

## TRANSCRIPT

### Huntington Diaries 1933

Louisburg, N.S.      Jan 1, 1933

#### Town Officials

Mayor:            Melvin S. Huntington  
Councillors:    Clarence Peters (Presiding Councillor)  
                     Paul P. Bates  
                     D.J. MacInnis  
                     William W. Lewis, Sr.

Two seats vacant on Council Board, owing to resignations of Michael MacKenzie, March 17, 1932 and D.J. Matheson, June 27, 1932

Town Clerk and Treasurer: Beecher M. Spencer  
Stipendiary Magistrate: Beecher M. Spencer  
Medical Health Officer: Freeman O'Neil, M.D.

Policeman, Truant Officer, Sanitary Inspector, Gaoler and Inspector under the Fire Ordinance:  
Albert Baker (appointed June 27, 1932)

#### Public School Staff

Principal: Arthur Ormiston, B.A.  
Vice-Principal:      Miss Alice Ley  
                             Miss Annie Pope  
                             Miss Blanche Cross  
                             Miss Evelyn Smith  
                             Miss Mary Hiltz

#### School Board

Melvin S. Huntington, (Chairman)  
Paul P. Bates  
Clarence Peters  
John A. MacDonald      Government  
Dougall A. Campbell      Appointees

Population of Louisburg Town, according to 1931 census: 971

#### Assessors

Beecher M Spencer, (Town Assessor)  
John N. MacDonald  
Dougall A Campbell

## Revisors of Voters Lists

Robert A. Peters  
Duncan Lamont  
Harold MacQueen

Clergymen in charge of the various Louisburg Congregations:

Roman Catholic: Rev D.H. Doyle  
Anglican: Rev E.B. Gabriel  
United Church of Canada: Rev D.A. MacMillan  
Presbyterian: Rev Frank Hutcheson

At the beginning of 1932 Mr. Donald MacEachern, Student Minister was in charge of the Louisburg Presbyterian Congregation, his service being shared with the Mira Ferry and Catalone Congregations. Mr. MacEachern was succeeded by Mr. F.S. Mosser (Student Minister) who arrived here on May 16, 1932. Mr. Mosser left here early in September to resume his studies. Rev. J.W. MacDonald succeeded Mr. Mosser, about the first of November and remained for about six weeks. Mr. Hutcheson, the present pastor arrived here on December 30, 1932. Mr. Mosser was the first full time pastor of the Continuing Presbyterian Congregation in this town.

Collector of Customs, Port of Louisburg: A.W.Stacey.

### **JANUARY 1933**

#### **Sunday 1**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and cold with strong northwest wind in the early morning which moderated early in the day. Min temperature 10 above zero. Ground bare and frozen hard.

At 11 a.m. and 7 P.M. Emeline and I attended services in the First United Church. Both morning and evening service were in charge of Rev D.A. MacMillan.

Being unable to procure a 1933 diary of this size, I have decided to use this one, which as can readily be seen was a 1932 edition. By changing the days and the year I think it shall fulfill the purpose just as well.

Steamer "WATUKA", Captain Bragg arrived and anchored off the Government wharf, in the afternoon. The Watuka is enroute to Sydney and came in for shelter it being very windy and rough outside.

### **JANUARY 1933**

#### **Monday 2**

Louisburg, N.S.

Chilly and raw and mostly cloudy with strong westerly wind which moderated in the afternoon. Min temperature a.m. about 10 above zero. Max temperature about 30 above. General holiday. Public offices and the majority of businesses found closed all day.

I had my shop open for business from 9 a.m. until 12:30 P.M.

Our annual New Year family gathering was held at our home in the afternoon and evening. The following were present at dinner and supper: Mrs. Z.W. Townsend, Fletcher Townsend, Wesley Townsend, Emerson Grant, Mrs. Emerson Grant, Mrs. Fletcher Townsend, Mrs. Jeanette Spencer, Emeline and myself.

After spending a very pleasant afternoon and evening together, the last of our guests departed at about 10 P.M.

#### Week of Prayer

The annual Week of Prayer services opened this evening in the United Church and the Presbyterian Church. The service in the United Church was in charge of the pastor, Rev. D.A. MacMillan while the Presbyterian service was conducted by Rev. Frank Hutcheson, the newly arrived Presbyterian pastor. The Presbyterian congregation and the Anglican congregation were invited to join the United Church in the "Week of Prayer" services by Rev. D.A. MacMillan, pastor of the United Church, but neither of them accepted the invitation.

### **JANUARY 1933**

#### **Tuesday 3**

Louisburg, N.S.

At 7:30 P.M. attended week of prayer service in the United Church, Rev. D.A. MacMillan in charge.

Remarkably clear, moderately cold in the morning and comparatively mild during the day, with light westerly wind. Min temperature a.m. 15 above zero. Max temperature about 36 above. A perfect day.

#### Trip to British Camps of 1758

Left home at about 9:30 a.m. and walked to "Old Town", where I was joined by Lawrence Price and started for a "hike" through the woods to the scene of the northern end of the British encampment, during the siege of 1758. We left Mr. Price's house at about 10:30 a.m. and arrived back at his place at 3 P.M. About four hundred yards in a northwesterly direction from Mr. Price's we came to an old stone wall about 2 feet high and about 3 feet thick. This wall is about 60 yards in length and runs east and west crossing the brook known locally as the "Brew House" brook about 50 yards from where it empties into the Barrichois. This work was no doubt used by the British troops during the 1758 siege, but I have not seen it marked on any plans. After following an old road in a northwesterly direction for about a mile we turned off to the left where at a distance of about 500 yards in a westerly direction we arrived at a spot where there were a number of dugouts and other indications of it having been the scene of a military encampment. Leaving this place we returned to the road and continued our northwest course for about a mile

further, where we arrived at 2 well defined works which look as if they might have been the ruins of redoubts. They were about 40 feet long and about 20 feet wide with a low stone wall all around them. These ruins are about 3 or 4 hundred yards apart, northeast and southwest. A short distance easterly we came to another ruin, evidently having been erected by the besiegers, but was not in as good a condition as the other two. Turning southwest from the most westerly ruin, at a distance of about 2 or 3 hundred yards we came to where the British road crossed a piece of swampy barren ground between two hills. This piece of road which is about 200 yards in length is still quite well defined with a ditch on each side.

(Continued on next page) This is a section of the British road which was constructed for the use of the troops, during the 1758 siege, and extended from Artillery Cove, 2 miles west of the fortress to Landing Cove, 1 mile east of the Lighthouse, on the eastern side of Louisburg harbour. Over the entire route of this road, at the present time, there are very few places where it can be traced. Where it crossed the barren above mentioned, it is more clearly visible than any other place I have visited. After leaving this section of road we retraced our steps in the direction of home and in doing so we discovered another short section of the road where it could be traced, but only for a few yards. This section is on the southern side of the hill where the ruined redoubts are located. We also found an old wall at the foot of the hill near the old road. Mr. Price who had visited these places of historic interest on more than one occasion claims that the most northerly ruins we visited today is the spot where the 63<sup>rd</sup> Fraser Highlanders were camped during the siege of 1758. The route over which we traveled is a succession of swamps, barrens and low-lying hills, and but for the ground being frozen hard we would have found the going very difficult. By walking in a leisurely manner we made the return trip in one hour to Mr. Price's house, so I should judge by that, that the distance was about two miles. After having dinner with Mr. Price, I set out for home. After walking a short distance, I was picked up by Lewis & Company's motor truck, driven by John MacInnis, and arrived at my shop at 4 P.M.

## **JANUARY 1933**

### **Wednesday 4**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy and very mild with some fog. Light southwest wind with showers at night. Min temperature 26, max temperature 44.

## **JANUARY 1933**

### **Thursday 5**

Louisburg, N.S.

Rain in the early morning, cloudy and mild during the greater part of the day. Clearing in the evening. Light southwest wind, shifting to west and northwest during the afternoon and evening, increasing at night. Max temperature 47, min temperature about 28 above.

At 7:30 pm. I attended "Week of Prayer" service in the United Church. Rev. D.A. MacMillan was in charge of the service.

## **JANUARY 1933**

### **Friday 6**

Louisburg, N.S.

Moderately cold and remarkably clear with light westerly wind. Max temperature 30, min temperature 21. A perfect day.

#### Fourteen Mile Hike

At about 9:15 a.m. I left home for a day in the woods in search of sites of British Camps, outposts and other works of the besiegers during the Siege of 1758. On leaving town I went out Whalen's road about a quarter of a mile, then turning to the left I went in a westerly direction through the woods and over the marshes to the Old French Road which leads from the Old Fortress to Mira River. I then followed the French road which runs in northwesterly direction to Lake. Leaving the road I crossed the lake on the ice, in a southerly direction to where "Artillery Cove" brook leaves the lake. Still continuing in a southerly direction I followed the brook until I came out to the Gabarus road after a very strenuous trip. The traveling through the woods was extremely hard owing largely to the great number of trees which were blown down as a result of the heavy gale of Sept 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 1932.

## **JANUARY 1933**

### **Saturday 7**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear in the morning but becoming cloudy and overcast early in the day. Light westerly wind which shifted to southwest increasing at night to gale proportions. Heavy rain during the night. Max temperature 41, min temperature 20.

## **JANUARY 1933**

### **Sunday 8**

Louisburg, N.S.

Mostly cloudy with moderate north west winds. Mild in the morning but becoming cold and raw during the day. Max temperature 42, min temperature about 10 above zero.

At 11 a.m. and 7 p.m I attended service in the First United Church. Rev. D.A. MacMillan was in charge of both services. The sacrament of the Lords Supper was administered at the morning service. In the evening instead of the regular service we had a service of song. At the morning service the following new members were received into the Church: Miss Oretha Hunt, Miss Edith MacInnis, Miss Sarah MacKinnon, Miss MacKinnon, Mrs. Janetta Spencer and Mr. Neil MacRury. Emeline accompanied me to church in the evening but was not out in the morning.

## **JANUARY 1933**

### **Monday 9**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy and chilly with light northerly wind which shifted to southwest at noon and increased to a strong breeze at night. Min temperature a.m. 10 above zero, max temperature about 32. Snow storm at night beginning at about 8 o'clock. Followed by rain at midnight. Snowfall about 3 inches.

#### Wolfe's Camp

In the afternoon I went on an exploration trip through the woods to "Wolfe's Camp". After visiting Wolfe's Redoubt which is plainly visible and in a good state of preservation I continued westerly along the marsh to the road leading from the Old French Road to the present Sydney road.

### **JANUARY 1933**

#### **Tuesday 10**

Louisburg, N.S.

Heavy gale with rain in the early morning. Partly clear during the day with gale from north west.

Max temperature 43, min temperature about [missing]

Snow fall of last night has almost entirely disappeared, just a few patches left.

Government Steamer "ADVERSOS", Capt. Croft which arrived here yesterday evening sailed this morning.

### **JANUARY 1933**

#### **Wednesday 11**

Louisburg, N.S.

Mostly cloudy with heavy southwest wind which moderated at night. Min temperature 16, Max temperature 40.

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

#### Automobile Fire

A Chevrolet coupe automobile owned by Edgar Morrison was destroyed by fire at about 2 P.M. on the premises occupied by him on Main Street. The fire brigade was called out, but did not take out any of the equipment as the fire had already gained too much headway to save the car and the buildings nearby where [sic] not in any danger. The firemen pulled the car away from the buildings and allowed it to burn itself out. Damage appraised by Insurance adjustor at \$571.00.

### **JANUARY 1933**

#### **Thursday 12**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy, foggy and mild. Heavy rain during the greater part of the day. Fresh to strong southwest wind, which shifted to northwest in the evening. Max temperature 45, min temperature about 26.

### **JANUARY 1933**

### **Friday 13**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear during the early part of the day, but becoming cloudy in the afternoon. Moderate to fresh northwest wind. Max temperature 28, min temperature about

#### **Council Meeting**

At 7:30 P.M. I attended and presided at a special meeting (for regular business) of the Town Council. Councillors present: Clarence Peters, P.P. Bates, D.J. MacInnis, and W.W. Lewis. At this meeting Mr. W.C. Delaney, Bank Manager, was on motion of the council appointed to audit the Towns books for the year 1932.

#### **Assault**

An argument followed by a fight took place on the street near Tuckers Pool Room this evening between Cecil Pearl and Hector Tutty. It is reported that Pearl though not seriously injured got the worst of the encounter.

### **JANUARY 1933**

### **Saturday 14**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy and cold with very light variable wind. Snow fall of about ½ inch in the evening. Min temperature 9 above zero. Max temperature 24.

#### **“Wolfe’s Camp”**

In the forenoon, I visited “Wolfe’s Camp” and explored the territory in that vicinity and along the southern side of Nicholas Brook in search of historic sites connected with the second siege of Louisburg but was not successful in discovering anything new in that line. I went as far west as the Old Sydney Road leading from “Old Town” and returned along the southern side of the marsh arrived home at about 3 P.M.

#### **Meeting of Board of Stewards**

A meeting of the Board of Stewards of the First United Church was held in the Church at 8 P.M. Those present were: John H. Skinner, D.J. MacInnis, John A. MacDonald, William Phalen, John N. MacDonald and myself. At this meeting the estimates for 1933 were discussed by the board and passed subject to alteration.

#### **Police Court**

Constable Hamilton and Pitts of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police arrived in the evening and placed Hector Tutty under arrest for assaulting Cecil Pearl on the street in the Town of Louisburg last evening. Tutty was taken before Stipendiary Magistrate B.M. Spencer, pleaded guilty and was fined \$10.00 and costs, amounting to all of \$19.75.

### **JANUARY 1933**

### **Sunday 15**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and comparatively mild with west to southwest wind. Max temperature 33, min temperature 20 above zero. An ideal day.

Ground covered by about ½ inch of snow, which partly disappeared during the day.

At 11 a.m. and 7 P.M. Emeline and I attended service in the First United Church. Both services were conducted by Rev D.A. MacMillan. The choir space is now entirely seated with pews instead of one pew and chairs as formerly. This is the first day the new seats were used by the United Church choir.

In the afternoon Emeline and I visited the home of Mrs. Z.W. Townsend returning at about 5:30 P.M.

## **JANUARY 1933**

### **Monday 16**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and mild with light northwest wind. Max temperature about 40, min temperature about 25.

A perfect day.

## **JANUARY 1933**

### **Tuesday 17**

Louisburg, N.S.

Very mild and partly clear with light southwest wind. Showers at night.

### **Historic Sites**

At about 9:45 a.m. I set out for a trip in the woods in search of remains of British Siege work that were used in 1758. I went through the woods in a westerly direction past "Wolfe's Camp" and continued across the marshes until I came to the Old French Road. I then went through the woods in a southwesterly direction until I came out to the clearings north of the Marconi Hotel. About 400 yards north of the Marconi Hotel I discovered a pile of loose stone on the top of a hill and a few yards westerly three or four shallow dugouts. These no doubt had been used by the besiegers. Continuing westerly until the Marconi Hotel bare about southeast and about 500 yards distant from the hotel, I found the remains of what I think was a redoubt. It is circular in shape and about 140 feet in circumference and enclosed by a low stone wall, about 15 inches high and about 2 feet thick. After leaving this spot I went westerly about a mile and a half to the Artillery Cove brook. Southwest a distance of about 75 yards from the upper end of a place in the brook known locally as "Pass Pond", there is the remains of an old structure. It is about 15 feet long by 12 wide. The walls at present are about 4 feet high while quite a lot of stone has fallen down inside. This structure is quite near to where the British camps were located during the second siege.

At this place I fell and hurt myself quite severely, so that I had considerable difficulty in reaching home. My back was quite badly wrenched so that I could scarcely move without severe pain. I arrived home at about 3 P.M. after walking about four miles from the scene of the accident.

Fishermen's Union  
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**JANUARY 1933**

**Wednesday 18**

Louisburg, N.S.

Sydney, N.S.

Partly clear, chilly and raw. Cold at night with a few light snow squalls. Fresh northerly wind.

Left here by train at 1:30 P.M. enroute to Sydney for the purpose of attending the Annual session of the Cape Breton Joint Expenditure Board which meets at the Court House at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow. Arrived at Sydney at 4:30 and went to the Cabot Hotel where I engaged board and lodging during my stay in the city.

Fishermen's Union  
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In response to an invitation from the Fishermen's Union I attended a meeting of that body at their room in the Town hall, at 7:30 P.M. The meeting was called for the purpose of discussing ways and means of improving the condition of the fishermen in general, and those who reside in Louisburg, in particular. There were about sixty present, including quite a number who were not fishermen. Addresses were delivered by the following persons: Rev. D.A. MacMillan, Rev. D.H. Doyle, Rev. E.G. Gabriel, A.A. Martell, M.P.P., Burton Wilcox, Daniel Fleet, (President), James Gallant, Councillors: Lewis, Bates, Peters, MacInnis, also Clifton Townsend and myself. Before the meeting closed a committee consisting of Rev. D.H. Doyle, Rev. E.G. Gabriel and A.A. Martell, M.P.P. was appointed to assist the Union bringing its needs to the attention of the Government.

**JANUARY 1933**

**Thursday 19**

Sydney, N.S.

Moderately cold with moderate northwest wind. Clear. Snow during the night.

Joint Expenditure Board

At 10:30 a.m. I attended the first session of the Cape Breton Joint Expenditure Board as a representative of the Town of Louisburg. The board met in the Council Chamber in the Court House and was attended by the following delegates from the municipality, City of Sydney, and the various towns of Cape Breton County:

Municipality of Cape Breton County: Warden D.H. MacLean, Chairman, Deputy Warden MacKinnon and Councillor: J.W. MacLeod. City of Sydney: Mayor William Fitzgerald, Aldermen Seymour Hines, Star MacLeod, Angus MacDonald and Deputy Mayor Sydney E. Muggah. Town of Glace Bay: Mayor Char MacVicar, Councillors: Cudher and Callahan. Town of Sydney Mines: Mayor :A.E. MacCormack, and Councillor: MacDonald. Town of North Sydney: Mayor F. Kelly and Councillor Urganhart. Town of New Waterford: Mayor Hinchy. Town of Dominion: Mayor F.J. Mitchell.

The morning session which was mostly taken up with hearing delegates and reading reports of various commissions adjourned for lunch at about 12:30 P.M.

The board met again at 2 P.M. with all the delegates present. The afternoon was occupied principally in bringing down the estimates for the current year. At about 5 P.M. we adjourned to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow.

I had supper and spent part of the evening with Judge Walter Crowe at his residence 233 Esplanade during which we discussed various historical matters in connection with Louisburg and vicinity.

## **JANUARY 1933**

### **Friday 20**

Sydney, N.S.

Mild and mostly cloudy, colder at night. Snowfall of last night about 1 inch.

#### Joint Expenditure Board

The Cape Breton Joint Expenditure Board resumed their sitting at 10 a.m. with all the delegates on hand that were present yesterday. The greater part of the forenoon session was taken up with preparing the estimates for the coming year. Board adjourned for lunch at 12:30 P.M.

The afternoon and final session of the Joint Expenditure Board met at 2 P.M. and adjourned at 5:30 P.M. During this session the question of salary reductions came up and a motion was passed recommending to the County Council a ten per cent cut, in all salaries of County officials, amounting to over \$10.00 per week.

On motion of the Board it was decided not to have a new assessment of the Municipality of the County of Cape Breton, City of Sydney and the towns of Cape Breton County for Joint Expenditure purposes this year. The Wheatun assessment of 1928 to stand for another year.

#### Rev. Ernest Ploughman

The remains of the late Rev Ernest Ploughman arrived at Louisburg on the 11:30 a.m. train where interment took place in the United Church cemetery on Clarke's Road. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. D.A. MacMillan.

Mr. Ploughman's death took place at Blue Rocks, Lunenburg Co. N.S. on last Tuesday, where he was pastor of the United Church.

I had supper with Judge Walter Crowe and spent the evening with him at his residence, 233 Esplanade.

## **JANUARY 1933**

### **Saturday 21**

Sydney, N.S.

Louisburg, N.S.

Mostly cloudy, chilly and raw with moderate to fresh northwest wind.

Left Sydney at 8 a.m. by train enroute for Louisburg , arrived at 11:30 a.m.

## **JANUARY 1933**

### **Sunday 22**

Louisburg, N.S.

Mostly clear, and moderately cold with fresh to moderate northwest wind. Min temperature about 12 above zero, Max temperature about 25.

At 11 a.m. and 7 P.M. I attended service in the First United Church. Both morning and evening services were conducted by Rev. D.A. MacMillan. Emeline accompanied me to the evening service, but was not out in the morning.

## **JANUARY 1933**

### **Monday 23**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy and mild with fresh southerly wind. Snow began to fall at about 8 a.m. which was followed by rain about two hours later. Heavy showers in the afternoon accompanied by thunder and lightning. Snowfall about 2 inches. Min temperature about 14 above zero, Max temperature about 40.

Owing to the rain and the mildness of the afternoon and evening the snow nearly all melted leaving the streets almost entirely bare.

## **JANUARY 1933**

### **Tuesday 24**

Louisburg, N.S.

Mild and mostly clear, becoming colder at night. Moderate northwest wind increasing at night with a few light snow squalls. Min temperature about 22, Max temperature about 34.

Streets bare, with the exception of a thin coating of ice in places.

## **JANUARY 1933**

### **Wednesday 25**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear with fresh to moderate northwest wind. Min temperature about 15, max temperature about 32.

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

## **JANUARY 1933**

### **Thursday 26**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and moderately cold, becoming mild during the day. Light easterly wind. Min temperature am 9 above zero, max temperature about 32 . An ideal day.

Government Steamer "ARRANMORE", Capt. MacDonald arrived at noon and docked at the Freight wharf.

#### First Coal Shipping

Danish Steamer "BROSUND" Captain Hansen, enroute from Denmark to Boston, Mass arrived at about 8:30 P.M. docked at the pier and took on board about 200 tons of bunker coal during the night. The "BROSUND" was laden with pulp and was the first boat to take coal at Louisburg this season.

### **JANUARY 1933**

#### **Friday 27**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy, chilly and raw with fresh to strong easterly wind. Snow began to fall at about 7 P.M. accompanied by an easterly gale. Bad storm during the night. Min temperature about 26, max temperature about 32.

Danish Steamer "BROSUND" finished taking bunker coal in the early morning and sailed for Boston at about 8 a.m.

At 7:30 P.M. I went to the Town hall to attend a meeting of the Town Council but no one arrived except the clerk and myself, result no meeting.

### **JANUARY 1933**

#### **Saturday 28**

Louisburg, N.S.

Snow storm of last night was followed by hail, heavy rain and drizzle which lasted the greater part of the day. The easterly gale which began yesterday continued unabated throughout the day. Snowfall of last night about 6 inches but very unevenly distributed, deep banks in some places and bare ground in others. Streets very slushy in the evening owing to the heavy rainfall. Exceptionally heavy sea and high tide. Heaviest sea I ever witnessed on the coast and in the harbour. Sea breaking clear across from White Rock shoal to Point Rockefeller, something I never knew of happening before. Breakwater torn away at the lower end of the harbour and street damaged as a result. Wharves damaged on the water front.

#### Washout

As a result of a washout on the S.& L. Railway at Mira the train due here at 11:30 a.m. did not reach here today, consequently no mails arrived or departed.

### **JANUARY 1933**

## **Sunday 29**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy and misty with frequent heavy showers and heavy easterly wind. The easterly gale which began on last Friday still continues though not quite as heavy as yesterday.

Owing to the rain and thaw of yesterday and today the snow is almost gone. The streets are entirely bare with the exception of a few patches of snow and ice.

At 11 a.m. and 7 P.M. Emeline and I attended service in the First United Church. Rev. D.A. MacMillan was in charge of both services.

## **JANUARY 1933**

### **Monday 30**

Louisburg, N.S.

Heavy rain and mist in the early part of the day this was followed by sleet and hail. In the evening it turned to snow. Strong north-north-east to north-east winds continued all day but moderated to some extent in the evening. Snowfall about 2 inches. Min temperature about 32, max about 36.

#### Washout

Owing to the washout at Mira the regular train due here at 11:30 a.m. did not arrive until about 1:20 P.M. This is the first train we have had since last Friday owing to the storm which damaged the road. A gang of men are to work repairing the track today so that after today, trains will likely be on schedule.

## **JANUARY 1933**

### **Tuesday 31**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy and misty with light northeast wind. Ground covered by about 2 inches of wet snow which thawed away to some extent during the day.

#### Town Nominations

To fill four vacancies on the Town Council Board there was only one nomination filed, that of Jeremiah Smith. We have had two vacancies on the Board for quite a long time, caused by the resignations of Michael MacKenzie on March 17 1932 and D.J. Matheson on June 27 1932. Since the resignations of these two councilors we have had only four councilors on the Board. The returning councilors at this time are Paul P. Bates and W.W. Lewis neither of whom are offering again for election. As a result of there being only one nomination filed today the new council shall consist of three members only, besides the mayor.

Government steamer "ARRANMORE" Capt. MacDonald, which has been held here for the past few days owing to the severe storm, sailed this morning.

## **FEBRUARY 1933**

### **Wednesday 1**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy and mild with a few snow squalls. Partly clear in the afternoon. Light winds. Snowfall about 1 inch. Min temperature about 26, max temperature about 40.

#### Visit to National Park

At about 10 a.m. I motored as far as the National Park for the purpose of taking note of the damage done by the storm of last Saturday. Arriving at the park gate I left the car and proceeded on foot as the road was not passable any further. A large portion of the road between the park gate and the Dauphin Gate had been entirely destroyed by the sea. For quite a distance the road has been turned into a beach, and a person would never know there ever had been a road there, and there were stones where the road had been, that would weigh upwards of 200 pounds. About 300 feet of the breastwork has been destroyed, and the culvert near the Dauphin Gate is damaged to such an extent that it shall have to be rebuilt. By the driftwood and other debris along the road, it is quite evident that the entire road had been awash from the Barrichois Bridge to the Dauphin Gate, and from just inside the Dauphin Gate to St. Louis St. I would estimate the damage to the road, breastwork and fence at least \$1000.00. Returning I followed the shore on foot and visited Grand Battery, which has had a large portion of the sea wall exposed, as a result of the recent gale and high tide.

#### Meeting of Town Council

A special meeting (for regular business) of the Town Council took place at 7:30 P.M. Councillors present: Peters, Bates, Lewis and MacInnis and myself. At this meeting the auditors report, as prepared by W.C. DeTarrey was presented and adopted. Bill for auditing \$40.00. Agreement between Town of Louisburg and Mr. & Mrs. Donald MacDonald, in relation of the care and keeping of Malcolm MacDonald, was ratified by resolution at this meeting.

### **FEBRUARY 1933**

#### **Thursday 2**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear in the morning, but becoming cloudy and overcast early in the day. Light winds, mostly southerly.

Snow began to fall at about 5 P.M. and was followed by rain at about 11 P.M. Snowfall about 5 inches.

#### Death of Mrs. Holland

The death took place this evening at her home on Sydney Road, Louisburg of Mrs. William Holland after a lingering illness. Mrs. Holland who was about 56 years of age was confined to her bed for several years as a result of a paralytic stroke. She is survived by her husband, two brothers and a sister.

### **FEBRUARY 1933**

#### **Friday 3**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy and mild with light northwest wind. Ground covered by about 6 inches of wet snow. A few light snow squalls in the afternoon. Thawing all day, streets somewhat slushy in the afternoon, about 3 inches of snow remaining.

#### Death of Mayor Fitzgerald

The death occurred at Sydney this morning of William Fitzgerald, Mayor of the City of Sydney, after an illness of but two or three days. Mr. Fitzgerald who was about 65 years of age first entered civic politics in 1901, as a councillor for the Town of Sydney. From 1918 until 1924 he held the office of Mayor of his native Sydney. In 1924 he was defeated for the office of Mayor by James McConnell, but in 1932 he was again elected by a large majority over his opponent Mr. Ryan.

Mr. Fitzgerald was a man of excellent character and shall be greatly missed by the citizens of Sydney whom he served faithfully and well.

Rev. Frank Hutcheson , the new pastor of the Presbyterian Congregation of this town, on my invitation had supper at our home and spent the evening with us.

### **FEBRUARY 1933**

#### **Saturday 4**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and comparatively mild with moderate northwest wind. Min temperature about 22, max temperature about 33.

#### Funeral

The funeral of the late Mrs. William Holland took place at 1 P.M. The service at the house was conducted by Rev. D.A. MacMillan of the First United Church. At 1 P.M. the funeral cortage proceeded to Catalone United Church where service was held by Rev. D.A. MacMillan, after which interment took place in Catalone Cemetery.

#### Congregational Meeting

The annual congregational meeting of the First United Church took place in the Church at 7:30 P.M. About 75 persons present. After devotional exercises led by the pastor Rev. D.A. MacMillan, Arthur M. Townsend was appointed Chairman and M.S. Huntington, Secretary.

### **FEBRUARY 1933**

#### **Sunday 5**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy and chilly with moderate northwest wind. Snow began to fall at about 9 am and continued moderately during the greater part of the day. Snowfall about 4 inches. Cleared at night. Min temperature about 18, max temperature about 30.

“WATUKA”

Steamer "WATUKA", Capt. Bragg, enroute to Sydney arrived in the forenoon and docked at the coal pier. She sailed for Sydney during the night for the purpose of loading a cargo of coal at the latter port.

Steamer "HOLMWOOD", Capt Carter arrived from Sydney in the afternoon and docked on the east side of the Freight wharf.

At 11 a.m. and 7 P.M. Emeline and I attended services in the First United Church. Both services were in charge of Rev. D.A. MacMillan.

## **FEBRUARY 1933**

### **Monday 6**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and moderately cold with fresh to strong north west wind. Very chilly. Min temperature about [missing] Max temperature [missing]

Ground covered by about 6 inches of snow, enough for good sleighing on the streets and highways and not enough to seriously interfere with automobile traffic.

## **FEBRUARY 1933**

### **Tuesday 7**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and moderately cold with moderate to fresh northwest wind. Min temperature 11 above zero. Max temperature 25.

### **Fire Brigade**

At 8 P.M. I attended the annual meeting of the Louisburg Volunteer Fire Brigade. Fire Chief G.B. Hiltz presided while I was appointed secretary pro tem in the absence of Walter Tucker. The following officers were elected for 1933.

Chief: Robert A. Peters, Deputy Chief: Percy MacKinnon (reelected), Captain: Walter Jewell Sr.; First Lieut. M.S. Huntington (reelected) Second Lieut. Fred Burke, Secretary Treasurer, Walter Tucker (reelected). G.B. Hiltz who has been chief of the brigade ever since it was organized in 1928 declined to accept the position for another year owing to the fact that his employment took him away from town during the greater part of the time. He, however, is to remain a member of the brigade.

Members of Louisburg Volunteer Fire Brigade as of February 7, 1933

Robert A. Peters, Chief  
Percy MacKinnon, Deputy Chief  
Walter Jewell, Sr, Captain  
M.S. Huntington, First Lieutenant  
Fred Burke, Second Lieutenant  
Walter Tucker, Secretary-Treasurer  
Rannie MacVicar  
John R. De Fries

A.A. Martell  
James A. Crowe  
Alfred Hunt  
George Lewis  
William Lewis, Jr.  
John Parsons  
G.B. Hiltz  
John MacPhail  
Paul Bates, Jr.  
Walter Jewell, Jr  
Jarvis Burke  
John Hill  
Louis H. Cann  
James Coveyduc  
John MacKinnon  
Archie Williams  
James Baker

## **FEBRUARY 1933**

### **Wednesday 8**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy and mild with a few light showers in the forenoon. Foggy and misty during the afternoon. Heavy rain in the evening and night. Strong southwest wind. Min temperature 14 above zero, max temperature

#### Town Elections

Yesterday was Town Election day in all the Towns in the Province of Nova Scotia with the exception of the Town of Glace Bay. In Louisburg there were four vacancies on the council Board and on nomination day, Jan 31, only one nomination was filed, that of Jeremiah Smith. Consequently Mr. Smith was declared elected by acclamation, by Town Clerk, B.M Spencer. At 9 P.M. today, as a result of today's election, the Town Council when it next assembles, shall consist of M.S. Huntington, Mayor and Clarence Peters, D.J. MacInnis and Jeremiah Smith, Councillors.

## **FEBRUARY 1933**

### **Thursday 9**

Louisburg, N.S.

Heavy southwest gale in the early morning accompanied by heavy rain. Wind moderated to some extent at about 8 a.m. but still continued to blow a strong breeze all day. Wind shifted to northwest at night. Frost during the night. Max temperature about 46, min temperature about 14 above.

Thaw of last night melted nearly all the snow. Streets entirely bare with the exception of a few small patches of ice.

Steamer "HOLMWOOD" moored on the eastern side of the Freight wharf broke some of her lines in the height of the gale at about 7 a.m. and blew for assistance. Help arrived and she was again made fast, without sustaining any damage.

#### Town Council

At 7:30 P.M. I attended and presided at a special meeting of the Town Council (for regular business) This being the first meeting after the regular town elections and Mr. Smith the newly elected councillor being present, he was sworn into the office of councillor by me. The council is now composed of the mayor and three councillors, leaving three vacancies on the board. At this meeting Dr Freeman O'Neil, was reelected Medical Health Officer for the Town of Louisburg at a salary of \$100.00 per year, a reduction of \$50.00 from last year. Paul M. Bates was reelected Supt. of Streets at 40cts per hour for time worked. The following standing committees were appointed: Street and Bridge, Councillors MacInnis, Peters and Smith; School: Mayor Huntington, Councillors Smith and Peters; Finance: Councillors MacInnis, Peters and Mayor Huntington; Police: Smith, Peters, MacInnis; License: Huntington, MacInnis, Peters; Arbitration: MacInnis, Huntington, Smith; Assessment: Huntington, Peters, Smith; Poor: MacInnis, Smith, Huntington; Public Property: Peters, MacInnis, Huntington; Electric Light: MacInnis, Smith, Peters; Board of Health: Whole Council; Law and amendments: whole council.

### **FEBRUARY 1933**

#### **Friday 10**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and cold with fresh to moderate north west wind. Min temperature about 5 above zero, max temperature about 26.

#### School Board

At 3 P.M. I attended and presided at a special meeting of the school board. Commissioners present: D.A. Campbell, J. Smith, C. Peters and myself. At this meeting it was decided to raise the salary of Arthur Ormiston, Principal of the Louisburg School from \$1000.00 to 1100.00 in order for the Principal and the school to be eligible to share in the special Government of \$325.00 allowed for schools having a college graduate on its staff.

#### Death of Daniel Ross

The death occurred this morning at the home of John Holland, Sydney Road of Daniel Ross. Mr. Ross was for upwards of thirty years a resident of the Town of Louisburg, where he was highly respected by all who knew him. Mr. Ross was for a number of years employed by the Sydney and Louisburg Railway, when through illness about nine years ago, he had to retire from active service on the railway. For the past number of years he has been in poor health and unable to resume his duties with his former employees. For about six years past he has been making his home with Mr. and Mrs. John Holland, Sydney Road.

### **FEBRUARY 1933**

#### **Saturday 11**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy and cold with moderate to fresh south west wind. A few light snow squalls during the forenoon. Snow began to fall at about 4:30 P.M. which was followed by rain at about 10 P.M. Snowfall about 5 inches. Min temperature about 3 above zero, max temperature about 36.

#### Fire

As a member of the Louisburg Fire Brigade, at 10:45 P.M. I responded to an alarm for a fire in the Power House of the Dominion Coal Company. A slight fire originated from an electric wire under the floor of the engine room, which was extinguished without causing any damage worth mentioning. About a dozen members of the Brigade responded to the alarm.

### **FEBRUARY 1933**

#### **Sunday 12**

Louisburg, N.S.

Heavy south to southwest gale in the early morning accompanied by rain. Cleared at an early hour. Wind shifting to west and later to northwest and becoming cold with high wind. Max temperature about 38, min temperature about 14.

Ground covered with about two or three inches of frozen snow.

#### Funeral

The funeral of the late Daniel Ross took place from the home of Mr. & Mrs. John Holland, Sydney Road to the First United Church, Louisburg where service was held by Rev. D.A. MacMillan. Interment took place in the United Church Cemetery on Clarke's Road. The funeral was one of the largest held in Louisburg for some time, the church not being able to accommodate all who sought admission.

At 11 a.m. and 7 P.M. I attended service in the First United Church. Both morning and evening services were conducted by Rev. D.A. MacMillan. Emeline attended the morning service but was not out in the evening.

#### Special Train

A special train arrived here from Glace Bay at about 1 P.M. to accommodate the "Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen" who wished to attend the funeral of the late Daniel Ross. Quite a number took advantage of this train and were present at the funeral.

### **FEBRUARY 1933**

#### **Monday 13**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cold in the morning but becoming comparatively mild during the day. Wind shifting to southwest. Snow squalls during the evening. Min temperature about 4 above zero, max temperature about 31.

### **FEBRUARY 1933**

## **Tuesday 14**

Louisburg, N.S.

Moderately cold in the morning but mild during the greater part of the day. Light drizzle of snow in the afternoon. Light wind varying from southwest to east. Snowfall about ½ inch. Min temperature about 14 above zero. Max temperature about [missing]

### School Board

At 7:30 P.M. I attended and presided at the annual meeting of the School board. Commissioners present: Clarence Peters, Jeremiah Smith, and myself. At this meeting I was reelected Chairman of the Board. I have been a member of the School Board of the Town of Louisburg for thirteen years, and Chairman for the last seven years.

## **FEBRUARY 1933**

## **Wednesday 15**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy and mild with light southeast wind. Light snow squalls during the day. Snowfall about 1 inch. Min temperature about 26, max temperature about 5

### Relief Committee

At 3 P.M. the committee entrusted with the distribution of Direct Relief in the Town of Louisburg consisting of Capt. W.W. Lewis (Chairman), D.J. MacInnis and myself met in Mr MacInnis's office for the purpose of considering the application of John MacKeigan for direct relief. After discussing the matter it was decided by the committee that Mr MacKeigan's circumstances were such as not to require relief at present.

### Choir Practice

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

### Ice Cutting

The first ice to be cut and stored by the local packers was hauled today. Despite the fact that the winter has been unusually mild the ice is at present about 12 inches thick.

### President Roosevelt

Today at Miami, Florida, Franklin D. Roosevelt, President elect of the United States narrowly escaped death when five or six shots were fired at him by Giuseppe Zangara. Mr. Roosevelt was uninjured but several bystanders were struck by bullets intended for him. Among the injured was Anton J. Cormak, Mayor of Chicago, Ill. who was seriously wounded. (Mr Cormak died as a result of his wounds on March 6, 1933)

## **FEBRUARY 1933**

## **Thursday 16**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and moderately cold with fresh to strong northwest wind. Min temperature about 10 above zero. Max temperature about 32.

## **FEBRUARY 1933**

### **Friday 17**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy and mild with a light fall of damp snow. Light southwest to southeast wind. Snow fall about 3 inches.

#### Storing Ice

Began storing my usual ice supply. Fred Cunnington began cutting yesterday on Stewarts Lake and Dan Johnston began hauling for me this morning with his motor truck. Nelson Tanner who has packed my ice supply for about twelve or fifteen years is doing the packing. I got about 90 blocks hauled today. Charge for cutting 3 cents a block, charge for hauling 6 cents a block. The charges for cutting and hauling are considerably lower than previous years. For the past number of years I paid 5 cents a block for cutting and 10 cents for hauling. For the past 26 years the Cunnington family, father and sons have cut and hauled my ice supply. Lynks Pond was the source of supply during all those years. Owing to the severe storm and high tide of Jan 28 of this year the beach was washed away between the harbour and the pond and the pond partly filled up, which made it unpractical to get ice from that source.

## **FEBRUARY 1933**

### **Saturday 18**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy, foggy and showery with light southerly wind. Min temperature about 28 above zero. Max temperature about 40. Snow melting fast and some bare spots beginning to appear on the streets.

#### S.S. "WATUKA"

Steamer "WATUKA", Capt Bragg, enroute from Halifax to Sydney arrived here and docked at the coal pier. She may load a cargo of coal here instead of proceeding to Sydney. I understand it shall depend altogether on the ice conditions, at the latter port.

Dan M. Johnston, who began hauling ice for me yesterday, finished the job today, 175 blocks in all.

#### Concert Practice

At about 7:30 at the home of John A. MacDonald, I with a number of others about 15 in all attended practice for a concert to be held under the auspices of the MacMillan Club in Calvin Hall on March 4.

## **FEBRUARY 1933**

### **Sunday 19**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and comparatively mild with moderate northerly wind. Min temperature about 18, Max temperature about 31.

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

## **FEBRUARY 1933**

### **Monday 20**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and mild with light southwest wind, becoming cloudy in the afternoon. Min temperature about 11 above zero. Max temperature about 35.

Streets rapidly becoming bare owing to the mild weather.

#### S.S. "MONTCALM"

Government Steamer "MONTCALM", Captain O'Hearn, arrived in the afternoon from Sydney. This is the MONTCALM's first visit to Louisburg this season. She will in all probability make this port her headquarters for the remainder of the winter season.

#### S.S. WATUKA

The Coal Company had decided to load the "WATUKA" here instead of sending her to Sydney as first intended. Part of her cargo of coal, arrived here by train this afternoon.

## **FEBRUARY 1933**

### **Tuesday 21**

Louisburg, N.S.

A very stormy day. Rained continuously from about 1 a.m. until about 3:30 P.M. with gale of southerly wind. Wind shifted to westerly at about 2:30 P.M. and later to north west. A few snow squalls after the wind shifted. Clearing in the evening. Some frost at night. Min temperature about 32. Max temperature about 40.

#### S.S. WATUKA

Steamer "WATUKA" Captain Bragg which had been in port since Saturday loaded a cargo of coal today also about 25 tons of steel products. This is the first cargo of coal to be loaded here this season. Her destination is St. John's, Nfld and she will likely sail tomorrow morning.

Owing to the thaw of last night and today the streets in town are bare with the exceptions of some patches of ice.

## **FEBRUARY 1933**

### **Wednesday 22**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and cool with fresh to strong northwest wind. Max temperature about 32, min temperature about [missing] Wind moderated in the evening.

#### S.S. "WATUKA"

Steamer "WATUKA", Captain Bragg, sailed for St. John's Newfoundland in the morning carrying the first cargo of coal from here this season.

#### Schooner Donald II

The three masted schooner "DONALD II", Captain William Trenholme, loaded a cargo of coke, 160 tons. This cargo if for Canso, N.S.

#### Ice Packing

Nelson Tanner finished packing my ice today. My ice pack, this year, has cost a total of \$26.95 which is about \$18.00 less than 1932 and previous years. The total amount is made up as follows:

Fred Cunningham, cutting 175 blocks @ 3 cents	\$5.25
D.M Johnston, trucking 175 blocks @ 6 cents	\$10.50
Nelson Tanner, packing 32 hours @ 35cents	<u>\$11.20</u>
	\$26.95

### **FEBRUARY 1933**

#### **Thursday 23**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear in the morning but becoming cloudy and overcast early in the day. Mild with light south west wind which increased at night. Snow began to fall at about 8 P.M.

Min temperature about 14 above zero, max temperature about 37.

### **FEBRUARY 1933**

#### **Friday 24**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy and mild with thick fog. Light variable wind. Min temperature about 28, max temperature about 45. A remarkably mild day for this season of the year.

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

### **FEBRUARY 1933**

#### **Saturday 25**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy and somewhat chilly with light to moderate northeast wind. Light drizzle of snow during the early part of the night. Snowfall about ½ inch.

#### Concert Practice

At 7:30 P.M. I attended practice for a concert at John A. MacDonald's. About 15 present. Concert to be held in Calvin Hall on Saturday evening, March 4 under the auspices of the MacMillan Club of the First United Church.

### **FEBRUARY 1932**

**Sunday 26**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy, mild and misty with light to moderate north-northeast to northeast wind. Snow which lay on the ground to the depth of about ½ inch disappeared during the day. Min temperature about 28, max temperature about 37.

**FEBRUARY 1933****Monday 27**

Louisburg, N.S.

Snow storm in the early morning. Drizzle of rain during part of the day. Snow squalls during the early part of the night. Moderate northeast wind. Snow fall about 6 inches. Min temperature about 28, max temperature about 36.

**FEBRUARY 1933****Tuesday 28**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy, mild and foggy with light southeast wind. Snow squalls in the morning. Snowfall about 1 inch. Min temperature about 28, max temperature about 41.

Streets very slushy and snow melting very fast.

**Assessment Appeal Court**

Attended and presided at the assessment appeal court of the Town of Louisburg at 2 P.M. The following were present: D.A. Campbell, John N. MacDonald and B.M. Spencer, Assessors: Clarence Peters and myself of the assessment committee, Jeremiah Smith the third member of the assessment committee was absent. There were only one appeal regularly before the court, that of Mrs. Maud Bates, an appeal against the assessment on her property on the water front consisting of wharf and buildings. After hearing the evidence of Daniel Fleet who appeared on behalf of Mrs. Bates and that evidence of the assessors it was learned that the wharf had been entirely destroyed by the storm of Jan 28, 1933. The buildings and wharf had been valued by the assessors at \$700.00 and the land at \$365.00. After taking into consideration the loss occasioned by the storm we reduced the assessment on wharf and buildings to \$450.00. A reduction of \$250.00. Owing to a building recently sold by the Town of Louisburg to Guy B. Hiltz, and later sold to Dan Smith of this town, by Mr. Hiltz, being in a very bad state of repair, it was decided by the court to reduce the assessment from \$100.00 to \$50.00. Court adjourned after being in session about thirty minutes.

**MARCH 1933****Wednesday 1**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy, mild, foggy and misty with moderate easterly wind. Min temperature about 29, max temperature about 36.

### Choir Practice

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

## **MARCH 1933**

### **Thursday 2**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy with moderate to fresh east to southeast winds. Partly clear for a short time in the afternoon. Misty with some fog during the night. Max temperature about 40, min temperature about 30. Streets almost entirely bare and becoming muddy.

### S.S. "COLBY"

Steamer "COLBY", Captain Webber arrived at about 8 a.m. from Halifax and anchored in the stream, awaiting orders.

## **MARCH 1933**

### **Friday 3**

Louisburg, N.S.

Snow storm. Snow began to fall at about 6:30 a.m. and continued during the greater part of the day, accompanied by a strong easterly wind. Snowfall about 8 inches. Min temperature about 30, Max temperature about 35.

## **MARCH 1933**

### **Saturday 4**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy with snow, mist, sleet and drizzle. Fresh easterly wind. Snowfall about 3 inches. Min temperature about 30, max temperature about 34.

### Concert

At 8 P.M. I attended and took part in a concert in Calvin hall. This concert was held under the auspices of the MacMillan Club of the First United Church and was largely attended. I sang solo entitled "O'er the Billowy Sea" and in response to an encore sang "Jack's the Boy" besides taking part in several choruses.

Among those who took part in this concert were: Mr. & Mrs. John A. MacDonald, Mr. & Mrs. Malcolm MacLean, John H. Skinner, A.W. Stacey, Mrs. Charles Bagnell, Mrs. D.A. MacMillan, Mrs. Roderick MacLeod, Mrs. J.M. MacRury, Miss Sarah MacKinnon, Mrs. Alex Nicholson, Alex Nicholson, Ernest Skinner, Harold Covy, John A. MacCormack, Miss Bessie MacInnis, Mrs. T.H. Cann, Willie MacInnis, Daniel Nicholson, Jr., Murdock MacLean, Roddie MacLeod, Master Jimmie MacDonald, Mrs. Will Townsend, Melvin Beaver, Lockrey MacKay, Miss Annie M. MacIntyre, Miss Oretha Mosher, and Rueben Lipkus.

A sketch entitled "The Reception at the Parsonage" in which twelve of the above mentioned ladies took part, was directed by Mrs. Edgar Morrison.

### Inauguration

Today at Washington, D.C., U.S.A. Franklin D. Roosevelt was inaugurated President of the United States of America.

## **MARCH 1933**

### **Sunday 5**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy except for a short time in the morning. Light drizzle of snow during the greater part of the day. Moderate north-northeast wind. Snowfall about 2 inches. Min temperature about 28, max temperature about 24. Ground covered with snow to the depth of about 12 inches.

At 11 a.m. and 7 P.M. in company with Emeline, I attended services in the First United Church. Both services in charge of Rev. D.A. MacMillan.

### S.S. "WATUKA"

Steamer "WATUKA", Captain Bragg arrived from St. John's, Nfld at about 10:30 a.m. and docked at the coal pier.

### S.S. "CARIBOU"

Newfoundland Steamer "CARIBOU", Capt. Tavernor, arrived from Port-aux-Basque, Nfld with passengers and freight. The "CARIBOU" was unable to reach North Sydney owing to that port being blocked with slab ice. This is the first trip of this boat to Louisburg this season. A special train arrived here at about 8 P.M. for to take the CARIBOU'S passengers through to Sydney. Train left on the return trip with about 20 passengers at about 9:30 P.M.

### DONALD II

Three masted schooner "DONALD II", Captain William Trenholme sailed for Canso, N.S. with a cargo of coke.

## **MARCH 1933**

### **Monday 6**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy and mild with a light drizzle of snow during the greater part of the day. Snowfall about 2 inches. Moderate northerly wind. Min temperature about 27, max temperature about 34. More snow on the ground than at any other time this winter.

Norwegian Steamer "FAGERBRO" arrived, bunkered and sailed.

### S.S. "WATUKA"

Steamer "WATUKA", Capt. Bragg, which arrived yesterday loaded a cargo of coal and sailed for Liverpool, N.S.

### S.S. "CARIBOO"

Steamer "CARIBOO", Capt. Taverner sailed at about 4:30 P.M. for Port-au-Basque with passengers and mails.

#### Donald C. Wilcox

The remains of Donald C. Wilcox , infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Wilcox, which died at the City Hospital, Sydney last night arrived on the 11:30 am train and was taken to the home of his parents at Havenside.

### **MARCH 1933**

#### **Tuesday 7**

Louisburg, N.S.

Mostly clear and mild with light northerly wind. Min temperature about 24, max temperature about 36.

#### S.S. "COLBY"

Steamer "COLBY", Capt. Simpson which arrived here on March 2 docked at the coal pier this morning.

#### Funeral

The funeral of the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Wilcox took place in the forenoon at the English church. Services at the church and grave were conducted by Rev. Mr. Gabriel.

#### School Board

At 7:30 P.M. I attended and presided at a meeting of the School Board. Commissioners present: Clarence Peters, Jeremiah Smith and myself. At this meeting an estimate of amount required for 1933-34 for school purposes was placed at \$4350.00.

#### Death of Anton J. Cermak

Anton J. Cermak, Mayor of Chicago, Ill. died today at Miami, Florida, as a result of being struck by a bullet fired by Giuseppe Zargara, on February 15, 1933 at Miami. The bullet was intended for Franklin D. Roosevelt, President elect of the United States. Mr. Roosevelt escaped unhurt.

### **MARCH 1933**

#### **Wednesday 8**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and mild with light variable wind during the early part of the day. Cloudy and threatening with light southeast wind in the afternoon. Downpour of rain beginning at about 5 P.M. which continued during the first half of the night, wind increasing to a moderate gale. Min temperature about 32, max temperature about 41.

#### S.S. "COLBY"

Steamer "COLBY" which docked at the pier yesterday begun loading a cargo of coal.

### **MARCH 1933**

**Thursday 9**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and mild during the early hours of the morning. Cloudy with occasional showers during the greater part of the day and night. Fresh southwest wind. Min temperature about [missing] Max temperature about [missing]

Streets very wet and slushy.

**S.S. "COLBY"**

Steamer "COLBY", Captain Simpson finished loading a cargo of coal in the evening and sailed.

**MARCH 1933****Friday 10**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cool and clear with fresh to strong southwest to west winds. Min temperature about 18 above zero, max temperature about 29.

**S.S. "WATUKA"**

Steamer "WATUKA", Captain Bragg, arrived here at about 9 P.M. from Liverpool, N.S.

**Town Council**

At 7:30 P.M. I attended and presided at a meeting of the Town Council. Councillors present: Clarence Peters, D.J. MacInnis and Jeremiah Smith. At this meeting the estimate of receipt and expenditures were considered.

**"DONALD II"**

Three masted schooner "DONALD II", Capt. William Trenholme,

**MARCH 1933****Saturday 11**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cold and partly clear with strong westerly wind. One of the coldest days this winter. Min temperature about 5 above zero. Max temperature about 18.

**MARCH 1933****Sunday 12**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and cold with fresh northwest wind. Min temperature about 8 above zero. Max temperature about 24.

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

S.S. "WATUKA"

Steamer "WATUKA" sailed in the early morning for St. John's, Nfld with a cargo of coal.

**MARCH 1933**

**Monday 13**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and cold with fresh northwest wind. Min temperature about 4 above zero. Max temperature about 24.

**MARCH 1933**

**Tuesday 14**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and cold in the morning, but comparatively mild during the day with light variable wind. Min temperature about 3 above zero, max temperature about 32.

S.S. "CANADIAN INVENTOR"

Steamer "CANADIAN INVENTOR", Captain Griffith, arrived at about 7 a.m. and docked at the pier and took on board about 600 tons of bunker coal.

**MARCH 1933**

**Wednesday 15**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy with light southeast wind, increasing at night. Rain began to fall at about 6:30 P.M. Min temperature about 19, max temperature about 37. Heavy rain during the night.

S.S. "CANADIAN INVENTOR"

Steamer CANADIAN INVENTOR, Captain Griffith, sailed at about 9 a.m. for England.

S.S. "COLBY"

Steamer COLBY, Captain Simpson arrived from Halifax in the afternoon for a cargo of coal and began loading in the afternoon.

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

**MARCH 1933**

**Thursday 16**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and comparatively mild with strong north west wind which increased to a gale at night. Min temperature about 18 above zero, max temperature about 35.

Streets very slippery during the early part of the day, making traveling very dangerous.

Harbour full of slab ice in the morning, but owing to the heavy northwest breeze all the ice in the upper end of the harbour was driven out to sea. First appearance of drift ice this season.

S.S. "MONTCALM"

Government Steamer "MONTCALM", Captain O'Hearn which has been here since February 20, sailed this afternoon for North Sydney.

**MARCH 1933**

**Friday 17**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and moderately cold becoming cloudy in the afternoon. Light snow squalls in the evening. Heavy gale from northwest in the early morning. Wind moderated after daylight but continued to blow a fresh breeze until late in the afternoon when the wind shifted to southwest. Min temperature 12 above zero, max temperature about

S.S. "COLBY"

Steamer "COLBY", Captain Simpson sailed for St. John, N.B. in the morning with a cargo of coal.

**MARCH 1933**

**Saturday 18**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and moderately cold with light northwest wind, which increased to a fresh breeze during the night. Min temperature about 12, max temperature about 30.

The body of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Emerson A. Grant which was still born at the Salvation Army Maternity Hospital, Sydney yesterday was brought here on the 11: 30 a.m. train for burial. The funeral took place immediately after the arrival of the train. Interment in the United Church Cemetery on Clarke's Road.

Mrs. Christine Bates

Mrs. Christine Bates, for many years a respected resident of this town, left here today for Providence, Rhode Island, U.S.A. where she intends to reside in future with her son, James J. Bates of 121 Doyle Avenue.

**MARCH 1933**

**Sunday 19**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and moderately cold with moderate north, northeast wind. Min temperature about 18 above zero, max temperature about 34.

At 11 a.m. and 7 P.M. Emeline and I attended services in the First United Church. Both morning and evening services were in charge of Rev. D.A. MacMillan.

At the morning service the "Canadian Girls in Training" of both the Anglican and United Church groups attended in a body, when an appropriate address was delivered by the pastor. At the evening service I sang a solo entitled "The Old Rugged Cross".

## **MARCH 1933**

### **Monday 20**

Louisburg, N.S.

Mostly clear with light easterly wind. Min temperature about 18 above zero, max temperature about 36.

#### S.S. "CANADIAN MARINER"

Steamer "CANADIAN MARINER", Captain Minister arrived from Halifax for bunker coal.

#### S.S. "WATUKA"

Steamer "WATUKA", Captain Bragg arrived at about 8 P.M. from St. John's, Nfld for a cargo of coal.

#### S.S. "MARSTENEN"

Norwegian Steamer Marstenen arrived in the evening for bunker coal.

## **MARCH 1933**

### **Tuesday 21**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy and comparatively mild with light to moderate easterly wind. Rain during the evening and night. Min temperature about 22, max temperature 34. Silver thaw during the night.

#### S.S. "CANADIAN MARINER"

Steamer Canadian Mariner, Capt. Minister sailed in the morning for England.

Drift ice filled the harbour in the morning. The steamers "WATUKA" and "MARSTENEN" attempted to leave port but were met at the harbour entrance by the ice and returned.

## **MARCH 1933**

### **Wednesday 22**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy and foggy in the forenoon. Partly clear in the afternoon. Wind southwest shifting to west and north west in the afternoon and evening. Min temperature about 26, max temperature about 41.

Heavy "Silver Thaw" in the morning. All out of doors covered with ice. Considerable damaged to Electric Light, Telegraph and Telephone wires. Limbs broken from trees by the heavy load of ice. Ice thawed during the day, so that by noon the most of it had fallen from the trees and wires.

Spanish Trawlers

Spanish Trawlers "TRAMONTANA" and "GALERNA" arrived in the evening for bunker coal.

**MARCH 1933**

**Thursday 23**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cool and partly clear with moderate northwest to north winds.

The drift ice which entered the harbour on Tuesday moved out to sea during the afternoon.

S.S. "MARSTENEN"

Norwegian Steamer Marstenen which was held in port since Tuesday by the drift ice sailed in the morning.

**MARCH 1933**

**Friday 24**

Louisburg, N.S.

Partly clear and moderately cold with moderate north to northeast winds.

S.S. "TRAMONTANA"

Spanish Trawler Tramontana which took on board about 400 tons of bunker coal yesterday afternoon sailed for the fishing grounds in the morning.

The trawler "GALERNA" which also bunkered yesterday afternoon hauled over to the government wharf to undergo some repairs.

S. S. "COLBY"

Steamer "COLBY", Captain Simpson arrived in the afternoon from St. John, N.B. and anchored in the stream awaiting orders.

**MARCH 1933**

**Saturday 25**

Louisburg, N.S.

Mostly clear and moderately cold with light northeast to east winds.

S.S. "GALERNA"

Spanish trawler Galerna sailed in the morning for the fishing grounds.

**MARCH 1933**

**Sunday 26**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and comparatively mild with light easterly wind. An ideal day. Min temperature about 12 above zero, max temperature about 34.

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

#### Death of Donald DeLaney

The death occurred at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.C. DeLaney of Donald De Laney, two years of age.

The body was forwarded to North Sydney by automobile for burial.

### **MARCH 1933**

#### **Monday 27**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy, chilly and raw with light to fresh southwest to northeast winds. Snow began to fall at about 5 P.M. and continued during the night.

Snowfall about 10 inches.

Min temperature about 16 above zero, max temperature about 34 above.

### **MARCH 1933**

#### **Tuesday 28**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy and misty in the morning with light north east wind. Wind shifting to west and northwest in the afternoon and evening.

### **MARCH 1933**

#### **Wednesday 29**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and mild in the forenoon but becoming cloudy in the afternoon. Light northwest wind in the morning shifting to southwest and later in the afternoon to east and northeast.

#### S.S. "WATUKA"

Steamer "WATUKA", Capt Bragg arrived from Liverpool, N.S. for a cargo of coal.

### **MARCH 1933**

#### **Thursday 30**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy, misty and drizzly with moderate northeast wind. Snow squalls in the morning and increasing throughout the day. Snowfall about 1 inch.

#### Tragedy at Flint Island

The mystery of the distress signals displayed from Flint Island for the past number of days was solved today when the Government ice breaker Montcalm, Capt. O'Hearn managed to make her way through the drift ice and reached the island today. On last Thursday, March 23, Willie Martell and Raymond Martell, sons of John Martell, Lighthouse keeper on Flint Island were seal

hunting near the island when their boat was upset by a huge wave. Raymond, aged 15 years, started to swim ashore but was drowned before reaching land. Willie, aged 18, clung to the boat. The father of the boys assisted by his 12 year old son, Kenny, after a desperate effort rescued the boy from the bottom of the boat by means of a rope and dragged him ashore in an unconscious condition. After working over the unconscious lad for quite a long time, he was brought back to life.

The following day at about noon, Mr. Martell recovered the body of Raymond in about six feet of water. Owing to ice conditions, Mr. Martell was unable to reach the mainland and tried to attract attention by signals. In this he was successful on last Sunday. Since that time rescue parties were organized on the mainland, but were not successful in reaching the island. For the past several days the Montcalm has been bucking ice in an effort to reach the island from North Sydney but met with failure until today, when she succeeded in getting to the scene of the tragedy and taking Mr. Martell and the body of the drowned boy to North Sydney.

(The above is a synopsis of the report of the accident, appearing in the Sydney Post Record of this date)

## **MARCH 1933**

### **Friday 31**

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Cloudy and chilly with moderate to strong northerly wind. Min temperature about 28, max temperature about 34.

#### S.S. "WATUKA"

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

#### S.S. "COLBY"

Steamer "COLBY" which arrived here on March 24, docked at the coal pier.

#### S.S. "PORTIA"

Steamer Portia enroute from Halifax to St John's, Nfld arrived in the afternoon for shelter.

#### S.S. "GAUL" and S.S. "YORICK"

British Trawlers Gaul and Yorick arrived during the night and took bunker coal on 76 tons ,the other 86.

## **APRIL 1933**

### **Saturday 1**

Louisburg, N.S.

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

Min temperature about 22, max temperature about 36.

#### S.S. "CARIBOO"

Newfoundland Steamer "CARIBOO", Capt Taverner arrived in the afternoon from Port-au-Basque with passengers and mails. A special train arrived during the early part of the night and took the passengers and mails through to Sydney.

S.S. "TEMERAIRE"

French Trawler Temeraire arrived during the night for bunker coal.

Death of Beryl Skinner

The death took place at Sydney this morning of Beryl, nine year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Skinner of Sydney. Cerebral Spinal Meningitis is given as the cause of her death. Mr. and Mrs. Skinner were formerly residents of Louisburg but removed to Sydney in the spring or early summer of 1932.

**APRIL 1933**

**Sunday 2**

Louisburg, N.S.

Chilly and mostly cloudy with moderate easterly wind. Min temperature about 20, max temperature about 40.

At 11 a.m. and 7 P.M. in company with Emeline I attended services in the First United Church. Both morning and evening services were in charge of Rev. D.A. MacMillan. At the evening service I sang a solo entitled "The Stranger of Galilee".

Funeral

The funeral of the late Beryl Skinner took place from the Sydney and Louisburg Railway Station at about 2 P.M. on the arrival of a special train from Sydney, which brought the remains. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. D.A. MacMillan, pastor of the First United Church. Interment took place in the United Church Cemetery on Clarke's Road.

**APRIL 1933**

**Monday 3**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy and chilly with east to southeast wind. Harbour full of drift ice.

S.S. "CARIBOO"

Newfoundland Steamer Cariboo, Capt Taverner, sailed for Port-au-Basque, Nfld in the afternoon with passengers, mails and freight.

**APRIL 1933**

**Tuesday 4**

Louisbourg, N.S.

Cloudy, misty, foggy and drizzle with moderate east to southeast wind. Heavy showers in the evening.

S.S. "COLBY"

Steamer Colby, Capt. Simpson finished loading a cargo of coal, and sailed in the afternoon.

S.S. "TEMERAIRE"

French Trawler Temeraire sailed in the afternoon for the fishing grounds.

S.S. "GAUL" and S.S. "YORICK"

English Trawlers Gaul and Yorick sailed for the fishing grounds in the afternoon.

Fishermen's Convention

A convention of the Fishermen's Union was held in their rooms at the Town hall in the afternoon. In the evening a public meeting under the auspices of the Fishermen's Union was held in the Parish hall which was addressed by Stewart MacAulay and John Peach of Glace Bay and Rev. Mr. Gabriel of Louisburg. I was also present on the invitation of the Union and gave a short address of Welcome to the visiting delegates on behalf of the Town of Louisburg.

**APRIL 1933**

**Wednesday 5**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy with a light drizzle of snow which melted as it fell. Snowfall of about 1 inch during the night. Fresh southwest wind which shifted to northeast during the early part of the night. Harbour full of drift ice.

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

**APRIL 1933**

**Thursday 6**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and mild with strong north, north-east wind. Min temperature about 28, max temperature about 44.

S.S. "MONTCALM"

Government Steamer Montcalm, Capt. O'Hearn arrived at about 11:30 a.m. from North Sydney where she had been held by drift ice for the past ten days. The Montcalm sailed from here on March 16, and since that time has been making her headquarters at North Sydney.

Talk on Louisburg

At 8 P.M. I gave a talk on "Historic Louisburg" to the Young Peoples Society of the First United Church in Calvin hall. My address which occupied about one hour dealt with Louisburg from its settlement in 1713 until its restoration to the French in 1749. By a unanimous vote of those

present I was requested to tell the story of the siege of 1758 on next Thursday evening which I consented to do.

S.S. "WATUKA"

Steamer Watuka, Capt. Bragg, arrived at about 10 P.M. from St John's, Nfld for a cargo of coal.

**APRIL 1933**

**Friday 7**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and mild with moderate to light northwest to east winds. An ideal day. Min temperature about 27, max temperature about 46.

S.S. "WATUKA"

Steamer Watuka, Capt. Bragg loaded a cargo of coal and sailed for Liverpool, N.S.

S.S. "MONTCALM"

Government Steamer Montcalm, Capt. O'Hearn sailed for Flint Island at about 11 a.m. The Montcalm had on board John Martell, Lighthouse keeper of Flint Island and is to make an attempt to land him there today. Mr. Martell's son was drowned at Flint Island on March 23, 1933 while seal hunting. After Mr. Martell had signaled from the Island for several days, the Montcalm which was icebound at North Sydney attempted to go to his assistance, but owing to the ice conditions was unable to reach the island until Wednesday or Thursday of last week. The Montcalm took Mr. Martell and the body of his son to North Sydney where owing to the presence of the drift ice she was held until yesterday where she came to Louisburg. Owing to the roughness of the sea, I understand she was unable to land at the island yesterday and intends to make the attempt today.

**APRIL 1933**

**Saturday 8**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy and chilly with moderate easterly wind. Rain with some fog during the late afternoon and evening.

S.S. "BELLE ISLE"

Steamer Belle Isle, Capt. D'Laurin, arrived here at about 3 am.

Town Nomination Day

Mr. Wesley Townsend, was today nominated for to fill one the vacancies on the council board of the Town of Louisburg.

**APRIL 1933**

**Sunday 9**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy with fresh easterly wind. Min temperature about 32, max temperature about 40.

### **APRIL 1933**

#### **Monday 10**

Louisburg, N.S.

Mostly cloudy with fresh north northeast wind. Snow squalls in the evening.

#### Concert Practice

Attended practice at Wesley Townsend's in the evening for a concert to be given under the auspices of the Fishermens Union. About 15 present.

### **APRIL 1933**

#### **Tuesday 11**

Louisburg, N.S.

Mostly cloudy with strong north northeast wind. Min temperature about 30

#### S.S. "WATUKA"

Steamer Watuka, Capt. Bragg arrived at about 8 a.m. loaded a cargo of coal during the day and sailed for Liverpool, N.S. at about 7 p. m.

### **APRIL 1933**

#### **Wednesday 12**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy, chilly and raw, clearing in the afternoon. Fresh to moderate northwest wind. Min temperature about 26, max temperature about 38.

#### S.S.

Norwegian steamer [missing], arrived for bunker coal.

#### S.S. "COLBY"

Steamer Colby, Capt. Simpson arrived in the afternoon for a cargo of coal.

### **APRIL 1933**

#### **Thursday 13**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and cool with light northeast to southeast wind. Min temperature about [missing]

Max temperature about [missing]

#### Talk on Louisburg

At 8 P.M. I gave a talk on Historic Louisburg to the Young Peoples Society of the First United Church in Calvin hall.

R.C.M.P. Ship "ULNA"

Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Patrol boat Ulna, Capt. Fraser arrived in the evening.

S.S. "COLBY"

Steamer Colby, Capt Simpson sailed for Halifax in the evening with a cargo of coal.

**APRIL 1933**

**Friday 14                      Good Friday**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cool and mostly clear with light variable wind. Min temperature about 20, max temperature about 48.

S.S. "LADY LAURIER"

Government Steamer Lady Laurier, arrived and docked at the Freight wharf.

S.S. "MONTCALM"

Government Steamer Montcalm, Capt O'Hearn arrived.

S.S. "CARIBOO"

Nfld Steamer Cariboo, Capt. Taverner, arrived from Port-au-Basque in the forenoon with passengers and mails. A special train arrived in the evening with passengers, mails and freight. The Cariboo sailed during the night.

S.S. "DOMBY" and S.S. "CANBY"

Steamers Domby, Capt. Arundal and Steamer Canby, Capt. Wilson arrived in the evening from England to go on charter with the Dominion Coal Company in the coal trade. They both tried to get to Sydney but were prevented from doing so by the ice blockade.

Death of John W. MacDonald

John W. MacDonald, an aged resident of Louisburg was found dead in the kitchen of his residence on Main Street, at about 10 a.m. today by Mr. P.P. Bates. Mr. MacDonald who was about 85 years of age, was living alone and had been in poor health for some time. It is supposed that he had a heart attack or a paralytic stroke. No inquest was held.

**APRIL 1933**

**Saturday 15**

Louisburg, N.S.

Mostly clear with light southwest wind. Min temperature about 20, max temperature about 48.

S.S. "LADY LAURIER"

Government Steamer Lady Laurier, sailed.

S.S. MONTCALM"

Government Steamer Montcalm, Capt. O'Hearn sailed at about 3 P.M. for Sydney.

S.S. "WATUKA"

Steamer Watuka Capt. Luke Holmes arrived to load a cargo of coal.

Mr. Lyall Dettore, Presbyterian Ministerial Student arrived here today for the purpose of taking charge of the Presbyterian Congregation of this town.

Town By-Election

Mr. Wesley Townsend was elected today by acclamation to fill one of the vacancies on the Council Board of the Town of Louisburg. There are still two vacant seats.

**APRIL 1933**

**Sunday 16            Easter Sunday**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy and mild with light southwest to south east winds. Min temperature about 32, max temperature about 56.

S.S. "WATUKA"

Steamer Watuka, Capt. Holmes coal laden sailed in the morning for Liverpool, N.S.

S.S. "DOMBY    S.S. "CANBY"

Steamers Domby, Capt. Arundal and Canby, Capt. Wilson which arrived here on last Friday enroute to Sydney for the purpose of going on charter with the Dominion Coal Company sailed for Sydney at about noon.

In company with Emeline I attended services in the First United Church at 11 a.m. and 7 P.M. Both services were in charge of Rev. D.A. MacMillan. At the evening service a cantata entitled "Jesus the Conqueror" was rendered by the choir.

At about 3 P.M. Emeline and I visited Mrs. Z.W. Townsend who celebrated her 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday today. Others present were Mr. & Mrs. Fletcher Townsend, Mr. & Mrs. Emerson Grant and Wesley Townsend.

**APRIL 1933**

**Monday 17**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy in the morning with some fog, but clearing shortly before noon. Mild with light southerly to westerly wind. Min temperature about 35, max temperature about 60. Very springlike.

Heard the toads and frogs this evening for the first time this season.

Funeral

The funeral of the late John W. MacDonald took place from the residence of D.M. Johnston, undertaker, Main Street at 12:30 P.M. The funeral service was in charge of Mr. Dittare, Student Minister of the Presbyterian Congregation, assisted by Rev. Frank Hutchison, late pastor and Rev. D.A. MacMillan of the First United Church. Interment took place at Catalone Cemetery.

## **APRIL 1933**

### **Tuesday 18**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cool and partly clear with moderate to north east wind. Min temperature about 28, max temperature about 52.

#### S.S. "ULNA"

R.C.M.P. Patrol boat "ULNA", Capt. James Fraser sailed for North Sydney in the morning but returned to port in the evening being unable to reach Sydney owing to ice conditions.

Steamers "DOMBY" and "CANBY" which sailed from here on last Sunday for Sydney are reported to have made their way through the ice blockade and to have arrived there last night or early this morning. The "DOMBY" is said to have loaded a cargo of coal at Sydney today.

## **APRIL 1933**

### **Wednesday 19**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and very chilly with moderate to fresh northeast wind. Min temperature about 22, max temperature about 38.

#### S.S. "ULNA"

R.C.M.P. Patrol boat Ulna, Capt. Fraser sailed.

#### S.S. FOUNDATION FRANKLIN"

Oceangoing tug, Foundation Franklin, Capt. C.D. Lewis arrived from Halifax at about 10 a.m. After bunkering she sailed at about 5:30 P.M. enroute to the St Lawrence. The drift ice which has been blocking the northeast coast for the past week prevented her from going to Sydney.

#### S.S. "BELLE ISLE"

Steamer Belle Isle, Capt. D'Laurier, enroute from Montreal to Sydney arrived here at about noon, being unable to reach Sydney owing to the ice blockade. The Belle Isle has freight on board for Sydney but will not land it here. She will proceed to St. Pierre Miquelon her next port of call and will call at Sydney on her return if ice conditions will permit. After receiving four motor truck loads of mail which came over the highway from North Sydney and which arrived here at about 6 P.M., she proceeded on her voyage.

#### S.S. "DELIA"

Steamer Delia, Capt. Webber, arrived here at about 5 P.M. enroute from Halifax, N.S. to Sorel, Quebec. The Delia loaded a cargo of coal during the night.

## **APRIL 1933**

### **Thursday 20**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and cool with moderate northeast to north winds. Min temperature about 22, max temperature about 42.

#### S.S. "DELIA"

Steamer Delia, Capt. Webber sailed in the morning for Sorel, Quebec with a cargo of coal. First coal cargo to sail for the St Lawrence this season.

#### S.S. "COALBY"

Steamer Coalby, Capt. Simpson arrived at about 10 a.m. and docked at the coal pier to load a cargo of coal.

#### S.S. "WATUKA"

Steamer Watuka, Capt. Holmes arrived at about 11:30 a.m. and loaded a cargo of coal.

## **APRIL 1933**

### **Friday 21**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with light variable wind. Min temperature about 26, max temperature about 52.

#### S.S. "WATUKA"

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

#### S.S. "COALBY"

Steamer Coalby, Capt. Simpson finished loading a cargo of coal and sailed for Montreal, at about 7 P.M.

#### Rev. Frank Hutcheson

Rev. Frank Hutcheson, who until recently has been pastor of the Presbyterian congregation of Louisburg, left here today. His place has been taken by Mr. Dittore, a student minister who arrived here and took charge of the congregation on April 15, 1933.

## **APRIL 1933**

### **Saturday 22**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clean and cool with moderate to fresh south west wind. Min temperature about 26, max temperature about 48.

"Dominion Halsyd"

Coasting Steamer, Dominion Halsyd, arrived from Halifax, N.S.

S.S. "BAY HOUND"

Government Patrol Boat, Bay Hound, Capt. [missing] arrived in the evening.

Concert

Concert held in Masonic hall at 8 P.M. under the auspices of the Fishermen's Union. A large attendance, standing room only. A varied program was rendered which appeared to be greatly enjoyed by the audience. I was present and took part, singing a solo entitled "When the Bell in the Lighthouse Rings Ding Dong" in responding to an encore I sang "There is Somebody Waiting for Me". I also sang in the opening and closing choruses.

National Park

In the forenoon I walked to "Old Town" and in company with Lawrence Price, visited the National Park for the purpose of measuring the distance from the King's Bastion to the shore of the harbour at the West Gate or Dauphin Bastion. We measured from the southern side of the most easterly Bombproof of the series of Bombproofs on the northern side of the Citadel, and from the extreme north end of the ruins of the Citadel barracks to the breast work at the shore by the site of the west gate and found the distance 1036 feet. We also measured the distance from the West Gate in a north westerly direction to the top of the hill west of the Bruce House Brook and found its distance 2834 feet as follows: from West Gate to Park Gate 1300 feet, from Park Gate to low water at the Barachois 484 feet estimated distance across the Barachois 350 feet, distance from north west side of Barachois to top of hill 700 feet. Total 2834 feet.

**APRIL 1933**

**Sunday 23**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and cold with moderate north to north west winds. Snow squalls in the morning. Snowfall about 1 inch. Min temperature about 22, max temperature about 35.

At 11 a.m. and 7 P.M. I attended services in the First United Church. Both morning and evening services were in charge of Rev. D.A. MacDonald. Emeline was not out to church in the morning but accompanied me there in the evening.

Death of Mrs. Sarah Bagnell

Word received today that Mrs. Sarah Bagnell of Gabarus, sister of Mrs. Z.W. Townsend of this town had died in the Cape Breton Hospital, Sydney River at about 10 P.M. yesterday. D.M. Johnson, undertaker, accompanied by Emerson Grant motored to the Cape Breton Hospital in the morning and removed the body to Gabarus where the funeral is to be held on next Tuesday afternoon.

**APRIL 1933**

**Monday 24**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear during the forenoon becoming cloudy and threatening in the afternoon and evening. Cold and raw with fresh southwest wind. Min temperature about 18, max temperature about 46.

#### Death of Anthony Townsend

Mr. Anthony Townsend , a lifelong resident of Louisburg passed away at about 10 a.m. Mr. Townsend who was about [missing] years of age, had been in poor health for quite a long time but of late had been able to be up around the house. Today he crossed the street to visit Wesley Townsend his nephew. As he arrived in Wesley's yard he suddenly collapsed. After being removed into the house he died within a few minutes without regaining consciousness. His wife predeceased him on Nov 2, 1932. He is survived by two sons and one daughter. The sons are Arthur M. of Louisburg, with whom he made his home and Anthony of Glace Bay. The daughter Mrs. [missing] Hunter (Annie May).

### **APRIL 1933**

#### **Tuesday 25**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool with fresh southwest wind. Min temperature about 29, max temperature 52.

#### Death of Malcolm MacDonald

The death of Malcolm MacDonald, (Lame Malcolm) took place at about 7 o'clock this morning at his residence on Commercial Street. Mr. MacDonald who was about 71 years of age had been a cripple nearly all his life but had been in fairly good health until the past year. For many years he lived alone and for about three years had been a charge on the Town of Louisburg for his support. His son Dan and his son's wife, moved in with him early in the past winter. He is survived by two brothers and three sisters. The brothers are John A. and Ronald, the sisters Mrs. Christie MacAulay, and Mrs. Rachael MacMullan, both of this town and Mrs. MacDonald formerly of Trout Brook, Mira but now in the U.S.A. He is also survived by his wife, three daughters and one son. The daughters are Mrs. Rudderham of Sydney, Mrs. Sadie Hannem of Louisburg, now in Truro, N.S. The Son is Dannie who with his wife moved in with his father early last winter and cared for him during his last illness.

#### Funeral at Gabarus

The funeral took place this afternoon at Gabarus of the late Mrs. Sarah Bagnell who passed away at the Cape Breton Hospital on April 22. The funeral service at the church and grave were conducted by Rev. E.D. MacKillop of the United Church.

Wesley Townsend, Thomas Bagnell, Mrs. Bert Wilcox and Emeline motored to Gabarus for the purpose of attending the funeral. They returned at about 7 P.M. going and coming by the Shore Road.

#### S.S. "CRUIZER"

Coal Company's tug, Cruizer in command of Capt. D.W. Ley sailed for Sydney at about 11 a.m. to resume her duties at that port.

### **APRIL 1933**

## **Wednesday 26**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool with fresh southerly wind. Min temperature about 35, max temperature about 52.

### **Funeral**

The funeral of the late Anthony Townsend took place at 11:30 a.m. After a short service at his late residence, the funeral cortage proceeded to the First United Church where the funeral service was held after which interment took place in the United Church Cemetery (former Methodist) on Clarke's Road. The service at the house, church and grave were conducted by Rev. D.A. MacMillan. The Pallbearers were as follows: Robert Peters, D.J. Matheson, John A. MacDonald, John MacAulay, Charles Baker and M.S. Huntington.

### **Choir Practice**

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

## **APRIL 1933**

## **Thursday 27**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and cool with fresh southwest wind during the day. Heavy rain and moderate gale in the early morning. Min temperature about 34, max temperature about 52.

### **Funeral**

The funeral of the late Malcolm MacDonald took place from his late residence at 1 P.M. After a short service at the house, the remains were taken to Catalone where the funeral service was held in the United Church. Interment took place in the Catalone Cemetery. Services at the house, church and grave were conducted by Rev. D.A. MacMillan, Pastor of the United Church, Louisburg.

## **APRIL 1933**

## **Friday 28**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cool and clear with moderate southerly wind. Min temperature about 28, max temperature about 48.

### **Council Meeting**

A special meeting (for regular business) of the Town Council was held at 7:30 P.M. Councillors present: Clarence Peters, Jeremiah Smith, D.J. MacInnis, and Wesley Townsend. At this meeting I swore in Wesley Townsend as councilor. Mr. Townsend was elected at a by-election, by acclamation, on April 15, 1933.

Eddie Tanner was reappointed Poundkeeper for Town of Louisburg, he to receive 75 per cent of the pound fees for his services.

James S. MacLean addressed the meeting in respect to Angus MacLean, formerly of Clarke's Road who has been stopping with him for the past several years and has no means of support. In addressing the council, Mr. MacLean notified the council that he would not keep him any longer

and would turn out on the street or hand him over to the Town authorities on Wednesday, May 3, 1933. This matter was handed over to the Poor Committee.

## **APRIL 1933**

### **Saturday 29**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool with fresh southwest wind. Sleet and rain in the evening. Min temperature about 24, max temperature about 50.

#### Meeting of School Board

A special meeting of the School Board was held at 2:30 P.M. for the purpose of dealing with the question of engaging teachers for the 1933-34 term. On the invitation of the School Board Mr. Ormiston, Principal was present on behalf of the teaching staff, he being delegated to represent the entire staff. After a long discussion on the financial condition of the town and the prospects of being able to pay the teaching staff, all of the present staff were re-engaged with the exception of the Principal whose application is to be dealt with at a meeting to be held at a later date. Those re-engaged were: Miss Alice Ley, Miss Annie Pope, Miss Blanche Cross, Miss Evelyn Smith, and Miss Mary Hiltz , all at the minimum salary.

## **APRIL 1933**

### **Sunday 31 [should be Sunday 30]**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with light to moderate north west wind. Min temperature about 28, max temperature about 60.

At 11 a.m. and 7 P.M. in company with Emeline, I attended services in the First United Church. Rev. D.A. MacMillan was in charge of the service both morning and evening.

In the afternoon, Emeline and I motored as far as Horne's Road and return with Wesley Townsend and Mrs. Z.W. Townsend who called for us at about 2 P.M.

## **MAY 1933**

### **Monday 1**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool with light to moderate southwest wind. Foggy in the late afternoon and evening. Min temperature about 28, max temperature about 57.

#### First Codfish

First fresh codfish of the season were on sale today.

S.S. "HOLMEWOOD"

Steamer Holmewood, Capt. Carter which has been here since Feb 5, 1933 took on board about 100 tons of bunker coal. In all probability this will be the last coal to be shipped from here this season. The Holmewood has no orders to sail and may remain here indefinitely.

James H. MacKinnon, interviewed me respecting Angus MacLean who is likely to become a charge on the Town of Louisburg and offered to take him to board for \$20.00 a month. In the afternoon I called to see Mrs. MacLean in respect to the boarding of Angus MacLean in the event of him being turned out of his present abode and found her unable through bodily infirmities to accommodate him.

In the evening Councillor D.J. MacInnis as a member of the Poor Committee got in touch with Mr. & Mrs. Dan MacMullin and found them willing to take Mr. Angus MacLean to board as a ward of the town in the event of him being turned out on the street as threatened by James S. MacLean before a meeting of the Town Council on last Friday night. Amount to be charged per month by Mr. & Mrs. MacMullin, \$15.00. Mr. MacInnis and I decided to accept this offer.

## **MAY 1933**

### **Tuesday 2**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy, foggy and cool with moderate to fresh southwest wind. Partly clear in the afternoon. Min temperature about [missing], max temperature about 58.

#### **Death of Paul Bates**

The death occurred at an early hour this morning of Paul Bates at his residence on Wolfe Street. He had been seriously ill for about two months and his death was not unexpected. Mr. Bates was a person of good character and for the past several years he held the position of superintendent of streets for the Town of Louisburg. He is survived by three daughters and one son. The daughters are: Mary and Rose who lived with their father and Nellie in Boston, Mass. Thomas, the only son at home.

## **MAY 1933**

### **Wednesday 3**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy, foggy and moderately warm with light southwest wind. Min temperature about [missing], max temperature about 62.

#### **Angus MacLean**

This forenoon James S. MacLean escorted Angus MacLean to the town hall and handed him over to the town authorities in accordance with the statement made by him before the Town Council on last Friday night. Mr. Spencer, Town Clerk, in accordance with my instructions took Mr. MacLean to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan MacMullin where we have arranged for accommodations for him.

Angus MacLean who is reputed to be upwards of 90 years of age was a former resident of Clarke's Road but for the last six years has made his home in Louisburg. For the past year or two he has been staying with Mr. and Mrs. James S. MacLean, Mrs. MacLean being his niece. Some

time ago James MacLean notified the Town authorities that he did not want him any longer and threatened to turn him out unless the poor committee of the town took him off his hands. Today he put his threat into execution with the above result. We have arranged with Mr. and Mrs. Dan MacMullin to board him for \$15.00 a month.

## **MAY 1933**

### **Thursday 4**

Louisburg, N.S.

Heavy rain in the early morning, cloudy, foggy and misty , showers during the afternoon. Light southwest wind shifting to northwest at night and increasing. Min temperature about 35, max temperature about 62.

#### Funeral

At 8:45 a.m. I attended the funeral of the late Paul Bates, which took place from his residence on Wolfe Street to Stella Maris Church, where high mass was celebrated by Rev. Father D.H. Doyle. Interment took place in the Roman Catholic Cemetery. The pallbearers were as follows: Hugh Lynk, John MacMullen, Clarence Cunningham, Benjamin Bates Sr, Fred Kelly and myself.

## **MAY 1933**

### **Friday 5**

Louisburg, N.S.

Partly clear, cold, chilly and raw with light snow squalls and northeast gale. Very unpleasant. Wind moderated to some extent in the evening. Min temperature about [missing] Max temperature about 40.

#### Council Meeting

At 7:30 P.M. I attended and presided at a meeting of the Town Council. Councillors present: Clarence Peters, D.J. MacInnis, Jeremiah Smith and Wesley Townsend.

#### Governor General

Today I received a letter dated May 3, 1933 from A.F. Lasceles, Secretary to the Earl of Bessborough, Governor General of Canada, announcing that His Excellency is to visit Louisburg on July 12, 1933. He is to be accompanied by Lady Bessborough and three members of his staff.

## **MAY 1933**

### **Saturday 6**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and cold with strong northwest wind which moderated in the evening. Min temperature about 28, max temperature about 50.

#### School Board Meeting

At 2:30 P.M. I attended and presided at a special meeting of the School Board. Commissioners present: Clarence Peters, Jeremiah Smith, John A. MacDonald and myself. At this meeting Arthur

Ormiston was re-engaged as Principal of Louisburg School at a salary of \$860.00 for the term, exclusive of any government grants.

### **MAY 1933**

#### **Sunday 7**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and very cool with light variable wind. Min temperature about 24, max temperature about 52.

At 11 a.m. and 7 P.M. in company with Emeline I attended services in the First United Church. Both morning and evening services were in charge of Rev. D.A. MacMillan.

### **MAY 1933**

#### **Monday 8**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cold and partly clear with moderate to fresh northwest wind. Min temperature about 22, max temperature about 46.

### **MAY 1933**

#### **Tuesday 9**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and cool with light variable wind mostly easterly. Min temperature about 32, max temperature about 56.

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

Government Steamer, Montcalm arrived, picked up a buoy which was moored at the lower end of the harbour and sailed at about 11:30 a.m.

### **MAY 1933**

#### **Wednesday 10**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and cool with light southwest wind. Min temperature about 22, max temperature about 50.

#### **Choir Practice**

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

### **MAY 1933**

#### **Thursday 11**

Louisburg, N.S.

Rain and drizzle during the early part of the day. Cloudy and chilly in the afternoon and evening with light southeast to northeast winds. Min temperature about [missing] Max temperature about 46.

## **MAY 1933**

### **Friday 11**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and cool with light to moderate northeast wind. Min temperature about 28, max temperature about 57.

## **MAY 1933**

### **Saturday 13**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and cool, becoming cloudy in the evening. Wind southwest, showers during the night. Min temperature about 26, max temperature about 56.

## **MAY 1933**

### **Sunday 14            Mother's Day**

Louisburg, N.S.

Heavy rain, accompanied by thunder in the morning. Clearing in the afternoon. Fresh southwest winds shifting to northwest during the afternoon. Min temperature about 34, max temperature about 64.

At 11 a.m. and 7 P.M. Emeline and I attended services in the First United Church. Both morning and evening services were conducted by Rev. D.A. MacMillan. Today, being "Mother's Day", in the evening the choir rendered a cantata entitled, "The Home Life Beautiful".

## **MAY 1933**

### **Monday 15**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cool and mostly clear with a northwest gale which moderated to some extent in the evening. Min temperature about 28, max temperature about 48.

## **MAY 1933**

### **Tuesday 16**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cool and mostly clear with strong northwest wind. Snow squalls in the afternoon. Min temperature about [missing] max temperature about [missing]

Lobster fishing season opened today.

## **MAY 1933**

### **Wednesday 17**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and cool with fresh to moderate northeast wind. Min temperature about 32, max temperature about 53.

## **MAY 1933**

### **Thursday 18**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with moderate southwest wind. Min temperature about 30, max temperature about 58.

## **MAY 1933**

### **Friday 19**

Louisburg, N.S.            Sydney, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with light northeast wind. Min temperature about 35, max temperature about 60 (Louisburg)

Motored to Sydney in the morning with Abe Cameron in his truck.

While at Sydney, I visited Mayor S. E. Muggah at the City Hall after which I accompanied him to the office of Judge Crowe in the County building where we discussed matters respecting the coming visit of the Governor General, Lord and Lady Bessborough. In the afternoon on the invitation of Mayor Muggah, I accompanied him to the Central School building where he delivered an address of welcome to the Boy Scout Convention on the invitation of the Mayor and the Chairman I also gave a short address. I also visited Mr. Arthur Burchell who some time ago had requested me to deliver an address before the Rotary Club of Sydney, on Historic Louisburg. While with Mr. Burchell, I arranged to address the club on Tuesday, May 30, 1933 on the above subject. Called to see Mr. F.A. DeYoung in the afternoon. I spent the evening with Judge Walter Crowe at his home, 233 Esplanade. During the evening we discussed matters respecting the early history of Louisburg and surrounding district.

Had my meals and took a room for the night at the Vidal Hotel.

## **MAY 1933**

### **Saturday 20**

Sydney, N.S.                            Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy with some showers in the forenoon. Partly clear during the late afternoon and evening. Very cool at night. Min temperature about 32, max temperature about 63. (Louisburg)

Left Sydney at 8 a.m. (Standard time) for Louisburg by rail, arrived at about 11:30 a.m.

Concert

At 8 P.M. I attended and took part in a concert in the Masonic hall. Sang solo entitled "The Big Bass Viol". This concert was staged under the auspices of the United Maritimes Fishermen for the benefit of Gordon Parsons who is at present in the City Hospital , Sydney, N.S.

Mailed a letter today dated May 20, 1933 to Mr. A.F. Lasalles, Secretary to the Earl of Bessborough, Governor General of Canada, acknowledging receipt of his letter of May 3, 1933 respecting the proposed visit of the His Excellency the Governor General to Louisburg on July 12, 1933.

## **MAY 1933**

### **Sunday 21**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and cool with light southwest wind. Min temperature about 26, max temperature about 54.

At 11 a.m. I attended service in the First United Church. The service was in charge of Mr. A.W. Stacey, the pastor, Rev. D.A. MacMillan being absent at his former home at Lake Ainslie, owing to the serious illness of his mother. At 7 P.M. the service was in charge of Mr. Dan Nicholson (Elder). I was not out to church in the evening owing to Emeline being ill.

#### Visitors

At about 10 a.m. a party consisting of Mrs. Clifford Huntington, Fred, Bertha, Eleanor and Francis Huntington (my sister, nephew and nieces) arrived by motor from their home at Salmon River. They spent the day with us, leaving for home at about six o'clock in the evening.

## **MAY 1933**

### **Monday 22**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with moderate to fresh southwest wind which shifted to westerly in the evening. Min temperature about 32, max temperature about 63.

## **MAY 1933**

### **Tuesday 23**

Louisburg, N.S.

Mostly clear with strong southwest wind. Min temperature about 36, max temperature about 54.

#### Council Meeting

At 7:30 P.M. I attended and presided at a meeting of the Town Council. Councillors present: C. Peters, D.J. MacInnis, Jeremiah Smith and Wesley Townsend. By a unanimous vote of the Council "Daylight Saving" time is to come into effect at midnight on Sunday, May 28. At this meeting, R.A. Peters, D. Lamont and Harold MacQueen were reappointed revisors for the Town of Louisburg.

## **MAY 1933**

**Wednesday 24**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy with some fog in the morning. Clearing at about 10 a.m.. Moderate southwest wind, shifting to northeast early in the day. Min temperature about 38, max temperature about 58.

**DUNDONALD INN**

The Dundonald Inn was opened for business at noon today. This property was owned and occupied by the late Dr. D.A. Morrison until the time of his death in August 1931. His son, Edgar has fitted it up and intends to run it as a summer hotel. Guests present for dinner today were as follows: Dr. and Mrs. MacAulay of Sydney, Rod MacDonald, Sydney, N.D. Smith, Sydney, two ladies from Sydney (names unknown to me) Mr. and Mrs. William Phalen, Mr. and Mrs. John A. MacDonald, Mr. and Mrs. W.C. DeLaney, Rev. and Mrs. E.G. Gabriel, Mr. and Mrs. William Lewis, Jr., Dr. and Mrs. H.J. Townsend, Miss Bessie MacInnis, Lauchrey MacKay, M.S. and Mrs. Huntington, Louisburg, Mrs. L.H. Cann and Billie MacInnis, Louisburg.

**“Two Days to Marry”**

At 8 P.M. in company with Emeline I attended a play in the Masonic hall entitled “Two Days to Marry”. This play was presented by the Stella Maris Dramatic Club of Louisburg and was a very creditable performance. Those taking part were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tucker, Dannie Ferguson, Bert Doyle, Alex Burke, Miss Tena Baldwin and Miss Helen Lynk.

Today “Mike” Sullivan of Sydney inaugurated a Bus Service between Sydney and Louisburg. Buses to make three trips a day leaving Sydney for Louisburg at 9 a.m.

**MAY 1933****Thursday 24**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and cool. Cloudy in the late afternoon and evening. Moderate southwest wind. Thunder and lightening in the evening. Min temperature 32 max temperature about 60.

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1:30 P.M. and six P.M. Leave Louisburg at 10:30 a.m., 3 P.M. and 7:30 P.M. Single fare \$1.00. Return fare \$1.50.

**MAY 1933****Friday 26**

Louisburg, N.S.

Showers during the early hours of the morning. Cleared early in the day. Fresh northwest to north west wind. Min temperature about 32. Max temperature about 63.

**MAY 1933****Saturday 27**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and cool becoming cloudy in the afternoon. Fresh northerly wind shifting to southwest. Min temperature about 27, max temperature about 56.

Body of Rolf Densmore discovered

The body of the 2 year and 4 months old son of Dr. F.L Densmore of Dominion, C.B. was found near Main-a-dieu this afternoon and landed at that port. The Densmore child has been missing from his home since last Thursday morning where he strayed away and is supposed to have fallen over the cliff near his home at Dominion. The body had drifted with the wind and tide for a distance of about 25 miles. The fishermen who discovered the body of Rolf Densmore were: David Fanning and Henry Henderson.

**MAY 1933**

**Sunday 28**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy, chilly and raw with showers in the morning. Moderate northeast wind. Min temperature about 36, max temperature about 42.

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

Daylight Saving Time

Town of Louisburg in accordance with a resolution of the Town Council passed on May 23 goes on "Daylight Saving Time" tonight at midnight.

**MAY 1933**

**Monday 29**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and cool with light to moderate northeast wind. Min temperature about 32, max temperature about 60.

Death of Miss Crowdis

The death of Miss Christina Crowdis took place at the home of her nephew, James H. Crowdis this afternoon. Miss Crowdis was about 80 years of age.

Daylight Saving Time

The town of Louisburg went on "Daylight Saving Time" at 12 o'clock last night. Daylight Saving time is one hour ahead of Atlantic Standard time to which we are accustomed.

**MAY 1933**

**Tuesday 30**

Sydney, N.S.

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with light to moderate southwest wind. Min temperature about 28, max temperature about 56 (Louisburg)

Motored to Sydney in the morning, returning in the evening with Abe Cameron.

#### Rotary Club

While at Sydney today I attended the weekly luncheon of the Rotary Club at the "Isle Royale" Hotel and delivered a thirty minute address on the "Rise and Fall of Louisburg". There were 31 Rotarians present, all of whom appeared to greatly enjoy my talk on the ancient "Dunkirk of America". Among those present were the following: Judge Walter Crowe, Lieut. Col. John A. MacDonald, John A. Young, James L. Burchell, Arthur S. Burchell, Dr. W.A. Creelman (Chairman) Finley MacDonald, K.C. M.P. A.A. MacIntyre, K.C., Carl Marsh, Chief Electrician, Dom Coal and Steel Corporation, John R. MacIsaac, Traffic Manager, S.& L. Railway. C.P. Moore, Don Buckley, J.F. Miles, Fred A. DeYoung, Ex Mayor, James MacConnell, John MacNeil, K.C., Dr H.W. Black, C.R. Lorway, B.L. Lowden.

#### Funeral

The funeral of the late Miss Christina Crowdis took place in the afternoon from the residence of her nephew, J.H. Crowdis, Main St., Louisburg. The services at the house and grave side were conducted by Rev. D.A. MacMillan, pastor of the First United Church. Interment in the United Church Cemetery on Clarke's Road.

### **MAY 1933**

#### **Wednesday 31**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with moderate south west wind. Min temperature about 36, max temperature about 62.

First mackerel of the season were landed today.

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

### **JUNE 1933**

#### **Thursday 1**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy and moderately warm with light variable wind. Showers in the evening. Min temperature about 41, max temperature about 67.

### **JUNE 1933**

#### **Friday 2**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm. Min temperature about [missing] max temperature about 60.

### Death of Ronald MacDonald

The death of Ronald MacDonald (Big Ronald) took place at the home of Alex MacMullen at New Boston today. He is survived by one brother and three sisters. The brother is John A. MacDonald of Mira Road, near Sydney. The sisters are Mrs. Christie MacAulay, Mrs. Rachael MacMillan of Louisburg, and Mrs. MacDonald, formerly of Trout Brook, Mira but now in the U.S.A. Mr. MacDonald was for a number of short periods a resident of Louisburg.

### **JUNE 1933**

#### **Saturday 3**

Louisburg, N.S.                      Sydney, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with moderate south west wind. Min temperature about 34, max temperature about 58 (Louisburg)

Motored to Sydney and return in Sullivan's Bus. Left Louisburg at 10:30 a.m. arrived Sydney at 11:30 a.m. Left Sydney 6:30 P.M. arrived at Louisburg at 7:30 P.M. Had dinner at Vidal Hotel. Spent part of the afternoon with Judge Walter Crowe at his home, 233 Esplanade. Discussed matters with the Judge respecting Historic Louisburg and the proposed visit of the Governor General the Earl of Bessborough and the Countess of Bessborough.

### **JUNE 1933**

#### **Sunday 4**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with light southwest wind. Min temperature about 40, max temperature about 68. Light showers in the early morning.

At 11 a.m. and 7 P.M. in company with Emeline I attended services in the First United Church. The morning service was in charge of the pastor, Rev. D.A. MacMillan while the Young Peoples society of the United Church was in charge of the service in the evening, John MacRury, presiding, singing also in charge of the Young People.

### **JUNE 1933**

#### **Monday 5**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with light to fresh southwest wind. Min temperature about [missing] max temperature about [missing]

Today I finished drafting an address of Welcome to be presented to His Excellency, The Earl of Bessborough, Governor General of Canada on his proposed visit to Louisburg on July 12, 1933.

### **JUNE 1933**

#### **Tuesday 6**

Louisburg, N.S.                      Sydney, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with moderately to fresh southwest wind which shifted to north east at about noon. Min temperature about 34, max temperature about 62.

On the invitation of Mayor S.E. Muggah of Sydney I motored to Sydney in the evening and attended a meeting of a committee of Citizens called for the purpose of making arrangements for the reception of His Excellency, The Governor General, who is to visit Sydney and Louisburg on July 12. Councillors: Wesley Townsend and D.J. MacInnis accompanied me to Sydney in Wesley Townsend's car. The meeting at Sydney was held in the Council chamber in the City hall at 8 P.M. Those present were : Mayor S.E. Muggah,(Chairman) City Clerk: James MacDonald, Judge Walter Crowe, Lt. Col. John A. MacDonald, D.S.O.; Major T..H. Chisholm, Dr. Freeman O'Neil, Lt. Col. Commanding, Cape Breton Highlanders, Rev. C.K. Whalley, W.C. Carter, Commissioner Boy Scouts, S.C. Mifflin, Finley MacDonald, K.C.M.P. Mrs. Basil Stead, Mrs. P.J. Power, Mrs. Val Merchant, all of Sydney.

Councillors: D.J. MacInnis and Wesley Townsend and myself of Louisburg. After the meeting we motored back to Louisburg arriving at about 10:30 P.M.

## **JUNE 1933**

### **Wednesday 7**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with light to moderate northeast wind. Min temperature about 32, max temperature about 63.

## **JUNE 1933**

### **Thursday 8**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool, rain began to fall at about 8:45 a.m. and continued until about 2 P.M. Wind south west shifting to northeast in the afternoon and increasing to a fresh breeze. Min temperature about 30, max temperature about 60.

Mailed a letter addressed to Mr. A.F. Lascelles, Secretary to the Earl of Bessborough, Governor General of Canada enclosing programme for his entertainment and copy of an address of welcome to be presented to him on the occasion of his proposed visit to Louisburg on July 12, 1933.

## **JUNE 1933**

### **Friday 9**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with light northeast wind which shifted to southwest. Min temperature about 38, max temperature about 68.

### **Teacher Institute**

A Teachers Institute met here at 10 a.m. today under the chairmanship of Dr. W.A. Creelman, Inspector of Schools for Cape Breton South. There were about fifteen teachers present. At the afternoon session I gave an address on the history of Louisbourg occupying thirty minutes. Other

addresses which were very interesting and to the point were given by Miss Lenora Dillon (nurse) on Health, and Miss Helen Lynk on teaching. Mr. Phalen, Inspector of Schools for North Cape Breton, was present during the latter part of the forenoon session. I was present during the afternoon session and the first half of the morning session.

## **JUNE 1933**

### **Saturday 10**

Louisburg, N.S.

Heavy showers accompanied by thunder and lightning in the early morning. Cloudy and cool during the forenoon. Clear and moderately warm in the afternoon. Min temperature about 40, max temperature about 66. Winds southwest.

## **JUNE 1933**

### **Sunday 11**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with light southwest to northwest winds. Min temperature about 42, max temperature about 70.

#### **Trip to Gabarus**

At about 10:15 a.m. called and took Emeline and I for a motor trip to Gabarus. He was accompanied by Mrs. Z.W. Townsend, and Mrs. Sam Townsend. After leaving here we went by the Sydney Road to Albert Bridge, from Albert Bridge we took the north side road to the head of Grand Mira, crossing Victoria Bridge and going about a mile on the road to Gabarus. We stopped by the road side and had our lunch, after which we preceded on our way, stopping for about an hour at the home of Rev. and Mrs. D. MacKillop at Gabarus Lake. On leaving Mr. MacKillop's our next stop was at Archie MacInnis on the Kennington Cove road, where Mrs. Sam Townsend stopped for the purpose of visiting her brother, Archie MacInnis. We then started for home by the Shore Road arriving at about 5 p.m

The day was fine and we greatly enjoyed the drive. The scenery along the shore of Gabarus Bay, appealed to me from the standpoint of its beauty as well as its historic past.

At 7 P.M. Emeline and I attended service in the First United Church, Preacher Rev. D.A. MacMillan. After church Mr. and Mrs. William Phalen spent the evening with us.

## **JUNE 1933**

### **Monday 12**

Louisburg, N.S.

Moderately warm and mostly cloudy with moderate south west wind. Min temperature about 38, max temperature about 69.

## **JUNE 1933**

### **Tuesday 13**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy and foggy. Heavy rain with thunder and lightning at noon. Foggy during the afternoon and evening. Light southwest winds.

#### Fire Brigade

At 8:30 I attended a meeting of the Louisburg Fire Brigade in the fire hall. Those present were: R.A. Peters, Chief, Percy MacKinnon, Deputy Chief, Walter Jewell, Captain, Fred Burke, Second Lieut., James Coveyduc, James Burke, John Parsons, J.R. DeFries.

### **JUNE 1933**

#### **Wednesday 14**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy, foggy and showery with light southwest wind.

#### Broughton

At about 1:30 P.M. on the invitation of A.A. Martell. I motored with him to Broughton, N.S. where a number of officials from several of the towns were gathered for the purpose of inspecting the buildings of the Broughton Coal Company, as to their fitness for the purpose of a Tuberculosis Hospital at that place. We visited the Old Office buildings and Crown Hotel both of which had fallen into disuse many years ago and found them in a fairly good state of repair. As to the location and their suitability for a hospital for tuberculosis patients, I am not prepared to offer an opinion without further information. Those present as reported in the Sydney Post Record of June 15, were as follows: Rev. W.B. Berzanson, Dr. MacNeil, Dr. Calder, Dr. Archibald, Mayor Charles MacVicar, Glace Bay, Miss Seaman, R.N., Miss Curry, R.N, Miss Flora Anderson and Miss MacKinnon, Glace Bay General Hospital, Stewart MacAulay, Henry MacVicar, Mrs. Archibald. The Misses Sadie and Jean Holmes, Mrs. Thomas MacDonald, A.A. Martell, Mayor Huntington, Louisburg, Mayor Hinchey and Councillor O'Connell, New Waterford, Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Trimm, Dr. Patton, Mrs. MacAulay and Joseph Owens, Port Morien.

Returning we arrived home at about 6 P.M.

#### Choir Practice

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

### **JUNE 1933**

#### **Thursday 15**

Louisburg, N.S.

Heavy rain in the early morning. Cloudy and cool during the day with light northeast wind. Min temperature about 46, max temperature about 62.

#### Council Meeting

At 7:30 P.M. I attended and presided at a special meeting (for regular business) of the Town Council.

Councillors Present:

Clarence Peters, D.J. MacInnis and Wesley Townsend. At this meeting D.A. Campbell, John N. MacDonald and B.M. Spencer were reappointed assessors for the Town of Louisburg, salary : Campbell and MacDonald \$25.00 each, Spencer \$20.00.

Albert Baker was reappointed Policeman and meter reader, Salary \$35.00 per month. The Police appointment carries with it the following offices: Sanitary Inspector, Jailor, Truant Officer and Inspector under the fire Ordinance.

Received a letter from A.F. Lascelles, Sec. to the Governor General today, dated June 13, 1933 acknowledging receipt of my letter of June 6 and stating that the arrangements and address of welcome in connection with the visit of His Excellency, the Governor General to Louisburg on July 12, 1933 were satisfactory.

## **JUNE 1933**

### **Friday 16**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool during the first half of the day. Clear and moderately warm in the afternoon. Cloudy at night. Light winds. Rain in the early morning. Min temperature about 44, max temperature about 68.

### **Mackerel**

The mackerel fishing season which has about come to a close has been one of the most successful for a number of years from the standpoint of the quantity of fish caught. It is estimated that upwards of one thousand barrels were landed at this port. The price was very low, those selling their catch fresh from the boat received one cent a piece for them. The present quotations for salt mackerel are about \$4.50 a barrel.

## **JUNE 1933**

### **Saturday 17**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool with light winds. Min temperature about 42, max temperature about 64.

A meeting of the friends of the Conservative party was held in Orange hall in the evening for the purpose of appointing delegates to attend a nomination convention to be held at Marion Bridge on Wednesday, June 21, 1933. John A. MacDonald was chairman. J. Stanley Fraser, conservative organizer and D.H. MacLean, Warden of the County of Cape Breton were present and took part in the proceedings.

## **JUNE 1933**

### **Sunday 18**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool with a sprinkling of rain. Showers during the afternoon. Heavy rain in the evening which continued during the night. Min temperature about 42, max temperature about 56. Moderate to fresh east to northeast winds increasing at night.

### Anniversary Service

The First anniversary of the dedication of the Louisburg Continuing Presbyterian Church was celebrated today by three services: 11 a.m., 3 P.M. and 7 P.M. Emeline and I attended the afternoon service. This service was conducted by Rev. J.W. Smith, who at present is stationed at North Sydney, assisted by Rev. Maxwell MacCodrum who is the Presbyterian pastor at Marion Bridge. A male quartet from St. Andrews church, Sydney Mines rendered two selections during the service. The church was well filled about one hundred being present.

At 7 P.M. in company with Emeline I attended service in the First United church. Service in charge of Rev. D.A. MacMillan. There was no service in the United Church in the morning, the pastor being absent at Kennington Cove, attending the Annual Communion service at that place.

### **JUNE 1933**

#### **Monday 19**

Louisburg, N.S.

Heavy rain in the early morning. Cloudy with showers during the day. Light southwest wind. Min temperature about [missing] max temperature about 67.

At about 8 P.M. I attended a meeting of the Fishermen's Union in the Fishermen Union room for the purpose of making arrangements for the annual Fishermen's Regatta on July first. After discussing arrangements the same committee which functioned last year was requested to act this year with the exception of Capt. Acker who has not returned to Louisburg since he left here last fall. Mr. Chas. Stacey was appointed to act in his place. Of the citizens committee which consisted of A.A. Martell, A.W. Stacey, Fletcher Townsend, John A. MacDonald, and myself which functioned last year, Townsend and Martell were absent but have consented to act.

### New Railway Timetable

The timetable on the Sydney and Louisburg Railway which went into effect on Dec 27, 1932 by which the regular train from Sydney (mixed) arrived here at 11:30 am and departed at 1:30 P.M. has been discontinued and in its place we have the train leaving here at 8 a.m. standard time for Glace Bay and arriving back here at 4 P.M. standard time, effective today. Under the new arrangement the train remains at Louisburg all night and runs between here and Glace Bay and return. A train also leaves Sydney at 7:45 a.m. for Glace Bay, returning leaves Glace Bay at 2:15 P.M.

### **JUNE 1933**

#### **Tuesday 20**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool with occasional mist. Light variable wind. Min temperature about 42, max temperature about 62.

Fire Drill

At about 10:30 am the fire whistle blew for fire drill. A number of us turned out but the fire truck refused duty, so we had to postpone the drill until the afternoon. At about 2:30 P.M. we turned out with the truck and tested the five town hydrants by connecting hose on them and turning on the water and found everything satisfactory. The second hand car which we purchased about three years ago and converted it into a truck for fire purposes was used today at fire drill for the first time.

## **JUNE 1933**

### **Wednesday 21**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool clearing at noon moderate southwest wind. Min temperature about 40, max temperature about 62.

#### Visited National Park

At about 1:30 P.M. on the invitation of Senator J.S. MacLennan and Miss Catherine MacLennan who were accompanied by Judge Walter Crowe of Sydney, I visited the "Louisbourg Historic and National Park". After a short visit during which we walked about the ruins of the Old fortifications and called at the Museum we returned to town at about 3 P.M., the Senator and party proceeding to Sydney.

#### Conservative Convention

In the afternoon a convention of the Conservative party was held at Marion Bridge, during which Dr. W.W. Patton of Port Morien was nominated to contest the constituency of Cape Breton West at the Provincial election which is likely to take place in the near future. Among those who addressed the Convention were: Premier G.S. Harrington, Hon. Joseph MacDonald, Dr. W.W. Patton and R.H. Butts.

#### Choir Practice

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

## **JUNE 1933**

### **Thursday 22**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool, partly clear in the afternoon. Moderate southwest wind. Min temperature about 40, max temperature about 67.

In the afternoon Thomas Bates, brother of Josephine Rose Bates called to see me with an urgent request that the Town of Louisburg should guarantee the support at the Sydney Tuberculosis annex of the said Josephine Rose Bates who is at present ill with tuberculosis. As this was a very unusual request I hesitated about obligating the town in this respect but as it appeared to be impossible for Mr. Bates to get private bondsmen, I took the matter up with Councillor Wesley Townsend, D.J. MacInnis and Clarence Peters and after looking at the matter from every angle we decided to allow the town to guarantee the account.

Consequently I had the bond filled out which was for the amount of \$300.00 and I as Mayor and B.M. Spencer as Town Clerk, signed it on behalf of the Town of Louisburg and handed it over to Mr. Bates. Miss Bates who is now at the home of her uncle, William Bates of Glace Bay, was after an examination at St Joseph's Hospital a few days ago, found to have both lungs in bad condition and immediate treatment necessary. As far as I am aware this is the first hospital patient, tubercular or any other disease in which the town of Louisburg has assumed the responsibility of paying the expenses of the case.

My reason for obligating the town in this case is that the relatives and friends of the party concerned did not appear to have any means by which she could obtain treatment. I have every sympathy with the above party but the financial condition of our town makes it very difficult for us to meet any additional expense.

## **JUNE 1933**

### **Friday 23**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool with light southwest wind. Min temperature about 40, max temperature about 67.

#### **Death of L.M. Fortier**

The death occurred yesterday at Annapolis Royal of Loftus Morton Fortier, Curator of Fort Anne National Park, Annapolis, N.S. Mr. Fortier who was a native of Kingston, Ontario was 75 years of age.

## **JUNE 1933**

### **Saturday 24**

Louisburg, N.S.

Moderately warm and remarkably clear with light to fresh north to northwest wind. An ideal day. Min temperature about 42, max temperature about 72.

## **JUNE 1933**

### **Sunday 25**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with moderate south west wind. An ideal day. Min temperature about 48, max temperature about 78. Highest temperature so far this season.

At 11 am and 7 P.M. Emeline and I attended service in the First United Church. Both morning and evening services were conducted by Rev. D.A. MacMillan. After service in the evening we called at Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Townsend where we spent about an hour.

#### **Death of F.C Kimber**

The death occurred at the City Hospital, Sydney this morning of Frederick Clifford Kimber, aged 78. Mr. Kimber was a native of England but came to Cape Breton many years ago where he held positions with the Old Sydney and Louisburg Railway Company and with the Dominion Coal Company. In 1907-1908 he was Mayor of Sydney.

## **JUNE 1933**

### **Monday 26**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with moderate southwest wind. Min temperature about 46, max temperature about 66.

#### Meeting of Regatta Committee

At 8 P.M. the members of the Joint Committee of the Citizens and United Fishermen met at the home of Bert Wilcox for the purpose of discussing and making plans for the annual Fishermen's Regatta which is to take place here on July 1, 1933. The committee which consisted of A.A. Martell, John A. MacDonald, A.W. Stacey, Fletcher Townsend and myself for the citizens and Bert Wilcox, Holland Fleet, Douglas Fleet, George Harris and Charles Stacey for the fishermen were all present except Fletcher Townsend. After meeting at Mr. Wilcox's we visited the Coal Company's freight wharf and the Government wharf for the purpose of selecting the most suitable site for the start of the races. The Government wharf was the unanimous choice. The following classes of boats will compete in the various events:

Class "A" boats with 1 engine and single cylinder, First prize , Cup donated by Premier G.S. Harrington in 1933.

Class "B" boats with 1 engine with two or more cylinders, First prize Cup donated by Hon. E.N. Rhodes in 1932.

Class "C" boats with 2 engines but with not more than a combined horsepower of 60, First Prize Cup, donated by A.A. Martell, M.P.P. in 1932.

Class "D" boats schooner rigged sail and power combines, First Prize cup by "Eastern Oil and Service Station" Sydney in 1932.

Class "E" Free for all , open to any type of fishing boat, First Prize cup, donated by John A. MacDonald in 1932.

Class "F" 1 engine, 2 cylinder, 2 cycle First Prize cup donated by Dr. W.W. Patton, Port Morien in 1933

Class "G" Motor Dory Race, First Prize cup, donated by "Shell Service Station", Louisburg in 1932.

If our plans carry, there will be seven classes this year against five last year. The two additional classes are "F" and "G". First race to start at 1 P.M. standard time, July 1.

At the beginning of the meeting I was elected chairman and A.A. Martell was elected Secretary. At 10:15 "Daylight Saving Time" we adjourned to meet at the same place on next Friday at 7:30 P.M.

## **JUNE 1933**

### **Tuesday 27**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy with some fog. Light southwest wind and two or three light showers of rain. Min temperature about 46, max temperature about 66.

New Mail Service

Beginning today a new mail service was inaugurated between Sydney and Louisburg. Under the new service the mail from Sydney arrives here by Mike Sullivan's Bus at 10 a.m. and departs from here at 3 P.M. (Daylight Saving Time) We still have the regular mail service by train, arriving at 5 P.M. and departing at 9 a.m. (D.S. T.)

#### Provincial School Examinations

The Provincial School Examinations began yesterday, June 26 in the school building, two rooms, Principals and Vice-Principals being used for that purpose. There are 23 students writing as follows: Walter Barss, Loretta Campbell, Layton Coveyduc, James Cunnington, Elizabeth Hiltz, Irene Kelly, Daniel Kelly, Isabelle Kennedy, Johanna Kehoe, Cletus Lynk, Patrick Mahon, Charles Martell, Christine MacDonald, Mamie MacDonald, Roderick MacLeod, Roderick MacMullin, Daniel Nicholson, Alma Nicholson, Donald Skinner, Margaret Skinner, Arthur Townsend, Ella Tutty, Blanche Power. Five other students who attended Louisburg School, Olive Kennedy, Sarah Ley, William MacInnis, Mary Thomas and Helen Troke did not write. Rev. D.A. MacMillan is Deputy examiner, who has for his assistant Mrs. Charles Bagnell.

### **JUNE 1933**

#### **Wednesday 28**

Louisburg, N.S.

Moderately warm and foggy. Partly clear for a while in the afternoon. Foggy at night, moderately to fresh southwest wind. Min temperature about 50, max temperature about 70.

### **JUNE 1933**

#### **Thursday 29**

Louisburg, N.S.                      Sydney, N.S.

Clear and warm with light southwest wind which early in the day shifted to northwest. Min temperature about 52, max temperature (Louisburg) about 81.

#### Motored to Sydney

In the morning I motored to Sydney with A.W. Cameron arriving at Sydney at about 10:30 a.m. Visited Mayor A.S. Muggah at his office, City Hall. While at Mayor Muggah's office I was shown an illuminated address which the City of Sydney intends presenting to His Excellency Lord Bessborough, Governor General of Canada, on the occasion of his proposed visit to Sydney. This address which is a very fine piece of work and very artistic was prepared by Sister Saint [missing] of Holy Angeles Convent, Sydney. Accompanied by Mayor Muggah, I visited the Convent for the purpose of getting a similar address prepared for the Town of Louisburg, which is also to be honored by a visit from His Excellency on July 12. On reaching the convent and meeting Sister Saint [missing] I found she could not do the work for me as she is leaving tonight for New York. She however took the text of my address and agreed to have a friend of hers, Sister Saint Helen of St. Bernards Convent, Antigonish prepare it for me. After returning from the Convent, Mayor Muggah, had lunch with me at the "Diana Sweets". In the forenoon I called to see P.C. Campbell of the Customs office for the purpose of getting some information respecting the tonnage of the S.S. Darcas and barge Ella Stuart, which were lost with all hands, on Aug 21, 1893. He could not give me the information required from the Customs record, but very kindly

consented to write to Halifax, in an effort to obtain the same. In the afternoon I called on Inspector MacIntosh of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, at his office and interviewed him respecting a police escort for the Governor General on his visit to Louisburg on July 12. Inspector MacIntosh informed me that he would be sending along about ten or twelve men. I returned to Louisburg with A.W. Cameron at about 6:30 P.M.

## **JUNE 1933**

### **Friday 30**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with light northeast wind which shifted to southeast and later to southwest. Min temperature about 48, max temperature about 69.

#### **Regatta Committee Meeting**

At 8 P.M. I attended and presided at an adjourned meeting of the Racing Committee of the Fishermen's Regatta at the home of Bert Wilcox. All the members of the Joint Committee were present with the exception of Holland Fleet. At this meeting the course which begins off the head of the Government Wharf and runs in a southwesterly direction about one mile, thence in a southeasterly direction about one half mile and return to the place of beginning making a distance of about three miles was approved by the committee. The following officials were appointed, Starter: M.S. Huntington, Timers: A.A. Martell and John A. MacDonald, Judges: A. Stacey, Fletcher Townsend, John A. MacDonald, A.A. Martell, and M.S. Huntington. A.W. Stacey was appointed to superintend the placings of buoys and stake boats and George Harris Judge of the entries. The prizes were allotted to the various classes as follows: Class "A" First Prize Silver Cup donated by Premier G.S. Harrington (1933) 2<sup>nd</sup> prize, 1 pair rubber boots, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize 10 gals gasoline, 4<sup>th</sup> prize 5 gals of gasoline.

Class "B": 1<sup>st</sup> prize Silver Cup, donated by Hon E.N. Rhodes (1932) 2<sup>nd</sup> prize \$4.00 cash, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize 10 gals gasoline, 4<sup>th</sup> prize Cash \$1.50.

Class "C": 1<sup>st</sup> prize Silver Cup donated by A.A. Martell, M.L.A. (1932) 2<sup>nd</sup> prize Cash \$4.00, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize Cash \$2.50.

Class "D": Silver Cup donated by "Eastern Oil and Service Station", Sydney (1932) 2<sup>nd</sup> prize: cash \$5.00, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize: Cash \$4.00, 4<sup>th</sup> prize, 1 bag flour, 5<sup>th</sup> prize: 5 gals gasoline.

Class "E": 1<sup>st</sup> prize Silver Cup donated by John A. MacDonald (1932) 2<sup>nd</sup> prize, Cash \$5.00, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize Cash \$3.00.

Class "F": Silver Cup donated by Dr W.W. Patton (Port Morien) (1933) 2<sup>nd</sup> prize Cash \$4.00, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize: 10 gals gasoline.

Class "G": 1<sup>st</sup> prize: Silver cup donated by "Shell Service Station" (Louisburg) 1932) 2<sup>nd</sup> prize, 1 pair rubber boots, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize 10 gals gasoline, 4<sup>th</sup> prize cash \$1.50.

The entrance fee in all classes is 25cts. As a special prize for Class "G" G.B. Hiltz and Michael MacKenzie have donated a bag of flour to the last boat finishing. The following prizes (exclusive of cups) have been donated with names of donors: W.M. Stairs Son and Morrow, Halifax, \$4.85, Cape Breton Salt Co.

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## **JULY 1933**

## **Saturday 1**

Louisburg, N.S.

Heavy rain, fog and strong southwest wind. Heavy downpour of rain until after noon, accompanied by thunder and lightning. Min temperature about 46, max temperature about 70. At about 2 P.M. the weather cleared, the wind shifting to northwest. Clear and warm during the late afternoon and evening.

Owing to the heavy downpour of rain, high sea, fog and the inability of competing boats from outside ports reaching here the committee in charge of the Fishermen's Regatta decided to postpone the boat races until next Saturday, July 8.

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North Sydney, \$5.00, American Mfg. Co, \$5.00, C.P. MacCarthy, Tignish, P.E.I. \$5.00 in gold, Fletcher Townsend \$5.00, N.S. Shipping Co, Ltd, Halifax, 1 pair rubber boots, Mr. Mercer, (Imperial Oil co, Sydney) 50 gallons gasoline, Lewis & Co, Louisburg, 1 pair rubber boots, E.A. Grant, Louisburg, 1 bag flour, G.B. Hiltz and Michael MacKenzie, 1 bag flour, A.A. Martell, M.L.A. \$2.50, Burt MacHenry, cash \$5.00.

## **JULY 1933**

### **Sunday 2**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and cool with fresh north to northwest winds. Min temperature about 40, max temperature about 58.

At 11 a.m. and 7 P.M. in company with Emeline I attended services in the First United Church. Both services were in charge of Rev. D.A. MacMillan. The sacrament of the Lord's supper was dispersed at the morning service.

## **JULY 1933**

### **Monday 3**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and cool with fresh southwest wind. Min temperature about 32, max temperature about 70.

#### **Frost**

Frost in the early morning. In many places at Louisburg and vicinity and throughout the country districts potatoes and other tender vegetables were more or less seriously damaged by frost. It is rather unusual to have frost in this month, I can recall two occasions, one of which was on the night of July 14, 1916.

The Motor fishing boat "Beulah and Myrtle" owned by Holland Fleet of this town, caught fire, burned and sunk about seven miles off this port. Holland Fleet and Stuart Hiltz who were on board, escaped in a dory and rowed to Louisburg, arriving in the evening.

This boat won the J.A. MacDonald cup in the Fishermen's Regatta at Louisburg on July 1, 1932 and was to have competed in this years races which are scheduled to take place here next Saturday, July 8.

## **JULY 1933**

### **Tuesday 4**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with light southwest wind. Min temperature about 38, max temperature about 68.

## **JULY 1933**

### **Wednesday 5**

Louisburg, N.S.

Mostly clear with light air of wind from the southwest. Min temperature about 38, max temperature about 72.

#### Frost

Frost reported in outlying districts which caused damage to tender vegetables.

#### Executive Meeting

A Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Liberal Party of Cape Breton West was held at Marion Bridge this evening. Those attending from Louisburg Town and district were: A.A. Martell, M.L.A. Burt Wilcox, Neil Murphy, James Nicholson, and Michael MacMullen.

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

#### Fire

Home of Arthur Huntington, Salmon River totally destroyed by fire.

## **JULY 1933**

### **Thursday 6**

Louisburg, N.S.

Moderately warm , mostly cloudy with some fog. Min temperature about 52, max temperature about 74.

## **JULY 1933**

### **Friday 7**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with moderate to fresh southwest to north wind. Min temperature about [missing] max temperature about 77.

Today I received from Mount St. Bernard College by mail the address I was having prepared for presentation to the Governor General who is to visit Louisburg on next Wednesday., July 12.

## **JULY 1933**

### **Saturday 8**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy and moderately warm with light to moderate southwest wind. Min temperature about 50, max temperature about 79.

#### Model of Louisburg

Miss Catherine MacLennan of Sydney placed a model of the Fortress and City of Louisburg in the Museum at the National Park. The model is Miss MacLennan's own work and gives a splendid idea of the ancient city as it was in the height of its glory. In response to a telephone call from Senator J.S. MacLennan, I motored to the park and assisted in placing the model in one of the rooms in the museum.

#### Fishermen's Regatta (31 Boats taking part)

The annual Fishermen's Regatta which was postponed from last Saturday took place this afternoon, the starting line being off the Government Wharf. Six of the seven races which were on the programme were run off satisfactory. There was only one entry for Class "C", which however failed to face the starting line so there was no race in that class. There was a large crowd of spectators present who greatly enjoyed the afternoon's programme. At about 8:30 in the Masonic Hall, I presented the prizes to the winners in the various events. A dance followed which was largely attended. The following is a list of the contestants and the winners:

Class "A": Boats with one engine and one cylinder: First Prize Silver cup donated by Hon G.S. Harrington, Premier of Nova Scotia, 1933. Starting gun fired at 1 P.M..

Entries: "Eagle" Joseph Bagnell, First, finished 1,24,40

"Vinny" Daniel Fleet, Second 1 pair rubber boots, finished 1,25,42

John MacIntyre, Finished First but was disqualified for starting ahead of the gun.

"Caretta C" Burt Wilcox (Broke down, did not finish)

"Ant" M.W. Levatte

Class "B" Boats of one engine with two or more cylinders.

First Prize, Silver cup donated by Hon E.N. Rhodes, 1932.

Starting gun 1:45 P.M.

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## **JULY 1933**

### **Sunday 9**

Louisburg, N.S.

Thunder, lightning and heavy showers in the early morning. Cloudy and cool with a few showers during the day. Min temperature about 52, max temperature about 62.

At 11 a.m. and 7 P.M. I attended service in the First United Church, Emeline was not out to church in the morning but accompanied me in the evening. Both morning and evening services were in charge of Mr. Edward MacVicar, Student Minister in the absence of Rev. D.A. MacMillan, who is visiting his former home at Lake Ainslie.

In the afternoon, Wesley Townsend called and took Emeline and me by motor car to Catalone where we attended service in the Presbyterian Church, Mr. Maxwell MacOdrum, Student Minister who is at present stationed at Marion Bridge was the preacher.

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Second Prize Cash \$4.00, Third prize, 10 gals gasoline, Fourth prize, Cash \$1.50.

Entries: "Miss Morien" John Murrant, Port Morien First, Finished	1.56.35
"Sea Gull" John J. Martell, Flint Island, Second	1.57.15
"Schmelling" Ben J. Campbell, Main adieu Third	1.58.00
"Reo W]" Lawson Urguhart, L'Archevegue Fourth	1.59.07
"Sigrid" Firman Fleet, Louisburg,	2.00.08
"Swift" Holland Fleet, Louisburg	2.02.30

Class "C" Boats of two engines with not more than a combined horsepower of 60. First prize: Silver cup donated by A.A. Martell, M.L.A. in 1932. Second prize, Cash \$4.00, third prize, \$2.50. Entry: "Spark Plug", Howard MacPhail, In this class there was only one entry, and that one failed to face the starting line, consequently there was no race in this class.

Class "D", Boats schooner rigged, sail and power. First prize: Silver cup donated by "Eastern Oil and Service Station, Sydney in 1932.

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## **JULY 1933**

### **Monday 10**

Louisburg, N.S.

Heavy rain in the early morning with fresh northwest wind. Cloudy during the forenoon. Cleared in the afternoon, wind shifting to northwest. Min temperature about 50, max temperature about 62.

### Fisherman's Regatta continued from preceding page

Second prize, cash \$5.00, third prize, Cash \$4.00, Fourth prize, 1 bag of flour, Fifth prize, 5 gals gasoline. Starting gun 2:25 P.M.

Entries: "Mary Jane" Holland Fleet, Louisburg,	Finished	2.48,43	First
"Azalea" Sam Levy	"	2,49,44	Second
"Victor S" Joseph Bagnell	"	2,50,42	Third
"L.H. Fleet" Dan Fleet	"	2,51,07	Fourth
"Red Wing" Douglas Fleet	"	2,51,50	Fifth
"Eleanor" Charles Stacey	"	2,52,05	

Consolation prize of 6 gallons of gasoline donated by A.W. Stacey for the last boat to finish was won by the "Eleanor".

Class "E" Free for all open to all fishing boats.

First prize: Silver cup donated by John A. MacDonald in 1932, Second prize: Cash \$5.00, Third prize: Cash \$3.00, Starting gun 3:09 .

Entries: "Miss Morien", John Murrant, Port Morien Finished 3.20.33 First  
"Sea Gull" John J. Martell, Flint Island " 3.21.20 Second  
"Schmelling" Ben J. Campbell, Main-a-dieu " 3.26.04 Fourth

Class "F" Boats with one engine, two cylinders, 2 cycles.

First Prize: Silver cup donated by Dr Patton, Port Morien in 1933

Second Prize: cash \$4.00, Third Prize: 10 gals gasoline

Starting gun 3:20 P.M.

Entries: "Peggy W" Wilfred Wadden Port Morien Finished 3.54.04 First  
"Muriel J" John Poole, Louisburg ' 3.59.25 Second  
"I'm Alone" Capt, William Martell, Main-a-dieu 4.03.44 Third  
"Lillian 36" D.W. MacDonald, Gabarus 4.04.58  
Mosher, Louisburg 4.07.45

For all the boats except Classes "F" and "G" the course was three miles in length. For Classes "F" and "G" the course was two miles but

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## **JULY 1933**

### **Tuesday 11**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear during the forenoon, becoming cloudy in the afternoon. Light northeast to east winds. Min temperature about 40, max temperature about 70.

#### **Death of Mrs John Williams**

The death occurred this evening at the L.B. Annex of the City Hospital, Sydney of Mrs. John Williams of Louisburg, age about 44. Mrs. Williams had been in poor health for quite a long time and about a week ago had entered the L.B. Annex for treatment. She is survived by her husband, four sons and two daughters.

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by mistake the three last named boats , in this class sailed over the three mile course, thus losing their chances of winning the bigger prizes.

Class "G" Motor Dory, Fishing Boats.

First Prize : Silver cup donated by Shell Service Station, Louisburg in 1932. Starting gun fired at 4:20 P.M. Course 2 miles.

Entries: "Mary" Frank Hart, Louisburg finished 4:41.07 First: Silver Cup  
"Dot" Philip Baker, Louisburg, finished 4.41.09 Second, 1 pair of rubber boots

“Eel” W. Doring, Louisburg, finished 4.41.09 Third 10 gals gasoline  
“Seabird” Hugh MacIntyre, Louisburg, finished 4.44.20 Fourth, Cash \$1.50.  
Ronnie MacVicar “ ” 4.44.19  
“Donald 11” Edwin Fleet, Louisburg finished 4.45.30.

A consolation prize of 1 bag of flour, donated by G.B. Hiltz and Michael MacKenzie for the last boat to cross the finish line was won by Edwin Fleet in the “Donald 11”. In order not to confuse visiting contestants the time used in connection with the races and distribution of the prizes was standard time, not daylight saving, as used in Louisburg during the summer months.

## **JULY 1933**

### **Wednesday 12**

Louisburg, N.S. Sydney, N.S.

Clear and cool with light easterly wind. Min temperature about 48, max temperature about 66.

#### Visit of Governor-General

At 9:15 a.m. Councillor Wesley Townsend, A.A. Martell, M.L.A. and I motored to Sydney for the purpose of accompanying the Earl and Countess of Bessborough to Louisburg in the afternoon. While at Sydney we witnessed Sydney’s reception to their Excellencies, which took place from 11 a.m. until 1:30 P.M. They were met at Sydney Station, on their arrival by Mayor S.E. Muggah, and members of the City Council. There were also present at the station, guards of honor from H.M.C.S. Champlain and the Cape Breton Highlanders which after the arrival of the Vice-Regal party, marched to Wentworth Park where the official reception took place at about 11:45 a.m. On the arrival of their Excellencies at the band stand in the park an address of welcome was read and presented to the Governor by Mayor Muggah on behalf of the City of Sydney, which was fittingly replied to by His Excellency. After the ceremony at the park, Townsend, Martell and I had dinner at the Vidal Hotel. At 1:30 P.M. the Governor and party bade the Sydney City official goodbye at the Railway Station and went on board their private cars for lunch. At 3:15 P.M. we met the Governor General and party, consisting of five, all total, at the Railway Station, took them on board the two cars and proceeded to Louisburg, arriving at 4:15 P.M. On arriving at Louisburg, the party was taken to the grounds of the “Dundonald Inn” where hundreds of the citizens had assembled to do their honor. From the veranda of the “Dundonald Inn” I read and presented to His Excellency an address of welcome on behalf of the Corporation of the Town of Louisburg to which he replied in a very pleasing manner. At the conclusion of the addresses, Aurora Barss, 6 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Barss, presented the Countess of Bessborough with a bouquet of roses. After the Earl and Countess had shaken hands with a large number of our citizens, we proceeded to the “Louisburg National and Historic” park where their Excellencies were shown points of interest including the museum. At about 5:30 P.M. we left the park and went direct to Sydney, arriving at 6:25 where the vice-regal party went on board their train and pulled out of Sydney station at 6:30 P.M. enroute to Antigonish  
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## **JULY 1933**

### **Thursday 13**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and moderately cool with light southwest wind. Min temperature about 48, max temperature about 70.

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their next visit. Enroute from Sydney and return, the Governor-General and I rode in the rear seat of Councillor Wesley Townsend's car, while His A.D.C. Capt. Caldwell rode in the front seat with Mr. Townsend, who was driving. A.A. Martell who drove his own car took charge of the rest of the party, consisting of the Countess of Bessborough and Lieut. Col. Eric D. MacKenzie, comptroller of the household, who rode in the rear seat and another man whose name I did not learn, rode in the front seat with Mr. Martell. Two motorcycle police in a motorcycle with a side car attached, preceded the cars containing the Governor-General and party, immediately in front, both to and from Louisburg, while a detachment of Royal Canadian Mounted Police, about 12 in number under the command of Inspector MacIntosh, in motor cars rode ahead and behind the vice-regal party. Chief Tracey of the City of Sydney Police force was also present. The time given in the above account of the vice-regal visit is daylight-saving time, one hour ahead of standard time.

#### Writ Issued

The writ for the Nova Scotia Provincial Elections was issued today. Polling to take place on August 22, 1933.

#### Col. Chas. A. Lindbergh

At about 2 P.M. yesterday an airplane containing Col. Chas. A. Lindbergh passed Louisburg enroute from Halifax, N.S. to Newfoundland. The plane passed south of the town near the mouth of the harbour and lighthouse.

### **JULY 1933**

#### **Friday 14**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with light southwest wind. Min temperature about 48, max temperature about 73.

#### Funeral

At 1 P.M. yesterday, July 13 I attend the funeral of the late Angus Johnston, a former resident of Clarke's Road and Louisburg. Mr. Johnston who was about 87 years of age, died at the home of his son, James at Sydney. The funeral service took place at the home of his nephew D.M. Johnston of this town and was conducted by a Mr. Strong of Sydney who is said to be an adherent of the Pentecostal faith. Interment took place in the United Church Cemetery on Clarke's Road. The late Mr. Johnston was for a number of years a resident of this town before removing to Sydney.

### **JULY 1933**

#### **Saturday 15**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with moderate to fresh south west wind. Min temperature about 48, max temperature about 73.

#### Concert

At 8 P.M. I attended and took part in a concert given under the auspices of the MacMillan Club of the First United Church in Calvin hall. Sang solo entitled "Father O' Flynn" and responded to an encore with "The Monarch of the Woods". I also acted as chairman during the concert.

Today Emeline and I celebrated the ninth anniversary of our wedding. In the evening we had supper at the "Dundonald Inn".

#### Funeral of Mrs. John Williams

The funeral of the late Mrs. John Williams took place from her late residence to the Roman Catholic Church where service was held by Rev D.H. Doyle.

Interment took place in the Roman Catholic Cemetery.

### **JULY 1933**

#### **Sunday 16**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with moderate to light southwest wind. A perfect day. Min temperature about 44, max temperature about 74.

At 11 a.m. and 7 P.M. Emeline and I attended services in the First United Church. Both morning and evening services were in charge of Rev. D.A. MacMillan.

In the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Townsend called and took Emeline and I for a motor ride to the National Park where we spent about two hours returning at about 5 P.M.

### **JULY 1933**

#### **Monday 17**

Louisburg, N.S.

Moderately warm and partly cloudy with light south west wind. Min temperature about 52, max temperature about 76.

### **JULY 1933**

#### **Tuesday 18**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy and threatening in the morning , clearing in the forenoon. Min temperature about 54, max temperature about 75.

### **JULY 1933**

**Wednesday 19**

Louisburg, N.S.                      Salmon River, N.S.

Cloudy but clearing early in the day. Warm with southwest wind which shifted to northwest in the afternoon. Max temperature at Salmon River about 79.

I motored to my old home at Salmon River with Wesley Townsend in the forenoon who was enroute to Gabarus with Mrs. G.W. Townsend, Mrs. William Bagnell, Mrs. E.A. Grant of Louisbourg and Alex Hardy of Sydney. Left Louisburg at about 9:30 a.m. arrived at Salmon River at about 10:30 a.m. (daylight savings time) After dropping me at the end of the East Bay road, Wesley and Party proceeded to Gabarus.

**JULY 1933****Thursday 20**

Salmon River, N.S.

Clear and warm with light to moderate northwest wind. Max temperature about 76.

In the afternoon I went to Clifford's and spent the afternoon, returning at about 8 P.M. (Standard time) Found Clifford in the midst of haymaking having begun yesterday.

**JULY 1933****Friday 21**

Salmon River

Clear and warm with light to moderate northeast wind. Max temperature about 76.

Heber motored to Sydney on business, returning at about 5 P.M. and I spent the day around home.

**JULY 1933****Saturday 22**

Salmon River

Clear and warm with light east to southwest winds. Max temperature about 82. A perfect day.

In the afternoon I walked down to Clifford's, after remaining there for a short time, I rowed across the river to Arnold Severanas, but did not find him home. Returning I had supper at Clifford's after which I went home arriving at about 7 P.M.

**Scotch Settlers**

Today, I got from Heber, and Angus MacLellan of Grand Mira, whom I met on the road this evening the names of the 19 Scotch Settlers who arrived at the home of my Great Grand-father, Caleb Huntington, in July 1826 and became the first Scotch people to settle in the Salmon River and Grand Mira district. The following are the names:

Duncan Gillis

Donald Gillis, Father of the late Councillor D.M Gillis

John Gillis, Father of the late (Big) Lauchlin Gillis

Angus Gillis, Father of the late Major Ronald Gillis, Sydney  
James Gillis  
Martin Gillis  
Angus Gillis, Brother-in-law of Duncan Gillis  
Alex Gillis (Big)  
Donald Gillis  
Archie Gillis, Father of Mrs. Ronald MacPhee, Louisburg  
Angus Gillis  
Alex Gillis  
Gillis Gillis  
Ronald MacDonald , Grandfather of L.X. MacDonald, Judge of Probate, Sydney  
Angus MacDonald, Grandfather of Lieut. Col John Angus MacDonald , Sydney  
Ronald MacDonald, Grandfather of Alderman Angus MacDonald, Sydney  
John MacDonald  
Roderick Cameron  
James MacDougall, Ancestor of all the Grand Mira MacDougalls.

## **JULY 1933**

### **Sunday 23**

Salmon River, N.S.

Warm and mostly clear, becoming cloudy in the evening. Max temperature about 78. Light south west wind.

In the afternoon I visited Clifford's where I had supper. At about 8 P.M. with Clifford and family I attended service in the Baptist Church. The service was conducted by Mr. Wheelock, Baptist Student Minister . At this service I sang a solo entitled the "Old Rugged Cross". After the close of the service I walked home with Heber arriving at about 9:30.

## **JULY 1933**

### **Monday 24**

Salmon River

Heavy rain in the early morning. Cloudy and warm during the forenoon, clearing in the late afternoon. Light southwest wind. Max temperature about 76.

In the forenoon with Heber, I motored to Phil Gibbon's and Arthur Crawley's where we made short calls. We returned home at about noon.

In the afternoon, I visited Arthur Huntington, who had his house destroyed by fire recently. At present he is living in his carriage house which he has converted into a dwelling but intends to rebuild in the near future.

## **JULY 1933**

### **Tuesday 25**

## Salmon River

Rain in the early morning, cloudy and warm with light southwest wind. Cleared in the afternoon. Max temperature about 76.

### Motored to Sydney

In the morning I motored with Heber to the end of Clifford's road and walked the rest of the way to Clifford's house where I took passage for Sydney by motor car with Fred. We arrived at Sydney at about 8:30 a.m. Maud accompanied us as far as Marion Bridge.

At Sydney I called on Mayor S.E. Muggah in the forenoon. Had dinner at Vidal Hotel, spent about an hour and a half with Judge Walter Crowe in his office in the Court House.

Left Sydney enroute to Louisburg in Mike Sullivan's bus at 6 P.M. Arrived at Louisburg at about 7 P.M.

## **JULY 1933**

### **Wednesday 26**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool, clearing in the evening. Light southwest winds. Min temperature about 52, max temperature about 73.

### Visited National Park

At the request of Edgar Morrison, Proprietor of the "Dundonald Inn", I accompanied a party from Windsor, Ontario consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett and Miss Graham to the Louisburg National Park and pointed out to them places of interest in and around the old fortress.

Emeline motored to Sydney in the forenoon with her brother and sister-in-law, Rev. and Mrs. Howard Townsend of Valley Station, N.S. who arrived here last Sunday night for the purpose of visiting Mr. Townsend's old home.

### Swordfish Reported

Word was received today from a reliable source that two swordfish had been caught and landed at Mainadieu. This is the first report of swordfish being caught on the Cape Breton coast this season.

## **JULY 1933**

### **Thursday 27**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cool and mostly clear. Some fog and light southwest wind. Min temperature about 48, max temperature about 73.

### Visited National Park

In the forenoon I accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Wrighton, of Stockbridge, Mass. to the National Park.

### First Swordfish

The first swordfish to be landed at this port this season arrived here today and were brought here by boats coming from the western part of the province, which usually make Louisburg and vicinity their headquarters during the sword fishing season.

## **JULY 1933**

Friday 28

Louisburg, N.S.

Mostly clear and moderately warm with some fog along the coast. Light to moderate southwest wind. Min temperature about 50, max temperature about 74.

### **Swordfish**

The first swordfish to be caught by Louisburg fishermen were landed here today by Douglas Fleet, who had three fish and Judson Cross who had one.

The price being paid to the fishermen is said to be five cents a pound.

### **Death of Donald John MacLellan**

The death occurred at St Rita's Hospital, Sydney of Donald John MacLellan aged about 53. Mr. MacLellan who had been in the hospital for treatment for about two weeks is survived by his mother, three sisters and one brother. His home was on the back Gabarus Road, about six miles from Louisburg.

## **JULY 1933**

**Saturday 29**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool with fresh southwest wind. Clear in the afternoon. Min temperature about 56, max temperature about 68.

Sydney Post Record

Delighted with Cape Breton

Paul William Alexander, of Toledo, Ohio founder of Y's men, who with Mrs. Alexander and their daughter, Miss Constance, is enjoying the gracious hospitality of Cape Breton, is visiting Sydney for the second time, having been here ten years ago. He expressed himself as being highly pleased with the improvements, particularly in the residential part of the city, and is much impressed with the scenic beauty of the place.

Paul William Alexander founded the Y's Men's movement in 1922. Toledo was the first city in which a Y's Men's Club was formed and Sydney has the honor of being second. The idea of a Y's Men's organization originated with Mr. Alexander, shortly after he had attended a Y.M.C.A. rally in the Old Country.

While here the Alexanders are in residence at the Titus summer home, Sydney River.

Yesterday the founder and his family with members of the local club and the executive and directors with their wives, visited Louisburg where they were shown about the historic grounds, Mayor Huntington, of Louisburg, with a wealth of information, contributing immeasurably to the success of the tour. The evening meal was enjoyed at Dundonald Inn.

On Monday the Y's Men, held a luncheon at the Isle Royale in honor of the much esteemed visitor.

On Tuesday and Wednesday the Alexanders are to be guests of Mr. and Mrs. M.R. Chappell on a motor trip over the Cabot Trail. On Thursday morning they are leaving for Halifax.

## **JULY 1933**

### **Sunday 30**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool during the greater part of the day. Cleared in the late afternoon, wind shifting from southeast to northwest. Min temperature about 50, max temperature about 76.

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

#### **Visit to National Park**

At about 3:30 P.M. a party consisting of members of the Y's Men's Club of Sydney and their wives who had as guests, Paul William Alexander, of Toledo, Ohio, founder of the Y's Men's Movement, Mrs. Alexander, Miss Constance, their daughter and Bob Hanson, about 20 in all arrived for the purpose of visiting the Louisburg National Park. As previously arranged by Dr. Ralph Dahlglish of Sydney, I accompanied the party to the park, pointed out points of interest and gave them a short talk on the early history of the Old French City, which seemed to be greatly enjoyed by the visitors. After spending about one and a half hours at the park the party returned to town and had dinner at the "Dundonald Inn". While dinner was being served to the first arrivals at the "Inn", Mr. Alexander, Dr. Dahlglish and Geo. M. Morrison, L.L.B. of Sydney, Emeline and I motored to Lighthouse Point, where Mr. Alexander and Mr. Morrison accompanied by Mr. Covey, the keeper climbed to the top of the tower and greatly enjoyed the view from that elevation. Dinner being over at about 6:30 P.M. the party motored back to Sydney.

The funeral of the late Donald John MacLellan, of Gabarus road who died at St. Rita's Hospital, Sydney on Friday evening took place in the afternoon from the residence of Mrs. Kate De Fries, Ellwood Street, to Stella Maris Church where service was held by Rev. D.H.Doyle. Interment in the Roman Catholic Cemetery.

## **JULY 1933**

### **Monday 31**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with moderate southwest wind which shifted to northwest and later to northeast. Min temperature about 44, max temperature about 76.

#### **Visit to National Park**

At about 11:45 a.m. Judge Walter Crowe, arrived here by motor car from Sydney and had as his guests Mr. and Mrs. French of Massachusetts. Immediately after reaching here he visited Lighthouse Point, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. French. In their return from the lighthouse at about 1 P.M., Emeline and I had lunch with the Judge and party at the "Dundonald Inn". After

lunch I accompanied the party on a visit to Kennington Cove and the Louisburg National and Historic Park. At the Cove we visited the Cairn and tablet, marking the spot where Wolfe's brigade made the first landing on June 8, 1758. On returning to the Park we visited many points of interest including the museum, citadel, Dundonald monument, cemeteries, Black rock and the ruins of the hospital. We returned to town at about 5 P.M. after which the party immediately motored back to Sydney. Both Mr. and Mrs. French, expressed themselves as being highly pleased with their visit to the ancient French fortress.

## **AUGUST 1933**

### **Tuesday 1**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm, cloudy in the late afternoon and evening. Showers during the night, moderate southwest wind. Min temperature about 46, max temperature about 72. Strong breeze during the night.

#### **Drowning Accident at Mira Gut**

Jean Hickman, 14 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Hickman, of Glace Bay was drowned while bathing at Mira Gut, shortly after noon today. Miss Hickman was a member of a picnic party from St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Glace Bay which were spending the day at Mira. A chum of Miss Hickman, Miss Catherine MacCuish was rescued in the nick of time by Miss Jessie Guthrie, High School nurse of Glace Bay.

#### **Invitation**

Today, I received a letter from Dr. H. Walter Black of Sydney, President of the Sydney Rotary Club, inviting Emeline and Me to attend the annual outing of the club which is to take place at the Louisburg National Park and the Dundonald Inn, tomorrow afternoon.

## **AUGUST 1933**

### **Wednesday 2**

Louisburg, N.S.

Showers with strong southwest wind in the early morning. Cloudy and squally during the first half of the day. Cleared at about 2 P.M. Clear and warm during the late afternoon and evening. Min temperature about 56, max temperature about 75.

#### **Outing Canceled**

Owing to the unfavorable conditions of the weather the Rotary Club of Sydney, which intended holding their annual outing at Louisburg today postponed it indefinitely.

#### **Missing Fishermen**

This evening a sword fisherman reported to me that his brother James MacDonald of Judique, C.B. accompanied by Peter MacDonald, who sailed from here early yesterday morning for a days fishing had not returned to port and that he was very anxious for their safety. I at once reported the matter to Vincent Mullins of the Marine Department, Sydney who referred me to the Mounted Police. I then called the Mounted Police office at Sydney and told the story of the missing men.

The police informed me that it was too late to do anything tonight, but gave me the assurance that tomorrow a patrol boat or plane would be sent in search of them.

## **AUGUST 1933**

### **Thursday 3**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with light winds. Min temperature about 50, max temperature about 76.

#### Outing

St. Bartholomous Congregation of this town held their annual picnic at Mira Gut today, going and returning by train.

#### Missing Fishermen Reported Safe

This morning I was informed that the two sword fishermen reported missing yesterday evening were safe at Port Morien. I immediately notified the Mounted Police office at Sydney that effect.

## **AUGUST 1933**

### **Friday 4**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy, calm and cool with occasional light showers. Rain during the night. Min temperature about 50, max temperature about 65.

## **AUGUST 1933**

### **Saturday 5**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and somewhat cool with light to moderate northeast wind. Min temperature about 54, max temperature about 72.

## **AUGUST 1933**

### **Sunday 6**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and cool with moderate to fresh northeast wind. Min temperature about 48, max temperature about 68.

At 11 a.m. 3 P.M. and 7 P.M. in company with Emeline I attended services in the First United Church. The preacher at the morning and afternoon service was Rev. D.A. MacMillan, the regular pastor. At the evening service Rev John Nicholson, a former Louisburg boy but now stationed at Prince Edward Island was the preacher.

Memorial Service

The service held at 3 P.M. was a memorial service under the auspices of Samuel Moody, Loyal Orange Lodge and the Ladies Orange Benevolent Association of Louisburg. At this service the church was packed to the door (with members of the lodges and their friends) The lodges paraded in a body from their hall to the church headed by the Salvation Army Band of Glace Bay. The band consisting of about fifteen members also took part in the service in the church by rendering two selections.

## **AUGUST 1933**

### **Monday 7**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with moderate to fresh southwest wind. Min temperature about 50, max temperature about 75.

Fair catch of swordfish today, with the price advancing to 6 cts a lb.

#### Gospel Preacher

Archibald Turner and W. Martin, who have been holding gospel meetings in a tent since Sunday evening, July 30 with my permission pitched their tent on my lot corner of Main and Warren Streets. They first established themselves near the Masonic hall and during last week they shifted to the corner of Main and Havenside Streets. Today's move makes the third place they have occupied since coming to town.

## **AUGUST 1933**

### **Tuesday 8**

Louisburg, N.S.

Partly clear with strong southwest wind. Min temperature about 55, max temperature about 70. Showers during the night.

#### Marriage

The marriage of Agnes Murphy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Murphy of this town to John Campbell of Glace Bay, took place this morning in Stella Maris Church. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father D.H. Doyle. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell will reside in Glace Bay.

#### “Weary Willies”

At about 11 P.M. three transients who arrived in town this evening, hungry and weary, applied for shelter for the night. I opened the jail and gave them the privilege of sleeping there where they can make themselves quite comfortable while the weather is warm. I also gave them food earlier in the evening.

#### Confirmation Service

Bishop John Hickenly, Co-Adjutor Bishop of the Anglican Church, held a Confirmation Service in St. Bartholomous Church in the evening during which the following were confirmed: Ivey Chapman, May Snellgrove, Beatrice Dickson, Margie Coveyduc, Josephine Martell, Donald Lewis, Ralph Lewis, Fred Said, Dan Wilcox, Earl Wilcox, and Martell Skinner.

## **AUGUST 1933**

### **Wednesday 9**

Louisburg, N.S.

Showers in the early morning, cloudy, clearing during the afternoon. Moderate southwest wind. Min temperature about [missing] Max temperature about 76.

#### **Choir Practice**

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

At about 10 P.M. D.A. Campbell, Engineer of the Coal Company's Power House reported to me that a man, apparently a tramp, had visited him and insisted on being allowed to stay all night in the power house. I got in touch with Albert Baker, Policeman and instructed him to allow the man to sleep in the jail for the night which he did.

## **AUGUST 1933**

### **Thursday 10**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and warm with light variable wind, mostly northerly. A perfect day. From a weather stand point few finer days in a lifetime. Min temperature about 46 max temperature about 77.

#### **Big catch of Swordfish**

About three hundred swordfish were landed here today. Largest catch so far, this season. Gordon Stevens of Louisburg had 11 fish while two other boats from the South Shore of N.S. had nine each. The price being paid to the fishermen by the dealers is 6 cents a pound. Lewis & Company, the largest dealer here received about 160 fish today.

## **AUGUST 1933**

### **Friday 11**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear during the first half of the day, becoming hazy in the afternoon. Light southwest wind. Min temperature about 44, max temperature about 75.

#### **Visit to Horne's Road**

At 10:30 a.m. I motored to the end of Horne's road in Sullivan's Bus. From there I walked to Wentworth Spencer's, about a mile distant for the purpose of discussing with Mr. Spencer the sale of my land adjoining his farm at Horne's Road to one Harry Ralph of Reserve Mines. Mr. Spencer who has been residing at Glace Bay for the last twelve years is at present at his former home accompanied by his son-in-law, Mr. Brewer and Mr. Brewer's brother for the purpose of making the hay on his farm. I had dinner with them and walked back to the Sydney road to catch the bus for Louisburg at about 2 P.M. Daylight Savings Time, but missed it by about one minute. I then walked to Albert Bridge and spent the rest of the afternoon in that vicinity, during which I explored the woods for evidence of the early French Settlement at that place. On the east side of

the road leading to Sydney and north of a bungalow owned by Matthew MacDonald of Sydney, I discovered a line of trenches about 130 paces in length, running in a northwesterly direction from the river. At 6:30 P.M. I boarded the bus at Albert Bridge and arrived home at 7 P.M.

Dr. Smith

Shortly after reaching home I met at my shop Dr. R. Morton Smith, Mrs. Smith, and daughter, 1020 Main St, W. Warwick, Rhode Island, who arrived here this afternoon for the purpose of visiting the Louisburg Historic Park. Dr. Smith is President of an historical society and informed me that he had been here 32 years ago. He is very much interested in the ruins of ancient Louisburg. The party left here for Sydney on the 7:30 P.M. bus.

**AUGUST 1933**

**Saturday 12**

Louisburg, N.S.

Rain accompanied by strong southeast wind in the early morning. Cloudy and warm during the day. Wind moderating to a very light breeze. Min temperature about 50, max temperature about 81.

**AUGUST 1933**

**Sunday 13**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with light southwest wind which increased to fresh breeze in the late afternoon. Cloudy in the evening.

Min temperature about 52, max temperature about 73.

At 11 a.m. and 7 P.M. in company with Emeline I attended services in the First United Church. Both morning and evening services were in charge of Rev. D.A. MacMillan.

Sunday Sword fishing

Nearly all the sword fishermen who make Louisburg their base during the season, fish on Sunday. The fleet that went out today I understand were very successful, each boat bringing in 10 fish. Until recent years it was very unusual for fishermen who live here or those from outside ports to visit the fishing grounds on Sunday, but for the last few years it seems to be the rule rather than the exception. At present comparatively few of even our local fishermen, remain in port on Sunday if the weather is favorable for fishing.

**AUGUST 1933**

**Monday 14**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy and threatening with some fog, with moderate to light southwest wind. Fog lifted in the afternoon. Min temperature about max temperature about

A poor day for sword fishing but the boats that went out about the middle of the afternoon were fairly successful, quite a number getting two fish each.  
Price of swordfish today, 6 cents .

## **AUGUST 1933**

### **Tuesday 15**

Louisburg, N.S.

Rain during the early morning. Cleared at about 8 a.m. Clear and warm during the day with light to moderate westerly wind. A perfect day. Min temperature about 55, max temperature about 80.

#### Visit to Park

At about 1 P.M. I visited the Louisburg National Park with a party consisting of Mr. Donahue of New York, Councillor Aymar of Digby and Mr. Harris of Annapolis Royal. The party greatly enjoyed their visit to the park and on our return we drove to Lewis & Company's wharf where swordfish were being landed. The visitors were very much interested in seeing the large fish. They left here for Sydney at about 3 P.M.

Price of swordfish today 7 cents.

#### Nomination Day

Candidates for the Nova Scotia Provincial Elections which are to take place on next Tuesday, filed their nominations papers today. There are 66 candidates in all 30 Liberals, 30 Conservatives, 1 Labor, 2 C.C.F. and 2 United Front.

A.A. Martell, Liberal and Dr W.W. Patton, Conservative Candidates for the constituency of Cape Breton West filed their papers in the town hall with J.A. Nicholson, Returning Officer.

## **AUGUST 1933**

### **Wednesday 16**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and warm with light to moderate south west wind. A perfect day. Min temperature about 55, max temperature about 70.

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

## **AUGUST 1933**

### **Thursday 17**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and warm with light winds. Min temperature about 52, max temperature about 80. A perfect day.

#### "Passing Years"

Today I clipped from the Halifax Chronicle "Passing Years" and "Sixty Years ago" column the following item:

“The Dominion Steamer “Druid”, Captain Marneud, arrived yesterday afternoon from Louisburg, having on board the Vice-Regal party consisting of the Earl and Countess of Bufferin, Lt. Colonel C.H. Fletcher, secretary: Lady Harriet Fletcher, Lieut. Rowan Hamilton, A.D.C. The Party is at Government House.” The above item was published in the Aug 17, 1933 edition of the Halifax Chronicle and taken from its issue of Aug 16, 1873.

#### Accident to William Bagnall

William Bagnall aged about 70 was seriously injured today while sword fishing with Fraser Wilcox. He had one of his legs broken besides other injuries by coming in contact with the engine on board the boat. He was rushed to the City Hospital, Sydney where his injuries are being attended to.

### **AUGUST 1933**

#### **Friday 18**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy and warm, clearing at about noon. Light to moderate southwest wind. Min temperature about 55, max temperature about 80.

#### English School Boys Empire Tour

Eleven English School Boys, who are at present visiting Canada, arrived at the Louisburg National Park at about 11 a.m. where I met them and gave a short talk on Louisburg and its early history and showed them points of interest in and around the ruins of the old city. After leaving the park we visited the Louisburg water front where I showed the boys a swordfish. They were greatly interested as none of them had ever seen a fish of that kind before. At about 1 P.M. the party left here en route to Hillside, Mira where they were to have lunch before they proceeded to Sydney. The party were brought here in three motor cars. Rev. Mr. Whalley of Sydney accompanied the party to Louisburg and drove one of the cars while Mr. Kelly, son of H.J. Kelly was in charge of one of the other cars. I did not learn the name of the driver of the third car. On their visit to Canada the party is under the direction of John L. Guise with Malcolm Dawson as assistant Director. The names of the boys as published in the Aug 17<sup>th</sup> edition of the Sydney Post Record are as follows: Peter Oldum, Tony Weaver, Toby Stubbs, Bill Clarke, Derrick Blagley, Dick Connell, Harold Walsh, Paul Grotrian, Bob Mole, Newton Rawson, Edward Shocktor.

#### Result of Provincial Examinations

The results of the Provincial School Examinations which were held here on June 27, 28, and 29, 1933 were brought to my attention today. Of the seventeen students who attended the Louisburg Town School and wrote the examinations, eleven were successful. Names as follows: Ella Tutty, Layton Coveyduc, Walter Barss, Daniel Nicholson, Alma Nicholson, James Cunnington, Cleytus Lynk, Daniel Kelly, Roderick MacMullen, Christine MacDonald, Mayme MacDonald.

### **AUGUST 1933**

#### **Saturday 19**

Louisburg, N.S.

Warm and mostly cloudy with some fog. Showers of rain during the afternoon. Min temperature about 55, max temperature about 82.

## **AUGUST 1933**

### **Sunday 20**

Louisburg, N.S.                      Catalone, N.S.

Rain during the early morning and occasional showers throughout the day with light south west wind. Min temperature about 64, max temperature about 82.

#### **Anniversary Services**

The anniversary service of the United Church of Catalone was held at 11 a.m. and 3 P.M. standard time. Rev. Wilfred Gatez of the First United Church, Sydney was the preacher at both services. Rev. D.A. MacMillan was also present and assisted at both services.

## **AUGUST 1933**

### **Monday 21**

Louisburg, N.S.

Warm and partly clear with light winds. Min temperature about 54, max temperature about 79.

In the forenoon I visited the Louisburg National Park with Judge Walter Crowe of Sydney. At 1 P.M. I had dinner with Judge Crowe at the Dundonald Inn. In the afternoon we went and got Lawrence Price who rowed us out on the harbour to try and locate the spot where one of the old French Ships lies on the bottom. We could not see the old hulk owing to the dark condition of the water but found the approximate spot which is in a range in line with Lawrence Price's house and the Cairn marking the site of the West Gate and a short distance off the head of Alfred Powers wharf. Returning from the harbour we dropped Mr. Price near his house and the Judge and I visited the remains of some old siege works north west of the Old Marconi Station. On our way home we called at the ruins of the Grand Battery. At 6 P.M. Judge Crowe had supper with Emeline and me after which he returned to the Dundonald Inn.

At about 8:30 I attended a political meeting in the Masonic hall, held in the interest of the Liberal Party. The meeting was well attended. The speakers were: A.A. Martell, Liberal Candidate for Cape Breton West, Arthur MacDonald of Sydney and Gus Young who accompanied Mr. MacDonald.

#### **Death of Mrs. Ben Bates**

The death of Mrs. Ben Bates took place this morning at her home on Warren Street, this town. She is survived by her husband and several sons and daughters.

## **AUGUST 1933**

### **Tuesday 22**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and warm with light southwest wind which shifted to northeast in the late afternoon. Min temperature about 48, max temperature about 79.

Nova Scotia Provincial Election : Harrington Government Defeated.

The elections held today in Nova Scotia resulted in the defeat of the Conservative Government under the leadership of Premier Gordon S. Harrington, by a large majority. 22 Liberals and 8 Conservatives being elected in a house of 30 seats.

Angus L. MacDonald , the Liberal leader who will be called upon to form a Government, shall have a majority of 18. The names of the successful candidates are as follows:

Liberal: Annapolis: J.D. MacKenzie, Antigonish: Dr. J.L. MacIsaac, Cape Breton Center: Michael Dwyer; Cape Breton East: L.D. Currie, Cumberland: J.S. Smiley, Digby: J.W. Corneau; Guysborough: C.W. Anderson; Halifax Center: G.M. Logan, Halifax East: G.Stevens, Halifax West: George Hagen, Halifax North: Gordon Isnor, Halifax South: Angus L. Macdonald, Hants: A.S. MacMillan, Inverness: Dr M.E. MacGarry, Kings: John A MacDonald, Lunenburg: Gordon Ramkey, Dr. F.R. Davis, Pictou: J.H. MacQuarrie, Don F. Fraser, Shelburne: H.R.L. Bill, Yarmouth: L.C. Gardner, Richmond: Dr. G.R. Deveau.

Conservative:

Cape Breton West: Dr. W.W. Patton, Cape Breton South: Hon. Gordon S. Harrington; Colchester: G.Y. Thomas, W.A. Fleming, Cumberland: Hon. Percy C.Black, Queens: S.M Bartling, Victoria: F.W. Baldwin, Cape Breton North: Hon. Joseph MacDonald.

Result in the Cape Breton Constituencies as published in the Sydney Post Record of Aug 23, 1933:

Cape Breton South: Harrington,(Con):4776; Patterson, (Lib)4606; MacKay:1437.

Cape Breton East: Currie (Lib): 3647; Cameron (Con): 3623, MacLaughlin, 1788, Fraser, 333.

Cape Breton North: MacDonald (Con): 4350; Daye (lib) 4227, MacDonald (Labor) 682.

Cape Breton West: Martell, (Lib) 2620, Patton, (Con) 3029.

Cape Breton Center: Dwyer, (Lib) 3191, MacArthur (Con) 2628, Ling, 617.

Result in Louisburg Town: A.A. Martell (Lib) 300, Dr W.W. Patton (Con) 216.

Result in Louisburg District: (no.6) A.A. Martell, (Lib) 85, Dr.W.W. Patton (Con) 77.

## **AUGUST 1933**

### **Wednesday 23**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and very warm with light westerly wind. Min temperature about 55, max temperature about 85.

## **AUGUST 1933**

### **Thursday 24**

Louisburg, N.S.

Warm and mostly clear with light westerly wind which shifted to northeast in the evening. Min temperature about 50, max temperature about 82.

## **AUGUST 1933**

### **Friday 25**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool with moderate to fresh easterly wind. Min temperature about 58, max temperature about 67.

#### **Funeral**

The funeral of Mrs. Ben Bates took place at 9 a.m. to Stella Maris Church. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Father D.H. Doyle, interment in Roman Catholic Cemetery.

## **AUGUST 1933**

### **Saturday 26**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool with moderate to fresh southeast wind. Min temperature about 56, max temperature about 68.

#### **Canadian Legion Outing**

The Reserve branch of the Canadian Legion and their friends from Reserve, Dominion, Bridgeport and Glace Bay held a picnic at Louisburg today. The party consisting of about 1200 men, women and children arrived here by special train at about 11 a.m. and left here at 8 P.M. The picnic was held at the Masonic hall and surrounding grounds where stalls of various kinds were erected by an advance party which arrived here by motor car quite early in the day. A large percentage of those present were under the influence of liquor, either brought with them or supplied by local bootleggers. But for all there were so much booze consumed, no serious disturbances of any kind took place. Two members of the Royal Canadians Mounted Police were present during the afternoon and assisted in preserving order.

## **AUGUST 1933**

### **Sunday 27**

Louisburg, N.S.

Sydney, N.S.

Cloudy and cool with light to moderate easterly wind. Rain during the afternoon and evening.

#### **Motored to Sydney**

At 3 P.M. I motored to Sydney in Sullivan's Bus enroute to Liverpool, N.S. for the purpose of attending the Annual Convention of Nova Scotia Municipalities which opens at Liverpool on Tuesday next, Aug 29.

After arriving at Sydney, I called to see Judge Walter Crowe where I spent about an hour. Had supper at the Vidal Hotel.

Left for Halifax on the 7 P.M. train (standard time) Procured a berth on the sleeper and retired at about 10 P.M.

Mr. John S. Liscombe, Town Clerk of Dominion was also a passenger enroute to the Convention at Liverpool.

### Church Service

At 11 a.m. Emeline and I attended service in the First United Church. Service in charge of Rev. D.A. MacMillan.

## AUGUST 1933

### Monday 28

Halifax, N.S.                      Liverpool, N.S.

Clear and warm with moderate winds.

I arrived at Halifax by train from Sydney at about 8 a.m. Immediately after arriving at Halifax Mr. Liscombe and I had breakfast at the Nova Scotian hotel after which we went for a walk around the city. The first place we called was at E.J. Vickery's book store on Granville St., where Mr. Liscombe left me for the purpose of visiting some of his friends. After leaving Vickery's Book Store, where I purchased several books including a history of Lunenburg County and a history of Yarmouth, I called on Mayor A.A. Thompson at city hall. My next visit was to the Citadel where I notice that the two mortars which were captured at Louisburg in 1758, had been removed from the tops of the citadel gate posts, where they had rested for many years. I finally located them at Artillery Park on Sackville St. I next called at the Provincial Museum on Spring Garden Road, where I met Mr. Harry Piers, the curator and had a very pleasant conversation with him. At [missing] we left Halifax enroute to Liverpool by rail. As the afternoon train from Halifax goes only as far as Bridgewater, on arriving at Bridgewater we motored through to Liverpool, a distance of about thirty miles, arriving at about 8 P.M. Those who went through by motor were: John Liscombe, Mr. James MacNeil, County Clerk of Cape Breton County, Mrs. James MacNeil and myself. On arriving at Liverpool we engaged rooms at the Mersey Hotel and put up for the night.

## AUGUST 1933

### Tuesday 29

Liverpool, N.S.

Cloudy , foggy and showery with moderate easterly wind. Rained during the greater part of the day.

### Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities Convention

At 10 a.m. I attended the opening session of the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Union of N.S. Municipalities held in the Assembly room of the Town hall, with President F.M. Munroe presiding.

Addresses of Welcome were given by Mayor H.D. Madden of Liverpool and Warden F.O. Annis of the Municipality of Queens County.

Replies to the addresses were made by H.W. Johnston, C.E. City Engineer, Halifax, Mayor S.E. Muggah of Sydney and Mayor C.H. Read of Amherst.

Attended the afternoon session at 2 o'clock when a paper was read by A.M. Butler, C.A. of Halifax entitled "A Financial View of Our Local Authorities". This paper was followed by a paper by Rev. C.F. Curran, D.D. on the "Recommendations of the Royal Commission concerning Jails"

At an evening session, which I attended a paper was read by Thomas F. Anderson of Boston, Mass. The title of this paper was "Nova Scotia's Future as a Summer Vacation Resort". There was also a paper read by G. Montague Harris. O.B.E.M.A. Vice-President of the International Union of Local Authorities. The title of paper was: "The International Union of Local Authorities, Its services to Local Government".

## **AUGUST 1933**

### **Wednesday 30**

Liverpool, N.S.

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

#### Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities Convention

At 10 a.m. I attended the session of the Union of N.S. Municipalities convention. The first item on the programme for this morning was a paper entitled "The Quebec Municipal Commission" which was read by Oscar Morin, K.C. Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs, Quebec and President of the Quebec Municipal Commission.

This paper was followed by a visit and an address by Col. C.H.L. Jones, O.B.E. President of the Mersey Paper Company Limited.

A paper entitled "Present Day Currency Problems" was presented by A.B. Balcom, M.A.D.E.L. Professor of Economics, Acadia University. At 2 P.M. the delegates assembled in front of the Town Halifax and photographed. After which we, on the invitation of Col. James were taken on a visit to the Mersey Paper Company Ltd. Later we attended a picnic and clam bake at Wabamkek Beach and a band concert at White Point Beach which extended into the night.

## **AUGUST 1933**

### **Thursday 31**

Liverpool, N.S.

Bridgewater, N.S.

Clear and warm with light north west wind. An ideal day.

#### Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities Convention

At 10 a.m. I attended the last session of the convention of N.S. Municipalities, which began on last Tuesday morning.

After reports of committees on the proposed Department of Municipal Affairs, for Nova Scotia, Fire Insurance Rates, Hospital Charges and Resolutions, the following officers were elected:

H.W. Johnston, E.C. City Engineer, Halifax: President

H.S. Farguhar, Municipal Clerk, West Hants: Vice-President

R.D. Crawford, Town Clerk, Amherst: 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President

Judge Arthur Roberts, Bridgewater: Secretary-Treasurer (re-elected)

Windsor, N.S. was selected as the next meeting place.

Left Liverpool on the afternoon train enroute to Halifax. Stopped off at Bridgewater and stayed all night at the Queen Hotel.

Visited Frank Huntington, an aged resident of Bridgewater in the evening.

## **SEPTEMBER 1933**

### **Friday 1**

Bridgewater, N.S.                      Halifax, N.S.  
Clear and warm with light winds.

#### **Bridgewater to Halifax**

Went from Bridgewater to Halifax by train enroute for home. Left Halifax on the night train for Sydney.

## **SEPTEMBER 1933**

### **Saturday 2**

Sydney, N.S.                      Louisburg, N.S.  
Clear and warm with light southwest winds.

#### **Sydney to Louisburg**

Arrived at Sydney on the morning train from Halifax. Motored to Louisburg in the forenoon.

## **SEPTEMBER 1933**

### **Sunday 3**

Louisburg, N.S.  
Warm and partly clear with light southwest wind.

At 11 a.m. and 7 P.M. I attended services in the First United Church. Both morning and evening services were in charge of Rev. D.A. MacMillan. Emeline accompanied me to church at 11 a.m. but was not present in the evening owing to illness.

#### **Band Concert**

The City of Sydney Band under the leadership of Colin MacDonald, rendered a programme on the school grounds at Louisburg, from about 3:30 to 5:30 P.M. which was greatly enjoyed by those present. There were about 22 members of the band present.

## **SEPTEMBER 1933**

### **Monday 4              Labor Day**

Louisburg, N.S.  
Moderately warm and partly clear with light to fresh southwest wind. Rain during the night. Min temperature about 60, max temperature about 75.

General holiday, majority of business places closed for the day. Had my shop open for business all day.

Picnic

Stella Maris Congregation (Roman Catholic) held a picnic on their grounds near their hall during the day and evening. At about 5:30 P.M. I had supper at the picnic grounds, supper being served in the hall.

Emeline motored to Sydney in the afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Townsend, Wesley Townsend and Mrs. Z.W. Townsend. Returning they arrived back at about 6 P.M. and had supper at the picnic grounds.

## **SEPTEMBER 1933**

### **Tuesday 5**

Louisburg, N.S.

Heavy rain in the early morning. Cleared early in the forenoon. Clear and moderately warm during the day. Min temperature about 54, max temperature about 74.

#### **S.S. HOLMEWOOD**

The Steamer "HOLMEWOOD". Captain Carter, which has been laid up here since February 5, 1933 sailed for Sydney at 8 a.m.

#### **Meeting of Presbytery**

A meeting of the Sydney Presbytery of the United Church of Canada was held in the First United Church here today. Sessions were held in the forenoon and afternoon. There were about forty present including Clergymen and laymen. Dinner was served to the visitors by the MacMillan Club of the First United Church. Among the clergymen present were the following: Rev. W. MacRury, Reserve (Chairman); Rev. Dr. J. Pringle, Sydney, Rev. Dr. J. MacIntosh, Sydney, Rev. W. Gaetz, Sydney, Rev. E.M Aitkens, Sydney, Rev. N.D. Patterson, North Sydney, Rev. N. Thomas, Florence, Rev. D.M Matheson, New Waterford, Rev. J.A. MacLellan, Bridgeport, Rev. R.A. Ross, Marion Bridge, Rev. F.E. Barrett, Glace Bay, Rev. Mr. Mercer, No. 6, Rev. Mr. Guild, Glace Bay, and Rev. D.A. MacMillan, Louisburg.

#### **School Opening**

The Louisburg Public Schools opened today for the 1933-34 term.

Staff as follows: Arthur Ormiston, Principal, Miss Alice Ley, Vice-Principal, Miss Annie Pope, Miss Blanche Cross, Miss Evelyn Smith, and Miss Mary Hiltz.

## **SEPTEMBER 1933**

### **Wednesday 6**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear in the morning but became partly cloudy during the day. Showers of rain in the afternoon. Moderate to fresh northwest wind. Min temperature about 50, max temperature about 70.

#### **Choir Practice**

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

#### **New Government**

The new Liberal Government under the leadership of Angus Lewis MacDonald was sworn in yesterday at Halifax by Lieutenant Governor Water Covert.

The personnel of the New Government, which was elected to power on Aug 22, 1933 follows:

Premier and Provincial Secretary: Angus L. MacDonald

Minister of Highways: A.S. MacMillan.

Minister of Agriculture: John A. MacDonald.

Minister of Mines: Michael Dwyer.

Minister of Health: Dr. Frank R. Davis.

Minister without Portfolio: J.W. Comeau and Clarence W. Anderson.

Attorney General: Josiah H. MacQuarrie.

## **SEPTEMBER 1933**

### **Thursday 7**

Louisburg, N.S.

Partly cloudy with moderate winds. Min temperature about 50, max temperature about 73.

## **SEPTEMBER 1933**

### **Friday 8**

Louisburg, N.S.

Mostly clear and moderately warm with moderate southwest wind. Min temperature about 46, max temperature about 70.

### **District Meeting**

A District meeting of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held in the Temperance hall in the evening.

Heber, Clifford, Fred, Bertha, Elinor and Lillian arrived by automobile in the evening for the purpose of attending the I.O.G.T. District meeting. They left for home at about midnight.

## **SEPTEMBER 1933**

### **Saturday 9**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy with moderate rain during the greater part of the day. Moderate to fresh southerly wind. Min temperature about 58, max temperature about 65.

### **S.S. HOLMEWOOD**

The Steamer "HOLMEWOOD" which sailed from here for Sydney on last Tuesday arrived back this evening at about 6:30 o'clock and docked at the Freight wharf. Since leaving here on Sept 5 she took on board bunker coal at Sydney and recruited her crew up to full strength.

## **SEPTEMBER 1933**

### **Sunday 10**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy with light variable wind. Showers during the afternoon with heavy rain at night with thunder and lightning. Min temperature about 58, max temperature about 68.

#### Anniversary Services

At 11 a.m. and 7 P.M. Emeline and I attended services in the First United Church. At both of these services Rev. D.A. MacMillan, the regular pastor, was assisted by Rev. E. M. Aitken of St. Andrews United Church, Sydney. Mr. Aitken was the preacher both morning and evening.

#### Mr. Dittore

Mr. Lyall Dittore, Presbyterian Student Minister, who had been in charge of the Presbyterian Congregation of this town since April 15, 1933 preached his farewell sermon today. He intends leaving here tomorrow to resume his studies at Montreal.

#### Mrs. Spencer

The late Mrs. Asaph Spencer, whose funeral took place at Mira yesterday is survived by her husband, one son and two daughters. The son is Wilbert a former Principal of Louisburg School and now an instructor in a University in Buffalo, New York. The daughters are: Mrs. Charles Phillips (Mildred) Mira Gut, and Mrs. MacLean (Greeta) Read of Broughton. She is also survived by three sisters: Mrs. O.M. Peters and Mrs. James Howie, of Glace Bay and Mrs. (Capt.) E.M. Dickson, of Sydney.

### SEPTEMBER 1933

#### Monday 11

Louisburg, N.S.

Partly clear and very cool, with moderate to strong northwest wind. Showers at intervals during the day. Shower with part hail and snow at about 5:30 P.M. Min temperature about 40, max temperature about 60.

William Jewell, Jr. of Big Lorraine who was arrested at Big Lorraine by Mounted Police on Sept 4, charged with carrying a shotgun in a place frequented by game during the close season was up for trial before County Magistrate, Williamson, of North Sydney in the Town office, Louisburg at 5 P.M. Mr. Jewell, who pleaded guilty was fined \$10.00 and costs \$6.50, making a total of \$16.50. The arrest was made by Ivan Bayley of North Sydney and Corporal MacLean of the R.C.M.P.

### SEPTEMBER 1933

#### Tuesday 12

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and cool with strong southwest wind which at times reached gale proportions. Min temperature about 40, max temperature about 58.

Hanged at Amherst

Alvah Henwood and Trueman Smith were hanged at about 1 a.m. this morning in the jail at Amherst, N.S. for the murder on February 3, 1933 of Mrs. Elmer Smith, an aged lady at Amherst. The two murderers who were about 19 years of age were tried at Amherst in June 1933 before Judge Hugh Ross and were sentenced on July 3 to be hanged on Sept 12, 1933. The execution was carried out under the direction of Arthur Ellis, Official Hangman, who sprung the drop at 1:07 A.M. Fourteen minutes later they were pronounced officially dead by Dr. E.W. Bliss.

#### Death of Aubrey Mosher

The death occurred at about 5P.M. at his home on Main Street, of Aubrey Mosher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Mosher. Mr. Mosher who had been ill for quite a long time was 37 years of age.

### **SEPTEMBER 1933**

#### **Wednesday 13**

Louisburg, N.S.

Partly clear with moderate to fresh northwest wind. Min temperature about 41, max temperature about 65.

#### Choir Practice

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

#### Gospel Preacher

The two Gospel Preachers, Archibald Turner and W. Martin who have been holding gospel meetings in a tent on my lot, corner of Main and Warren Streets, since August 7, 1933, took down their tent today and departed for Sydney. The coolness of the weather of late made it uncomfortable for the audience, hence the decision to shut down for the present or to move into more comfortable quarters.

### **SEPTEMBER 1933**

#### **Thursday 14**

Louisburg, N.S.

Mostly cloudy with light to moderate northwest wind. Min temperature about 42, max temperature about 64.

#### Funeral

At 2 P.M. I attended the funeral of the late Aubrey Mosher. The service at the house and grave were conducted by Rev. D.A. MacMillan of the First United Church. Interment took place in the United Church Cemetery (formerly Methodist) on Clarke's Road. Fred Corey, Undertaker of Sydney had charge of the funeral arrangements.

#### **LOST**

At about 5 P.M. I learned that Mrs. Asaph Spencer of Mira Gut had strayed away from her home at about 10 a.m. yesterday and though searching parties had scoured the woods in the vicinity, no trace of her had been found. When last seen she was standing at the gate leading to the highway.

When the first efforts to locate her failed the Mounted Police were notified and on their arrival, the Rehberg Bloodhound, from L'Ardoise was sent for, by motor car. On his arrival he followed various trails, but five or six times followed the same trail to the river, not far from the Spencer home, which gave rise to the theory that she had gone into the river by accident or design. Today the search was continued through the forest and fields and the river was dragged in front of the spot where the bloodhound led, but without any trace of the missing woman except tracks which were found on the Ferguson Road, which were thought might be hers. During the day, the Mounted Police Airplane visited the locality and flew along the waterfront and over the fields but without finding any clue.

## **SEPTEMBER 1933**

### **Friday 15**

Louisburg, N.S.

Mira Gut, N.S.

Clear and cool with moderate to fresh northerly wind. Min temperature about 39, max temperature about 61.

#### **SEARCH for MRS. SPENCER**

At 9 a.m. I left here by train for Mira Gut and joined in the search for Mrs. Asaph Spencer, who has been missing from her home since 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept 13. On arriving at the Spencer home I was in conversation with Asaph Spencer and Wilbert, his son, who has been spending his holidays at his home at Mira. From those two, I learned the particulars of Mrs. Spencer's sudden disappearance and the efforts that had been made to locate her whereabouts. I then joined in searching the woods and fields between the highway and the shore of the Mira River in front of Mr. Spencer's. While parties were searching the woods in various directions, three boats were at work dragging the river. At noon I had dinner with Charlie Huntington who had been engaged in the search all the forenoon. In the afternoon we returned and with quite a large party continued the search, this time on the east side of the highway, near the Ferguson Road. Shortly after noon Wilbert Spencer motored to L'Ardoise and took Mr. Rehberg and his bloodhound to their home. I left for home at about 4:30 P.M. and motored to Louisburg with William and Eric Lewis who with Mrs. Thomas Townsend had motored to Mira in the afternoon. After I returned home I learned from a telephone message that the searchers had discovered tracks late in the evening in a bog off the Ferguson Road and a shoe which was identified as one worn by Mrs. Spencer when last seen. The shoe is said to have been found about a mile and a half from Mrs. Spencer's home. The missing woman is 73 years of age and for the last year or two her mind has been a little astray, her memory at times completely failing her. This may to some extent account for her mysterious disappearance.

## **SEPTEMBER 1933**

### **Saturday 16**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with light variable wind. A perfect day. Min temperature about 32, max temperature about 66.

Search for Mrs Asaph Spencer

All day searching parties were scouring the woods for the missing woman but up to a late hour no further clues had been discovered.

#### Death of William Bagnall

Mr. William Bagnall, of this town passed away at the City Hospital, (Sydney) after an illness of about five or six weeks. Mr. Bagnall was seriously injured while sword fishing with Fraser Wilcox. He came in contact with the engine on board the boat and had one of his legs badly injured, so that later on it had to be amputated. For awhile after the operation he seemed to improve but of late he began to gradually grow worse until the end came. He is survived by his wife, four sons and two daughters. The sons are: Charley, Joseph, and Nelson in Louisburg, Oscar in the U.S.A. The daughters are Mrs. Verna Payzant of Quebec and Mrs. E.A. Grant of Louisburg.

#### Marriage

The marriage of Mr. Stanley Shaw, second officer of the S.S. Holmewood, to Miss Jessie MacDonald of this town took place on Thursday evening, Sept 14, at 8 o'clock. St. Bartholomous Church. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A.E. Gabriel.

### **SEPTEMBER 1933**

#### **Sunday 17**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with light variable wind, mostly southerly. An ideal day. Min temperature about 33, max temperature about 68.

At 11 a.m and 7 P.M. in company with Emeline I attended services in the First United Church. Both services were in charge of Rev. D.A. MacMillan, the regular pastor.

#### S.S. HOLMEWOOD

The steamer "HOLMEWOOD", Captain Carter which arrived back here on Sept 9 after a trip to Sydney, sailed again at about 11 a.m. today. I do not know her destination, but as it is said she is engaged in the liquor business, it is probably the "High Seas". The Holmewood carries a crew of 24 men.

#### Motored to Mira

At about 2:30 P.M. Wesley Townsend and Mrs. Z.W. Townsend called and took Emeline and I for a motor ride to Mira and Broughton. While at Mira I called at Asaph Spencer's, the home of the woman who has been missing since last Wednesday. In conversation with Mr. Spencer I learned that one of the searching parties had found a ladies garter, not far from where the shoe was found on Friday evening. This garter was identified as one worn by Mrs. Spencer. The Rehberg Bloodhound is still on the job, but so far has not met with much success. A large crowd of men are today continuing the search. Two special trains were run from Glace Bay to Mira with volunteer searchers.

### **SEPTEMBER 1933**

## **Monday 18**

Louisburg, N.S.

Heavy rain from about 6:30 to 11 a.m. accompanied by southeast gale wind shifted to southwest shortly before noon and increased in violence, but moderated in the afternoon. Min temperature about 56, max temperature about 66.

### **Funeral**

The funeral of the late William Bagnall took place from his late residence on Beatrice Street to the First United Church at 2:30 P.M. The services at the house, church and grave were conducted by Rev. D.A. MacMillan. Interment took place in the United Church Cemetery (formerly Methodist) on Clarke's road. The pall bearers were: D.J. Matheson, Archie MacVicar, Alex Aliniard, Arthur Townsend, George Harris and myself.

### **Atlantic Standard Time**

The Town of Louisburg which has been on Daylight Saving Time since May 29, 1933 went back to Atlantic Saving Time at midnight last night.

### **Visiting Louisburg**

The Misses Maud and Lillian Huntington of Salmon River arrived on the 4 P.M. train for a few days visit in Louisburg. While in town they are our guests.

## **SEPTEMBER 1933**

## **Tuesday 19**

Louisburg, N.S.

Mostly clear and moderately warm with moderate to fresh southwest wind. Min temperature about 34, max temperature about 66.

## **SEPTEMBER 1933**

## **Wednesday 20**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and moderately cool with moderate to fresh north winds. Min temperature about 42, max temperature about 65.

### **Body of Mrs. Asaph Spencer Found**

Shortly before noon today, the body of the late Mrs. Asaph Spencer was found by a searching party, consisting of Constables Nicholson, Moran and Pitts of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Duncan MacKenzie and his son, Ewen of Mira Gut. Ewen MacKenzie was the first to discover the body which was found about two miles from the Spencer home on the south side of Loon Lake, near Broughton. The body when discovered was fully clothed with the exception of shoes and stockings and according to those competent to judge had been dead about five days. After the discovery of the body in the thick woods a path was cut to the lake through which the body was carried and taken across the lake in a boat to Broughton from whence it was taken to Sydney to be prepared for burial and later taken to the Spencer home at Mira Gut. The late Mrs.

Spencer strayed from her home a week ago today and a search has been carried on continuously until her body was discovered.

#### British Camp

Today, I visited the sites of the British camp during the siege of Louisburg in 1758, which is on the north side of the Gabarus Road a short distance west of the "Three Bridges". On this trip I visited about 24 stone foundations of buildings and redoubts some of which I had not discovered until today.

### SEPTEMBER 1933

#### Thursday 21

Louisburg, N.S.

Mira Gut, N.S.

Cloudy and threatening with moderate to fresh southeast wind, increasing at night. Min temperature about [missing] Max temperature about 66.

#### Funeral of Mrs. Asaph Spencer

The funeral of the late Mrs. Asaph Spencer of Mira Gut whose body was found yesterday in the woods near Broughton took place from her late home at Mira Gut at 1:30 P.M. The funeral service at the house and grave were conducted by Rev. W.B. Bezanson of Glace Bay Baptist Church and Rev. E. A. Kinley of the Baptist Church, Sydney. Interment took place in the Spencer Cemetery, near the shore on the Spencer farm. The funeral was very largely attended, people in large numbers from the various towns of the country and the surrounding districts being present.

In company with B.M. Spencer I went to Mira on the 8 am. train and we both attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Spencer at 1:30 P.M. After arriving at Mira and before visiting the home of the deceased, Mr. Spencer and I visited the home of some of our friends and relatives at Mira Gut including Johnathan Martell, Charles Spencer, Mrs. Robert Phillips, Joseph Phillips, who is ill at the home of his son-in-law Mr. Parsons, Wesley Nicoll. From Mr Nicoll's we proceeded to Wellington Spencer's where we had dinner with Mr. Spencer and his son George, which we greatly enjoyed. Dinner being through, accompanied by Wellington and George Spencer we went to the home of Asaph Spencer, where the funeral was to take place arriving at about 1P.M. After the funeral we motored to Mira Station with Mr. Dillon of Round Island, and came home by train arriving at about 4 P.M.

### SEPTEMBER 1933

#### Friday 22

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy and showery. Min temperature about 54, max temperature about 66.

#### Hugh Braker arrested

Hugh Braker, of this town was arrested by Sergt. MacKinnon of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for violation of the Nova Scotia Liquor Control Act in attempting to sell liquor and having it in his possession, while attending a dance in the Masonic hall at about 11:30 P.M. Braker was placed in the Louisburg jail for the night. After the arrest of Braker the house where he resides with his mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. George Braker was searched by Sergt. MacKinnon

and Corporal Silver of the R.C.M.P. accompanied by Albert Baker, Louisburg police officer and a number of bottles of liquor were discovered.

Illicit trade in liquor appears to have been carried out to a greater extent in Louisburg this summer than for many years. But Hugh Braker is the first "Bootlegger" to be caught with the goods in this vicinity.

## **SEPTEMBER 1933**

### **Saturday 23**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy with a few showers, partly clear in the late afternoon, wind southwest shifting to west and northwest. Min temperature about 14, max temperature about 60.

#### Police Court

At 11 a.m. Hugh Braker, who was arrested last night on a charge of violating the Nova Scotia Liquor Control Act was up before stipendiary magistrate, B.M. Spencer who after hearing the evidence of Sergt. MacKinnon of the R.C.M.P. at the request of Rod Kerr of Glace Bay, Counsel for the defense, adjourned the hearing until 10 a.m. on Thursday, Sept 28, 1933.

## **SEPTEMBER 1933**

### **Sunday 24**

Louisburg, N.S.                      Catalone, N.S.

Cloudy and cool with moderate northerly wind. Min temperature about 44, max temperature about 61.

#### Services at Catalone

At 11 a.m. and 3 P.M. Emeline and I attended services in the United Church at Catalone. The preacher for the day was Rev. J.A. MacLellan, pastor of the United Church of Bridgeport, N.S., who was assisted in the services by Rev. D.A. MacMillan of Louisburg. At the 11 a.m. service the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed. At the 7 P.M. we attended the annual "Rally Day" service of the Sunday School in the First United Church, which was in charge of Rev. D.A. MacMillan. After the English service at 11 a.m. at Catalone, Rev. Mr MacLellan delivered a Gaelic sermon for the benefit of the Gaelic speaking members of the congregation.

We left Louisburg for Catalone with Mr. William MacAulay of Catalone who motored to Louisburg for the purpose of taking some of the members of the Louisburg choir to assist in the services. When we reached the junction of the New Boston Road the steering gear of Mr. MacAulay's car refused to function. At that junction the Sydney and Louisburg bus came along and the party consisting of the Misses Blanche Cross, Ella Tutty, and Margaret MacMillan, Emeline and myself boarded the bus and arrived at Catalone in time for the service at 11 a.m. After the 11 a.m. service at Catalone we had dinner at William MacAulay's.

Returning we arrived home at about 5 P.M. Emeline by motor car with Mr. and Mrs. Rod MacLeod, while I came with Mrs. J.A. MacDonald and party by motor car.

## **SEPTEMBER 1933**

**Monday 25**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool with light southerly wind. Min temperature about 50, max temperature about 66.

**William Grove Cemetery**

At 7:30 P.M. I attended a meeting of those interested in rebuilding the fence around the part of the United Church Cemetery on the north side of Clarke's Road (formerly "William Grove" Presbyterian Cemetery). Those present were: D.J. MacInnis, John R. DeFries, John N. MacDonald, Neil MacVicar, Lauchlin MacIntyre, Alex Ferguson, Charlie Beaver, Archie MacVicar, Edgar Morrison, John MacRury, Rev. D.A. MacMillan, James H. MacKinnon, Edward MacVicar, Archie MacDonald, Dan Johnston and myself. On motion I was appointed Chairman of the meeting, while D.J. MacInnis acted as Secretary. It was decided to get the material for the fence and start work at once. The committee in charge of the work are as follows: D.J. MacInnis, Dan M. Johnston, Lauchlin MacIntyre, Alex Ferguson, Archie MacDonald and myself.

**SEPTEMBER 1933****Tuesday 26**

Louisburg, N.S.

Mild and mostly cloudy with light winds. Min temperature about max temperature about 68.

**SEPTEMBER 1933****Wednesday 27**

Louisburg, N.S.

Sydney, N.S.

Moderately warm and mostly cloudy with light winds. Min temperature about 46, max temperature about 68.

**Meeting of Mayors**

At 10:30 am I motored to Sydney in Sullivan's bus, arrived at Sydney at 11:30 am. Had dinner at the Vidal Hotel. Called at residence of Judge Crowe but learned that he was ill, so I did not see him. Called to see the Postmaster at Sydney respecting the routing of mails to Louisburg, particularly the Halifax papers which frequently are forwarded to Louisburg by the train which does not arrive until 4 P.M. at Louisburg instead of sending them by the bus mail which arrives at 10 a.m. After explaining the matter to the postmaster he promised to have the matter adjusted so that we can receive the newspaper by the morning mail regularly.

At 3 P.M. I attended a meeting of the mayors of the various towns of Cape Breton County for the purpose of dealing with an offer made by a women's Institute in the Annapolis Valley to supply vegetables in car load lots to the poor in the Cape Breton Counties towns and the City of Sydney, who are receiving and shall be in need of direct relief, at present and during the coming winter. As a body we accepted the offer and authorized Mayor S.E. Muggah of Sydney to try and arrange for free transportation over the Canadian National Railway. It was agreed among those present that the distribution should be carried out on a proportionate basis according to population. If satisfactory arrangements can be made with the C.N.R. this distribution should prove a great help to the various centers who have to supply direct relief to a number of their citizens. The meeting was held in the Council chambers of the City hall, Sydney and those present were: Mayor

Muggah of Sydney, Mayor MacCormick of Sydney Mines, Mayor Kelley of North Sydney, and myself. City Clerk: MacDonald acted at Secretary. Mayors MacVicar, Glace Bay, Hinchey of New Waterford and Mitchell of Dominion, fail to show up.

Returning I left Sydney at 6 P.M. on Sullivan's bus, arriving at Louisburg at 7P.M.

## **SEPTEMBER 1933**

### **Thursday 28**

Louisburg, N.S.

Warm and mostly cloudy with light southwest wind which shifted to easterly in the evening. Min temperature about 56, max temperature about 74.

#### Fire Brigade

At 8 P.M. I went to the firemen's hall for the purpose of attending a meeting of the fire brigade but as only five firemen put in an appearance the meeting was called off. Those present were: R.A. Peters, (Chief) James Burke, Rannie MacVicar, John Parsons, and myself.

## **SEPTEMBER 1933**

### **Friday 29**

Louisburg, N.S.

Foggy and warm with light southwest wind. Partly clear for a short time at noon. Showers accompanied by thunder and lightning during the early part of the night. Min temperature about 54, max temperature about 74.

## **SEPTEMBER 1933**

### **Saturday 30**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cool and mostly clear with moderate northerly wind. Min temperature about 42, max temperature about 64.

#### Visit to British Camp

At about 10 a.m. I got Michael Kennedy to drive me by motor car to the "Three Bridges" on the Gabarus Road enroute to the site of the British Camp during the siege of 1758. Leaving the road about a half mile west of the Three Bridges I turned off to the right and continued through the woods in a north and northeasterly direction until I came to Landing Cove Brook, where the British road of 1758 crossed the brook. On my way through the woods I visited a number of stone foundations and redoubts which I had visited before and discovered several new ones.

#### Church Meeting

In the evening I attended a joint meeting in the First United Church of the Board of Stewards, the Ladies Aid and the MacMillan Club of the First United Church. This meeting was called for the purpose of considering the question of repairs to the church and installing of the bell of the former Calvin Church in the church tower. After quite a long discussion on the matter of repairs and

finances, the meeting adjourned to meet again on October 14, 1933. John H. Skinner was chairman of the meeting and Mrs. Rod J. MacLeod, Secretary.

## **OCTOBER 1933**

### **Sunday 1**

Louisburg, N.S.                      Salmon River, N.S.

Clear and moderately cool with light to moderate southwest wind. Min temperature about 36, max temperature about 64.

#### **Memorial Service**

At 10:15 a.m. Wesley Townsend took Mrs. Jeanette Spencer, Emeline and me for a motor ride to Salmon River where we had dinner at Clifford Huntington's. At Clifford's we met mother and Heber who had motored down to meet us there. At 2:30 P.M. we all assembled in the Baptist Church where a memorial service was held to celebrate the 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival at Salmon River of Caleb Huntington, first settler of British origin in this part of the country. The service was conducted by Mr. Maxwell MacOdrum, Presbyterian Ministerial student who has been stationed at Marion Bridge during the summer months.

## **OCTOBER 1933**

### **Monday 2**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with moderate southwest wind. Cloudy at night. Min temperature about 54, max temperature about 68.

## **OCTOBER 1933**

### **Tuesday 3**

Louisburg, N.S.

Rain during the early morning, cloudy and cool during the day, clearing at night. Moderate northeast to north wind. Min temperature about 44, max temperature about 58.

#### **School Board**

At 7:30 I went to the town hall for the purpose of attending a regular meeting of the school board, but as only one member besides myself (Clarence Peters) arrived there were not enough for a quorum so the meeting was called off for tonight.

## **OCTOBER 1933**

### **Wednesday 4**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and cool with fresh northeast wind. Min temperature about 40, max temperature about 58,

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

## **OCTOBER 1933**

### **Thursday 5**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy and drizzly with moderate to fresh northeast wind. Heavy rain during the night. Min temperature about 45, max temperature about 58,

### **S.S. HOLMEWOOD**

Today's newspapers carried the story of the seizure of the Steamer "HOLMEWOOD" yesterday at Haverstraw, New York with a cargo of 25,000 cases of liquor on board. The "HOLMEWOOD" is very familiar to the people of Louisburg having been laid up at this port from Feb 5 to Sept 5, 1933, when she sailed for Sydney. She returned to Louisburg on the 9<sup>th</sup> of September and sailed again on the 17<sup>th</sup> for parts unknown. This ship was said to have been very successful in smuggling liquor into the United States during the summer of 1932, but as far as I am aware this is the first time she has been caught red handed. The HOLMEWOOD is Canadian built, having been operated by the Canadian Government Merchant Marine as the "CANADIAN PATHFINDER". She was later sold in England and her name changed to the "HOLMEWOOD". She was purchased by the Continental Indies Shipping Company Ltd. and her port of registry was changed to Bridgetown Barbados when she sailed from here. She was in command of Captain Carter and carried a crew of 24 men. At the time of sailing her officers were: First Mate: Willis; Second Mate: Stanley Shaw, Chief Engineer: Duff, Second Engineer: Hollett or Hawbolt. The names of the crew which were placed under arrest after they abandoned the ship were given as follows: Henry Churchill, Walter Hussey, Ray Moser, Thomas Vatcher, (Stewart) Victor and Thomas Vatcher, George and David Barrett, Louis and Thomas Hennebery, Fred Morgan, Alex MacClemmon, Ray Willis, Ray Mater (Mader), Sam MacDonald, (Louisburg) William Howard (Wireless Operator) William Walsh, Frank Harvey. The officers escaped arrest by fleeing in automobiles after they landed from the ship when they found that their smuggling plot had been discovered. The balance of the crew did not get away in time and were rounded up by the police.

## **OCTOBER 1933**

### **Friday 6**

Louisburg, N.S.

Heavy rain in the early morning , followed by very heavy intermittent showers during the day and night. Heaviest rainfall for several months. Min temperature about 52, max temperature about 68. Light southwest wind.

## **OCTOBER 1933**

### **Saturday 7**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy and foggy with heavy showers. Light southwest wind. Min temperature about 58, max temperature about 68.

## **OCTOBER 1933**

## **Sunday 8**

Louisburg, N.S.

Heavy rain in the early morning which continued through the greater part of the day. Min temperature about 54, max temperature about 65.

Fresh to moderate southeast to east winds. Strong breeze during the night.

At 11 a.m. and 7 P.M. in company with Emeline I attended services in the First United church, Rev. D.A. MacMillan conducted both the morning and evening service. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered during the morning service. Owing to the bad condition of the weather the congregations were small at both services.

## **OCTOBER 1933**

### **Monday 9**

Louisburg, N.S.

Heavy rain with strong wind in the early morning. Stopped raining and wind moderated shortly after daylight. Cloudy and cool with light easterly wind during the day. Min temperature about 48, max temperature about 54.

#### Death of John Snow

Today, I received a letter from Mrs. B.M. Armstrong, Box 37, Middleton, Annapolis County, N.S. dated October 7, 1933 stating that John Snow had passed away on that date in the Memorial hospital, Middleton. She also stated that Mr. Snow had asked her to write me and ask me to pay her the balance due to her for board amounting to \$30.00. Just why he should ask her to present that request to me I am not prepared to say as I am in no way legally liable for his bills, neither is it a debt of honor as Mr. Snow was in no way connected with the ties of kinship. I passed the letter on to his sister Mrs. Charles Shaw of this town and I understand she intends making an effect to raise the amount among his relatives. Mr. Snow was a former resident of Louisburg, but has not been here for any length of time for upwards of twenty five years.

## **OCTOBER 1933**

### **Tuesday 10**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy with moderate southeast wind, increasing at night. Heavy rain at night. Min temperature about 48, max temperature about 58.

## **OCTOBER 1933**

### **Wednesday 11**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with moderate to light northwest wind. Min temperature about 52, max temperature about 62.

At 10:30 I motored to Sydney in Sullivan's bus for the purpose of attending a meeting of the Mayors of the various towns of the County of Cape Breton, the City of Sydney and the wardens

of the Municipality of the County of Cape Breton. Arrived at Sydney at about 11:30 a.m. Had dinner at the Vidal Hotel. Called on Judge Walter Crowe at 1 P.M. At 3 P.M. attended a meeting in the Council chambers of the city hall, Sydney where the following were present: Mayor S.E. Muggah, Sydney; Mayor A.E. MacCormick, Sydney Mines; Mayor F.J. Mitchell, Dominion; Mayor Hinchey, New Waterford; Warden D.H. MacLean, Municipality of County of Cape Breton; Mr. Scott of the Relief Commission of Sydney. At this meeting we discussed matters in connection with Direct Relief at some length and decided to attend a meeting of the Executive of the Union of N.S. Municipalities to be held at the City Hall, Halifax on Friday, Oct 13 at 10 a.m. pursuant to a resolution passed by the Union of N.S. Municipalities at the Convention held at Liverpool, N.S. in August 1933. It was also decided that after the meeting of the Executive we should go before the Government at Halifax and lay before them our views respecting the taking over and administering by the local and federal Government of all Relief. Left Sydney on Sullivan's Bus at 6 P.M. Arrived home at 7 P.M.

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

#### Death of John MacNeil

The death of Mr. John MacNeil occurred this morning at the home of Arnold Severance, Louisburg. Mr. MacNeil who was about 80 years of age, had moved here from St. Peter's and had purchased the property of the late John W. MacDonald, on Main Street, where he intended to reside. In the meantime he was stopping at Mr. Severance, where he was found dead in his room.

### **OCTOBER 1933**

#### **Thursday 12**

Louisburg, N.S.

Sydney, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with light to moderate southwest wind.

#### Death of Mrs. Neil Townsend

The death occurred at the City Hospital, Sydney last night of Mrs. Neil Townsend, of Sydney after a short illness. Mrs. Townsend was formerly Miss Lilly Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Smith of Louisburg. She is survived by her husband, one child, father, mother, four sisters and four brothers.

At 3 P.M. I left here for Sydney on Sullivan's bus en route to Halifax for the purpose of attending a meeting of the Executive of the Union of N.S. Municipalities called for the purpose of discussing matters respecting Direct Relief.

Arrived at Sydney at 4 P.M. called on Judge Walter Crowe at his home 233 Esplanade. Had supper at Vidal Hotel. Left Sydney by train for Halifax at 7:20 P.M. accompanied by Mayors: S.E. Muggah of Sydney, F.J. Mitchell of Dominion, and Frank Rowe, County Solicitor and Treasurer of the Municipality of Cape Breton County. At Sydney Mines we were joined by Mayor A.C. MacCormick. After spending a social evening with my fellow Mayors, I retired to my berth at about 11 P.M.

#### Fire at Louisburg

Shortly after midnight tonight fire broke out on the roof of the Dominion Coal Company's Coal Pocket, just northeast of the Boiler house on the west side of the pocket. The firemen responded quickly to the alarm and soon had the blaze under control, but not before quite a large hole had been burned through the roof. The roof was in a very bad state of repair, so that the actual damage was not great.

## **OCTOBER 1933**

### **Friday 13**

Halifax, N.S.

Mostly clear and moderately warm.

#### Arrival at Halifax

At 9 a.m. the Cape Breton delegation to the meeting of the Executive of the Union of N.S. Municipalities consisting of Mayors: Muggah of Sydney, Mitchell of Dominion, MacCormick of Sydney Mines, Blair of Inverness and County Solicitor, Frank Rowe arrived at Halifax and went to the Halifax Hotel where we engaged rooms and had breakfast. At 10 a.m. we attended a meeting of the Executive in the City Hall. Among those present were: H.W. Johnstone, President, Judge Arthur Roberts, Sect., Mayors Muggah, Mitchell, MacCormick, Blair, Mosher of Dartmouth, Read of Amherst, A.H. Sperry, Municipal Clerk Lunenburg, Warden Andrews of Digby Co., Town clerk Crawford of Amherst, Warden Munroe of Kings Co., Councillor Pettipas of Dartmouth, Mayor A.A. Thompson of Halifax, H.S. Farguhar, Windsor and myself.

After discussing various phases of the Relief Situation as it affected the various towns and municipalities, we adjourned at 1:30 P.M.

After lunch we again assembled in the Provincial Building, at 3 P.M. where we met the Premier, Angus L. MacDonald and his cabinet consisting of: Mr. MacQuarrie, Attorney-General, A.S. MacMillan, Minister of Highways, J.A. MacDonald, Minister of Agriculture, Michael Dwyer, Minister of Mines, J.W. Cormier and Mr. Anderson, Ministers without Portfolios. At the meeting which was held in the Premier's office, we discussed the Relief Situation from all angles. The Cape Breton delegates advocating that the burden of relief be taken over entirely by the Government in order to keep the towns and municipalities from bankruptcy. We received a very courteous hearing. Adjourned at about 5 P.M.

At about 8 P.M. Mayors: Muggah, Mitchell, MacCormick, County Solicitor Rowe and I attended a picture show at the Capital Theater.

## **OCTOBER 1933**

### **Saturday 14**

Halifax, N.S.

Rained all day with light northeast wind.

At about 10 a.m. I visited the Education Office and interviewed Mr. H.R. Skinner, assistant Supt. of Education respecting the withholding of the Special School grant from the Louisburg Town School to which I think the school was justly entitled. Mr. Skinner refused to entertain my contention that the grant should have been paid, on the grounds that the school board did not purchase any additional school equipment during the 1932-33 term.

#### Visit to Chronicle and Herald Offices

At about 2 P.M. in company with Mayor: Muggah of Sydney, Mitchell of Dominion, MacCormick of Sydney Mines and Frank Rowe, County Solicitor, I visited the office of the Halifax Chronicle, where we met Mr. MacLeod of the Chronicle staff. On leaving the chronicle, Mayors Mitchell and MacCormick and I visited the Halifax Herald where we had quite a pleasant chat with Mr. Rankine of the Herald staff.

#### Visit W.W. Dickson

At about noon Mr. Dickson called for me at the Halifax Hotel and took me to dinner at his home on Selden Street. Returned to the hotel at about 1:30 P.M.

#### Left for Sydney

At 6:20 P.M. the party consisting of Mayors: Muggah, Mitchell, MacCormick, County Solicitor Frank Rowe and I left Halifax for Sydney by train. After spending a pleasant evening chatting with the above gentlemen I retired to my berth at about 11 P.M.

#### Funerals

The funerals of the late John MacNeil and Mrs. Neil Townsend took place at Louisburg this afternoon. Services conducted by Rev. D.A. MacMillan at the houses and graves. Interment in United Church Cemetery on Clarke's Road.

### **OCTOBER 1933**

#### **Sunday 15**

Sydney, N.S.

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and cool with moderate northwest wind.

#### Arrived at Sydney

Arrived at Sydney at about 7:45 a.m. in company with Mayor Muggah of Sydney, Mayor Mitchell of Dominion and County Solicitor Frank Rowe. Mayor MacCormick having derailed at Sydney Mines.

Had breakfast at the Vidal Hotel. Left Sydney for Louisburg on Sullivan's bus at 9 a.m. arrived at Louisburg at 10 a.m.

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

### **OCTOBER 1933**

#### **Monday 16**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with light southwest wind. A perfect day. Min temperature about 36, max temperature about 63.

Open Season

The season for Partridge shooting in the Province of Nova Scotia opened today. The season closes on October 31.

## **OCTOBER 1933**

### **Tuesday 17**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and moderately warm with light to moderate southwest wind. Min temperature about 42, max temperature about 61. An ideal day.

#### Death of Elias Townsend

The death occurred this morning of Mr. Elias Townsend at the home of his daughter, Mrs. William Tutty on Kent Street. Mr. Townsend who was a native of Louisburg and lived here nearly all his life was about 92 years of age.

## **OCTOBER 1933**

### **Wednesday 18**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy and foggy with very heavy showers. Light to moderate southwest wind which shifted to northerly in the late afternoon. Min temperature about 36, max temperature about 61.

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

## **OCTOBER 1933**

### **Thursday 19**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and cool with light winds. Min temperature about 32, max temperature about 54. Frost in the morning but not heavy enough to damage plants in the gardens.

#### Funeral of Elias Townsend

The funeral of the late Elias Townsend took place from the residence of his daughter, Mrs. William Tutty, Kent Street at 1:45 P.M. A short service was held at the house by Rev. E.G. Gabriel of the Anglican Church, the remains were then taken to the church where the regular funeral service was held. The services at the house, church and grave were conducted by Mr. Gabriel. Interment took place in the Anglican Cemetery on Clarke's road. The pallbearers were: Neil Murphy, Matthew Parsons, Martin Levatte, and Edgar Bates. I was present at the house and church.

#### Council Meeting

A regular meeting of the Town Council was held in the council chambers at the Town hall at 7:30 P.M. Those present were: Councillors: D.J. MacInnis, Wesley Townsend, Clarence Peters and myself. Also B.M Spencer, Town Clerk and Policeman, Albert Baker.

#### Judge Appointed

It was announce today at Ottawa, by Sir George Perley, Acting Prime Minister that John Doull, K.C. of New Glasgow had been appointed a Judge of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, and that R.H. Murry of Dartmouth , N.S. had been made a County Court Judge for the County of Halifax.

## **OCTOBER 1933**

### **Friday 20**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear in the morning, but became cloudy early in the day. Showers at noon and during the night. Min temperature about 29, max temperature about 58.

#### **Visit of Dr. Solvan**

Dr. David Solvan, Chief Inspector of Schools accompanied by Dr. W.A. Creelman, Inspector of schools for Cape Breton East, paid a visit to the Louisburg High School this afternoon. I met him in the school building at about 2 P.M. and had an interview with him, respecting the special school grant which was withheld from the Louisburg school owing to the alleged failure on the part of the School Board in not having complied with the conditions as laid down by Council of Public Institutes regarding the payment of such grants. Dr. Solvan claimed to be in no way responsible for the grant of \$325.00 having not been paid, but admitted that we were in the right in pressing our claim for said special grant.

Miss Bertha Huntington and Miss Elinor Huntington arrived on the 4:15 P.M. train for the purpose of spending a few days at Louisburg. While here they are our guests and we are very glad to have them come.

## **OCTOBER 1933**

### **Saturday 21**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and cool with fresh to moderate northwest wind. Min temperature about 29, max temperature about 52.

#### **Police Court**

Hugh Braker was up before Stipendiary Magistrate, B.M. Spencer at 10 a.m. this morning on a charge of violating the Nova Scotia Liquor Control Act. Braker was found guilty and sentenced to pay a fine of \$100.00 and costs \$6.25 or serve thirty days in the county jail at Sydney. D.A. Cameron, K.C. of Sydney prosecuted the case while Roderick Kerr of Glace Bay, defended. Hugh Braker was arrested by Sergeant MacKinnon, R.C.M.P. on the night of Sept 22, 1933 while attempting to dispose of liquor at a dance in the Masonic hall and after spending the night in Louisburg jail was taken before Stipendiary Spencer and after hearing some evidence the case was adjourned until Sept 28, 1933. It was further adjourned from time to time until finally disposed of today.

George Braker, Stepfather of Hugh Braker, was also before the Stipendiary this morning on a charge of having liquor in his residence, not purchased from a Government Liquor Store. This case arose from a search of the Braker residence by Sergt. MacKinnon and Corp. Silver of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, on the night of Sept 22, 1933 when several bottles of liquor

were found on the premises. After hearing the evidence Stipendiary Spencer dismissed the case. As in the case of Hugh Braker, D.A. Cameron prosecuted and Rod Kerr defended.

## **OCTOBER 1933**

### **Sunday 22**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cool and mostly with light northwest wind. Min temperature about 26, max temperature about 54.

Frost in the morning. Dahlias and other tender plants damaged to some extent. First frost this season heavy enough to cause any serious injury to gardens. Saw the first ice of the season on a pail of water in the back yard.

#### Visit of James L. Tryon

Mr. James L. Tryon, Director of Admissions of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, who is at present visiting the Universities of the Maritimes Provinces as previously arranged, arrived here at about 10 a.m. from Sydney, accompanied by Mr. O.N. Mann, President of the Sydney Board of Trade. On their arrival they called on me and I accompanied them on a visit to Lighthouse Point and the Louisburg National and Historic Park where I pointed out to them many points of historic interest. Mr. Tryon is a student of history and greatly enjoyed his visit to the ruins of the ancient French city. At Lighthouse Point we went to the top of the Lighthouse from which we had a splendid view of the Islands, harbor, coast and the site of the Fortress in the distance. At the Park, we visited the museum, Citadel, monuments, all the cemeteries, Hospitals, Black rock and other places of interest to a student of history. On arriving back from the park at about 1:30 P.M. Mr. Tryon and Mr. Mann had lunch with Emeline and me at our house, after which they departed for Sydney by automobile at about 2:30 P.M.

At 7 P.M. in company with Emeline I attended service in the First United Church. Emeline was also to church at 11 a.m. Both services were conducted by Rev. D. A. MacMillan.

## **OCTOBER 1933**

### **Monday 23**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear in the morning but becoming cloudy early in the day. Heavy rain at intervals during the day. Fresh to moderate southwest wind. Min temperature about 42, max temperature about 60.

#### Change in Timetable

“Mike” Sullivan’s Bus Service between “Sydney” and “Louisburg” which was inaugurated on May 24, 1933 changed its timetable today. The new arrangement provided for two trips a day instead of three, as formerly, except on Saturdays when the schedule is the same as the previous one. Under the new schedule the bus leaves Sydney at 9 am. 3pm and leaves Louisburg at 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 P.M. On Saturdays leaves Sydney at 9am, 1:30pm and 6 P.M. Leaves Louisburg at 10:30 a.m., 3 P.M. and 7:30 P.M. Time required to make the run between the two points, one hour, fare, one-way : one dollar, return: one dollar and fifty cents.

## **OCTOBER 1933**

### **Tuesday 24**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool with showers. Heavy rain during the evening. Moderate southeast wind. Min temperature about 36, max temperature about 62.

#### Marriages

The marriages of Dan Ferguson of this town to Miss Lena Baldwin of West Louisburg and Lawrence Kelly of West Louisburg to Miss Louise Ranson of this town, took place at 8:30 a.m. in the Roman Catholic Church, Louisburg. The ceremonies in both cases were performed by Rev. D.H. Doyle, Parish Priest.

#### Meeting of School Board

At 7:30 P.M. I attended and presided at a meeting of the School Board. Commissioners present: Clarence Peters, John A. MacDonald, and myself. B.M. Spencer, clerk of the board and Arthur Ormiston, Principal of the School were also in attendance.

## **OCTOBER 1933**

### **Wednesday 25**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy with rain in the afternoon and evening. Moderate southeast wind which increased to a heavy gale in the evening. Wind moderated at about 8 P.M. and shifted to southwest. Cleared at about 10 P.M. Min temperature about 38, max temperature about 64.

## **OCTOBER 1933**

### **Thursday 26**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cool and mostly cloudy with moderate to fresh northwest wind and a few specks of snow flying in the air. Min temperature about 28, max temperature about 46.

#### Police Court

Mr. G.A. Siteman, of this town was up before Stipendiary Magistrate B.M. Spencer at 2 P.M. on a charge of having in his possession birds that were killed out of season. Mr. Siteman pleaded guilty and was fined \$10.00. The fine was paid. The birds which consisted of 1 "Yellow Leg" and 1 Plover were shot by his grandson, Johnson Siteman last week and were found at the Siteman home by Ivan Bagley and Corporal MacLean of the R.C.M.P.

I understand that Johnson Siteman, who is only about 14 years of age is to be haled before Judge A.D. Campbell in the Juvenile Court on a charge of violating the game laws.

## **OCTOBER 1933**

### **Friday 27**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and cool with light variable wind. A perfect day. Min temperature about 24, max temperature about 45.

Heavy frost in the morning. Ice slightly over 1/4 inch in thickness.

## **OCTOBER 1933**

### **Saturday 28**

Louisburg, N.S.

Mostly cloudy with light to moderate southeast wind. Rain during the night. Min temperature about 40, max temperature about 56.

## **OCTOBER 1933**

### **Sunday 29**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy with showers.

At 11 a.m. and 7 P.M. in company with Emeline I attended services in the First United Church. Rev. A.C. LeGeow of Victoria Road United Church, Sydney occupied the pulpit in the morning, in the absence of Rev. D.A. MacMillan who had exchanged pulpits with him for the morning service. Mr. MacMillan returned in the afternoon and conducted the evening service as usual.

## **OCTOBER 1933**

### **Monday 30**

Louisburg, N.S.                      Sydney, N.S.

Mostly cloudy with light wind.

#### **Meeting at Sydney**

At 1:45 P.M. Wesley and I motored to Sydney and attended a meeting at the City hall, Sydney in connection with the distribution of farm produce to be supplied by the Women's Institute, and distributed by the Sydney branch of the Red Cross Society. The meeting which was presided over by Mrs. (Dr) MacLeod was attended by representatives of the Red Cross Society of the various towns of Cape Breton and the City of Sydney. Among those present were Mayor Muggah of Sydney, Mayor Mitchell of Dominion and Rev. Father MacAdam of Glace Bay. The produce which is expected to arrive at Sydney on next Thursday morning on the "Isle Madame" consists of about 625 bags, 58 barrels, 32 ½ barrels and 4 boxes. It was decided to divide according to the population of the various towns and districts which were as follows: City of Sydney, Towns: North Sydney, Sydney Mines, Glace Bay, New Waterford, Dominion, Louisburg. Districts: Reserve Mines and Gardiner Mines. Louisburg's share with a population of about 1,000 was 1 ½ per cent amounting to 6 bags, 1 barrel and ½ barrel.

#### **Visit of Young People's Society to Sydney**

In the evening the members of the Young People's Society of the First United Church, Louisburg, about thirty in all, motored to Sydney on the invitation of the Young People's Society of St.

James United Church, where a joint meeting of the two societies was held in the assembly room of St. James Church, after which a social evening was spent. Four members of the Louisburg society: the Misses Ella Tutty, Beulah Cross, Normena MacLeod and Edith MacInnis were passengers with Wesley Townsend and me to Sydney in the afternoon. After Wesley and I had supper at the Vidal Hotel we picked up our passengers at their stopping places and took them to St. James Church. Wesley and I then drove back to the City proper and attended a picture show at the Capital Theater. After the show was over we motored back to St. James Church where we had lunch with the Young People before starting for home at about 11:30 P.M. We arrived home at 12:50 a.m. on Tuesday morning. Our passengers on the return trip were the Misses Blanche and Beulah, Ella Tutty and Edith MacInnis.

## **OCTOBER 1933**

### **Tuesday 31**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and cool with light to moderate northwest wind. Cloudy in the evening. Min temperature about 28, max temperature about 48.

#### **HALLOWEEN**

The usual Halloween Celebrations took place during the evening and late into the night by the young people of the town. Up to a late hour no serious damage to property had been reported.

In order to curb the activities of Halloween demonstration and prevent destruction of public and private property four special constables were sworn in today by Stipendiary B.M. Spencer and went on duty during the night. They were as follows: W.L. Skinner, Arthur Martell, Percy Mosher, and Archie Lahey. The above special officers were in charge of Chief of Police, Albert Baker.

## **NOVEMBER 1933**

### **Wednesday 1**

### **All Saints Day**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy and chilly with moderate to strong northwest to north winds. Min temperature about 36, max temperature about 45.

#### **Halloween Prank**

As a result of last night's Halloween celebrations, a number of gates were missing a few small bridges torn up, some fences damaged but nothing of a very serious nature occurred. A pig owned by L.H. Cann and kept in a small house on the lower Street was turned loose during the night by practical jokers, but was captured by the owner, assisted by his friends, a short time after the animal had gained his liberty.

#### **Choir Practice**

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

## **NOVEMBER 1933**

**Thursday 2**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool clearing in the afternoon, with light northerly winds. Min temperature about 28, max temperature about 48.

**Funeral**

The funeral of a child of Mr. and Mrs. John Kerr of Glace Bay took place this afternoon. Rev. D.A. MacMillan conducted the service at the grave. Interment took place in the United Church Cemetery, Louisburg on Clarke's Road. This child was two days old and died at the General Hospital at Glace Bay.

**NOVEMBER 1933****Friday 3**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool with light winds, clearing in the evening. Min temperature about 27, max temperature about 48.

**NOVEMBER 1933****Saturday 4**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool with light to fresh northwest wind. Heavy showers of rain at 1 P.M. Light snow squalls at night. Min temperature about 28, max temperature about 52.

Miss Bertha Huntington who has been visiting us since Oct. 20 left on the 9:15 a.m. train for Mira enroute to her home at Salmon River. Her sister Elinor who came here with her left for her home on last Monday by bus, via Sydney.

**NOVEMBER 1933****Sunday 5**

Louisburg, N.S.

Mostly cloudy with a few light snow squalls. Fresh strong northwest wind. Just a trace of snow on the ground. Min temperature about 25, max temperature about 34.

**Church Services**

At 11 a.m. and 7 P.M. Emeline and I attended services in the First United Church. Rev. D.A. MacMillan was the preacher at both the morning and evening service.

**NOVEMBER 1933****Monday 6**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cool and mostly cloudy with moderate northwest wind. Min temperature about 28, max temperature about 36.

## **NOVEMBER 1933**

### **Tuesday 7**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy and cool. Rain began to fall about 2 P.M. and continued during the afternoon and part of the night. Light southeast wind, which shifted to east and northeast and increased to a moderate gale. Min temperature about 20, max temperature about 42.

#### Meeting

In the evening I attended a meeting in the Masonic hall which was addressed by Rev. Dr. M.M. Coady of Antigonish in the interests of the fishermen of Louisburg and vicinity. Bert Wilcox was chairman (The attendance was not large owing to the conditions of the weather about 75 being present).

## **NOVEMBER 1933**

### **Tuesday 8**

Louisburg, N.S.

Mostly cloudy with fresh to moderate northwest wind. Showery. Min temperature about 30, max temperature about 48.

#### Motored to Sydney

At about 9 a.m. I motored to Sydney with Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Grant. Arrived at Sydney shortly after 10 a.m. Other passengers with the Grant's were Mrs. Edison Skinner and daughter, Lila, also Mrs. Fletcher Townsend. Had dinner at the Vidal Hotel. Returning I left Sydney with Mr. and Mrs. Grant and party at about 1 P.M.. Arrived home at 2 P.M. While at Sydney I called to see Chappell's Ltd. respecting the sale of Plate Glass in the Hooper Building which is now the property of the Town of Louisburg. Mr. Chappell told me he would take the matter under consideration and let me know shortly. He was unable to give a decided answer owing to his partner, Mr. M.R. Chappell, being out of the City. Called to see Judge Walter Crowe at his office.

#### Choir Practice

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

#### Police Court

Hugh Braker, of this town was placed under arrest by Sergt. MacKinnon of the R.C.M.P. and taken before Stipendiary Magistrate B.M. Spencer on a charge of having liquor in his possession not having been purchased at a Government Liquor Store. Braker pleaded guilty and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$50.00 and costs or to serve 30 days in the County jail. Braker took the days and was taken to the jail at Sydney by the officer.

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## **NOVEMBER 1933**

**Thursday 9**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cool and mostly cloudy with moderate northwest wind. Min temperature about    max temperature about 44.

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The offense for which Hugh Braker was convicted today took place at Louisburg on the night of September 22, 1933. On October 21, 1933 Hugh Braker was convicted on a charge of selling liquor on the night of Sept 22, 1933 and sentenced by Stipendiary Spencer to pay a fine of \$100.00 and costs or to serve 30 days in the county jail at Sydney. Braker being unable to pay the fine, had to choose the days but was not committed to jail until today, when he was convicted on a charge under the customs act. The two sentences make a total of 60 days.

**NOVEMBER 1933****Friday 10**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and cool in the morning but becoming cloudy early in the day. Light southeast wind which increased to a gale in the evening. Heavy rain during the afternoon and evening, accompanied by very bright lightning and heavy peals of thunder. Wind moderated after night fall. Min temperature about 22, max temperature about 50.

**NOVEMBER 1933****Saturday 11            REMEMBRANCE DAY**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and cool with fresh northwest wind. Min temperature about 24, max temperature about 46.

Today being set aside by the Canadian Government as Remembrance Day, is a general holiday throughout the Dominion.

The shops in Louisburg were open for business throughout the entire day with the exception of two : E.A. Grant's and Lewis & Co., which were closed at 4 P.M.

**Marriage**

The marriage of Mr. Anthony MacDonald of Glace Bay to Miss Bessie MacInnis of Louisburg, took place at the home of the bride at 1:30 P.M. today. The ceremony was performed by Rev. D.A. MacMillan, Pastor of the First United Church.

**Two Minute Silence**

At 10:59 a.m. one long blast was sounded on the power house whistle as a signal to observe two minutes silence in remembrance of those who gave their lives for King and Country during the Great War 1914-1918.

**NOVEMBER 1933**

**Sunday 12**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy with heavy rain. Fresh south to southwest winds which shifted to northwest and moderated in the evening. Cleared at night. Min temperature about 22, max temperature about 48.

**Church Service**

At 11 a.m. and 7 P.M., in company with Emeline I attended services in the First United Church. Both morning and evening services were in charge of Rev. D.A. MacMillan.

**Board of Stewards**

At the close of the evening services in the United Church, a special meeting of the Board of Stewards was held in the church. Those present were: John H. Skinner, Chairman, D.J. MacInnis, William Phalen, John N. MacDonald, John A. MacDonald, and myself. This meeting was called for the purpose of dealing with the matter of renewing the fire insurance on the church, \$3000.00 of which expires on the 19<sup>th</sup> of this month, Mr. A.A. Martell being agent for the company holding this policy. After a long discussion it was decided to drop this policy and renew for \$3000.00 with the firm of Kimber and Langley of Sydney, D.J. Matheson of this town being the local representative. The reason for making the change being that Mr. Matheson was a member of the United Church congregation and therefore entitled to at least a part of the insurance business.

**NOVEMBER 1933****Monday 13**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and cool with light northwest wind which shifted to southwest, increasing to a fresh breeze. Min temperature about 20, max temperature about 40. Slight trace of snow on the ground in the morning, disappeared during the forenoon.

**NOVEMBER 1933****Tuesday 14**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy with showers. Heavy rain during the evening. Strong south to southwest winds, reaching gale proportions in the afternoon. Wind moderated at about 7 P.M. and later shifted to westerly and blew heavily during the night. Min temperature about 38, max temperature about 54.

**NOVEMBER 1933****Wednesday 15**

Louisburg, N.S.

Mostly cloudy with strong westerly wind and a few light showers. Min temperature about 36, max temperature about 46.

**NOVEMBER 1933****Thursday 16**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cold and mostly clear with fresh to strong westerly wind and a few light snow flurries in the afternoon and evening. Min temperature about 12, max temperature about 46.

In the forenoon, Emeline motored to Sydney with Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Grant, Mrs. Fletcher Townsend and also one of the party. Returning they arrived at about 3:30 P.M.

## **NOVEMBER 1933**

### **Friday 17**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cold and partly cloudy with moderate northwest wind. Min temperature about 6, max temperature about 24. Trace of snow on the ground in the morning, owing to snow squalls in the afternoon, increased to about ½ inch.

Lower end of the harbour frozen over. Coldest weather at this season of the year for a number of years.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Huntington arrived on the evening train for the purpose of visiting us for a few days.

## **NOVEMBER 1933**

### **Saturday 18**

Louisburg, N.S.

Snowed moderate during part of the forenoon, followed by rain which cleaned off all the snow. Snowfall about ½ inch. Strong south to southwest wind which moderated in the afternoon. Cloudy and mild during the late afternoon and evening with light frost at night. Min temperature about 10, max temperature about 37.

#### **Birthday Party**

The Ladies Aid of the First United Church held a Birthday Party in Calvin Hall in the evening. In company with Clifford and Maria I attended the party. Took part in the Programme by singing solo entitled "Three Fishers went Sailing". Others who took part were: Mrs. William Phalen, Mrs. Maud Morrison, Mary Fleet, Miss Nancy Bowden, New Waterford and A.W. Stacey, John A. MacDonald was chairman.

## **NOVEMBER 1933**

### **Sunday 19**

Louisburg, N.S.

Mild and partly clear with light variable winds.

#### **Church Service**

At 7 P.M. I attend service in the First United Church. Service in charge of Rev. D.A. MacMillan. I was not out to church in the forenoon owing to Emeline being ill with a severe headache. Clifford and Maria accompanied me to church in the evening.

## **NOVEMBER 1933**

### **Monday 20**

Louisburg, N.S.

Snowed moderately nearly all day with light variable winds, clearing at night. Snow fall about 2 inches. Min temperature about 24, max temperature about 34.

#### Leave for Home

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Huntington, who have been visiting us since last Friday evening left on the morning train for Mira, enroute to their home at Salmon River.

#### Application for Relief

Archie Lahey, interviewed me in the afternoon and applied for relief for himself and family, owing to the financial condition of the town at present, the application was turned down for the present at least.

#### Application for Jail Keeper

Mr. Alden Reeves of Sydney interviewed me in the afternoon respecting the recommendation of a keeper for the county jail at Sydney which I understand is to be made at the January 1934 session of the Cape Breton Joint Expenditure Board. It is currently reported that the present jailer, Mr. MacKay is to retire in the near future. Mr. Alden Reeves is one of the applicants for the position.

## **NOVEMBER 1933**

### **Tuesday 21**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and moderately cold with moderate to light northerly wind. Snow squalls in the early morning. Min temperature about 14, max temperature about 28.

#### First Sleighing

About three inches of snow on the ground, sleighs made their first appearance on the streets this season today.

## **NOVEMBER 1933**

### **Wednesday 22**

Louisburg, N.S.                      Salmon River, N.S.

Cloudy, rain began to fall at about 11 a.m. and continued during the greater part of the day. Moderate to strong southwest wind.

#### Visit to Salmon River

Left Louisburg at 10:30 a.m. on Sullivan's bus, enroute to Salmon River, arrived at Sydney at about 11:30 a.m. Met Fred Huntington, with his car in front of the Vidal Hotel. We both had dinner at the Vidal Hotel before leaving for Salmon River at 1 P.M. Arrived at Heber's at about 2:15 P.M.

## **NOVEMBER 1933**

### **Thursday 23**

Salmon River, N.S.

Clear in the morning but became cloudy early in the day. Cloudy and cool with light northwest wind. Light frost in the morning and evening.

Spent the day around home.

#### **Murder at Glace Bay**

Mrs. Winifred Wilkinson, wife of William Wilkinson shot and instantly killed at the home of Daniel MacLeod, near Table Head, Glace Bay at about 2 a.m. this morning. Mrs. Wilkinson flew from her own home to seek refuge at MacLeod's, which was nearby, during a quarrel at the Wilkinson's home. Shortly after she arrived at the MacLeod home and while sitting in the dining room talking to Mrs. MacLeod a bullet fired from outside the house came through the window striking her in the head, killing her instantly. Walter Wilkinson, brother-in-law of Mrs. Wilkinson was arrested today and is now in jail charged with the murder.

## **NOVEMBER 1933**

### **Friday 24**

Salmon River, N.S.

Cool and mostly cloudy with light variable wind, mostly northeast. Light frost in the morning and evening.

Spent the day around home.

#### **Death of Christine Ferguson**

The death occurred at Louisburg today of Miss Christine Ferguson of that town. Miss Ferguson had been in poor health for a number of years but was not confined to her bed until quite recently. She was about 42 years of age.

#### **Schooner Douglas E. Parks**

The three-masted Schooner "DOUGLAS E. PARKS" which sailed from Louisburg yesterday afternoon enroute to Charlottetown, P.E.I. with a cargo of coal sprung a leak yesterday evening when about five miles southwest of Fourchu and was abandoned by her crew at 9 P.M. last night. At that time she was in a sinking condition and it was not considered safe to remain on board any longer. The crew consisting of Thomas Trenholme (Captain) Harry Trenholme, his brother, both of Louisburg and Wallace Miles of North Sydney landed in a dory this morning a short distance west of Fourchu, after spending the night exposed to the elements. The Douglas E. Parks is owned by Capt. William Trenholme of Louisburg.

## **NOVEMBER 1933**

**Saturday 25**

Salmon River, N.S.

Partly clear, showers of rain in the morning followed by snow squalls and frost. Fresh to strong northwest wind. Temperature at 8 P.M. about 22.

I went to Clifford's at about 1 P.M. where I spent the afternoon, returning at about 4:30 P.M.

**Death of David Buckley**

The death occurred at West Louisburg today of David Buckley, aged about 63 years. Mr. Buckley had been living alone for some time, and was found dead in the house which he occupied, by one of his neighbors.

**NOVEMBER 1933****Sunday 26**

Salmon River, N.S.

Clear in the morning but became cloudy early in the day. Moderately cold with light southwest wind. Light snowfall at night, followed by rain.

**Visited Severance Farm**

In the afternoon Heber and I visited Arthur's, where we were joined by Arthur and started on a "hike" to the Old Severance farm on the west side of the Gaspereaux River. At the Gaspereaux River bridge we were joined by Fred, Bertha, Elinor and Lillian Huntington and Ethel Dillon, who motored to that point to meet us. The party then proceeded on foot to the Severance farm and the site of the house that at one time stood on it. The buildings have disappeared many years ago but the old cellar still remains. We spent some time in trying to locate the grave where Mrs. Severance was buried, but failed to find the exact spot with any degree of certainty. Mr. Jeremiah Severance came originally from Upwick, Massachusetts and was one of the pioneer settlers of the Mira district. On June 7, 1809 Mr. Severance married Ruth Holmes, daughter of Stetson Holmes, of Holmeville, C.B. and settled on the above mentioned farm, shortly after the marriage where quite a large family were born. After the death of Mrs. Severance which took place on this farm, about 33 years later, Mr. Severance and family moved to the south side of the Mira River, opposite John Huntington's, where one of his sons, James made his home until his death some years ago. The rest of the family removed to Fourchu. Although it is about 90 years since the farm was abandoned, hops still thrive on the site of the old house, and plum trees near at hand yielded fruit during the past summer and appear to be a very healthy condition. Returning, we arrived home at about 4:30 P.M.

**NOVEMBER 1933****Monday 27**

Salmon River, N.S.

Rain in the early morning, cloudy and mild during the forenoon. Light southwest wind shifting to northwest and increasing to a gale. Partly clear during the afternoon. Frost at night.

Went to the woods with Heber in the afternoon and assisted him in cutting timber for repairing bridges.

## **NOVEMBER 1933**

### **Tuesday 28**

Salmon River, N.S.

Cloudy and cold with fresh northwest wind.

I spent the day around home.

Heber motored to Sydney and back.

#### **Marriage**

The marriage of Dan A. MacNeil of Sydney to Miss Margaret MacKenzie of Louisburg took place at Louisburg this morning. The ceremony was performed by Rev. D.H. Doyle in Stella Maris Church.

## **NOVEMBER 1933**

### **Wednesday 29**

Salmon River, N.S.

Louisburg, N.S.

Cold and mostly clear with moderate to fresh northwest wind.

#### **Motored to Louisburg**

At 10 a.m. Heber and I left Salmon River by automobile enroute to Louisburg. After considerable delay, owing to engine trouble, we arrived at Louisburg at 12:30 P.M. Heber left to return at 2:45 P.M. and arrived home at about 4 P.M. I brought with me from Salmon River, 6 bushels of potatoes and 2 bushels of turnips for use during the winter. Potato 70 cts a bushel and turnip 50 cts.

## **NOVEMBER 1933**

### **Thursday 30**

#### **St Andrews Day**

Louisburg, N.S.

Light snowfall in the morning which was followed by rain which by noon had thawed off all the snow and left the streets in a very muddy condition. Min temperature about 22, max temperature about 44. Wind southwest shifting to westerly at night.

#### **Council Meeting**

A meeting of the Town Council was held in the Town hall at 7:30 P.M. I was present and presided. Councillors present: D.J. MacInnis, Clarence Peters, Jeremiah Smith and Wesley Townsend.

#### **Death of Sir Arthur Currie**

Death at Montreal of Sir Arthur William Currie, G.C.M.G.K.C.B.L.L.D. Principal of McGill University, Montreal. At the close of the Great War and for some time previous, Sir Arthur Currie was commander-in-chief of the Canadian Forces Overseas.

### Chicken Supper

In company with Emeline, I attended a chicken supper in the C.M.B.A. hall at 6 P.M.

## **DECEMBER 1933**

### **Friday 1**

Louisburg, N.S.

Moderately cold and mostly cloudy with a few light snow squalls. Fresh to moderate north west wind. Min temperature about 24, max temperature about 37.

## **DECEMBER 1933**

### **Saturday 2**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cold and mostly clear with moderate northwest wind. Min temperature about 7, max temperature about 28.

### Meeting of Official Board

At 8 P.M. a meeting of the Official Board of the First United Church was held in the Church. There were about one dozen present including myself.

At this meeting it was passed that the United Church of this town adopt the "Cent a Meal" boxes for the purpose of raising money for missions.

A.W. Stacey was chairman of the meeting and Arthur Townsend was Secretary. Others present were: D.J. Matheson, J.H. Skinner, John MacDonald, William Phalen, John A. MacDonald, Rev. D.A. MacMillan, Mrs. A.W. Stacey, Mrs. Maud H. Morrison.

### Holdup at Glace Bay

Hugh MacDonald, Park Street Merchant held up at the point of a shot gun and robbed of \$116.00 by two masked bandits, while he was preparing to close his store for the night. No clue to the robbers.

## **DECEMBER 1933**

### **Sunday 3**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cold and mostly cloudy with moderate shifting winds, mostly northerly. Snow squalls during the afternoon. Snowfall about ½ inch. Min temperature about 6, max temperature about 24.

### Church Service

At 11 a.m. and 7 P.M. in company with Emeline I attended services in the First United Church. Both services were conducted by Rev. D.A. MacMillan.

## **DECEMBER 1933**

### **Monday 4**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy and cold with moderate northerly wind. Light snow squalls. Min temperature about 11, max temperature about 20.

#### Death of Sammy Johnston

Sammy Johnston, eleven year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan M. Johnston, Main Street, Louisburg passed away this evening at the home of his parents. After becoming ill several months ago, he was a patient in the City Hospital, Sydney where he had a leg amputated. After the operation and removal from the hospital to his home he gradually grew worse until death ended his sufferings.

### **DECEMBER 1933**

#### **Tuesday 5**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and comparatively mild with light variable wind. An ideal day. Min temperature about 15, max temperature about 29.

### **DECEMBER 1933**

#### **Wednesday 6**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy and mild with light southerly wind. Min temperature about 18, max temperature about 38. Rain during the night.

#### Funeral

At 1:30 P.M. I attended the funeral of the late Sammy Johnston, which took place from the residence to "Willow Grove" Cemetery on Clarke's Road. The service at the house and grave were conducted by Rev. D.A. MacMillan of the First United Church.

#### Choir Practice

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

#### Fire Claims Four Lives at Glace Bay

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Aucoin and two of their children, Harold, aged 7 and Josephine, aged 12 were burned to death by a fire which destroyed their home at Steele's Hill, Glace Bay at an early hour this morning. Two other children, Betty and Buddy were saved by their father and it was while Mr. Aucoin had returned to the burning building in an effort to save the other two and Mrs. Aucoin that they were caught in the flames and perished.

(Above details learned from Daily Press)

#### Arrested at Glace Bay

Joseph MacLean and Alex Feldman, aged 17 and 18 respectively were arrested at Glace Bay for the holdup on last Saturday night of Hugh MacDonald, Glace Bay merchant. It is stated in the press that both have confessed to their part in the crime.

### **DECEMBER 1933**

**Thursday 7**

Louisburg, N.S.

Heavy rain and strong southerly wind in the early morning. Clear with moderate to light west to northwest wind during the day. Min temperature about 26, max temperature about 41.

**Council Meeting**

At 7:30 P.M. I attended and presided at a regular meeting of the Town Council. Councillors present: D. J. MacInnis, Clarence Peters, Jeremiah Smith and Wesley Townsend.

**Supper and Sale**

At 6 P.M. Emeline and I attended a Supper and Fancy sale in the Parish hall held under the auspices of the Women of the Anglican Congregation.

**DECEMBER 1933****Friday 8**

Louisburg, N.S.

Mild and mostly cloudy with light winds.

**DECEMBER 1933****Saturday 9**

Louisburg, N.S.                      Sydney, N.S.

Cloudy and mild with light southwest wind. Rain during the night. Min temperature about 32, max temperature about 42.

**Motored to Sydney**

Leaving Louisburg at 10:30 a.m. I motored to Sydney by Sullivan's bus service, arrived at Sydney at about 11:45 a.m.. Called to see the City Clerk, James MacDonald at City hall and Finley MacDonald, K.C. City Solicitor, respecting Hospital bills due the City Hospital by the Town of Louisburg. Had dinner and supper at the Vidal Hotel.

Visited Judge Walter Crowe at the City Hospital where he's making a good recovery after a serious operation which took place two weeks ago. While at the hospital I visited A.C. Beaton, and Gerald Parsons, of Louisburg, both of whom have been there for several months.

On returning from the hospital, I called on Mrs. Anderson, 96 South Bentinck Street, with whom I had an appointment respecting the purchase of Hand Painted Xmas cards, calendars, pictures, chinaware, etc. I procured from her a number of cards, calendars, and pictures to be sold on a commission basis.

Placed an order with C.P. Moore Ltd. for hockey sticks, batteries and ammunition, etc.

Left Sydney by bus at 6:30 P.M., arrived at Louisburg at about 7:45 P.M.

**DECEMBER 1933****Sunday 10**

Louisburg, N.S.

Heavy rain in the early morning and up to about 10:30 a.m. Cloudy and misty during the remainder of the day. Moderate easterly wind. Min temperature about 34, max temperature about 44.

#### Church Service

At 11 a.m. and 7 P.M. in company with Emeline I attended services in the First United Church. Both services were in charge of Rev. D.A. MacMillan.

#### Death of Mrs. Bagnall

The death occurred at an early hour this morning of Mrs. Peniak Bagnall. Mrs. Bagnall, who had been ill for a number of years, resided with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bullock. She was about 91 years of age. Funeral tomorrow at 2 P.M.

### **DECEMBER 1933**

#### **Monday 11**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy, chilly and raw with strong southwest to west winds. Very unpleasant. Min temperature about 25, max temperature about 44.

#### Funeral

The funeral of the late Mrs. Peniak Bagnall took place from her late residence to the United Church Cemetery on Clarke's Road at 2 P.M.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. D.A. MacMillan, assisted by Mr. Campbell, Presbyterian Ministerial Student of Albert Bridge, Mira.

### **DECEMBER 1933**

#### **Tuesday 12**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cold and partly clear with strong north west wind. Light snow squalls at night. Min temperature about 12, max temperature about 27.

### **DECEMBER 1933**

#### **Wednesday 13**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and cold with strong west to northwest winds. Min temperature about 3, max temperature about 16.

### **DECEMBER 1933**

#### **Thursday 14**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy and cold with moderate to fresh northwest to north winds. Light snow squalls during the forenoon. Min temperature about 3, max temperature about 18.

## **DECEMBER 1933**

### **Friday 15**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and cold with fresh to moderate north west winds. Min temperature about 7, max temperature about 21.

## **DECEMBER 1933**

### **Saturday 16**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy and comparatively mild with light to moderate southerly wind. Snow began to fall at about 11 a.m. and continued moderately for several hours. Snowfall about 1 ½ inches. Min temperature about 17, max temperature about 31.

## **DECEMBER 1933**

### **Sunday 17**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy with light northerly wind. Snow squalls during the afternoon. Snow fall about 1 ½ inches. Min temperature about 14, max temperature about 24.

#### **Church Service**

At 11 a.m. and 7 P.M. I attended services in the First United Church. Both services were in charge of Rev. D.A. MacMillan. Emeline was not out to morning service owing to illness but accompanied me to church in the evening.

After the close of the evening service, Mr. and Mrs. A.W. Stacey and Wesley Townsend spent the evening with us.

## **DECEMBER 1933**

### **Monday 18**

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy, mild and threatening. Light to moderate easterly wind increasing during the night. Min temperature about 11, max temperature about 25.

#### **Tablet Dedicated**

At 7:30 P.M. I attended a service in St. Bartholomew Anglican Church at which a memorial tablet was dedicated to the memory of the Venerable Arch Deacon Thomas Fraser Draper, who died at Sydney on October 21, 1932, after having served St. Bartholomew Congregation, Louisbourg for fifty years. Mr. Draper's fiftieth Anniversary of a continuous pastorate was celebrated at Louisburg on August 4, 1932, a short time before he removed to Sydney to take up his residence. The service tonight was conducted by Rev. E.G. Gabriel, the regular pastor and Rev. Arch-Deacon J. Crewe of St Mary's Church, Glace Bay. Mr. Crewe delivered the address.

### Sale of Hooper Buildings

Today, Councillor Smith and I who were authorized by the Town Council to sell the Hooper buildings, which became the property of the town on June 10, 1933 as a result of a vesting order, sold the buildings to Walter Pearl, for the sum of \$35.00 on condition that they be removed on or before June 1, 1934. We received two tenders only as follows: Walter Pearl \$35.00 and John N. MacDonald \$1.00. Land not included in the sale.

### Storm Signal

The new storm signal on Townsend's Point on the south side of the harbour was used today for the first time since it was erected about a year ago. This signal mast was erected by the Dept. of Marine and Fisheries to replace the one which was blown down on Jan 18, 1932 and which stood about two or three hundred yards to the southeast ward of the present one. Thomas Wilcox is in charge of the signals.

### DECEMBER 1933

#### Tuesday 19

Louisburg, N.S.

Partly clear with light northwest wind. Min temperature about 20, max temperature about 28.

### DECEMBER 1933

#### Wednesday 20

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and moderately cold . Wind northwest. Min temperature about 16, max temperature about 28.

### Choir Practice

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

### Committed to Supreme Court

Walter Wilkinson, who was arrested at Glace Bay on November 23, 1933 charged with the murder of his sister-in-law, Mrs. William Wilkinson was today committed by Stipendiary A.B. MacGillivray of Glace Bay to stand trial at the next sitting of the Supreme Court, which meets at Sydney in February next.

### DECEMBER 1933

#### Thursday 21

Louisburg, N.S.

Cloudy and chilly. Snow began to fall at about 10:15 a.m. Snow followed by rain at about 3:30 P.M. Snowfall about 4 inches. Min temperature about 11, max temperature about 35.

### Athletic Club Organized

At 7:30 P.M. I attended and presided at a meeting in the Town hall called for the purpose of organizing an Athletic Club. The meeting was largely attended and the club got away to a good start. On motion, Edgar Morrison, was elected President and Eric Lewis, Secretary-Treasurer. I was elected Honorary President.

The members of the club intend to begin, immediately, to construct an outdoor rink. Edgar Morrison the President has kindly consented to allow a portion of his field to be used for that purpose. At tonight's meeting a committee was appointed to solicit subscriptions to cover the expenses of constructing the proposed rink.

## **DECEMBER 1933**

### **Friday 22**

Louisburg, N.S.

Mostly cloudy and moderately cold with light to moderate west to northwest wind. Snow squalls during the night.

The snow which fell yesterday drifted to a considerable extent so that portions of the street are almost bare while in other places there are five or six inches of snow. Both runners and wheels in use on the streets.

## **DECEMBER 1933**

### **Saturday 23**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and cold with fresh northwest wind. Snow squalls in the morning. Snow fall of last night and this morning about 2 inches. Min temperature about 8, max temperature about 24.

## **DECEMBER 1933**

### **Sunday 24**

Louisburg, N.S.

Snowed moderately during the greater part of the day. Snow followed by a light drizzle of rain which formed a light crust on the snow. Snow fall about 2 inches. Light variable wind during the first half of the day. Wind northeast to east in the afternoon increasing to a moderate breeze. Min temperature about 9, max temperature about 28.

### **Church Service**

At 11 a.m. and 7 P.M. Emeline and I attended services in the First United Church where the Rev. D.A. MacMillan the regular pastor conducted both the morning and evening services. Christmas music by the choir under the direction of John A. MacDonald, Choir Leader.

### **New Bell**

The bell installed in the Presbyterian Church during the past week was used for the first time this evening. The money used for the purchase of this bell was collected by Mr. Joseph Bullock of this town.

## **DECEMBER 1933**

### **Monday 25                    Christmas Day**

Louisburg, N.S.

Rain with thunder and lightning in the morning. Cloudy and foggy until about 2:30 P.M. when the sun broke through the clouds and gave us sunshine until sunset. Wind southwest shifting to northwest in the afternoon and increasing to a strong breeze at night. Frost during the night. Min temperature about 18, max temperature about 40.

The rain of this morning and the mild weather of the early part of the day, thawed off all the snow that fell yesterday, leaving the streets bare in many places.

#### **Christmas Gathering**

We had our annual Christmas family gathering at Mrs. Z.W. Townsend's. Those present at dinner were: Mrs. Z.W. Townsend, Wesley Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Townsend, Emeline and myself and Miss Cynetta King (maid). At Supper in addition to the above there were present: Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Grant. From about 10 a.m. until after 11 a.m. Wesley Townsend, Emeline and I listened to the Empire wide Radio Broadcast from London, England which we heard at Fletcher Townsend's. Radio reception was fairly good and we were able to hear quite clearly short addresses being broadcast from the following places within the British Empire: London, Dublin, Bermuda, Ottawa, Wellington, New Zealand, Sydney, Australia, Bombay, India and Cape Town, South Africa. At 11 a.m. His Majesty King George the Fifth broadcast a Christmas message to all his subjects which we heard quite distinctly. After the Empire wide broadcast was over we listened for a time to station C.J.C.B., Sydney, broadcasting a programme which included addresses by Mayor S.E. Muggah of Sydney, H.J. Kelly, Vice-President of the British Empire Steel and Coal Corporation. Finlay MacDonald, K.C.M.P. and messages from Mayors MacCormick, Sydney Mines, Kelly, North Sydney, Mitchell, Dominion, and McVicar, Glace Bay. Emeline and I returned home at about 10 P.M.

I had the shop open from about 4 to 5 P.M. for the purpose of delivering the Halifax papers which arrived by mail on the evening train.

## **DECEMBER 1933**

### **Tuesday 26**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and cold in the morning becoming cloudy in the forenoon. Light northwest to north wind which shifted to south east during the early part of the night and increased to a fresh breeze. Storm threatening. Min temperature about 6, max temperature about 22. Snow began to fall shortly before midnight.

## **DECEMBER 1933**

### **Wednesday 27**

Louisburg, N.S.

Snow followed by rain in the early hours of the morning. Cloudy during the day, partly clearing in the late afternoon. Wind southeast shifting to southwest and later in the day to west and northeast when it reached gale proportions. Snowfall about 4 or 5 inches. Cold at night. Min temperature about 6, max temperature about 41.

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

## **DECEMBER 1933**

### **Thursday 28**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and very cold with northwest gale, which moderated during the day. During the early part of the night the wind shifted to southwest and increased to a fresh breeze. Min temperature 9 a.m. 1 below zero, 6 P.M. about 2 below zero. Max temperature during the hours of daylight about 8 above zero. Moderated during the early part of the night before midnight reaching a maximum temperature of about -22. Snow began to fall at about 10:30 P.M. Coldest December day in my memory.

#### Fisherman's Union

On the invitation of the local Fishermen's Union, I attended a meeting in the Union room in the Town hall at 7:30 P.M. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the matter of approaching the Federal Government on the question of having a cold storage plant established at Louisburg for the benefit of the local fishermen and those along the coast from Fourchu to Glace Bay. After considerable discussion it was decided to delay the matter until further information can be obtained respecting the establishment of cold storage plants. The meeting was very poorly attended only 12 persons being present, 7 of whom were fishermen. The following are the names of those present, the first 7 of whom are fishermen: Daniel Fleet (Chairman) Bert Wilcox (Director) George Harris, Frank Hart, Ivan Fleet, Douglas Fleet, John Poole. Councillors: Jeremiah Smith, Alfred Tilley, A.A. Martell, Rev. A.B. Gabriel and M.S. Huntington.

#### Packing Ice

Lewis & Company began packing their 1934 ice supply today. Ice which is 15 inches thick is being hauled from Stewart's Lake by motor trucks. As far as I am aware this is the first time on record that ice storing began at Louisburg in the month of December.

## **DECEMBER 1933**

### **Friday 29**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and very cold with strong northwest wind which moderated in the evening. Bright sunshine all day. Snowfall of last night amounted to about 3 inches. Approximate temperature readings for the day, as follows: early morning: 24 above zero, 8 a.m. zero, 9 am. 3 below , noon 6 below, 2 P.M. 8 below, 3 P.M. 10 below, 6 P.M. 12 below, 9 P.M. 8 below, midnight 8 below.

Coldest December day in Louisburg in the memory of the oldest inhabitants and one of the coldest day I ever experienced. Vapor rising from the harbor and ocean all day as a result of the extremely cold weather.

Enough snow for good sleighing on the streets and highways.

## **DECEMBER 1933**

### **Saturday 30**

Louisburg, N.S.

Very cold and remarkably clear , bright sunshine all day. Fresh west to northwest wind which moderated in the afternoon. Min temperature about 14 below zero. Max temperature about 2 below. Thermometer reading for the day were approximately as follows: Early morning 14 below, 8 a.m. 12 below, 9 a.m. 8 below, noon 3 below, 1 P.M. 2 below, 3 P.M. 3 below, 7 P.M. 8 below, midnight 8 below.

Harbor nearly all frozen over in the morning but ice in the channel broke up during the day. Pedestrians crossing the harbour on the ice east of the Coal Pier.

Dominion Government Revenue Cutter, "ULNA", Captain James Fraser escaped from being caught by ice at Sydney and arrived here in the afternoon where she docked at the coal company's freight wharf.

## **DECEMBER 1933**

### **Sunday 31**

Louisburg, N.S.

Clear and very cold in the morning, moderated during the forenoon and became cloudy in the afternoon. Moderate southwest wind in the afternoon followed light variable winds of the early part of the day. A few light snow squalls during the afternoon. Min temperature about 12 below zero, max temperature about 28 above zero.

Thermometer readings as follows: Early morning 12 below zero, 8 a.m. 8 below, 9 a.m. 2 below, 10 a.m. 4 above zero, 1 P.M. 12 above, 10 P.M. 28 above.

Harbour all frozen over in the morning, clear out to Point Rockford and the Islands.

#### **Record for Louisburg**

At 9 a.m. today or shortly after there ended a period of 49 hours during which the temperature did not rise above the zero mark. As far as my memory goes this constitutes a low temperature record for Louisburg and vicinity not only for the month of December but for any time during the winter seasons.

Government Cutter "ULNA", Capt James Fraser sailed in the forenoon.

#### **Church Services**

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

A "Watch Service" was held in the First United Church beginning at 11:30 P.M. This service was in charge of the Young Peoples Society of the United Church. I was not present at this service.

**List of citizens and former citizens of Louisburg who died during the year 1933.**

Mrs. William Holland, Sydney Road		Feb 2
Daniel Ross, Sydney Road		Feb 10
Donald C. Wilcox, City Hospital, Sydney		March 5
Donald DeLaney, Louisburg		March 26
Beryl Skinner, Sydney		April 1
John W. MacDonald, Louisburg		April 14
Anthony Townsend, Louisburg		April 24
Malcolm MacDonald, Louisburg		April 25
Paul Bates, Louisburg		May 2
Miss Christina Crowdis, Louisburg		May 29
Ronald MacDonald, New Boston		June 2
Mrs. John Williams, Sydney		July 11
Angus Johnston, Sydney	funeral	July 13 Louisburg
Mrs. Benjamin Bates, Louisburg		Aug 21
Aubrey Mosher, Louisburg		Sept 12
William Bagnall, Sydney		Sept 16
John Snow, Middleton, N.S.		Oct 7
John MacNeil, Louisburg		Oct 11
Mrs. Neil Townsend, Sydney		Oct 12
Elias Townsend, Louisburg		Oct 17
Miss Christina Ferguson, Louisburg		Nov 24
Sammy Johnston, Louisburg		Dec 4
Mrs. Peniah Bagnall, Louisburg		Dec 10