S. Municipalities

At about 10:15 A.M., I attended the opening session of the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities, held in the "Lord Nelson" hotel, Corner of Spring Garden Road and South Park Street. Addresses of Welcome were extended to the delegates by F.F. Mathers, Lt. Governor of the Province, Sir Joseph Chisholm, Chief Justice of Nova Scotia, Mayor William E. Donavon, Mayor of Halifax City, William J. Donald, Warden of Halifax County and Ex-Mayor J.B. Kenney of Halifax. Replies to the addresses were delivered by Mayor B.W. Roscoe of Kentville, R.D. Crawford Town Clerk of Amherst and Judge Arthur Roberts of Bridgewater, Secretary-Treasurer of the Union. As a tribute to the memory of the late F. Bell, a former delegate to the Union and Ex-Solicitor of the City of Halifax whose funeral took place this afternoon, the Session Scheduled for 2:30 P.M. did not meet until 3:30. At 2:30 P.M., in

company with Alex. R MacDonald, Counciller, Catalone Road, C.B. and other delegates, I attended the funeral service in St. Paul's Church. At 3:30 P.M., A.D.H. Kaplan, Ph.D., Depart. of Government Management, University of Colorado, U.S.A., gave a paper on "Recent Trends in Municipal Government in the United States" "Report of the Committee on the Division of the C.N.R. Payments in Lieu of Taxation" was given by A.M. Butler, C.A., City Auditor of Halifax. In the evening, as guests of the City of Halifax, the delegates were present at a concert headed by The Royal Canadian Navy Band, in the Public Gardens.

This is the 14th Convention of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities, which I have attended. The first was at Halifax on August 23-25, 1921.

#### **AUGUST 1940**

# Wednesday 28

Halifax, N.S.

Clear and cool in the morning moderately warm during the greater part of the day.

# Union of N.S. Municipalities

At about 10 A.M., Attended Session of Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities. Meeting addressed by Hon. A.S. MacMillan, Premier of the Province, subject; "Nova Scotia's Place in the Empire and the Part the Municipalities Can Play".

Address by W.E. Donovan, Mayor of Halifax, subject; "Municipal Activities in Aid of the War Effort".

Address by C.P. Bethune, B.A., L.L.D., Solicitor for Halifax City, Subject; "The Effect of the Crowell-Serois Report on Municipalities and the Individual".

At 2 P.M., assembling of the delegates took place in the Public Gardens, where the convention photograph was taken. At about 2:15 P.M., we motored from the gardens to the Dartmouth Ferry wharf. After crossing the Dartmouth Ferry, we were met by motor cars and driven to the new county home near Cole Harbour. On the drive to Cole Harbour and return, Councillor Cecil Cudahea, of Glace Bay, Counciller Bligh, of Kentville, Mr. Logan, of the Halifax Chronicle and I were guests of Mr. & Mrs. Allan, of Dartmouth. When we reached Dartmouth on the return trip, Mr. and Mrs. Allan took us for a drive to Eastern Passage. We spent about one hour at the county home. We then were driven to the pic-nic grounds, about a mile away, where a programme of sports was carried out and a lunch served to all those present. The party broke up at about 6:30 P.M.

## **AUGUST 1940**

# **Thursday 29**

Halifax, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with [blank]

# **Closing Session**

Attended closing session of convention of Union Nova Scotia Municipalities at about 10 A.M. but did not remain until the adjournment, which took place at about 12:30 P.M. (Daylight time). Before closing, Col. B.W. Roscoe, Mayor of Kentville, was elected President of the Union. Ronald M. Fielding, Vice-President, John A. MacGregor, Mayor of Westville, Second Vice-

President and Judge Arthur Roberts was reelected Secretary-Treasurer. Yarmouth was chosen as the next place of meeting.

#### Visited the Dicksons

At about 12:15 P.M. (Daylight Time), I had dinner with Mr. & Mrs. W.W. Dickson at their home at 311 Tower Road.

#### Left For Truro

At 4 P.M. (Standard Time), I left Halifax by train enroute to Truro. From Truro I continued on, by train, to Amherst where I arrived at about 8:20 P.M. Engaged a room at the "Amherst Hotel". Called to see Dr. David Dury, who practiced his profession at Louisbourg about twenty years ago. Discussed with Dr. Dury the prospects of getting a doctor to settle at Louisbourg and take up the practice of Dr. H.J. Townsend, who has been called up for Military Service and is now at Louisbourg by a temporary arrangement with the Military Authorities.

# **AUGUST 1940**

# Friday 30

Amherst, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with light to moderate southwest wind.

## To River Hebert

Motored to River Hebert and back in one of Strang's taxis. Left Amherst at about 8:40. Returned at about 10:30. While at River Hebert, I interviewed Dr. John Campbell O'Neill, respecting the taking up of Dr. H.J. Townsend's practice at Louisbourg. Townsend, having been called up for Military Service. O'Neill stated that he could not consider coming to Louisbourg at present.

## Visited Fort Beausejour

On my return from River Hebert, I motored to the Fort Beausejour National and Historic Park where I visited the museum, remaining for about one half hour.

## Left For Truro

At about 12:15 P.M., I left Amherst on board an "Acadian Coach Lines" bus enroute to Truro N.S. via Springhill, Parrsboro, Great Village and Onslow. Bus broke down near Great Village causing one hours delay.

Arrived at Truro at 5 P.M. (Standard Time). Had supper at Scotia Hotel. Left for Sydney on C.N.R. train at about 10 P.M.

Extract from Maj-Gen, Amherst's Diary June 20, 1758

The French Men of War all fired away against Br. Wolfes batteries in the morning. We have now got six 24 Pounders and four 12 Pounders on shore. Our road towards Green Hill adva advanced space, and we continued getting cannons

on shore. The firing continued all day from the ships and Island Battery at large intervals between their firing.

#### **AUGUST 1940**

# Saturday 31

Sydney N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with moderate to fresh southwest wind.

### Arrived Home

Arrived at Sydney on the C.N.R. train at about 7:40 A.M. Left Sydney at 9:15 A.M. on Cameron's bus car (John MacInnis, driver) enroute to Louisbourg arriving at about 10 A.M.

# Marriage

The marriage of Sidney Mortimer, Sydney, to Miss Elizabeth Hiltz, daughter of Guy B. Hiltz and the late Mrs. Hiltz, Louisbourg, took place this afternoon in St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church, this town. The ceremony was performed by Rev. George Arnold, pastor of St. Bartholomew's Church. Mr. & Mrs. Mortimer will reside in Sydney.

#### **SEPTEMBER 1940**

# Sunday 1

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and warm with light to moderate westerly wind which shifted to northeast at about 1 P.M. Min. temperature 58, Max. temperature 82.

## **Church Services**

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M., I attended services in the First United Church where Rev. Donald MacLeod, M.A., B.D., was the preacher. Mr. MacLeod has just returned (sic) his vacation which he spent in various parts of the Province.

## **Arrived From Valley Station**

In the afternoon, Mr. & Mrs. Wafford Townsend of Valley Station, Colchester County, N.S., called to see us. They arrived at about 10 A.M. and are stopping with Mr. & Mrs. Fletcher Townsend.

## Visitors From Princeton New Jersey

When I arrived home from church at about 8:15 P.M., I found at our home a party consisting of the following persons: Mr. & Mrs. W.F. Chamberlain, Foster Huntington, David Huntington and Miss Alice Huntington, of 86 Alden Lane, Princeton, New Jersey, U.S.A. We were very much pleased with their visit. Mrs. Chamberlain was a Mrs. Huntington before her second marriage. Foster, David and Alice, who have grown to manhood and womanhood, are children of Mrs. Chamberlain by her first marriage. This party is on a motor trip through the Province and intends leaving to return tomorrow morning. While in town, they are guests of the "Dundonald Inn".

#### SEPTEMBER 1940

# Monday 2

# **Labour Day**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm, becoming cloudy in the afternoon. Light to moderate east to southeast winds increasing in the evening.

Min. temperature 58, Max. temperature 71.

### SEPTEMBER 1940

## **Tuesday 3**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Moderately warm, cloudy during the early part of the day, clearing during the forenoon. Cloudy in the late afternoon and evening. Moderate to fresh southwest wind.

Light showers and mist in the early morning and also in the early part of the night.

Min. temperature 60, Max. temperature 75.

## Town Schools Opened

At 9 A.M., with B.M. Spencer, clerk of School Board, and D.M. Johnston, attendance officer, I attended the opening Session of the 1940-41 term of the Louisbourg Town Schools. The following are the members of the teaching staff: Miss Mary Campbell, Principal, Miss Marion Nicholson, Vice Principal, Miss Edith Martell, Miss Annie Pope, Miss Blanche Cross and Miss Helen Lynk, Miss Mary LeBlanc (Domestic Science) whose department is in the Town hall. Miss Marion Nicholson and Miss Edith Martell are new members of the staff.

## Registrations of Firearms

In accordance with the recent regulations regarding the registrations of all rifles and shotguns, two Royal Canadian Mounted Police Constables are at the town office to-day (sic) from 1 P.M. until 9 P.M. for the convenience of the people of Louisbourg and surrounding districts who have shotguns or rifles to register. The town office will also be open tomorrow and on Thursday with officers of the Glace Bay detachment of the R.C.M.P. in attendance when registrations may be made.

### **SEPTEMBER 1940**

## Wednesday 4

Louisbourg, N.S.

Heavy rain in the early morning. Cloudy and warm during the day with light to moderate southwest wind. Rainfall about ¾ inch.

Min. temperature 61, Max. temperature 76.

## **SEPTEMBER 1940**

## Thursday 5

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and warm with light to moderate southwest wind. Light showers in the late afternoon misty in the evening.

Min. temperature 58, Max. temperature 72.

## S.S. FOUNDATION ARANMORE AND BARGE QUEENSVILLE

Steamer, "Foundation Aranmore", with Barge, "Queensville", in tow, arrived in the afternoon. The barge is to load a cargo of coal for Halifax, N.S.

The "Foundation Aranmore" was formerly the Canadian Government "Aranmore". She was purchased recently by the Foundation Company and renamed.

#### SEPTEMBER 1940

## Friday 6

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and warm with light to moderate southwest, south and southeast winds.

Min. temperature 59, Max. temperature 74.

Showers during the night.

## S.S. FOUNDATION ARANMORE AND BARGE QUEENSVILLE

The Barge, "Queensville", in tow of the Steamer, "Foundation Aranmore", sailed during the forenoon with a cargo of about 950 tons of coal for Halifax, N.S.

## **SEPTEMBER 1940**

## Saturday 7

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and somewhat cool with moderate to fresh easterly wind. Light showers in the afternoon. Heavy rain during the night.

Min. temperature 52, Max. temperature 67.

### **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. Donald MacLeod, the regular pastor, while the evening service was in charge of Major MacMillan of the Glace Bay detachment of the Salvation Army who was assisted by the Glace Bay band of the Salvation Army.

The Army band intended having an open air service at 3 P.M. but owing to the blustery condition of the weather, only a few numbers were played. There were about 18 members of the band here, five of whom had supper with us, including Mr. Fernyhough, Bandmaster.

### SEPTEMBER 1940

# **Sunday 8**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Heavy rain in the early morning. Showery squalls and cool during the day. Moderate gale from the southwest. Rainfall of last night about 1 inch.

Min. temperature 54, Max. temperature 63.

#### **Church Services**

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M., I attended services in the First United Church. The morning service was conducted by the regular pastor, Rev. Donald MacLeod, M.A., B.D., while the evening service was in charge of Major MacMillan of the Glace Bay attachment of the Salvation Army, who was assisted in the service by the Glace Bay Salvation Army band.

It was intended that an open air service would be held at 3 P.M. but, owing to the blustery condition of the weather, the band played but a few numbers before dismissing. Five members of the band, including Bandmaster Fernyhough, had supper with us.

### SEPTEMBER 1940

# Monday 9

Louisbourg, N.S. Cloudy and cool with light to moderate wind Min. temperature 47, Max. temperature 67.

## S.S. SELFOSS

Icelander Steamer, "Selfoss", arrived in the evening. After bunkering, she sailed during the night.

### **SEPTEMBER 1940**

## **Tuesday 10**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy, following a bright sunny morning. Light to moderate southwest wind which shifted to south and later to southeast. A few showers during the night.

Min. temperature [blank], Max. temperature 69.

### S.S. MAURITZ

Swedish Steamer, "Mauritz", arrived at 7 A.M. After bunkering, she sailed in the evening.

## **SEPTEMBER 1940**

## Wednesday 11

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy, foggy with occasional showers during the day. Rainfall of last night and to-day (sic), about ¼ inch.

Min. temperature [blank], Max. temperature [blank].

# Nova Scotia Power Commission Power Lines

The work of constructing the power lines of the Nova Scotia Power Commission from the Seaboard Power plant at Glace Bay to Louisbourg has begun.

The survey for the line began about two weeks ago. To-day (sic), a party of workmen from Louisbourg and Catalone were cutting a track along the new highway, were necessary, for the pole line which will enter the Town of Louisbourg from the east end. Several cars of poles have arrived at the Louisbourg railway station and today were being distributed by motor truck along

the highway from Louisbourg to Catalone. Mr. Arthur Horton, an employee of the Commission, is in charge of operations.

### SEPTEMBER 1940

## Thursday 12

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy, mild and foggy with showers in the early part of the day and heavy rain in the afternoon. Light to moderate southwest to south winds.

Min. temperature 59, Max. temperature 70.

## C.W.L. Delegates Visit Louisbourg

About 60 members of the Catholic Women's League, who are holding a convention at Sydney, motored to the Louisbourg Park at about noon to-day (sic). I met them at the park on their arrival and gave them a short address on the history of old Louisbourg. On the invitation of the president, Mrs. LeBlanc, of Sydney, I had lunch with the delegates in the C.M.B.A. hall. There were four priests who accompanied the delegates, two of whom were Rev. James Kiley and Rev. James Doyle.

At about 3 P.M., the party left to return to Sydney.

### **SEPTEMBER 1940**

## Friday 13

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and moderately warm with some fog in the early part of the day. Light to moderate southwest wind.

Min. temperature 52, Max. temperature 72.

## Motored To Sydney

Left Louisbourg at 1 P.M. enroute to Sydney on Cameron's bus car (John MacInnis, driver), arrived at Sydney at about 1:45 P.M. Made a number of business calls during the afternoon. At 8 P.M., attended a meeting of the Central Committee of the Air Raid Precautions, in the Council chamber of the Court house, with County Warden Rod A. MacKinnon presiding. Col. J.B. Hayes, Provincial Chairman, was present and addressed the meeting on the question of Air Raid Precaution and First Aid, in the event of a bombing attack. During the day, the Colonel inspected the First Aid stations at Sydney, North Sydney, Sydney Mines, New Waterford, Dominion and Glace Bay.

Among those present at the meeting were: Roy Young, Sydney, Mayor F.L. Kelly and Councillor MacMillan and Councillor Airly, North Sydney, Mayor W.J. Hinchey, New Waterford, Fred Mosher, Glace Bay, Dr. Beckwith, Sydney, James MacDonald, City Clerk, Sydney, Capt. Ferguson.

### **SEPTEMBER 1940**

## Saturday 14

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with light to moderate northwest wind. Min. temperature, about 44, Max. temperature 70.

## S.S. MAGNHILD

Norwegian Steamer, "Magnhild", arrived in the forenoon. After bunkering, she sailed in the late afternoon.

## **SEPTEMBER 1940**

## Sunday 15

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and cool with light variable wind.

Min. temperature, about 43, Max. temperature 67.

#### Church Services

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M., I attended services of the First United Church in Calvin Hall. Rev. Donald MacLeod, M.A., B.D., was the preacher at the morning service while Mr. Colin Nickerson, student minister, who, was at present, stationed at Marion Bridge was the preacher in the evening. Mr. MacLeod occupied the Marion Bridge United Church pulpit in the evening in the absence of Mr. Nickerson. The services were held in the hall to-day (sic) owing to the church being close for interior decorating and cleaning.

#### Arrived From Salmon River

At about 11 A.M., Mr. & Mrs. Heber H. Huntington and daughter Jane arrived from their home at Salmon River for the purpose of paying us a visit, which we much enjoyed. They left for home, by motor truck, at about 5 P.M.

### **SEPTEMBER 1940**

### Monday 16

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and threatening in the morning. Showers at short intervals during the day and evening. Moderate southeast wind increasing during the day until it reached gale proportion during the night. Rainfall about ¼ inch.

Min. temperature 56, Max. temperature 62.

## Marriage

The marriage of Earl Lewis, of Louisbourg, to Miss Dorothy Arnold, of Sydney, took place at Sydney to-day (sic).

## **SEPTEMBER 1940**

### **Tuesday 17**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Heavy southwest gale which began last night continued all day. Cloudy with occasional rain squalls. Worst storm for many months. No serious damage here but heavy damage reported in many places.

Min. temperature 54, Max. temperature 64.

## Motored To Sydney

Motored to Sydney in the morning with Rev. Donald MacLeod, M.A., B.D., and Mrs. John A. MacDonald. Mr. MacLeod had charge, this morning, of the morning devotional Service which is broadcast daily from Radio Station, C.J.C.B., at 9 A.M. I was the soloist on this occasion and Mrs. MacDonald accompanist.

Sang as solos no 528 in the United Church harmony, Tune "Christchurch" Words, "Break Day of God O Break" and "When I Walk on the Streets of Gold" no 137 in "Rodeheaver's Gospel Solos and Duets" number 3.

Returned home at about 10:30 A.M.

### **SEPTEMBER 1940**

# Wednesday 18

Louisbourg, N.S.

Mostly cloudy with moderate to fresh northwest to north winds.

Min. temperature 50, Max. temperature 62.

# Reports of Damage

The press, to-day (sic), contained many reports of damage as a result of yesterday's storm which swept over the Maritimes provinces. Apples growers in the Annapolis Valley estimated their loss at \$1,000,000. Fishermen also suffered heavy losses along the coast.

### **Choir Practice**

At 8 P.M., I attended choir practice in Calvin hall.

### Marriage

The marriage of Rev. George Feversham Arnold, Pastor of St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church, this town, to Miss Mary Eleanor Sherman Holmes, Fredericton, N.B., took place to-day (sic) at Fredericton. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. J.H.A. Holmes, father of the bride, assisted by Rev. Archdeacon Arnold, of Sydney, and Rev. S.C. Gray, of Fredericton, N.B. Rev. and Mrs. Arnold will reside at Louisbourg.

## **SEPTEMBER 1940**

### **Thursday 19**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm in the afternoon.

Light easterly wind. An ideal day.

Min. temperature 48, Max. temperature 62.

Volunteer Work

To-day (sic) I joined the Volunteer Workers of the First United Church who, for the past ten days, have been renovating and cleaning the church.

My job to-day (sic) was trying to stop leaks in the roof with D.J. MacIntyre as my assistant. I was to work applying plastic cement to the gutters. About two more hours work will complete the job.

#### SEPTEMBER 1940

## Friday 20

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool with light to moderate southwest wind.

Min. temperature 44, Max. temperature 61.

### **SEPTEMBER 1940**

## Saturday 21

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy with light to fresh southwest wind.

Min. temperature 53, Max. temperature 64.

### Town Council

Went to the Town hall at 7:30 P.M. for the purpose of attending a meeting of the Town Council. But, as there were not enough members present to form a quorum, we discussed without a meeting. Those present were; Councillors, Alex C. MacDonald and James F.D. Townsend, Mayor, M.S. Huntington, Clerk, B.M. Spencer, Deputy Clerk, Dan Nicholson, Police Officer D.M. Johnston and Mark Luddington.

### **SEPTEMBER 1940**

### Sunday 22

Louisbourg, N.S.

Heavy rain during the day with strong southeast wind which shifted to southwest.

Rainfall 1 5/8 inches.

Min. temperature 55, Max. temperature 59.

## **Church Services**

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M., I attended services in the First United Church. Rev. Donald MacLeod, the regular pastor, was in charge of both services. Rev. Ian MacKinnon, of Pine Hill College, Halifax, was the preacher at the morning service.

### SEPTEMBER 1940

## Monday 23

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with light to moderate northwest wind.

Min. temperature 40, Max. temperature 64.

# Motored To Sydney

Left Louisbourg at about 9:15 A.M., in a car driven by Mrs. Stephen Murphy, enroute to Sydney for the purpose of accompanying a delegation which was to interview John R. MacIsaac, Traffic Manager of the British Empire Steel and Coal Corporation Ltd., respecting shipping of coal for bunker purposes at Louisbourg. Other occupants of the car were: Neil Murphy, Louisbourg, Mr. & Mrs. Spencer and daughter, Glace Bay. At 10 A.M. a delegation consisting of Bob Stewart, Mayor D.W. Morrison, Dr. M.E. MacGarry, M.P. Neil Murphy, William King, Michael MacMullin, George Wilcox and myself, met Mr. MacIsaac in his office and discussed the matter of more employment at Louisbourg for the Shippers, Trimmers and pilots. Interview lasted about one hour during which we were informed that we could not expect any more than we were getting at Louisbourg at the present time until the Winter Season.

Returned home by the same conveyance, arriving at 3 P.M.

#### Dr. Cameron Arrives

Dr. John R. Cameron, of Grand River, Richmond County, N.S., now stationed at Sheet Harbour as an assistant to Dr. MacMillan, arrived by motor car in the afternoon for the purpose of looking over the Louisbourg situation, from a medical standpoint, with a view of taking over Dr. Townsend's practice in this town. He left to return in the evening without arriving at any definite decision in the matter.

### SEPTEMBER 1940

# **Tuesday 24**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear with moderate to fresh southwest wind. Cloud in the evening.

Min. temperature 52, Max. temperature 62.

### SEPTEMBER 1940

### Wednesday 25

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy with moderate to fresh southwest wind. A few light showers in the evening. Min. temperature 55, Max. temperature 62.

## S.S. EDIT. H

Finnish Steamer, "EDIT. H", arrived in the forenoon for bunker coal.

### **Choir Practice**

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

### SEPTEMBER 1940

# **Thursday 26**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy with heavy rain squalls in the forenoon. Fresh to strong southwest wind which moderated before noon and shifted to northerly. Light rain squalls in the afternoon. Cool at night. Rainfall about ¼ inch.

Min. temperature 32, Max. temperature 64.

### S.S. EDIT. H

Finnish Steamer, "Edit. H", sailed in the morning.

### S.S. MONTCALM

Canadian Government Steamer, "Montcalm", arrived in the evening and docked at the Freight Wharf.

### Murder At Ben Eoin C.B.

To-day's (sic) issue of the Sydney Post-Record contained the story of the murder of Angus MacIsaac in his home at Ben Eoin, Cape Breton County, which occurred some time last night. Mr. MacIsaac, a bachelor, who was 65 years of age, lived alone on his farm. His body was found this morning. An examination revealed the fact that he had been shot through the head. Robbery is supposed to be the motive for the crime.

LATER: Sydney Post-Record of to-day (sic), October 2, 1940, contained the pictures and story of the arrest by R.C.M.P. Constables Godson and Wood, of Robert Smith, age 15, and Angus Dan MacIsaac, age 14, who are charged with the murder of Angus MacIsaac on the night, Sept. 25. Both lived near the scene of the crime.

LATER: October 9, 1940. At a hearing today, at Sydney, held before Magistrate A.M. Crafton, Angus Dan MacIsaac, age 14 years, was committed to stand Supreme Court trial

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### **SEPTEMBER 1940**

## Friday 27

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and cool with moderate northwest wind. Frost in the morning. First frost I have noticed this Season.

Min. temperature 30, Max. temperature 63.

### S.S. MONTCALM

Government Steamer, "Montcalm", sailed in the morning.

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at the next Session of the Supreme Court, for the murder, on the night of September 25, 1940, of Angus MacIsaac, 65 year old, Ben Eoin farmer.

LATER: Robert Smith, age 15, who admitted to the R.C.M. Police, that he had shot Angus MacIsaac, on the night of Sept. 25, 1940, was today, October 10, 1940, committed to stand trial before the Supreme Court on the charge of murder. The hearing was held before Magistrate A.M. Crafton at Sydney.

LATER: November 5, 1940. At Sydney to-day (sic), Robert Smith was found guilty of murdering Angus MacIsaac, at Ben Eoin, on the night of September 25, 1940. The trial judge was W.L. Hall.

LATER: November 12, 1940. In the Supreme Court to-day (sic), at Sydney, Judge W.L. Hall presiding. Dan Angus MacIsaac was placed on trial for the murder of Angus MacIsaac on the night of Sept. 25, 1940.

LATER: Dan Angus MacIsaac was acquitted of the charge of murder by a Supreme Court Jury at Sydney. He was subsequently tried before Juvenile Court Judge Campbell, on a charge of breaking and entering the home of Angus MacIsaac on Sept. 25 1940. He was convicted and sentenced to a term in a reformatory St. Patrick Home, at Halifax.

LATER: At the closing of the Autumn Session of the Supreme Court, at Sydney, Robert Smith, who was convicted of the murder of Angus MacIsaac on November

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#### SEPTEMBER 1940

## Saturday 28

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and cool with moderate to fresh westerly wind.

Min. temperature 44, Max. temperature 60.

# Meeting Of School Board

At 7:30 P.M., I attended and presided at a meeting of the School Board. Those present were: Commissioners: Alex C. MacDonald, D.A. Campbell, Clarance Peters and M.S. Huntington.

Attendance Officer: D.M. Johnston School Principal: Miss Mary Campbell

## Meeting Of Board Of Stewards

After the close of the School Board meeting, I attended a meeting of the Board of Stewards of the First United Church, which was held in the church. Meeting was nearing its close when I arrived. At this meeting, it was decided to purchase a new furnace for the church.

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Fifth 1940, was sentenced, by Judge W.L. Hall, to be hanged on January 22, 1941.

LATER: January, 10, 1941. According to word received at Sydney, yesterday, the sentence of Robert Smith for the murder of Angus MacIsaac, has been commuted to life imprisonment. Smith was sentenced to be hanged on January 22, 1941.

### SEPTEMBER 1940

## Sunday 29

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and cool with light to moderate southwest wind. An ideal Autumn day. Min. temperature 40, Max. temperature 60.

**Church Services** 

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M., I attended service in the First United Church where Rev. Donald MacLeod, M.A., B.D., was the preacher.

# Visited B.M. Spencer

In the afternoon, I visited the home of B.M. Spencer. Mr. Spencer has been ill for several days. I found him considerably improved in health.

# Death Of Louis S. Tutty

The death of Louis S. Tutty took place at about 4 P.M. Mr. Tutty, who had been ill for several months, was in the 71<sup>st</sup> year of his age.

He is survived by two brothers, Captain John Tutty and Harry Tutty, both of Louisbourg. One sister, Mrs. Edward Peters, living at Louisbourg, and one sister, Mrs. Ernest Rick, in the United States. Mr. Tutty was unmarried.

## **SEPTEMBER 1940**

## Monday 30

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and cool. Partly cloudy in the early part of the day. Moderate northwest, north and northeast winds.

Min. temperature 38, Max. temperature 55.

#### OCTOBER 1940

## **Tuesday 1**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and cool becoming cloudy in the late afternoon. Moderate to fresh southwest wind. Min. temperature 29, Max. temperature 60.

## Funeral

At 2 P.M., I attended the funeral of the late Louis S. Tutty which took place from his late home at Havenside. The services at the home, church and grave were conducted by Rev. George Arnold, pastor of Sr. Bartholomew's Anglican Church. Interment took place in the Anglican cemetery on Clarkes Road.

The pall bearers were: George Wilcox, Eddie Wilcox, Walter Pearl, Cecil Pearl, Arthur Cann and Wilfred Covey. Funeral in charge of undertaker, D.M. Johnston.

## Death of Peter MacIntyre

The death of Peter MacIntyre took place at his home on Riverdale Street at about 3 P.M. Mr. MacIntyre, who had been in poor health for several months, was 87 years of age. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Roderick MacLeod, who, with her husband, lived with him and one son, Hugh, who also lives at Louisbourg.

## **OCTOBER 1940**

## Wednesday 2

Louisbourg, N.S.

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

Min. temperature 48, Max. temperature 65.

### S.S. FERNFIELD

Steamer, "Fernfield", arrived at about 10 P.M. for bunker coal.

### **Choir Practice**

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

#### OCTOBER 1940

### Thursday 3

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy, cool and showery with moderate to fresh northeast wind. Rainfall 1/8 inch.

Min. temperature 44, Max. temperature 51.

### S.S. FERNFIELD

Steamer, "Fernfield", bunkered and sailed.

#### Funeral

At 1:30 P.M., I attended the funeral of the late Peter MacIntyre which took place from his late home on Riverdale Street.

Services at the home and grave were conducted by Rev. Donald MacLeod, M.A., B.D., pastor of the First United Church. Interment took place on Catalone Cemetery.

Funeral under the direction of undertaker, D.M. Johnston.

The Pallbearers were: Archie Munroe, Hugh Beaver, Dan Morrison, Malcolm Boyd, Alex Bryan and D.J. MacIntyre.

## Meeting Of Fire Brigade

At 8 P.M., I attended a meeting of the Louisbourg Volunteer Fire Brigade held in the Fire hall, on Aberdeen St., with Fire Chief R.A. Peters presiding. Those present were: R.A. Peters, Chief; D.A. Campbell, Honorary Chief; John Johnston, Ronnie Mac Vicar, Abe Wilcox, Burns MacMullan, John MacMullan and M.S. Huntington, Secretary.

## **OCTOBER 1940**

# Friday 4

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy, cool and showery all day, partly clearing in the evening. Moderate to fresh northeast wind. Rainfall about ¼ inch.

Min. temperature 38, Max. temperature 50.

## Visited Louisbourg Park

At about 10:30 A.M., I went to the Louisbourg Park with Mrs. David H. Gibson, Dominion President of the Navy League, Toronto, H.M. Issail, President of the Sydney branch of the Navy

League and Mrs. Evelyn Tufts, of Wolfville, of the Halifax Herald staff. At the park we visited the museum where I gave a brief talk on Old Louisbourg. The party left for Sydney at about 11:40 A.M.

## Meeting Of Official Board

At about 8:30 P.M., I attended a meeting of the Official Board of the First United Church, which was held in the church, and was followed by a meeting of the Board of Stewards at the close of Official Board meeting.

Those present, including the two meetings, were: Rev. Donald MacLeod, M.A., B.D., John N. MacDonald, John A. MacDonald, A.W. Stacey, Edward Levy, Donald Wilson, Edison Skinner, Mrs. William Phalen, Mrs. Roy Martell, Mrs. Charles Bagnall and M.S. Huntington.

### **OCTOBER 1940**

## Saturday 5

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cool and remarkably clear with light west to southwest winds. Sun shone brightly from a cloudless sky making an ideal day.

Min. temperature about 32, Max. temperature 53.

Frost in the morning.

## **Town Council**

Went to the town hall at 7:30 P.M. for the purpose of attending a council meeting. Those present were: Councillors, Alex C. MacDonald and Alex Smith, Mayor M.S. Huntington, Deputy Town Clerk, Dan Nicholson and Police Officer D.M. Johnston.

### **OCTOBER 1940**

## Sunday 6

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and cool during the greater part of the day, becoming cloudy in the late afternoon.

Moderate to fresh southwest wind.

Min. temperature 34, Max. temperature 56.

### **Church Services**

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M., I attended services in the First United Church where Rev. Donald MacLeod, M.A., B.D., was the preacher.

## Visited B.M. Spencer

In the afternoon, I visited B.M. Spencer, Town Clerk, who has been ill for about two weeks. Found him in fairly good condition after a bad week. He is still in bed but expects to be up in a few days.

I also visited Mr. & Mrs. Fletcher Townsend on my way to Spencer's.

### **OCTOBER 1940**

## Monday 7

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and cool becoming cloudy in the late afternoon. Moderate to fresh southwest wind. Min. temperature 49, Max. temperature 60.

## S.S. MARIEBORG

Finnish Steamer, "Marieborg", arrived at about 6 P.M. After bunkering, she sailed during the night.

## **Erecting Power Line Poles**

The erection of poles for the Nova Scotia Power Commissions power line from Seaboard Power Station at Glace Bay to Louisbourg was begun to-day (sic). The first poles were erected on the new highway near the first railway crossing, east of the Town of Louisbourg.

#### **OCTOBER 1940**

## **Tuesday 8**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy in the morning and late afternoon. Clear and mild during the greater part of the day. Moderate to fresh southwest wind.

Min. temperature 51, Max. temperature 63.

#### OCTOBER 1940

## Wednesday 9

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy, foggy and mild with light southwest wind. Light showers in the evening.

Min. temperature 50, Max. temperature 60.

## OCTOBER 1940

## **Thursday 10**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and cool with light variable winds.

A remarkably clear sky, became cloudy in the late afternoon. An ideal day.

Min. temperature 41, Max. temperature 60.

## Repairs To Shop Foundation

To-day (sic), I had three concrete pillars erected under the east side of my shop, the wooden posts, on which the sills rested since October 1920, having become badly decayed. The work of erecting the pillars was carried out by John N. MacDonald (Part-Time), Alex MacDonald and Alex MacKeigan, with my assistance.

## **OCTOBER 1940**

## Friday 11

Louisbourg, N.S.

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

Min. temperature 36, Max. temperature 56.

#### Fire Prevention

This week, being "Fire Prevention Week", at 2 P.M., I visited the schools of the town accompanied by Ex Mayor A.A. Martell and Fire Chief R.A. Peters, where we held Fire Drill in which all the pupils took part. The evacuation of the school, after the alarm sounded, was carried out in 38 seconds. The Junior Fire Brigade composed of High school boys, had a stream of water on the roof of the building in 37 seconds after the signal was given.

After the drill was over, we each gave a short talk on the danger of being careless with fire and how to prevent and fight fires.

### **OCTOBER 1940**

## Saturday 12

Louisbourg, N.S.

Light frost in the morning. Mild and remarkably clear during the day. Bright sunshine followed by a delightful moonlight night. Light variable wind.

A perfect day.

Min. temperature about 32, Max. temperature about 60.

#### S.S. FERNFIELD

Steamer, "Fernfield", arrived in the evening and bunkered.

## S.S. EVERELZA

Latvian Steamer, "Everelza", arrived during the early part of the night for bunker coal.

#### OCTOBER 1940

### Sunday 13

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and mild with moderate to fresh southwest wind.

Min. temperature 41, Max. temperature 60.

# **Church Services**

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M., I attended services in the First United Church where Rev. Donald MacLeod, M.A., B.D., was the preacher.

#### **OCTOBER 1940**

### Monday 14

## **Thanksgiving Day**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and mild in the morning, becoming mostly cloudy and chilly during the day.

Moderate to fresh west to northwest winds. Calm at night.

Min. temperature 35, Max. temperature 59.

## Thanksgiving Day

This is a public holiday throughout the Dominion of Canada. In this town the Bank, schools and Town office as well as some of the business houses were closed for the day.

A Steamer at the coal pier, which arrived here on last Saturday night for bunker coal, did not get her coal to-day (sic) owing to the employees of the coal company taking the day off. Had my shop open for business all day as usual.

## **OCTOBER 1940**

## Monday 15

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cool and mostly clear with moderate to fresh winds mostly southwest.

Min. temperature 34, Max. temperature 60.

### MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

The Triennial Municipality elections were held to-day (sic) throughout the Province of Nova Scotia.

For the results in the Municipality of the County of Cape Breton, see next page.

## S.S. EVERELZA

Latvian Steamer, "Everelza", which arrived here on last Saturday night, bunkered to-day (sic) and will probably sail tonight or tomorrow morning.

## **OCTOBER 1940**

### Wednesday 16

Louisbourg, N.S.

A comparatively mild morning was followed by a very chilly day. Clear with fresh to strong northwest to north winds. Shower of rain in the early morning.

Min. temperature 27, Max. temperature 57.

## MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

According to to-day's (sic) issue of the Sydney Post-Record, the results of the Municipal elections held yesterday in Cape Breton County are as follows:

District 1 Reserve; William Gouthro, Conservative reelected by a majority of 393 over John Steele, Liberal and John Wilton, C.C.F.

District 2 Balls Creek; Deputy Warden Frank Lewis, Liberal reelected, majority 240 over John F. Daley, Liberal.

District 3 Hillside: John Munroe, Liberal, majority 38 over John A. MacDonald, Conservative.

District 4 Florence: Ted Sullivan, Liberal, majority 44, over Alex J. MacLennan, Independent and Ray MacGillivray.

District 5 Mainadieu: Thomas Lathigee, Liberal acclamation.

District 6 Louisbourg: Mark Cannington, Liberal acclamation.

District 7 Gabarus: Charles Mann, Conservative, reelected, acclamation.

District 8 East Bay South: Rod S. MacNeil, majority 12 over Councillor J.P. Gillis.

District 9 Boisdale: Joseph A. MacIntyre, independent, majority 1 over Warden R.A. MacKinnon, Liberal.

District 10 Boularderie: John Broderick, Conservative, reelected, majority 159 over Norman MacKay, Liberal.

District 11 Donkin: Gordon MacGregor, Liberal, reelected, majority 151 over R. Cunningham, C.C.F.

District 12 Port Morien: Robert Orr, Liberal, reelected, acclamation.

District 13 Big Pond: Joseph Campbell, Conservative, reelected, majority 12 over Duncan MacPherson, Liberal.

District 14 Grand Narrows: A.D.H. MacKinnon, Conservative, reelected, majority 160 over John Allan MacNeil, Liberal.

District 15 Catalone: Alex Ferguson, Liberal reelected, majority 15 over Craig MacDonald, Conservative.

District 16 Trout Brook: Donald Lomond, Liberal, reelected, majority 39 (Continued on next page)

## **OCTOBER 1940**

# **Thursday 17**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and cool becoming cloudy at noon. Variable light winds mostly southeast.

Min. temperature about 22, Max. temperature [blank]

# **Heavy Frost**

First frost of the Season to do any damage of a serious nature. Dahlias and other plants in the garden totally destroyed.

#### MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

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over Donald MacLeod, Conservative.

District 17 Grand Mira: Sylvester MacDonald, Liberal, reelected, majority 23 over Neil H. MacKinnon, Conservative.

District 18 South Forks: Wilfred Carmichael, Liberal, reelected, majority 164, over Dan A. MacDonald, Conservative.

District 19 Northside East Bay: Joseph MacGillivray, Liberal, reelected, acclamation.

District 20 Lingan: Gus Brown, Liberal, reelected, majority 400 over Henry Cooke and Robert C. MacNeil.

District 21 Enon: John MacDonald, Conservative, reelected, acclamation.

District 22 French Vale: Steve MacLean, majority 10 over Patrick Currie, Martin W. Gouthro and John M. MacKinnon.

District 23 Georges River: Roderick J. MacDonald, Liberal, elected over John James Almon.

District 24 Bateson: Alex R. MacDonald, Liberal, reelected, acclamation.

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#### S.S. MOYSALEN

Norwegian Steamer, "Moysalen", arrived during the night for bunker coal.

### S.S. FOUNDATION ARANMORE

Steamer, "Foundation Aranmore", which arrived here yesterday morning with a barge in tow, bunkered yesterday and last night and sailed this morning.

### **OCTOBER 1940**

## Friday 18

Louisbourg, N.S.

Rained moderately nearly all day. Cleared during the night. Fresh to strong east to northeast winds. Very distrainable. Rainfall of last night and today, about 1 inch. Min. temperature 36, Max. temperature 58.

# Meeting Of Board Of Stewards

At 8 P.M., I attended a meeting of the Board of Stewards of the First United Church, in the church. Those present were: John A. MacDonald, John N. MacDonald, Donald Wilson, Edward Levy and M.S. Huntington.

### OCTOBER 1940

## Saturday 19

Louisbourg, N.S.

Partly clear with an occasional light shower. Chilly with moderate to fresh northwest wind. Min. temperature 32, Max. temperature 49.

## Council Meeting

At 7:30 P.M., I attended a meeting of the Town Council. Those present were: Councillors Alex C. MacDonald, Alex Smith, Cleveland Townsend, Mayor, M.S. Huntington, Clerk, B.M. Spencer, Deputy Clerk, Dan Nicholson, John Holland, who addressed the council respecting his tax arrears, and George Phalen.

# Fishing Schooners In Port

A fleet of about 12 Luneburg fishing Schooners are in port to-day (sic) for shelter. The majority of them arrived yesterday.

### **OCTOBER 1940**

### Sunday 20

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and cool during the early part of the day but becoming cloudy shortly after noon. Snow began to fall at about 6 P.M. and continued until after midnight. Light variable wind during the greater part of the day. Easterly in the evening, shifting to moderate and increasing to a fresh breeze.

Min. temperature about 30, Max. temperature 47.

### First Snow Storm of Season

At least 5 inches of heavy, wet snow fell during the night. Beginning at about 6 P.M., it continued until after midnight.

## **Church Services**

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M., I attended services in the First United Church where Rev. Donald MacLeod, M.A., B.D., was the preacher.

### S.S. JOHN CABOT

Newfoundland Steamer, "John Cabot", arrived in the late afternoon for bunker coal.

## Fishing Schooners Sailed

A fleet of about 12 Fishing Schooners, which were in port for the past two days, sailed early this morning for the fishing grounds.

## **OCTOBER 1940**

# Monday 21

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and cool with light to moderate northwest wind which shifted to southwest and, during the afternoon, increased to a strong breeze. Cloudy in the later afternoon. Rain began to fall at about 9:30 P.M.

Ground covered by about 5 inches of wet snow with a crust frozen on the surface. During the day, a considerable quantity of the snow disappeared but in the evening there was still enough left to give the fields and woods a very wintery appearance. There was considerable damage done in town to electric light and telephone wires as a result of last night's storm. In the evening, all the electric lines had been restored, fit for service, but a number of telephones were still out of commission.

## S.S. JOHN CABOT

Newfoundland Steamer, "John Cabot", after bunkering, sailed in the early morning.

#### OCTOBER 1940

## **Tuesday 22**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear with moderate northwest wind in the morning, becoming cloudy in the forenoon and wind increasing to a heavy gale which continued all day and late into the night. A drizzle of snow and sleet accompanied the heavy wind which made it very unpleasant out in the open.

Min. temperature 28, Max. temperature 40.

### **OCTOBER 1940**

# Wednesday 23

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool with moderate winds mostly southwest.

Min. temperature 30, Max. temperature 48.

### S.S. KATLA

Icelandic Steamer, "Katla", arrived at about 8 A.M. After bunkering, she sailed during the night.

## S.S. MARIEBORG

Finnish Steamer, "Marieborg", arrived at about 7 P.M.

### **OCTOBER 1940**

## **Thursday 24**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool with light to moderate winds.

Min. temperature 34, Max. temperature 54.

# County Council Election Recount

A recount held yesterday at Sydney in connection with the election held on District no. 9, Boisdale, resulted in Warden R.A. MacKinnon and Joseph A. MacIntyre each receiving 128 votes.

The tie was broken by the presiding officer, D.P. MacIntyre, of Boisdale, giving his casting vote in favor of Warden MacKinnon.

On election night, October 15, the count gave Warden MacKinnon 126 votes and his opponent 127.

The recount, requested by the Warden, resulted in his election by the closing vote of the presiding officer.

# **OCTOBER 1940**

# Friday 25

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and mild in the early part of the day, becoming cloudy and chilly in the early afternoon. Light northwest wind.

Min. temperature 30, Max. temperature 49.

#### Funeral

At 1:30 P.M., I motored to Catalone with Mrs. MacMillan for the purpose of attending the funeral of the late Mrs. John MacLean, of Glace Bay, who died in the General Hospital in that town. The funeral services, in the United Church at Catalone and at the grave, were conducted by Rev. Donald MacLeod of the First United Church, Louisbourg, assisted by Rev. John MacDonald, of Knox United Church, Glace Bay.

### **OCTOBER 1940**

# Saturday 26

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool with very light drizzle of rain during the quarter part of the day followed by heavier showers during the night.

Light northeast wind. Rainfall about ¼ inch.

Min. temperature 30, Max. temperature 44.

### **OCTOBER 1940**

## Sunday 27

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cool and partly clear with light north to northwest winds. Light snow squalls in the afternoon and evening.

Min. temperature 30, Max. temperature 42.

## **Church Services**

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M., I attended services in the First United Church where Rev. Donald MacLeod was the preacher.

## OCTOBER 1940

# Monday 28

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cool and mostly cloudy with light northwest wind. A few light snow squalls in the morning and light rain squalls during the night.

Min. temperature 28, Max. temperature 43.

## Canadian Destroyer Lost

Radio and press of this date, to-day (sic), announced the loss, on the night of October 22, 1940, of H.M.C.S. "Margaree" in collision with a large merchant ship in the North Atlantic. 31 officers and men are believed to have been rescued, while 140 of the crew are missing and presumed to have been drowned. The Margaree was in command of Commander Joseph W.R. Roy, of Ottawa, who was lost with his ship.

The name of the merchant ship was not given.

## Liner Empress of Britain Sunk

Radio and press of to-day (sic) confirmed last Saturday's report of the sinking of the 42,340 ton Canadian Pacific Liner, "Empress of Britain". The Empress was commanded by Captain Charles Sapsworth.

Later: October 29. According to to-day's (sic) press, the sinking took place about 150 miles west of Ireland, as a result of bombs dropped on the ship from German planes. Of a total of 643 persons on board, 45 are reported missing.

### **OCTOBER 1940**

## **Tuesday 29**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool with moderate to fresh north to northeast winds.

Min. temperature 27, Max. temperature 45.

### S.S. NIDARHOLM

Finnish Steamer, "Nidarholm", arrived at about 8 A.M. After bunkering, she sailed at about 4 P.M.

### S.S. POLARLAND

Norwegian Steamer, "Polarland", arrived at about 4:30 P.M. for bunker coal.

# **OCTOBER 1940**

## Wednesday 30

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and cool with light to moderate northwest wind.

Min. temperature 25, Max. temperature 44.

### S.S. POLARLAND

Norwegian Steamer, "Polarland", after bunkering last night, sailed early this morning.

### **Choir Practice**

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

#### OCTOBER 1940

# Thursday 31

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and cool becoming cloudy in the late afternoon. Snow squalls during the night.

Min. temperature 30, Max. temperature 45.

Light to moderate northerly wind.

#### **NOVEMBER 1940**

## Friday 1

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cool and partly clear with moderate northerly wind. Rain squalls in the late afternoon and evening.

Min. temperature 32, Max. temperature 45.

### **NOVEMBER 1940**

## Saturday 2

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and cool with light southwest wind. An ideal Autumn day.

Min. temperature, about 30, Max. temperature, about 44.

#### **NOVEMBER 1940**

## Sunday 3

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool followed by rain at about noon. Moderate southeast wind increasing to a moderate gale shortly after noon. Partly clear in the late afternoon and evening, wind shifting to southwest and moderating. Rainfall about ¼ inch.

Min. temperature 42, Max. temperature 49.

### **Church Services**

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M., I attended services in the First United Church, where owing to an exchange of pulpits between Rev. Donald MacLeod, of Louisbourg, and Rev. J.W. O'Brien, of Sydney Mines, Mr. O'Brien occupied the Louisbourg pulpit both morning and evening.

### **NOVEMBER 1940**

## Monday 4

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool with moderate to fresh westerly wind.

Min. temperature 40, Max. temperature 47.

S.S. OLGA

Greek Steamer, "Olga", arrived at about 8 P.M. for bunker coal.

### **NOVEMBER 1940**

## **Tuesday 5**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cool and mostly clear with moderate westerly wind.

Min. temperature, about 32, Max. temperature, about 48.

### S.S. OLGA

Greek Steamer, "Olga", bunkered in the morning and sailed shortly before noon.

## Robert Smith Convicted of Murder

In Supreme Court, to-day (sic), at Sydney, a jury with Harry Hooper foreman, brought in a verdict of guilty in the case of Robert Smith, of Rear of Big Pond, C.B., tried for the murder of Angus MacIsaac, Ben Eoin, C.B. Smith, who is only 15 years of age, killed Angus MacIsaac, in MacIsaac's house, by shooting him in the head on the night of September 25, 1940. Smith's companion, Dan Angus MacIsaac, a relative of the murdered man, who was present when the murder was committed, is to face trial on the charge of murder, at Sydney on next Tuesday, November 12. The present term of the Supreme Court is presided over by Justice W.L. Hall.

## Armed Merchantmass, Jervis Bay Sunk

Convoy of 38 ships enroute from Halifax, N.S. to England, attacked by a German raider, supposed to be a Pocket Battleship, in mid Atlantic. Armed Merchant Cruiser, Jervis Bay, commanded by Captain Fogarty Fegan, was sunk in a fight with the raider while defending the

convoy. Upwards of 30 of the convoy escaped owing to the heroism of the captain and crew of the Jervis Bay. Captain Fegan and the majority of his crew went down with their ship.

### **NOVEMBER 1940**

## Wednesday 6

Louisbourg, N.S.

Comparatively mild and partly clear during the early part of the day. Cloudy during the afternoon. Rain began to fall about 5:30 P.M. Heavy showers during the night. Light variable winds.

Min. temperature 28, Max. temperature 60.

## **Choir Practice**

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

## **United States Elections**

The results of the elections held in the United States, yesterday, as given by the radio and press, to-day (sic), show that Franklin D. Roosevelt has been reelected for a third term by a large majority over Wendell L. Willkie, the Republican Candidate.

Mr. Roosevelt is the first president in the history of the United States to be reelected for a third term.

#### **NOVEMBER 1940**

## Thursday 7

Louisbourg, N.S.

Mild and mostly cloudy with some fog in the morning. Light southwest wind.

Rainfall of last night about ¼ inch.

Min. temperature 38, Max. temperature 50.

## Canadian Parliament Opens

The Canadian Parliament opened at Ottawa, today, under the premiership of Hon. MacKenzie King, with Mr. R.B. Hanson as leader of the Conservative Opposition. The Earl of Athlone, Governor-General, read the speech from the Throne.

## **NOVEMBER 1940**

## Friday 8

Louisbourg, N.S.

Mild and cloudy with sun shining through occasionally. A few light showers. Light variable wind mostly southwest.

Min. temperature 38, Max. temperature 48.

### **NOVEMBER 1940**

## Saturday 9

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cool and partly clear with light northwest wind.

Min. temperature 35, Max. temperature 48.

#### **NOVEMBER 1940**

## Sunday 10

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool with light variable wind.

Min. temperature 32, Max. temperature 41.

### **Church Services**

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M., I attended services in the First United Church where Rev. Donald MacLeod, M.A., B.D., was the preacher.

# **NOVEMBER 1940**

# Monday 11

# **Armistice Day**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cool and mostly cloudy with light variable wind and a few sprinkles of rain occasionally. Min. temperature 31, Max. temperature 47.

## General Holiday

This is a general holiday throughout the Dominion of Canada.

## Celebrates Birthday

Born November 11, 1883, to-day (sic), Emeline celebrated her 57<sup>th</sup> birthday.

## **NOVEMBER 1940**

## **Tuesday 12**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cool and mostly cloudy with moderate to fresh southwest wind. Showers during the night. Min. temperature [blank], Max. temperature [blank].

### S.S. SELFOSS

Icelandic Steamer, "Selfoss", arrived at about 1:30 P.M. After bunkering, she sailed in the evening.

### Death of William Baldwin

To-day's (sic) edition of the Sydney Post-Record contained the news of the death of William Baldwin, which took place at Sydney last night.

Mr. Baldwin, who was about 86 years of age, was a native and life-long resident of West Louisbourg.

## Dan Angus MacIsaac On Trial For Murder

In the Supreme Court at Sydney, to-day (sic), Dan Angus MacIsaac, a 14 year old boy, was placed on trial for the murder of a relative, Angus MacIsaac, of Ben Eoin, on the night of Sept 25, 1940. His companion, Robert Smith, aged 15 years, who actually did the killing, was convicted of murder on the 5<sup>th</sup> of this month.

#### **NOVEMBER 1940**

## Wednesday 13

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy, misty with a few light showers.

Light winds mostly easterly.

Min. temperature 44, Max. temperature 53.

## **Choir Practice**

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

## **NOVEMBER 1940**

# **Thursday 14**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy with some fog and light variable winds.

Min. temperature 43, Max. temperature 54.

# Motored To Sydney

Motored to Sydney in the morning, on board Cameron's bus car, (John MacInnis, driver). Made a number of business calls at Sydney during the day. Had lunch at the "Isle Royale" hotel. Visited my niece, Mrs. Hedley Hopkins, Rockdale Avenue, before leaving for home. Returning, left Sydney at 4:30 P.M. on Cameron's bus. Arrived home at about 5:20 P.M. While at Sydney, I made an appointment to have Emeline meet Dr. J.B. Acker, foot specialist, of Halifax. The hour set was 11 A.M. tomorrow at the "Isle Royale" hotel.

#### **NOVEMBER 1940**

## Friday 15

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and misty with light easterly wind.

Min. temperature 40, Max. temperature 46.

## Visited Dr. Acker

Mrs. Fletcher Townsend took Emeline and I to Sydney in her car for the purpose of having an examination of Emeline's feet, which have not made a very good recovery, following the operation she underwent on March 14 last. Mrs. John A. MacDonald and daughter, Jean, also went with us for the same purpose, Jean having been a patient of Dr. Acker's for several years. After meeting and interviewing Dr. T.B. Acker at about 11:15 A.M. in his room at the "Isle

Royale", our party had lunch at the "Diana Sweets" Restaurant before leaving for home. We arrived back at Louisbourg at about 2:20 P.M.

### Fire

At about 8:45 A.M., the fire alarm sounded for a stove pipe and chimney fire at the home of Mrs. John Lahey, Pepperell Street. Firemen responded quickly but before reaching the scene of the fire, it was "all out". No damage resulted from the blaze.

### **NOVEMBER 1940**

## Saturday 16

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy, foggy, misty and mild with light easterly wind. Showers during the evening. Min. temperature 43, Max. temperature 55.

# **Training For Nursing Profession**

Miss Christine MacDonald, who has been clerking for me in the shop since July 4, 1939, finished her period of clerkship with me to-day (sic). She has, however, agreed to assist Miss Annie MacIntyre, who succeeds her on next Monday and Tuesday, when I expect to be absent from home. Miss MacDonald, who was a very trusting and efficient clerk, intends entering the General Hospital at Glace Bay, on Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> of this month, to train for the nursing profession. I plan, with our many friends, in wishing her every success. Miss Annie MacIntyre, of Mira Ferry, who succeeds Miss MacDonald in my shop, entered on her duties on Tuesday last, Nov. 12.

## **NOVEMBER 1940**

## Sunday 17

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and cool with fresh westerly wind.

Min. temperature 40, Max. temperature 52.

### **Church Services**

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M., I attended services in the First United Church. Rev. Donald MacLeod, the regular pastor, was the preacher in the morning. Owing to an exchange of pulpits between Rev. Donald MacLeod and Rev. Ian MacKay, of St. John's United Church, Port Morien, Mr. Mac Kay was the preacher in the evening at Louisbourg, while Mr. MacLeod occupied the United Church pulpit at Morien.

### **NOVEMBER 1940**

## Monday 18

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cool and partly clear with moderate to fresh northwest wind. A few light rain squalls during the day.

### Motored To Salmon River

Got Charles Stacey to drive me to my old home at Salmon River for the purpose of visiting my brother, Heber, who is very ill as a result of a severe cold. Left Louisbourg at 10 A.M. Arrived at Clifford Huntington's at about 11 A.M. Called on his home and remained a few minutes before continuing on to Heber's. Stayed about 10 minutes at Heber's and then returned with Charles Stacey to the end of Clifford's road. I went to Clifford's, while Stacey started for home. After dinner at Clifford's, I called at Fred's and Cecil Hussey's, after which I walked back to Heber's where I remained until about 5 P.M., when I walked back to Clifford's, where I stayed all night. Found Heber, who had been threatened with Pneumonia, slightly better than he had been, his temperature having dropped from 103 to 99. But before night it had again climbed above the 100 mark.

### November 1940

# **Tuesday 19**

Salmon River, N.S.

Mostly cloudy and very chilly with moderate to fresh northwest winds. A few light snow squalls during the day but not enough to be noticed on the ground.

# Motored To Sydney

Motored up to Heber's in the morning with Cecil Hussey and returned with him to the end of the new road at the Back Landing from there I walked to the end of the Clifford's road, where I waited for the milk collecting truck, driven by Ronald MacKinnon of Salmon River. Boarded the truck at about 8:30 A.M. and visited Trout Brook, South side road, above Marion Bridge and Hillside before reaching Sydney at about 10:45 A.M. Visited Dr. J.A. Burke, Dentist, 291 Charlotte St., Sydney, and had an impression made for an upper dental set. Had lunch at Isle Royale hotel at 12:30 P.M. Attended a meeting of Air Raid Precautions Central Committee in the Council Chambers in the Court house with Warden R.A. MacKinnon presiding, at 7:30 P.M. Among those present at the meeting were: M.R. Chappell, Sydney, Mayor F.L. Kelly, North Sydney, Mayor William Hinchey, New Waterford, Fred Mosher, Glace Bay, William Cuzner, Sydney Mines, Dr. Beckwith, Sydney, Wing Commander.

S.S. FIDRA S.S. YILDUM

Finnish Steamer, "Fidra" and "Yildum", arrived at Louisbourg, bunkered and sailed.

## November 1940

# Wednesday 20

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy with fresh to strong southwest wind. Showers during the evening and night. Min. temperature about 27, Max. temperature 47.

**Choir Practice** 

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

Presentation

Immediately after choir practice, the members of the choir went to the home of Miss Christine MacDonald, who is a member and Secretary-Treasurer of the choir, and presented her with an address and a gift consisting of an over-night case. Miss MacDonald leaves here on next Monday for Glace Bay where she will enter the General Hospital, in that town, to train for the nursing profession. The following choir members were present at the presentation and the lunch that followed: Mr. & Mrs. John A. MacDonald, Director and organist respectively, Edison Skinner, Daniel Nicholson, Elsie Bagnall, Maud Smith, Georgina MacIntyre, Haroldina Beaver, M.S. Huntington.

## **NOVEMBER 1940**

# Thursday 21

Louisbourg, N.S.

Moderately cool and mostly clear with moderate west to southwest winds.

Min. temperature [blank], Max. temperature 44.

### S.S. ABGARA

Latvian Steamer, "Abgara", arrived in the early morning, bunkered and sailed shortly before noon.

### S.S. LADY LAURIER

Canadian Government Steamer, "Lady Laurier", arrived in the evening and bunkered.

### **NOVEMBER 1940**

## Friday 22

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and comparatively mild with moderate southwest wind. Rain during the evening and early part of the night. Rainfall about ¼ inch.

Min. temperature 44, Max. temperature 46.

## Death of Matthew Doyle

The death of Matthew Doyle, a former resident of Margaree, C.B., took place at an early hour this morning. Mr. Doyle, who lived with his son, Rev. Father D.H. Doyle, was in the 94<sup>th</sup> year of his age and had been living at Louisbourg for about 13 years, in the Glebe house, Wolfe Street.

## Power Commission Survey

Survey for the calculation of the Nova Scotia Power Commissions light and power lines in the Town of Louisbourg and West Louisbourg was begun this week.

## Death of Mrs. William Bagnall

The death of Mrs. William Bagnall, formerly of Louisbourg, took place at the home of her daughter and son in law, Mr. and Mrs. Verne Payzant, Prescott, Ontario, to-day (sic). Mrs. Bagnall, who was about 67 years of age, is survived by four sons and two daughters. The sons are Charles, Joseph, and Nelson, living at Louisbourg, Oscar in Massachusetts. The daughters are Mrs. Verne Payzant and Mrs. Emerson Grant of Prescott, Ontario.

Mrs. Bagnall, before her marriage, was Miss Elizabeth Hardy, a native of Gabarus, N.S.

### **NOVEMBER 1940**

## Saturday 23

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and chilly with fresh northerly wind which moderated in the evening. Min. temperature about 28, Max. temperature 45.

## Council Meeting

At 7:30 P.M., I attended and presided at a meeting of the Town Council. Those present were: Councillors: Alex C. MacDonald, Alex Smith, Cleveland Townsend, James F.D. Townsend, Mayor, M.S. Huntington, Town Clerk, B.M. Spencer, Deputy Clerk, Daniel Nicholson, Police Officer, D.M. Johnson and Benjamin Hickman in respect to his tax arrears.

## **NOVEMBER 1940**

## Sunday 24

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and very chilly with light variable wind. Moderate southwest in the evening. Min. temperature about 26, Max. temperature 32.

#### Church Services

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M., I attended services in the First United Church where Rev. Donald MacLeod, M.A., B.D., was the preacher.

### Funeral

At 1 P.M., I attended the funeral of the late Matthew Doyle which took place from the residence of his son, the Rev. Father D.H. Doyle, the Glebe house, to Stella Maris Church. Service at the church was conducted by Rev. Father Porrier, of Mainadieu, C.B., assisted by Rev. Father D.H. Doyle, of Louisbourg. At the close of the service, T.W. Curry's hearse [blank] Glace Bay, with the remains on board left for Margaree, where burial will take place tomorrow morning. D.M. Johnston, undertaker, of Louisbourg, prepared the body for burial and had charge of the funeral arrangements here.

## S.S. MOYSALEN

Norwegian Steamer, "Moysalen", arrived at about 8:30 P.M. for bunker coal.

### **NOVEMBER 1940**

## Monday 25

Louisbourg, N.S.

Rain in the morning, showers during the day. Snow squalls in the early part of the night. Fresh southeast to southwest winds shifting to westerly at night. Cold at night. 40.

Min. temperature, about 25, Max. temperature [blank].

Rainfall about 1/3 inch.

### S.S. MOYSALEN

Norwegian Steamer, "Moysalen", after bunkering, sailed at about 9:30 A.M.

#### **NOVEMBER 1940**

## **Tuesday 26**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Northwest gale with light snow flurries, which began in the early morning, continued until after midnight. Snowfall of last night and today, about ½ inch. A very disagreeable day. Min. temperature about 20, Max. temperature 27.

## Funeral of Mrs. William Bagnall

The funeral of the late Mrs. William Bagnall took place at 1:30 P.M. from the home of her son Charles, Beatrice Street, to the Presbyterian Church. The services at the home, church and grave were conducted by Rev. Joseph Cathcart, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church. Was present at the funeral and at the church, by request, sang solo entitled "Goodnight and Good Morning". Burial took place in the cemetery on Clarkes Road. (Formerly Methodist Cemetery).

The Pallbearers were: Edward Levy, William Severance, Malcolm Boyd, Oscar Harris, William Bryan and M.S. Huntington.

Mr. and Mrs. Verne Payzant and Mrs. Emerson Grant, of Prescott, Ontario, who accompanied the remains to Louisbourg, and Oscar Bagnall & wife, of Bramtree, Mass., were present at the funeral.

## **NOVEMBER 1940**

## Wednesday 27

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy with light variable wind, southeast at night. Snow began to fall at about 6:30 P.M. and continued until late into the night.

Min. temperature about 30.

### **Choir Practice**

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

# Nova Scotia Power Commission

The delivery of poles along the streets of the Town of Louisbourg for the Nova Scotia Power Commission, light and power lines was begun today on Wolfe Street.

The digging of holes for the placing of the poles was also begun to-day (sic); two having been dug near Gerrard's Bridge. The poles were picked up at the railway station and delivered, to the places they were required, by motor truck.

A considerable quantity of wire and other material has arrived for the Commission and is being stored in a building on Main Street, just east of the coal pier, owned by C.W. Mason, of Sydney. The surveyors have not yet completed their work in the town.

#### **NOVEMBER 1940**

## **Thursday 28**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Snow storm of last night was followed by rain in the early morning. Mostly cloudy and comparatively mild during the day. Cold at night with light snow flurries. Light southwest wind shifting to west and northwest in the afternoon and increasing to a strong breeze during the night. Snowfall of last night, about 4 inches. Snow almost entirely disappeared from the street during the day.

Min. temperature about [blank], Max. temperature 40.

### S.S. TOLOSA

Norwegian Steamer, "Tolosa", arrived at about 8 A.M. After bunkering, she sailed at about 1 P.M.

#### **NOVEMBER 1940**

## Friday 29

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cold and partly clear with fresh to strong northwest wind and a few specks of snow in the air. Min. temperature, about 16, Max. temperature 27.

## Community Sing Song

At 8 P.M., I attended the second of a Series of "Sing Songs", held under the Auspices of the Louisbourg Community Club, for the purpose of raising money to defray the expenses of sending remembrance to the Louisbourg boys who are now serving in the armed forces. The first of the Series was held on the evening of Nov. 18 in the Parish hall, under the chairmanship of Duncan MacKay. Receipts on that occasion were \$25.65. To-night's (sic) concert was held in the same hall, but was under the direction of Edison Skinner. Receipts, which consisted of a Silver collection at the door, amounted to about \$12.00.

### N.S. Power Commission Poles Erected

The first of the poles for the Nova Scotia Power Commissions light and power lines, in the Town of Louisbourg, were erected to-day (sic). These poles, 2 in number, were placed in position on Main Street, about 450 and 500 feet east of Gerrard's Bridge.

## **NOVEMBER 1940**

# Saturday 30

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cold and cloudy, becoming milder as the day advanced. Snow, rain and sleet, beginning at about 1:30 P.M. and continuing all the afternoon. Partly clear during the night. Moderate southeast wind shifting to southwest at night and increasing about 20. Max. temperature 33. Min. temperature [blank].

## S.S. FOUNDATION ARANMORE

Steamer, "Foundation Aranmore", arrived in the early morning for bunker coal.

### **DECEMBER 1940**

## Sunday 1

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy. Light snow squalls in the forenoon followed by sleet and heavy rain in the afternoon and evening. Light south wind increasing to gale forces in the late afternoon. Wind shifted to southwest in the evening and moderated to a light breeze. Rainfall about ½ inch.

Min. temperature, about 27, Max. temperature 44.

No trace of snow or ice on the street at night.

## **Church Services**

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M., I attended services in the First United Church where Rev. Donald MacLeod, M.A., B.D., was the preacher.

## S.S. FOUNDATION ARANMORE

Steamer, "Foundation Aranmore", which bunkered here yesterday, sailed during last night or early this morning.

### **DECEMBER 1940**

## Monday 2

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cold and partly clear with moderate to fresh northwest wind.

Min. temperature [blank], Max. temperature [blank].

### **DECEMBER 1940**

## **Tuesday 3**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and cold in the morning, becoming cloudy at noon. Light drizzle of snow in the afternoon followed by rain which turned to snow in the evening. Snowfall about 1 inch. Light northwest wind in the morning which shifted to southeast and increased to a strong breeze, which moderated in the evening. Clear and cold during the night.

Min. temperature, about 6, Max. temperature [blank].

## Motored To Sydney

Went to Sydney in the morning on board Cameron's bus, (John MacInnis, driver). Made a number of business calls at Sydney and returned on the same bus, leaving Sydney at 4:30 P.M. Had lunch at the "Isle Royale" hotel.

### New Dental Plate

While at Sydney to-day (sic), I got a new upper dental plate from Dr. J.A. Burke to replace one I broke about three weeks ago.

#### **DECEMBER 1940**

## Wednesday 4

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cold and mostly cloudy with light variable wind.

Min. temperature, about 8, Max. temperature [blank].

Streets covered by about 1 inch of frozen snow and ice.

### **Choir Practice**

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

#### **DECEMBER 1940**

### **Thursday 5**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cold in the morning, but becoming mild in the early part of the day. Light to fresh south to southwest winds. Thawing during the afternoon and night. Streets a glare of ice in the late afternoon and evening.

Min. temperature, about 10, Max. temperature 40.

# Death of Capt. Dan Harris

The death of Capt. Dan Harris took place, at about 8 A.M., after a long illness. Capt. Harris, who was 60 years of age, was a native of Gabarus but had lived at Louisbourg for many years. He is survived by two sons and two daughters, the sons are; Abraham and Oscar, both at Louisbourg. The daughters; Mrs. John Savory and Maxwell, also living at Louisbourg. One brother, George, at Louisbourg, and one sister, Mrs. Joseph Gray, at Gabarus.

## S.S. KATLA

Icelandic Steamer, "Katla", arrived in the early morning for bunker coal.

# S.S. FERNFIELD

Steamer, "Fernfield", arrived and bunkered.

### S.S. COLONY TRADER

Steamer, "Colony Trader", arrived in the morning for bunker coal.

## **DECEMBER 1940**

# Friday 6

Louisbourg, N.S.

Heavy rain in the early morning accompanied by a southerly gale. Cloudy during the day becoming cold in the afternoon and evening. Northwest wind and snow squalls in the afternoon. Rainfall of last night, about 1½ inches.

Min. Temperature, about [blank], Max. temperature [blank].

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

#### S.S. KATLA

Icelandic Steamer, "Katla", sailed at about 7:30 A.M.

### S.S. COLONY TRADER

Steamer, "Colony Trader", sailed in the forenoon.

## S.S. BISCAYA

Norwegian Steamer, "Biscaya", arrived at about 7 P.M. for bunker coal. After bunkering, she sailed during the night.

## **DECEMBER 1940**

## Saturday 7

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately cold with light variable wind. Southerly at night and increasing. Min. temperature, about 10, Max. temperature, about 27.

### Funeral

At 1:30 P.M., I attended the funeral of the late Capt. Dan Harris, which took place from his late residence on Havenside Street, to the First United Church. Services at the house, church, and grave were conducted by Rev. Donald MacLeod, M.A., B.D.

## **DECEMBER 1940**

## Sunday 8

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy, mild and showery with fresh moderate southwest wind.

Min. temperature [blank], Max. temperature 45.

### **Church Services**

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M., I attended services in the First United Church where Rev. Donald MacLeod, M.A., B.D, was the preacher.

#### **DECEMBER 1940**

## Monday 9

Louisbourg, N.S.

Rained all day and late into the night. Light variable winds during the day. Wind northerly during the night increasing to a strong breeze.

Max. temperature 45.

Rainfall of yesterday, last night and to-day (sic), 2 ¼ inches.

### **DECEMBER 1940**

## **Tuesday 10**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cool and partly clear with fresh to moderate north to northwest wind. Snowfall of about 1 inch in the early morning.

Min. temperature, about [blank], Max. temperature [blank].

### S.S. PANCHITO

Panamanian Steamer, "Panchito", arrived in the afternoon for a cargo of coal.

### Greek War Relief Fund

At 7:30 P.M., I attended a meeting in the Town office, of those interested in organizing a campaign for to collect contributions to the Greek War Relief Fund. I called this meeting by posters and through having the various clergymen announce it from their pulpits on last Sunday. Those present were as follows:

B.M. Spencer, Town Clerk, D.M. Johnston, Police Officer, Rev. Joseph Cathcart, Rev. Father D.H. Doyle, Arthur Cann, William Stewart and M.S. Huntington, Mayor.

On motion of the meeting, I was elected chairman and William Stewart, Manager Royal Bank, secretary. After discussing the question for a few minutes, all present, except Mr. Johnston, formed ourselves into a committee to make a canvass of the town in the interests of this fund. We divided the town, and West Louisbourg, into sections and assigned a canvasser to each section with the exception the West Louisbourg section and the town west of Gerrard's Bridge, Rev. Father Doyle, having undertaken to arrange canvassers for that district.

## **DECEMBER 1940**

# Wednesday 11

Louisbourg, N.S.

Mostly cloudy and moderately cold. Moderate to fresh winds.

Min. temperature, about 20, Max. temperature 34.

### S.S. VINELAND

Panamanian Steamer, "Vineland", Capt. Williams, arrived in the forenoon for part cargo of coal. The Vineland, which is said to be owned by the Mersey Paper Company of Liverpool, N.S., was partly loaded at Sydney, but owing to an outlaw strike of the shippers at Sydney pier, she had to come to Louisbourg to finish loading.

The Vineland is flying the flag of Panama.

# S.S. WATUKA

Steamer, "Watuka", Capt. Hooper, arrived in the afternoon for a cargo of coal and docked at the freight pier.

## S.S. LILLGUNVOR

Norwegian Steamer, "Lillgunvor", arrived in the afternoon and anchored in the northeast end of the harbour.

## **Choir Practice**

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

### **DECEMBER 1940**

## Thursday 12

Louisbourg, N.S.

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

Min. temperature, about 20, Max. temperature 28.

### S.S. PANCHITO

Panamanian Steamer, "Panchito", sailed in the forenoon with a cargo of coal.

### Nova Scotia Power Commission

Beginning at the eastern end of Main Street, today, the first cross arms were placed on the poles recently erected by the Nova Scotia Power Commission in the Town of Louisbourg.

### **DECEMBER 1940**

## Friday, 13

Louisbourg, N.S.

Snowfall of about 2 inches followed by rain in the early morning. Fresh southwest wind shifting to west and northwest and increasing to strong breeze.

Min. temperature, about 20, Max. temperature 42.

#### **DECEMBER 1940**

## Saturday 14

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cold and partly clear with fresh northwest wind which moderated in the evening.

Min. temperature, about 7, Max. temperature 24.

# S.S. HADA COUNTY

Norwegian Steamer, "Hada County", arrived in the morning for bunker coal and anchored in the stream. Later, in the forenoon, she docked on the east side of the coal pier.

## S.S. LILLGUNVOR

Norwegian Steamer, "Lillgunvor", sailed in the forenoon with a cargo of coal.

### S.S. VINELAND

Steamer, "Vineland", flying the flag of Panama and owned by the Mersey Paper Company, sailed during the night with a cargo of coal for Liverpool, N.S.

### **DECEMBER 1940**

## Sunday 15

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cold and partly clear with fresh to moderate northwest wind.

Min. temperature, about 10, Max. temperature, about 30.

#### Church Services

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

Owing to the illness of Rev. Donald MacLeod, M.A., B.D., the regular pastor, A.W. Stacey, Elder, conducted the 11 A.M. service, while Rev. W.L. Langille, assistant pastor of St. Andrew's United Church, Sydney, was the preacher in the evening.

## **DECEMBER 1940**

## Monday 16

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and cold becoming cloudy and milder in the early part of the night. Light variable wind during the day, southerly in the evening, increasing to a strong breeze during the night. Min. temperature, about 12, Max. temperature [blank]. Snow began to fall at about 10 P.M.

# S.S. WATUKA

Steamer, "Watuka", Capt. Hooper, arrived during the forenoon for a cargo of coal.

### S.S. HADA COUNTY

Norwegian Steamer, "Hada County", finished bunkering and sailed during the night.

#### **DECEMBER 1940**

## **Tuesday 17**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Snowfall, of about 3 inches, last night was followed by rain in the early morning which continued until about 8 A.M. Cloudy and mild during the day with slush and melting snow on the streets. Rainfall about 1 inch. Snow all disappeared during the day with the exception of a few small patches.

Min. temperature, about 20, Max. temperature 45.

### S.S. WATUKA

Steamer, "Watuka", Captain Hooper, sailed at about noon with a cargo of coal.

## **DECEMBER 1940**

# Wednesday 18

Louisbourg, N.S.

Mostly cloudy and cold with a few snow squalls. Moderate to fresh west to northwest winds. Min. temperature, about 6, Max. temperature 24.

## S.S. LIDA

Polish Steamer, "Lida", arrived at about 10:30 A.M. for bunker coal.

#### **DECEMBER 1940**

## **Thursday 19**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy and cold with light to moderate winds.

Min. Temperature, about [blank], Max. temperature [blank].

## **Christmas School Concert**

At 7:30 P.M., I attended and presided at the annual concert of the Louisbourg Town schools which was held in the Masonic Hall. The hall was crowded to the doors with the pupils of the schools and their parents. Those present appeared to greatly enjoy the programme which consisted of 33 members.

### **DECEMBER 1940**

## Friday 20

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy all day. Cold in the morning but becoming milder during the day. Light to moderate southwest wind. Rain began to fall at about 9 P.M.

Min. temperature, about 8, Max. temperature 46.

### S.S. WATUKA

Steamer, "Watuka", Capt. Hooper, arrived for a cargo of coal.

### **DECEMBER 1940**

## Saturday 21

Louisbourg, N.S.

Mild and mostly clear with light variable wind. Moderate northerly wind during the night. An ideal day.

Max. temperature, about 40.

## S.S. LIDA

Polish Steamer, "Lida", which arrived here on last Wednesday, sailed to-day (sic). Two of her men deserted while in port and, up to the time of sailing, had not been captured.

## S.S. WATUKA

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

### **DECEMBER 1940**

## Sunday 22

Louisbourg, N.S.

Moderately cold and partly cloudy with moderate north to northeast wind.

Min. temperature, about 15, Max. temperature 26.

### **Church Services**

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M., I attended services in the First United Church where Rev. Donald MacLeod, M.A., B.D., was the preacher.

### **DECEMBER 1940**

# Monday 23

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy with light northerly wind. Snow began to fall at about 2:30 P.M. and continued moderately, during the evening and part of the night. Snowfall about 2 inches. Min. temperature, about 18, Max. temperature 28.

### S.S. HEKLA

Icelandic Steamer, "Hekla", bunkered in the morning and sailed before noon.

### S.S. YILDUM

Finnish Steamer, "Yildum", bunkered and sailed at about 4:30 P.M.

## S.S. WATUKA

Steamer, "Watuka", Capt. Hooper, arrived from Halifax for a cargo of coal at about 4 P.M.

### **DECEMBER 1940**

## **Tuesday 24**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cold and partly cloudy with moderate northerly wind.

Min. temperature, about 28.

### S.S. SELFFOSS

Icelandic Steamer, "Selffoss", arrived during the night for bunker coal.

## S.S. WATUKA

Steamer, "Watuka", Capt. Hooper, sailed in the early part of the night with a cargo of coal for Halifax, N.S.

## **DECEMBER 1940**

## Wednesday 25

# **Christmas Day**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cold and remarkably clear with light northwest wind. An ideal Winter day. Ground covered by about 2 inches of snow.

Max. temperature 27.

## Family Gathering

To-day (sic), on a small scale, we had our annual family gathering for the celebration of Christmas day. Those present, including ourselves, were as follows: Mr. & Mrs. Fletcher

Townsend, Mrs. J.N. Spencer, John C. Johnson, M.S. & Mrs. Huntington, Mrs. Z.W. Townsend and Katie Kennedy (maid).

We all had dinner, after which we visited the Christmas tree which was set up in Mrs. Townsend's room and a general distribution of presents took place to all those present. We were very much pleased to have with us Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Townsend. Owing to Mr. Townsend's illness of the past two or three years, he has been unable to be with us on Christmas day since Christmas 1937.

# Skating At Rink

The out-door rink on Strathcona Street, was opened for skating, this evening, for the first time this season.

### **DECEMBER 1940**

## Thursday 26

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and moderately cold with light to moderate northwest wind. An ideal day. Max. temperature 34.

### S.S. SELFOSS

Icelandic Steamer, "Selfoss", bunkered and sailed.

## Marriage

At 3:30 P.M., I attended the marriage of Francis L. Townsend and Miss Georgina MacIntyre, both of Louisbourg, which took place in the First United Church. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Donal MacLeod, M.A., B.D., pastor of the First United. The choir, of which Miss MacIntyre was a member, sang "The Voice the Breathed O'er Eden" during the signing of the register. Mr. and Mrs. Townsend left for Halifax after the ceremony, where they will reside.

## **DECEMBER 1940**

## Friday 27

Louisbourg, N.S.

Mild and partly clear with light northwest wind.

Min. temperature, about 10, Max. temperature 38.

### S.S. SLOGA

Yugoslavian Steamer, "Sloga", enroute to Sydney with a cargo of iron ore, arrived here at about 9:30 A.M. for orders. She sailed for Sydney shortly after noon.

### S.S. HOGLAND

Finnish Steamer, "Hogland", arrived at about 3 P.M. and anchored in the stream.

## S.S. WATUKA

Steamer, "Watuka", Capt. Hooper, arrived from Halifax at about 3:15 P.M. for a cargo of coal.

#### **DECEMBER 1940**

## Saturday 28

Louisbourg, N.S.

Clear and mild with light variable winds.

An ideal day.

Max. temperature, about 37.

### S.S. MOYSALEN

Norwegian Steamer, "Moysalen", arrived in the morning. After bunkering, she sailed at about 4 P.M.

## S.S. HOGLAND

Finnish Steamer, "Hogland", which arrived yesterday, bunkered but remained at the dock awaiting orders.

### S.S. WATUKA

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

# Meeting Of Town Council

At 7:30 P.M., I attended a meeting of the Town Council. Those present were: Councillors; Alex C. MacDonald, James F.D. Townsend, Alex Smith, Mayor; M.S. Huntington, Clerk; B.M. Spencer, Deputy Clerk; Dan F. Nicholson, Police Officer; D.M. Johnston.

## **DECEMBER 1940**

## Sunday 29

Louisbourg, N.S.

Light fall of snow in the early morning followed by rain which continued until about noon. Foggy and mild with occasional showers during the afternoon and evening. Light southeast wind.

Max. temperature 41. Rainfall about ½ inch.

## **Church Services**

At 11 A.M. and 7 P.M., I attended services in the First United Church where Rev. Donald MacLeod, M.A., B.D., was the preacher.

## S.S. MAGNHILD

Norwegian Steamer, "Magnhild", arrived last night or early this morning for bunker coal.

#### DECEMBER 1940

## Monday 30

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy, mild and foggy with light winds. Heavy showers in the evening. Rainfall about ¼ inch. Min. temperature, about 30, Max. temperature 39.

### S.S. MAGNHILD

Norwegian Steamer, "Magnhild", after bunkering, sailed in the morning.

## S.S. WATUKA

Steamer, "Watuka", Capt. Hooper, arrived in the evening for a cargo of coal.

## **DECEMBER 1940**

## **Tuesday 31**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Mild and mostly cloudy with fresh to moderate southwest to west winds.

Light drizzle of snow in the evening which melted as it fell.

Min. temperature, about 27, Max. temperature 42.

## S.S. WATUKA

Steamer, "Watuka", sailed at about 12:30 P.M. with a cargo of coal.

## Masonic "At Home"

At 10 P.M., I attended the Annual "at Home" of Mariner's Lodge A.F. & A.M. which was held in the Masonic hall. Remained for one hour.

# **Tourist Registrations**

According to information received from the museum at the Louisbourg "National Historic Park", the number of visitor's registering there, during the year just closed, was 7,633.

## **MEMORANDA**

Louisbourg, N.S. Jan 1, 1940

List of residents and former residents of Louisbourg town, known to have died at Louisbourg or elsewhere during the year 1940.

Name	Date of Death	Place of Death
Percy Stephen MacDougall	Jan. 1	Louisbourg, N.S.
Rev. John MacKinnon	Jan. 22	Sydney, N.S.
Adolphus Garnier	Jan. 27	Louisbourg, N.S.
Annie Catherine Hiltz	Feb. 4	Louisbourg, N.S.
Mrs. George MacGillivray	Feb. 12	Glace Bay, N.S.
Mrs. Michael MacKenzie	Feb. 16	Sydney, N.S.
James MacDonald	March 4	Glace Bay, N.S.
Miss Catherine MacAulay	March 6	Louisbourg, N.S.
Mrs. W.L. Skinner	April 27	Louisbourg, N.S.

Mrs. Frank Dickson	June 2	Glace Bay, N.S.
Daniel N. Kerr	June 5	Sydney, N.S.
William Kelly	June 19	Glace Bay, N.S.
Sidney A. Rafuse	July 20	Sydney, N.S.
Mrs. John Harris	July 29	Louisbourg, N.S.
Louis S. Tutty	September 29	Louisbourg, N.S.
Peter MacIntyre	October 1	Louisbourg, N.S.
Matthew Doyle	November 22	Louisbourg, N.S.
Mrs. William Bagnall	November 22	Prescott, Ontario
Capt. Dan Harris	December 5	Louisbourg, N.S.

S. Morgan 7 March [blank] W. Baldwin 12 November [blank]

# **NOTES FOR 1941**

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Charles Stanley, Viscount Monck	1867-1868
Sir John Young, Lord Lisgar	1869-1872
Sir F.T.H. Blackwood, Earl of Duffern	1872-1878
Sir John D.S. Campbell, Marquis of Lorne	1878-1883
Sir H.C.K. Petty-Fitzmaurice Marquis of Landsdowne	1883-1888
Frederick Arthur Stanley, Baron Stanley of Preston	1889-1893
Sir John Campbell Gordon, Earl of Aberdeen	1893-1898
Gilbert J.M.K. Elliot, Earl of Minto	1898-1904
Albert H.G. Grey, Earl Grey	1904-1911
Field Marshall H.R.H., the Duke of Connaught	1911-1916
Duke of Devonshire	1916-1921
Julian Byng-Baron, Byng of Vimey	1921-1926
Freeman Thomas, Lord Willingdon	1926-1931
Earl of Bessborough	1931-1935
John Buchan, Baron Tweedsmuir of Elsfield	1935-1940
Alexander Augustus Frederick George, Earl of Athlone	June 21, 1940-1946
Viscount Harold Alexander	April 1946