

### Ice Conditions Improve In Cabot Strait

A narrow track, five to ten miles wide, is open for navigation from the Atlantic Ocean through Cabot Strait, an aerial patrol reported last night after a survey of ice conditions in the Gulf of St. Lawrence and adjacent areas. The track, towards the Newfoundland side of the Strait, is open for navigation in the daylight but ships would have to proceed with caution. A shift of wind might close it, Mr. Angus Brown, observer for the Department of Transport said. The patrol yesterday saw the S.S. Kyle of St. John's, Nfld., a semi ice-breaker, passing through the narrow channel in the ice, probably bound for Cornerbrook.

Except for the channel in Cabot Strait, the patrol yesterday saw little change in ice conditions from the previous day.

George Bay, N.S., is full of heavy ice which is slowly emptying through the Strait of Canso into the Atlantic.

The Gulf of St. Lawrence is clear of ice, except in harbors, west of a line between North Cape, E. I., and Heath Point, Anticosti. There is also a wide track of open water from the St. Lawrence River to Bird Rock.

Large herds of seals observed on the ice a few days ago have disappeared and apparently have taken to the water, Mr. Brown reported. Only scattered animals are to be seen now.

All harbors around P. E. I. are still closed. Heavy drift ice remains in Northumberland Strait from Borden to Cape George, N.S.

### SAYS FREIGHT

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of increasing. In 1945, for instance, the world's wheat yield was 8,000,000 tons below normal while last year the shortage had worsened to the tune of 2,000,000 tons, he said.

Mr. Mackenzie expressed admiration for the efforts of Netherlands farmers and said their methods demonstrated that farmers should extend their interests, not only in production, but also in the marketing field.

In this connection he referred to the operations of a certain huge co-operative wholesale warehouse that supplies 1,944 local branches. This he described as the "zenith of co-op endeavor."

Experiments now were under way in Nova Scotia "as in many lands," into the problem of erosion, which destroyed much valuable land.

One method of correction proposed by the Government was to reimburse farmers for the loss in reforestation projects on their holdings to check the wash-away of soil.

Mr. Mackenzie also outlined a Government effort to stabilize the dairy industry by a producers' "quota system" under administration of the Public Utilities Board.

Under the arrangement, each farmer may establish a production quota during a base period and his distributor is then obliged to purchase that quota from him at a fixed price during the remainder of the year. The dealer is obligated to buy any surplus milk also, but at current condensed milk plant prices.

### MURDERED LANDLADY

STURGEON BAY, Wis., April 7—(AP)—Police said today a first-degree murder charge will be filed against William Draws, 50, who sold police he struck his aged landlady with his fist and then thrust her body into a blazing furnace. Victim of the grisly slaying was 85-year-old Mrs. Richard P. Chady, a former socialite, whose corpse remains were found among the furnace ashes in her three-storey mansion Monday.

### BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

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### BIRTHS

ELLIS—At the Prince County Hospital on April 3, to Mr. and Mrs. Wendell D. Ellis, Summerside, a daughter, Susan Elizabeth.

HALLIDAY—At the Grace Hospital, Toronto, to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Halliday (nee Ruth Murphy) a son (David Gerald).

### DEATHS

PARKER—At the Prince Edward Island Hospital, April 7, Horace Parker of Georgetown, age 59 years. Remains will be forwarded from the Cutcliffe Funeral Home to his late residence today. Funeral notice later.

MACLEAN—At the P. E. Island Hospital on Wednesday, April 7th, John Archibald MacLean of Rocky Point in his 78th year. Funeral from the McLean Funeral Home today, Thursday morning, service starting at 10 o'clock, after which the remains will be removed to his late residence at Rocky Point where they will remain until Friday. Interment New Dominion Cemetery.

### N. D. MacLean

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MR. AND MRS. A. B. COSTAIN, Hamilton, wish to announce the engagement of their youngest daughter, Doris Lenora, to Leroy Donald, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Adams, Sea View. Marriage to take place in near future.

FUNERAL YESTERDAY—The funeral of the late Mrs. G. Chester Acorn was held yesterday afternoon from St. Peter's Cathedral. Interment was in St. Peter's Cemetery. Services were conducted by Rev. Canon E. M. Malone. The pallbearers were, G. F. Hutcherson, W. L. Brown, T. E. McNutt, E. F. Doyle, Byron Brown, R. L. Cotton.

JUNIOR HI-Y CLUB—The weekly meeting of the "Junior Hi-Y Club" was held at the home of Mr. Ralph McPherson last night. The meeting was opened by the president. Routine business was transacted, followed by an enjoyable sing song. Next week's meeting will be held at the home of Messrs. Jack and Bill McAndrew.

BOOST TO CAMPAIGN—The Red Cross, P. E. Island Division, fund raising campaign was given an added boost towards its objective yesterday when campaign officials announced that four firms, Home Motors, Carvell Bros., Rogers Hardware Company Limited and the American Can Company each donated \$100. The final supper meeting in connection with the city drive will be held this evening at Zion Church Hall.

CITY POLICE COURT—At the Specially Magistrate's Court yesterday, a man charged with operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated was sentenced to seven days in jail, and a drunk and incapable was fined \$10 and costs of 20 cents. A party appearing on two charges, one for breach of the Excise Act and the other under the Prohibition Act, was heard and adjourned for one week.

RECEIVES SAD NEWS—A telegram was received by Mrs. G.D. Fitzgerald last night, appraising her of the death yesterday morning of her cousin, Mrs. Hope Sents of Miami, Florida. The late Mrs. Sents spent her girlhood in this province and had many friends here. Dr. A. B. Reid of Victoria, P.E.I., is also a cousin of the deceased. Her immediate family are residents of Long Island, U.S.A.

CARS IN COLLISION—City police reported yesterday that a car proceeding west on Grafton Street was in collision with a car going north on Cumberland Street at the intersection of the two streets at 12:15 P.M. One car had its right front wheel, left fender and left door smashed, while the second car sustained damage to the right headlight and right side of the front fender. The occupants of the cars were not injured.

AWARDED DAMAGES—Damages of \$400 and costs were awarded J. Russell Smith, 27 Bayfield Street, City, yesterday afternoon against Est. Allan M. Johnson, R.C.M.P., by County Court Judge C. Gavan Duffy. The plaintiff (Smith) charged that Est. Johnson by the use of "unnecessary and unreasonable force" did on the 22nd of November, 1947, break and enter the plaintiff's house to execute a warrant which the plaintiff contended was defective; that Johnson tore off and carried away the plaintiff's door; and that the resulting confusion caused the plaintiff's wife, Margaret Smith, to have a hemorrhage. D.L. Mathieson, K.C., and Lester O'Donnell appeared for the plaintiff and Attorney General F.A. Large for the defendant.

### Personals

Miss Genevieve McMahon who has been with her mother during the past three weeks returned to her duties with the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Charlottetown.

Miss Betty Barwise, Charlottetown, spent the week end in Kensington with her friend Genevieve McMahon.

Mr. Art Cantwell, student at Acadia University, spent the week-end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cantwell, Weymouth Street.

### Service Officers Attend Canada's Top Military School

The second class of service officers attending the Canadian Army Staff College at Fort Frontenac, Kingston, Ont., are hard at work with their studies in the ten month course which commenced in January of this year. The class consists of 52 students representing the Army, services of five nations, who are finding that the concentrated curriculum requires a maximum effort to keep abreast of all the subjects which are required study.

The Staff College is a post-war departure for the Canadian Army and, for Canadians, replaces the Imperial Staff Colleges at Camberley in England, and Quetta in India, where Canadian officers were formerly sent for this training. The graduates of the college are intended to provide a stream of well trained staff officers fully qualified in their tasks to fill senior appointments and commands in their arm of service.

The College Commandant is Maj.-Gen. J. F. M. Whiteley, C.B. CBE, MC, of the British Army who is in this country on exchange. Mr. Whiteley has had a distinguished military career with a notable record in the Second World War.

Highlights of the course include visits to defence establishments across the country, and to several industrial concerns. The following photos show some of the activities of the students during the course:



Mr. H. W. Mah, a civilian employed at the Signal Research and Development Establishment near Ottawa exhibits a radio set in the "cold room" at the centre. He is explaining to the two members of the College, the development of a Canadian C-29 set which operates at temperatures as low as 60 degrees below zero. The students shown above are, left to right: Major D. W. Blyth and Capt. R. A. Bell, both of Winnipeg.

A radio that plays under water catches the attention of three members of the College on a recent visit to the Canadian Signal and Research Establishment near Ottawa. There was no comment from the goldfish in the bowl with the set but the students were duly impressed. They are, left to right: Capt. E. H. Shuter, London, Ont.; Maj. J. D. MacMillan of Ottawa; Capt. J. R. G. Bennett of Ottawa and Major G. W. Thompson.

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young man," he said. "That is why we have taken such a keen interest in the signals in Prince Edward Island."

"The whole nerve system in wartime depends on signals and there are times when if it wasn't for signals you could not go on. It is very romantic both in war and in peacetime. The Signal Corps has a very high reputation in the army and you should have no difficulty in getting the right type of young man into the service."

The General Officer Commanding traced the development of the system of signals from the days of flag waving and blinking lights to what it is today. Once a signaler himself, Maj. Gen. Foster gave the gathering some humorous incidents in his early days in the army.

Maj. Gen. Foster was introduced by Lt. Col. F. J. Storey, E.D., officer commanding 5th Infantry Division Signals Regiment. Col. Storey voiced the appreciation of those present for having such a distinguished group from Eastern Army Command headquarters in Halifax attend the function.

In addition to the speaker, those who came from Eastern Army Command Headquarters to attend the dinner were: Col. J. Wallis, O.B.E., chief of staff; Lt. Col. R. L. Houston, officer commanding Eastern Army Command Signals; Lt. Col. G. Grant, officer commanding the East Coast Signals (Reserve Force), and Capt. F. L. Duberville, public relations officer, Eastern Army Command headquarters.

Others attending the dinner included: Lt. Col. D. N. Bell, E.D., former officer commanding, 5th Infantry Division Signals; Lt. Col. W. W. Reid, D.S.O., E.D., 17th P. E. I. Recce Regt.; Lt. Col. G. E. Peake, D.S.O., E.D., officer commanding, 28th Light Aik Aik Regt.; Lt. Col. J. H. Shaw, officer commanding 21st Field Ambulance; Lt. Col. L. F. MacDonald, E.D.; Lt. Col. K. S. Rogers; Lt. Col. R. C. Ohandier, V.D.; Lt. Col. F. B. Conrad, M.M., E.D.; Maj. K. M. Johnston, second in command, 5th Infantry Division Signals; Maj. A. W. Rogers, second in command, 17th P. E. I. Recce Regt.; Maj. P. S. Jenkins; Major H. G. Williams, second in command, 28th Light Aik Aik Regt.; Capt. T. D. Cobb; Capt. J. J. Connolly, V.D., R.C.N. (R.); Capt. C. G. Pickard; Capt. D. D. Ross; Capt. C. S. Thompson; Capt. R. J. LeTourneau; Capt. E. A. McCarey; Flight Lieut. J. K. L. Irwin; Lieut. R. G. Dumont; 2/Lt. R. H. Jewell; 2/Lt. H. R. Hennessy; 2/Lt. R. L. B. Champlon; 2/Lt. L. D. Darraich; and 2/Lt. W. L. MacKinnon.

De Marigny Plans To Seek Entry To U.S. (By The Canadian Press)

MONTREAL, April 7—Alfred De Marigny, whose appeal for a stay of deportation proceedings was dismissed by the Supreme Court here today, will cancel his plans for return to Montreal and seek entry into the United States, his counsel, Marcel Gaboury, said today.

De Marigny, former husband of Nancy Oakes, daughter of the late Sir Harry Oakes in the Bahamas, went to Haiti some weeks ago on a temporary visa.

Refuse To Load Mail For Russia (By The Associated Press)

NEW YORK, April 7—The Soviet liner Russia sailed for Odessa today, minus some 5,000 Russian-bound bags of mail which A. F. L. longshoremen refused to load.

The motorship left her Brooklyn berth an hour behind schedule, after the longshoremen refused to "touch a pound of cargo for any Russian-owned ship."

### Chest X-Ray Centre News

The senior classes from Notre Dame Convent and Prince Street School are being X-rayed this week. The older pupils from the other City schools will probably all be examined next week. The T. B. League secretary is showing the moving picture "Goodbye, Mr. Germ" in several City schools.

This next paragraph is for the benefit of nervous persons only. If you have been X-rayed recently and receive a letter this week from 15 Grafton Street you need not worry about the news that it contains. It will be to advise you that your X-ray picture was not good enough for the doctor to read. About 1% of all films taken are below standard and the owners have to be asked to come in for a retake.

### ARRIVING TONIGHT

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meeting of the Committee which will take place in Norway in 1949.

In January, 1948, Mr. Dodds was honored by His Majesty, the King of Greece, on whose behalf the Cross of Commander of the Royal Order of Phoenix was presented to Mr. Dodds in appreciation of his services in aid of the people of Greece.

Lt.-Col. Simmons, M.B.E., was appointed Executive Commissioner for Administration at Dominion Scout Headquarters, Ottawa, in February, 1947. A former Boy Scout in St. Alban's Troop, England, Col. Simmons had previously been with the Bank of Montreal in Canada. He served as an officer of the R.C.A.F. from Sept. 5, 1939 until May 6, 1946, and saw service in Canada, Great Britain, North Africa, France, Belgium and Holland.

Born in Wheatthampstead, Hertfordshire, England, and educated at St. Alban's School in the shadow of ancient St. Alban's Cathedral, he joined the Bank of Montreal in London, England, for duty in Canada and came to this country in 1929 and served with the Bank in Regina, Moosejaw, Winnipeg, Fort William, and Toronto as well as in several smaller branches. He resigned from the Bank to take up his new duties at Scout Headquarters.

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Western secession. If the people of the country could get nothing by sending representatives to Ottawa, they would send them somewhere else.

Mr. Coldwell's non-confidence motion, on a Government motion to go into supply, asked the House to express its opinion on the Government's failure to defer the freight-rate increase was inimical to the best interests of the state and that it should reconsider its decision.

He said he realized a general election might ensue if the Government were defeated, but "the question is of such vital importance to the people of Canada that it should be decided by the people of Canada, if necessary."

First of its kind in almost a quarter-century, the investigation in freight-rate structure made by the House of Commons in 1947 and will be far broader than the 1 1/2-year investigation that culminated in last week's award of a 21-per-cent general rate increase to the railways.

The new inquiry, to be conducted by the Board of Transport Commissioners, is the Cabinet's answer to regional uproar against the Board's boost, which goes into effect tomorrow.

Governments of seven Provinces—all except Ontario and Quebec—had asked the Cabinet to withhold the new rates for 30 days until they could file a formal appeal. This request the Cabinet turned down, but announcing the rejection and the general inquiry to the Commons, Transport Minister Chevrier made clear that did not bar the Provinces from going ahead with their appeal.

The projected inquiry, Mr. Chevrier said, will be a "thorough investigation" into the whole rail-rate structure, with the particular object of levelling off "inequalities which may exist in the various regions across Canada."

The aim would be a "fair and reasonable" rate structure which "under substantially similar circumstances and conditions"—would be equal in application to all areas.

Such a structure, it was hoped, would permit "freest possible" exchange of commodities between Provinces and extend both domestic and foreign trade.

It would have "due regard to the needs of agriculture and other basic commodities."

Complaints that the existing rate structure had an effect since 1927—was unfair to some sections of the country had been voiced by regional interests at the Board's country-wide inquiry in the recently-concluded case.

Under Mr. Chevrier's announcement, the inquiry would touch on every phase of rail freight operations in the Dominion, and it was expected to be protracted.

It was recalled that the last investigation of the kind launched in 1925—took about two years.

At that time, the Board of Railway Commissioners ended with an extensive overhaul of the rate structure, still the basis for today's freight tolls.

In the order-in-council passed by Cabinet today, this fact was noted, and it added that many changes in the economy of the country had occurred in the meantime.

### Investiture In Confederation Chamber

At a short, impressive ceremony held in the Confederation Chamber at noon yesterday, Flying Officer Stewart MacDonald, Little Sands, P. E. I., was presented with the Distinguished Flying Cross, by His Honour Lieutenant Governor J. A. Bernard. Mr. J. W. MacKinnon, Deputy Provincial Secretary, presided at the function.

The citation was read by Flight Lieutenant W. R. Brennan, who was the Air Force aide to His Honour. Other aides were Lieutenant Colonel P. S. Fielding and Lieutenant Robert MacMillan, D.S.C., and Bar, while Squadron Leader W. C. Langstaff, D. F. C., Summerside, represented Air Commodore F. G. Waite, R. C. A. F. headquarters.

The following is the text of the citation: "Distinguished Flying Cross, 'Flying Officer Stewart MacDonald, Little Sands, P. E. I."

"The above mentioned officer has completed in various capacities numerous operations against the enemy in the course of which he has invariably displayed the utmost fortitude, courage and devotion to duty."

Following the presentation, brief congratulatory remarks were made by His Honour Lieutenant Governor J. A. Bernard, Premier J. Walter Jones, Opposition Leader Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan, O.B.E., and His Worship Mayor B. Earle MacDonald, O.B.E.

Flying Officer MacDonald, who is at present attending his fourth year at Prince of Wales College where he is engaged in pre-medical studies, expects to enter University next year to continue on for his Medical Degree.

Also present at the ceremony were Mrs. Stewart MacDonald, wife of the recipient, Hon. A. W. Matheson, Minister of Public Health and Welfare, and other relatives and friends.

The ceremony was brought to a close by the singing of The King.

### Air Cadets Have Range Practice

Last night the Air Cadet Boys held a "shoot" at the Armouries range.

High scores were recorded by the following:—

D. L. MacQuarrie  
R. Campbell  
G. D. Dennis  
H. E. Brown  
J. R. Bentley

Present on the range were Mr. W. R. Brennan, recently appointed chairman of the Local Air Cadet Committee and Mr. D. L. O'Rourke and A. G. MacMillan, members of this committee.

The local Squadron is including such training as the above in its curriculum which already embraced interesting courses in Aircraft Recognition, Navigation, Aero-Engine Mechanics, Theory of Flight and Service Familiarization. The instructors for most of these subjects have been supplied regularly by the R.C.A.F. Station at Summerside.

### Record Gypsum Output in N. S.

HALIFAX, April 7 (CP)—Gypsum production in Nova Scotia during 1947 reached an all-time high of 2,151,000 tons, 465,000 tons more than the previous year, the Department of Mines announced today. Value of the output was estimated at \$1,800,000.

The increase made gypsum production the fastest-growing mineral industry in the Province, second only to coal. The growth was described as phenomenal by W. G. Goudge, the Department's inspector of metalliferous mines and quarries.

Principal quarries are at Wentworth, Hants County on the mainland, and at Dingwall in Cape Breton. Storage and shipping facilities at Hansport on the Avon River are such that an 11,000-ton vessel can arrive, load and sail on the same tide.

WELLAND, Ont., April 7 (CP)—One year-old Wilfred Huntingdon died of carbon-monoxide poisoning today when gas from a flueless water heater escaped into the house. His mother, Mrs. Wilfred Huntingdon, and three-year-old sister Kay, were saved by Mrs. Douglas.

### APPLICATION

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must have been but a little over \$400,000 and wanted to know "who got the difference". Mr. Doyle said no one got the \$232,000, that the Island Telephone Company issued \$600,000 in shares which were taken in payment by the Atlantic Utility Company.

Mr. MacKay said the \$232,000 was all invested and that the \$649,000 was actually in the plant.

### Improvements

Asked by Mr. Martin what improvements the Company proposed to make in the service this year, Mr. MacKay said it would spend \$313,769 this year and that a considerable amount of that sum would be spent in Charlottetown, Summerside, he said, would have its dial system operating within a year but could not state when the same system would be installed in Charlottetown.

Mr. MacKay said he was at a loss to understand why Charlottetown should not have as good a service as Summerside. The City had more and better equipment than Summerside. He thought it possible that Summerside had a higher quality of operators. He said he would see that a trained supervisor would be brought to Charlottetown with the object of improving the service.

For the purpose of fixing subscribers' rates in the various exchanges, the Island Telephone Company had, with the approval of the Board of Public Utilities, classified the exchanges in groups according to the number of subscribers. Group V, by order of the Board on August 26, 1941, included those exchanges which had from 1,001 to 3,000 subscribers. Only Summerside and Charlottetown came within that group.

In granting the order, the then Board went on record as saying "no grouping beyond the 3,000 subscribers' stations is necessary in Prince Edward Island". Since then, Mr. MacKay said, the Charlottetown exchange has outgrown the 3,000 limit and now has 4,500 subscribers. As Summerside with only 1,300 subscribers is paying the same rate as Charlottetown with less than one-third the subscribers, the Charlottetown rate should be advanced.

### NOTICE

Owing to change in business all outstanding accounts must be paid by April 20th.

MRS. ALICE CARTER  
48 Road

### SCHOOL MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Rate Payers of Parkdale School, in Parkdale Hall, Friday, April 9 at 8 p.m., to consider plans and specifications of the proposed four-room addition to the school.

W. A. BURNS, Sec'y Trustees  
Parkdale School

### New Canadian Flag For Senior Officer

OTTAWA, April 6—(CP)—A new Canadian flag, to be flown from the ship of the senior Canadian naval officer afloat in both Canadian and foreign ports, has been adopted by the Royal Canadian Navy, Defence Minister Claxton announced today.

The flag will be dark blue, triangular in shape, surmounted by a white St. George's Cross. Previously the senior Canadian officer has flown the same flag as that in use by the senior officer of the Royal Navy.

The new pennant will be flown by the senior officer of any group of Canadian naval vessels. Only exception to the rule will be when the senior officer is an admiral or a commodore, when the flag or pennant of his rank will be flown.

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### ATTENTION

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