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MADRID, Dec. 25.—Militiamen defending Madrid advanced more than three miles tonight in a slashing offensive against the insurgents in the shell-torn Bonilla sector, northwestern of this capital. An official communique issued by the emergency defence council said the insurgent forces retreated without offering any resistance. Many Fascist dead and large quantities of munition were abandoned by the retreating forces, the communique added. Pablo Yague, food-supply commissioner in General Joe Miaja's emergency Defence Council, was seriously wounded today in an attempted assassination. The assassin was halted by a group of armed men while en route from Madrid to Valencia in a Government automobile. He was pulled from the car and shot down by a volley of rifle bullets. The assailants had not been apprehended tonight. Yague was taken to emergency hospital where he was given a blood transfusion. One bullet pierced his lung and another struck his left arm. Physicians said his condition was grave. The insurgent batteries in the western sector launched a severe bombardment against the Telephone and Telegraph building in the heart of the capital late today. At 4 p. m. a 155-millimetre shell crashed through the 13th floor of the building and exploded in a room where 20 persons were working. None was injured. Another shell ploughed its way into bricks outside the 13th story windows of the building, sending a cascade of bricks and mortar into the street. Several pedestrians were injured by falling debris. The church of San Martin in the Rue De La Luna also was struck by several shells. Two children playing in the street outside the church were wounded by shell fragments. To the west and northwest of the capital the situation was calm. In the Ussera sector to the south Government militiamen staged a sortie, capturing an insurgent trench. A number of Moors were taken prisoner. An insurgent squadron of nine planes bombed the newly-won Government positions in the Pozuelo sector at noon. Government planes routed the squadron before any damage was caused.

**Christmas Greetings  
To Railway Employees**

MONCTON, N. B., Dec. 25.—The following Christmas message from S. J. Hungerford, chairman and president, Canadian National Railway, has been received by W. U. Appleton, vice-president and general manager, Atlantic Region. "To all in the service and to their families, I extend every good wish for Christmas and for prosperity and happiness through the coming year."

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**Laid Foundation  
For Progress In  
Civil Aviation**

(By GUY E. RHOADES)  
(Canadian Press Staff Writer)  
OTTAWA, Dec. 23.—(CP)—Progress was made in Canada's civil aviation program in 1936 though the most significant developments took place on the ground, dealt with the future and were somewhat hampered by the present.

The government decided to hasten the day when regular airlines will fly across the country and to name an agency to participate in a trans-Atlantic air service. Nobody knows definitely when the trans-Canadian air service will begin and the trans-Atlantic service must be preceded by a thorough program of experimental flying which has not been started. However, these things were done: Hon. C. D. Howe was named minister of transport and communication taking charge of civil aviation which formerly was under direction of the department of national defence.

Last July 25 Mr. Howe announced Canada would join the United Kingdom and the Irish Free State in forming a joint company to operate a trans-Atlantic service. The United Kingdom named Imperial Airways to represent it in the joint company and the three participating countries decided Imperial Airways would conduct survey operations which were postponed last summer. It was said orders for military aircraft were so pressing in Britain it was impossible to obtain delivery of sufficient civil machines to permit a start on the survey. War scares of the present, it was contended, delayed advent of the future service.

In the joint company Imperial Airways will hold 51 per cent of the stock, representatives of Canada and the Irish Free State 24 1-2 per cent each. Provision was made for co-operation of Pan-American Airways and it was decided a southern route might be flown via Bermuda and New York.

**ATLANTIC ROUTE SURVEY**  
A tentative route over which the survey will be made would have air harbors in England at the mouth of the River Shannon, in Iceland at Garder Lake in northern Newfoundland and at other points. The trans-Atlantic Airways would join the trans-Atlantic system at Montreal.

Canada and the Free State have not named their representatives on the joint operating company. Canada has named no company to fly its coast-to-coast airmail service, but Mr. Howe told a Montreal audience Nov. 2 it was hoped the service could be developed through co-operation of the railways and the government.

Groundwork on the trans-Canada airways is almost complete and at least 40 transport pilots have been trained in instrument flying on modern, high-speed planes. Civil flying of mail express and freight has expanded along the frontiers during the year. The post office department statistics show 94,490 pounds of airmail were carried during the 10 months ended Oct. 31, an increase of 37,217 pound over the figure for the corresponding period of 1935.

Some prophecy the trans-Canada service will start next year, others say it will not start for two years. It might take all next summer to map the Atlantic route, but Mr. Howe told his Montreal audience he expected a contract to operate between England and the Pacific coast by 1938.

On Dec. 4 the minister announced the government would not permit destructive competition on the trans-Canada line and would prevent it by using Mr. Howe's licensing authority. He warned investors to bear that in mind and avoid disappointment. Administrative plans reached the blue-print stage, but contractors did not appear on the scene and prospective personnel was busy serving its apprenticeship.

Meanwhile Canada's aviators figured in achievement in the air from the sub-Arctic to the Antarctic. Hollick-Kenyon of Winnipeg and J. H. Lyburner the Ontario-born flier, both well-known for their exploits in Canada earned international fame with the expedition to the Antarctic. They were honored in their own country by the award of honorary rank in the Royal Canadian Air Force.

W. M. Archibald of Kaslo, B. C., who learned to fly when he was more than 50 years of age, was awarded the J. Deane McKee trophy given annually for the most valuable contribution to aviation in Canada. During 1935 he had 450 hours flying, much of it under difficult conditions prevalent in the Rocky Mountains. He was responsible for inauguration of various air services to assist mining activities in Northern Canada.

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**Christmas Tree Thieves  
Again Active**

OTTAWA, Dec. 25.—(CP)—The cut-and-run Christmas tree robber, who whacks down your garden evergreens or raids the farm woodlot for a truckload of beautiful young conifers, has apparently been at it again this year. The wooded areas within convenient driving distance of the larger cities, particularly in Ontario, have again suffered depletion despite their owners' vigilance. Several instances have come to light of garden trees being cut down by vandals. Just the other day young evergreens planted around the University of Western Ontario buildings in London were slashed down and carried away.

There seems to be little to be done about it—unless you want to keep a 24-hour watch on your precious trees. In that case, the criminal code still provides for prosecution for trespass and theft. However, the 24-hour watch part of that formula does seem a bit heavy.

In some states across the border, it was learned here today, they have their own way of dealing with this growing problem (and no pun meant). As effective as any is a law Michigan adopted in 1933, providing, inter alia, that no person shall cut, remove or transport, for decorative purposes or for sale, Christmas trees or evergreen boughs without the written consent of the owner of the land whereon they grew. That permit has to be carried at all times. The penalty ranges from \$25 to \$500, or up to three months' imprisonment.

This law has operated as a salutary and much needed check on further pilfering of choice evergreen stock from private lands. Oregon, Colorado and Connecticut have acts drafted along similar lines, all centering around a certificate as to the origin of the Christmas tree being transported or sold.

Authorities here state that the matter is essentially one for the provincial government to deal with, since it has complete authority over forest products, whether originating on crown or private lands. There isn't any real danger of a Christmas tree shortage, forestry men say, but they object to this vandalism. If the supply of wild trees falls short in handy localities, it will always be possible to grow more as a profitable woodlot crop.

J. P. and Roy Kelleck, K. C. of Toronto. Stenographic reporting was in the hands of Robert Brydie of Toronto.

Considerable time will elapse before Justice Turgeon renders his report.

Meanwhile the summer months were occupied by a visit to the United Kingdom where the commission made certain inquiries. Returning to Canada, the commission continued investigations at Peterborough, Toronto, Paris, St. Catharines and Cornwall. Textile concerns of all sizes and character were probed and the set-up was pieced together in hearings which continued for three weeks at Ottawa in November.

When the commission adjourned "sine die" exactly 100 days had been put in on public hearings; exhibits filed with the commissioner totalled 1,246, and more than 4,250,000 words of evidence transcribed. Counsel for all parties concerned were given until Jan. 15, 1937, to prepare argument. Baristers active for the companies were

then moved to Three Rivers, where a strike in 1935 at the Wabasso Cotton Company's plant was investigated. Working conditions, the company's attitude to trade unions, the history of Wabasso since its inception, all formed the subject of inquiry.

Montreal was the next venue of the investigation with the financial operations of other textile companies being inquired into. After that the commission moved to Ontario.

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Tomorrow at 9 P.M.  
**GRATTAN O'LEARY'S BROADCAST**  
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These interesting highlights on "What's Behind the News" are sent to you as a radio feature by The Life Underwriters' Association of Canada.

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**R. C. A. Victor Gives  
Cash Distribution  
To Employees**

**PRESIDENT E. C. GRIMLEY POINTS OUT PROGRESS MADE IN EXTENDING EMPLOYMENT.**

Mr. E. C. Grimley, President of RCA Victor Company Limited, announced a cash distribution this week to all of the weekly and monthly employed staff in step with improved conditions and results for the year experienced by the Company.

At the same time an increase affecting a substantial number of hourly paid employees, following several such increases throughout recent months, has raised the scale of wages generally throughout the whole organization for the year.

Mr. Grimley further stated that due to the improved volume of business they had increased the average number of employees by one-third over last year, and by progress in planning and scheduling, had spread the employment out more evenly over the year; thus resulting in a steadier and longer period of employment to a larger number of workers than has been experienced for many years. He suggested that he had good reason to believe that other companies in Canada had also made progress in levelling out the term of their employment, as well as having increased wages during the past year. Mr. Grimley emphasized that constructive steps of this nature showed confidence on the part of the management of industry that will assure the acceleration of the economic recovery now well under way.

**Textile Inquiry  
Awaits Argument**

OTTAWA, Dec. 25.—(CP)— Designed primarily to establish whether the textile industry of Canada, operating under a high protective tariff, could justly itself to the taxpayers of Canada as needing such protection; whether the wages paid by the industry were commensurate with the impost, and whether advantage had been taken of the tariff to disburse large dividends in preference to increasing wages, the Royal Commission on which the inquiry was set up, was constituted last January. Its public hearings closed late in November.

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**MORNING**  
11.00 a. m. Theme: "A Glorious Promise for the New Year."  
2.30 p. m. Sabbath School and Bible Classes.  
Anthem—"Christians Awake, Salute the Happy Morn"..... Maunder (Solo parts by Mrs. (Rev.) G. C. Webster and Mr. Harry Craswell)  
Carol—"O Little Town of Bethlehem"..... Redner  
Mrs. Arthur H. Roper and Choir.  
EVENING  
Well known Christmas Carols will be sung by the Choir and Congregation.  
Selections from the Cantata "The First Christmas" (Ir. B. Wilson)  
7.00 P. M. Theme: "A New Year's Message for the Young."  
Come and join in the carol singing.  
Zion congregation extends to all best wishes for a blessed and joyous New Year.

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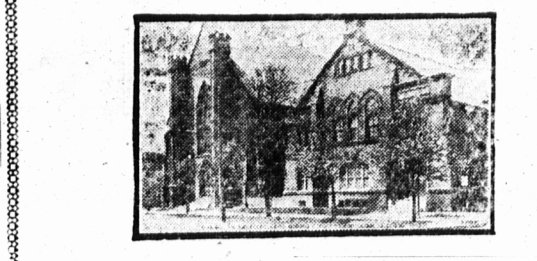
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11.00 A. M.—Public Worship.  
Sermon—"THE TEST OF DISCIPLESHIP"  
Rev. Hugh Miller  
Solo—"Of The Father's Love Begotten"  
—Arranged Healey William  
Miss Margaret Sterns  
8.30 P. M.—Sunday School and Bible Classes.  
7.00 P. M.—Public Worship.  
Sermon—"THE CHRISTMAS OUTLOOK FOR 1937"  
Mr. Harold Wright  
Anthem—"The Twilight Shadows Fall".... D. D. Wood  
Visitors Cordially Welcome.  
Morning Service Broadcast by C. F. C. Y.

**The Presbyterian Church in Canada  
St. James Church**

Minister:  
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Public Worship:  
MORNING AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK AND EVENING AT SEVEN O'CLOCK.  
Preacher, THE MINISTER.

Sunday School at Two-thirty.

Morning Music:  
Anthem—"The First Christmas Morn"  
Newton.  
Evening Music:  
Anthem—Selected.

Organist—Mrs. Keith Rogers.  
Choir Leader—Mrs. J. A. Lawson.  
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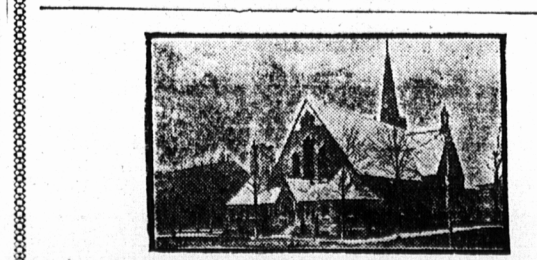
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Sermon—"Trudging Along"  
The Rev. H. L. Denton, B. D.  
Anthems—Selections from Christmas music repeated—Choir.

The CHURCH SCHOOL 2.30 P. M.  
On this last Sunday in 1936, bring the boys and girls with you to the Church School session to-morrow. 2 Senior groups meet 12 to 12.30 P.M.

EVENING WORSHIP 7 O'CLOCK  
Sermon—"Endor—or Bethlehem?"  
The Rev. H. L. Denton, B. D.  
Music appropriate to season.

Miss Vera H. Malcolm Campbell, Mus. Bac.  
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You are cordially invited to worship with THE BAPTIST CHURCH.

**St. Paul's Church**  
SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY



8.30 A. M.—Holy Communion.  
11.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon—"The Wise Men from the East."  
Offertory Anthem—"There Were Shepherds."  
—W. R. Spence  
3.00 P. M.—Children's Christmas Service. Address by Rev. G. Gillespie.  
6.30 P. M.—Organ Music.  
7.00 P. M.—Evening Prayer and Sermon "A Great Saviour."  
Christmas Carols.  
The Rector will preach at Morning and Evening Services.  
Watch Night Service at 11.30 on December 31st.  
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REV. H. D. RAYMOND, M. A.—Rector.  
REV. GEORGE GILLESPIE—Assistant Minister.

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Carol—"Once in Bethlehem o' Judea"..... Nevi  
Carol—"See Amid The Winter's Snow"..... Goss  
Soloists—Miss Nan MacKay and Mrs. Milton Stewart  
Children's Sermon.  
Sermon—"Pressing Onward."  
**EVENING SERVICE**  
Christmas Play—"Fulfillment"  
Assisted by Mr. Harry Porter