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BODIES OF TWO QUEBEC MAYORS FOUND IN BROOK

CANADIAN CARRIER TO GET NEW-TYPE BRITISH PLANES

Largest Live Poultry Shipment From Island To Bangor Processors

Says 20 Minutes Will Fill Out New Tax Forms

OTTAWA, Dec. 16 (CP) — Eighty-six per cent of Canada's 5,000,000 income taxpayers will report their 1948 tax on a new form that in most cases takes less than 20 minutes to fill out, Revenue Minister McCann said today. The Minister told a press conference:

1. Types of income tax forms have been narrowed from five to two and those two have been considerably simplified.
2. Special forms for farmers and fishermen, targets of numerous attacks in Parliament and outside, have been abandoned and they now will use forms similar to those for owners of small businesses and professional men.
3. Appointments to a three-man appeal board for income taxpayers should be announced shortly, possibly before the end of the year.

Dr. McCann said it was estimated that 3,000,000 taxpayers would use the first of the new forms.

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Ontario Legislature To Open February 10

TORONTO, Dec. 16 (CP) — The 23rd Ontario Legislature will open Feb. 10, Premier Kennedy announced today. Mr. Kennedy said there would not be a heavy program of legislation and the House would likely prorogue "some time in March."

Manitoba Suggests Margarine Conference

WINNIPEG, Dec. 16 (CP) — A high Provincial Government source said today Manitoba feels a conference of all the Provinces should be called to reach uniform conditions governing manufacture and sale of margarine.

LONDON Ont., Dec. 16 (CP) — The National Dairy Council is waiting for clarification of Government policy and intention before meeting to consider the problem of margarine, president J.H. Duplan said today.

He denied earlier reports that the Council will consider the possibility of obtaining an injunction against the manufacture and sale of margarine in Canada.

LATE FREEZE-UP

FREDERICTON, Dec. 16 (CP) — A light coating of ice sealed the St. John River here today — the second latest date in history. The record late freezing date was Dec. 18, 1922. Milder temperatures were predicted, indicating the ice formation might be only temporary.

Premier Optimistic Over Highway Conference Results

There is every reason to believe that Prince Edward Island will be linked up with the Trans-Canada Highway, Premier J. Walter Jones stated to The Guardian last night.

The Premier, accompanied by Hon. G. H. Barbour, Minister of Public Works and Highways, arrived in the city by plane from Ottawa yesterday evening. Messrs. Gordon R. White, Deputy-Minister of Public Works and Highways, and J. W. MacKinnon, Deputy-Provincial Secretary, who accompanied them in an advisory capacity, were expected to arrive later this night.

The conference, the Premier said, was held in camera, and nothing of a detailed nature could be released at present. However, he felt it had been "a satisfactory one from every standpoint" and that Prince Edward Island had profited by having representatives present.

Resources Minister MacKinnon, who presided at the conference, said at its conclusion that the conference had resulted in "general support" for the completion of the highway up to a high standard as quickly as available labor and materials made that possible.

The conference, which opened Tuesday morning, adjourned a little more than twenty-four hours later with all the Provinces in a general agreement.

Newfoundland, which will become Canada's 10th Province on March 31, next, had observers present.

Efficient Hunters Of Submarines

Prospects Of Other New Planes For R.C.A.F. Also Discussed.

OTTAWA, Dec. 16 (CP) — Prospects of new fighter planes for Canada's flying forces were in the news today with several developments, one of them hard and fast, the others still not firm.

They were:

1. Disclosure by the Navy that its aircraft carrier Magnificent is going to be equipped with new British aircraft that are "efficient hunters" of the new submarines.
2. Reports that the R. C. A. F. is planning to use an American jet-propelled fighter rather than the British Vampire for its regular fighter squadrons.
3. Indications that a Canadian mission is seeking patents and licenses from a California aircraft firm that would allow Canada to make a U. S. jet fighter here in addition to the long-range, all-weather jet plane being built to Canadian specifications by the Lockheed Company at Malton, Ont.

The Navy's announcement said the Magnificent will sail from Halifax in January to exchange the Firefly IV aircraft of 825 Squadron for the latest sub hunter — the Firefly V. Before returning at the end of February, her pilots (and observers) will attend the Royal Navy's anti-sub school at London. They will be schooled in aircraft tactics and joint air and surface operations against subs.

The new plane is an all-metal, non-jet, two-seater monoplane, powered by a Rolls-Royce Griffon engine. It is equipped with four 20 mm. cannon, radar, and the latest airborne anti-sub devices. Earlier Firefly IVs not specially designed as sub hunters.

The step is another indication of concern over submarine developments which have posed the chief post-war problem for Allied navies.

Air Force sources declined to comment on the latest sub hunter reports that the two regular fighter squadrons the R. C. A. F. will establish next year will use U. S. planes, but they said the auxiliary training unit at St. Hubert, Que., at least would continue to use the Vampire.

Wild Rumors Flood Chinese War News

NANKING, Dec. 16 (AP) — Government counter-attacks outside the walls of beleaguered Peiping and conflicting announcements of the escape or destruction of a trapped army group northwest of Nanking featured tonight's rumor-ridden Chinese war news.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek remained secluded. A reliable source said he was studying suggestions that he step aside to permit negotiations with the rampant Communists but nothing had developed.

HAD BEEN MISSING FOR WEEK

CHICOUTIMI, Que., Dec. 16 (CP) — The bodies of two Lake St. John district mayors, missing for a week, were found floating in a brook at St. Methode, about a mile from this North-east Quebec city.

The two 62-year-old Mayor Armand Gaudreault of St. Ludger and Theophile Cote, 47, Mayor of Perthuis, were last seen at a county council meeting in Roberval a week ago tonight. Others attending the meeting said the men had left with the intention of motoring to Quebec City.

Since their families reported they hadn't returned three days later, nothing had been heard of the men until a passing motorist saw the bodies in the brook.

Earlier it was feared they might have had an accident at an isolated spot. Their route to Quebec would have taken them along the Laurentide national park-highway.

ST. METHODE, Que., Dec. 16 (CP) — An automobile guardrail sticking up through the ice led to the discovery tonight of the bodies of two Lake St. John district mayors who had been missing for a week.

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Coming Events

- "Dance, Borden Dance Hall tonight. Excellent music.
- "Watch for Christmas Dance Announcement at Borden Dance Hall.
- "Dance, Coles' Workshop, New London tonight. Carreen service.
- Christmas Concert, Cable Head West School, December 20th.
- "Come to Hazelbrook Christmas Concert, December 22nd.
- "Christmas Concert, Emerald School, Monday, December 28th.
- "Reserve Friday night, Dec. 17 for St. Ignace School concert in Mayfield Hall.
- "Christmas Concert at Cherry Valley, Monday, December 20th, 8 P. M.
- "Cornwall Hall, December 20th. Meadbank School Christmas Concert.
- "Pictures at Morell every Tuesday, Friday and Saturday. Show 8:00 P. M.
- "Come to Hartsville Sunday School Concert in Hartsville Hall on Friday, December 17th.
- "Come all to Stanley Bridge School concert Wednesday, Dec. 22. Sale of candy.
- "Adult music group Hunter River hall Friday evening. Everyone welcome.
- "Dance in Crapaud Hall to Don Meier's Orchestra, Tuesday, Dec. 28th. Proceeds in aid of School.
- "East Wiltshire School Concert in North River Hall, Friday, the 17th.
- "My Store will be closed Saturday afternoon and evening, Dec. 19th. Open Friday night, Mr. Aubrey Cutcliffe, Fredericton.
- "Leading Hogs for Canada Packers Ltd. at Murray River, Monday, 20th December. Belle River, Tuesday, 21st December. E. R. Beck.
- "Cherry Valley Junior Farmers presents "Share the Wealth", Ugg School Hall, Friday, December 17th. Sponsored by Ugg, Kinross Junior Farmers.
- "Hold your sides, hold your seats. It's really a howl. That's "Her Husband's Affairs" playing at Macdonald Bros. Theatre tonight, plus The Three Stooges.
- "The Clyde River Young Peoples Union are holding a Christmas service in the Baptist Church on Sunday evening, December 19th, at 7:30 P. M.

Mackenzie King Says He Feels Fine; Observes His 74th Birthday Today

By CLYDE BLACKBURN
OTTAWA, Dec. 16 (CP) — Former Prime Minister Mackenzie King today observed his 74th birthday and told his reporter it had been "a very happy one."

In an informal, exclusive interview — first he has given since he stepped up the prime ministership last Nov. 15 — Mackenzie King said: "I feel as good as I did at 30."

He will be 74 tomorrow and probably it will be as happy a birthday as any he has had.

"For the first birthday in nearly 30 years he is free from the burdens of political party leadership. And it will be his first in nearly 22 years that he has been free of the responsibilities of government leadership."

"I have enjoyed the years," he said. "If I had them to live over again there are some things I would have done differently."

"But I would look back with better service. There is nothing better I had than my worthwhile all through."

Relaxed in the comfortable library on the top floor of his three-story Laurier House, the former prime minister commented on the observation of Goldwyn Smith that politics was "a noble calling but the meanest of all trades."

"Political life had been good to him, he said, and had opened the doors of friendship to him in all British sectors.

The Russian commander of Berlin, Maj.-Gen. Alexander Koltov, formally protested the French action, declaring the dynamiting was "illegal and arbitrary." He said he was not satisfied with explanations that the towers menaced air-lift planes.

It took 105 minutes to carry out the job. The towers — used before Germany's defeat to transmit the propaganda of Hitler, Goebbels and other Nazi leaders — were 262 and 393 feet high, respectively.

Today's dramatic action by the French illustrated how the split between the East and West is growing.

American and British oil men reported their companies will be put out of business in the Soviet zone of Germany next month. The Russians have organized a committee to take over the trade once handled by Standard, Shell and Coker (Anglo-Iranian) Oil Companies. In the event of outright expropriation it has not been disclosed what compensation would be granted. The changeover is effective Jan. 1.

24-Hour Storm Ties Up Traffic In Manitoba

WINNIPEG, Dec. 16 (CP) — Snowplows went into action today throughout Southern Manitoba to open highways blocked by a snow-fall lasting almost 24 hours. Scores of cars, buses and trucks were stranded.

The Highways Department held back the majority of its plows until this morning. An official said the plows were not allowed out during the storm because poor visibility might cause serious accidents.

"Most plows carry 11- or 12-foot steel fronts with V-edges," said the official. "It would be impossible to see approaching or straggled vehicles. We just couldn't take any risks."

One bus was stranded temporarily between Emerson, on the Minnesota border, and Letellier, 13 miles north.

The storm, which found approximately 8 1/2 inches of snow cascading on the country in most localities, disrupted the schedules of campaigners in two by-elections.

In the Federal constituency of Marquette, Justice Minister Garson and C.C.F. candidate Mrs. Earle Keating were reported to have vented to snowmobilers to make meetings.

Several Provincial Cabinet Ministers scheduled to speak in the provincial by-election campaign in Fairford cancelled their plans. Schools were closed in many rural areas.

Weather Holds Up Rescue Of Airmen

(By The Canadian Press)
ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Dec. 16 — Nine United States airmen marooned on a wind-lashed ice-cap in bleak Greenland remained in high spirits tonight although bad weather stalled rescue efforts.

The stranded men asked, only for sandwiches, meat, vegetables and fuel for their camp heater. "We're O.K.," they added over a small portable transmitter.

At Narssarsuaq, 100 miles from the men, a helicopter was tested today in preparation for possible use in a rescue flight. Gliders and ski-equipped planes have been brought in to carry out the job.

Salary Cheques From Santa For City Employees

Santa Claus speeded up his schedule yesterday for the benefit of the City's Employees' Municipal Association.

Last evening the members of the Association were called into the office of City Clerk James A. Fullerton where a small Christmas tree had been set up and decorated for their pleasure.

By far the most pleasing decorations on the tree were in 43 cheques of \$60 each which were granted the members of the Association as the result of Wednesday night's meeting of the City Council when it decided to grant the employees a salary increase of \$10 per month retroactive to July 1st, 1948.

Santa's gift last evening represented the retroactive pay.

N. B. Man Committed On Murder Charge

FREDERICTON, Dec. 16 (CP) — Phillip Nash, 24, was committed for trial on a charge of murdering Gerald Gaudet, 17, who died of a gunshot wound Nov. 19.

Soviet Radio Returns To Air After Dynamiting

By THOMAS A. REEDY
BERLIN, Dec. 16 (AP) — French engineers today blew up the giant transmission towers of Radio Berlin but only allented temporarily Soviet Russia's most powerful propaganda voice in Germany.

Twelve hours after dynamite brought the two tall towers crashing to earth in the French sector, Soviet commentator Heinz Schmidt was back on the air on the same wave length and apparently with the same broadcasting power.

Radio Berlin's personnel refused to say how they managed it, but German engineers said they might be using another tower at Potsdam.

Schmidt told his radio audience the day-long interruption of powerful Soviet broadcasting was caused by an "order from Washington."

The French said they blew up the towers in their sector because they menaced American and British planes flying into nearby Tegel Airport. The Russians had ignored a notice last month that the demolition would be carried out.

Radio Berlin's studio is in the

Douglas Perreault Sentenced To Hang

MONTEAL, Dec. 16 — Douglas Perreault was convicted tonight of the murder of Constable Emile Duranleau in last September's bank holdup in which two policemen were shot.

He was sentenced to be hanged March 25.

The King's Bench Court jury was out about 30 minutes.

The trial came to an end quickly with the testimony of Donald Perreault, unrelated to Douglas and one of a trio charged with murdering in the East-End killings.

Noel Cloutier has already been convicted and sentenced to be hanged March 11.

Donald Perreault, who testified for the Crown at the trials of both Cloutier and Douglas Perreault, linked Douglas with the shooting in testimony today.

Refugee Says Every Day Like Christmas In Canada

VANCOUVER, Dec. 16 (CP) — The sorrow and despair of life in war-ravaged Europe are a thing of the past for pretty, dark-haired Marianna Premovic as she prepares for her first Christmas in Canada.

The 22-year-old immigrant from Yugoslavia has found life in five months here "better than the best of dreams."

"Every day has been like Christmas. I don't see how Christmas can be any better," she said.

Marianna is employed as a governess for three children.

"My employers are putting on a party for me on Christmas Day," she said happily. "I know it will be wonderful."

Like many of the 80,000 Europeans who came to Canada this year, Marianna is here to begin life anew after release from a forced labor camp in Germany had left her a displaced person.

"You will understand, knowing Europe, it is for me a very friendly country. No distinction among people, not treated as a foreigner — they all accept you as one of them."

Marianna was taken from her native Serbia to a camp in Central Germany. Four years later she was repatriated when the Nazi regime capitulated.

From there she wandered about Western Germany until she finally found a job in a displaced persons centre.

No Authority Over Margarine Decision

TORONTO, Dec. 16 (CP) — The Ontario Government has decided it has no authority to regulate the sale and manufacture of oleomargarine, Premier Kennedy said today.

"We cannot find that we have any power to deal even with the colouring of the product," he said. "All the information we can get seems to indicate that the whole question is under federal control."

Regina Man Dies In Snowbound Car

REGINA, Dec. 16 (CP) — A death in a snowbound automobile early today was attributed to a storm that swept Southeastern Saskatchewan.

Lawrence W. Brown, 30, of Regina, died of a heart attack after shovelling snow for two hours in an effort to free the car, stuck 10 miles southeast of Regina.

Claim Higher Profits Have Little Influence On Prices

(By The Canadian Press)
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Result Of N. B. TB Examination

(By The Canadian Press)
SAINT JOHN, N.B., Dec. 16 — Of more than 35,000 persons examined by the New Brunswick Tuberculosis Association's mobile clinic, 131 were found to have disease described as "probably active," it was reported today.

Dr. G. E. Maddison, N.B. Brunswick director of tuberculosis control, said most of those affected were "in the early stages and a great many of them had no signs or symptoms that they had trouble."

Of 7,168 persons examined in Saint John, 20 had active disease.

Employment Group Approves Project

AMHERST, N. S., Dec. 16 (CP) — The Maritime Regional Employment Committee today approved in principle construction of a canal through the narrow Isthmus of Chignecto connecting New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

The motion of approval was proposed by J. J. Trainer of Charlottetown and seconded by Angus McLeod of Saint John, N. B. Judge W. F. Lane of Moncton, N. B., was chairman.

The motion said the committee was in accord with the suggestion that a committee be formed to press for the canal and other projects on the Isthmus. A survey should be made of the Federal Government and the three Maritime Provinces.

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ONE WAY TO HAVE A SHORT WINTER — MEET YOUR TAX PAYMENT IN THE SPRING!



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Regional forecasts:
Prince Edward Island: Intermittent snow and ice pellets changing to light intermittent freezing rain before morning and to rain by late morning. Rain ending early Friday afternoon clearing in evening. Mild. Light winds increasing to south-west 15 by morning and shifting to west 15 early in the afternoon. Low early Friday morning and high in the afternoon at Charlottetown 23 and 35.

High tide tonight at 12:05 and tomorrow morning at 10:07.

Sun sets this evening at 4:19 and rises tomorrow morning at 7:32.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

Daily Except Sunday
CAR FERRY "ABEGWICH"
Leaves Borden, 8:10 A.M. 1 P.M. 4:30 P. M.
Leaves Tormentine 10:35 A. M. 2:40 P. M. 7:30 P. M.
SUNDAY
Leaves Borden 6:45 P. M.
Leaves Tormentine 8 P. M.