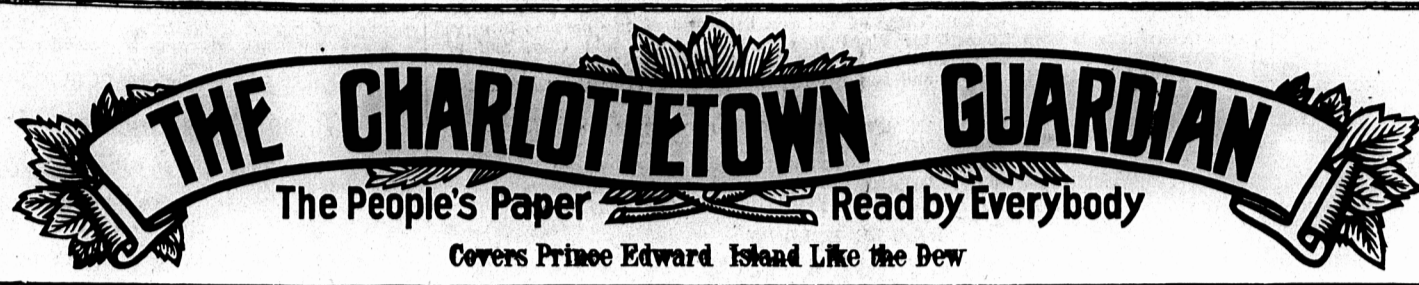


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Charlottetown, Canada, Wednesday, January 26, 1944 10 PAGES

## ALLIES EXTEND BRIDGEHEAD 12 MILES

### Mayor Holman Gives Encouraging Review Of 1943 Activities

The following report was submitted by Mayor B. Roy Holman at the annual meeting of the City Council last night:

"Tonight we have assembled to make our reports for the year which has just ended. Tonight also we are very near to a close the year for which we were elected by the taxpayers of this City.

Before giving my review of Civic activities for the year 1943, I would like to draw your attention to the improvement in the financial position of this City during the last year. On the 31st day of January 1943 the net debt of this City was \$2,207,410. On the 31st day of December 1943 the net debt of this City was \$1,581,513.28. In other words, the debt has been reduced by the sum of \$66,946.38. And I would like to draw your attention to the fact that in the last three years this City has invested \$190,000 in Victory Loan Bonds, which we today have in our Sinking Fund Investment account.

The year 1943 saw the passing of the following by-law: a special rate on the Sinking Fund Investment account.

(1) A By-law respecting Trunking and Trucking.

(2) A By-law, having been passed in Boston and the Knights of Columbus Hotel fire in Newfound, and it was felt that a special committee should be appointed to ascertain just what measures of fire being employed in our City. Following this investigation, practically every dance hall was closed until the re-com-



MAYOR B. ROY HOLMAN

mendations of this Committee were put into effect. As a consequence of these changes, we have adequate fire escapes, and the help is trained to take care of an emergency. I would recommend to the Harris Memorial Library was redecorated and a new fluorescent lighting system installed.

### Fish Market

The Fish Market was renovated and new regulations governing it drawn up, but the old method of auctioning the stalls does not seem to prove satisfactory. I would recommend to the new Council that they lease the entire Fish Market to one contracting party. I believe that this is the only way Char-

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### Navy Minister Has Confidence In Future

WINNIPEG, Jan. 25 (CP)—Confidence in the future and the confidence we may still have to face harder battles than any we have fought" were expressed here today by Navy Minister Angus Macdonald in a service club (Kiwanis) address.

"There is every cause for confidence and hope, but it must be sober confidence and solemn hope, because while much has been done, much more remains to do," he said.

He recounted Allied successes in 1943, and of successful U-boat attacks against the German U-boats in the Atlantic.

"Looking back, I think that the outlook is much brighter than it was at any time in 1943."

Mr. Macdonald paid tribute to the war effort of civilians, and said: "The work which the Canadian navy has done would not have been possible were it not for the fine support of civilians both individuals and organizations, who have by their encouragement and by their assistance stimulated and inspired us all."

### Explosion Takes Life Of Workman

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Jan. 25 (CP)—An explosion in an air compressor equipment on a construction project here killed one man and seriously injured another.

Joe Miller, 35, a workman with the construction company, met his death. Albert Koway, who was operating the compressor, was taken to hospital in serious condition.

Cause of the explosion was not known.

LONDON (CP)—Col. Denis Reilly, South African high commissioner, has returned to London after a three weeks' flying tour that took him to Iceland, Montreal, Washington and Newfoundland.

### Statement Of Civic Account

The auditor's statement of civic finances for the year ending Dec. 31, 1943, includes the following items of revenue and expenditure:

Revenue	
Assessment year 1943: real, \$192,390.82; personal, \$73,476.81; poll, \$10,100. Total \$275,967.53.	
Licenses and sundry taxes \$3,561.	
Police Court and dog tax, rent market house, scales, market tolls, etc. \$10,664.28.	
Commissioners of Sewers and Water Supply, \$34,122.31.	
Province of P. E. Island: Fire grant, \$660; library grant, \$900; Dominion - provincial agreement \$10,132.50. Total \$45,694.81.	
Total revenue, \$336,017.72.	

Expenditures	
Advertising general, \$819.86	
Appeal Court, \$400; assessing and collecting, \$4,464.71.	
Auditors \$900.	
Bath houses, maintenance, etc. \$543.30.	
Building inspection \$119.92.	
City government, \$6,779.02.	
City Hall maintenance, \$2,992.60.	
C. N. R. Wigs, \$126.40.	
Fire Department, \$5,242.44.	
Grants, sundry \$9,451.	
Health \$3,017.	
Insurance \$4,980.74.	
Interest coupons, handling charges \$381.80.	
Interest on debentures, \$107,312.41, less accrued interest (1943) on sale of debentures of \$19,532.	
Interest on bank overdraft, \$2,105.15.	
Library maintenance, \$2,751.66.	
Market House maintenance, \$4,416.16.	
Miscellaneous expense, \$1,707.41.	
Police Department, \$18,049.37.	
Police Court, \$2,926.20.	
Pond maintenance, \$20.16.	
Street lighting, \$10,753.	
Superannuation, \$2,028.40.	
Sinking fund provision, ordinary and water and sewers, \$46,129.07, less payments received on street and sidewalk assessment of \$4,414.45.	
Travelling expenses, \$544.92.	
Victoria Park maintenance, \$1,158.21.	
Provision for depreciation of motor trucks, \$350; office equipment \$450, and police department \$700.	
Reserve for estimated uncollected 1943 assessments, \$12,000.	
Deficit Housing Account for year \$127.33.	
Total expenditures and reserves \$339,021.94.	
Surplus current year \$1,396.18.	

### Big Black Market Uncovered In U. S.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (AP)—Office of price administration of the United States today fixed the theft of ration coupons worth \$200,000,000 gallons of gasoline and fuel oil—the largest single black market operation yet uncovered.

Price Administrator Chester Bowles, disclosing that four men had been arrested as a result of diversion of the coupons from paper-salvage companies, said he had ordered a thorough investigation of the "regrettable happening," as well as "immediate steps to see that it cannot happen again."

An O. P. A. announcement said the coupons worth roughly 5,000,000 gallons of gasoline and 15,000,000 gallons of fuel oil—were shipped from the National and District of Columbia offices of the O. P. A. to Penn Paper and Stock Company, a Washington paper-salvage firm, for shredding and conversion of paper products.

Most of the coupons were obsolete for issuance by local rationing boards, but were still valid in the hands of ultimate consumers.

The paper company put the coupons through a shredding machine while O. P. A. enforcement officers looked on, but a large number of the tickets apparently were not destroyed and found their way into illegal circulation, O. P. A. stated.

### AWARDED PURPLE HEART

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (CP)—The Navy announced today award of the Purple Heart to Rembert F. James, Associated Press correspondent with the South Pacific forces.

The decoration was for wounds suffered in Bougainville Nov. 7. James' home is in Waxahatchie, Tex.

### WIN BAKING LAURELS use BLOSSOM CANADA THE ALL PURPOSE FLOUR

### Parliament Will Prorogue This Afternoon

New session will be opened tomorrow

OTTAWA, Jan. 25 (CP)—The fourth session of the 19th parliament ends here tomorrow as Senators and House of Commons members assemble briefly to conclude the business which started last January.

Parliament has been adjourned since July 24 but, because of the urgency of wartime and the possibility of a speedy assembly being necessary, was not prorogued.

The prorogation ceremony will be held at 3 p.m. tomorrow when Chief Justice Thibault will retire, acting as deputy to the governor-general for the first time since he became head of the Supreme Court, read a message thanking the senators and commons for their service during the 1943 session.

Thursday afternoon, the fifth session will begin with the reading by the governor-general of the Speech from the Throne outlining government plans for legislation in 1944.

### Mr. Joseph Wedge Of No. Carleton Critically Injured

Mr. Joseph Wedge, a resident of North Carleton, was taken to the Prince County Hospital at Summerside last night with critical injuries. He was picked up unconscious on the highway not far from his home. It was not known when he was injured but it was presumed to have been sometime after dark. There was no definite indication as to what had happened. However, two snow plows had passed the spot where he was found a short time before and it was thought possible that he was struck by one of the machines. The plows were being driven by members of the Borden Royal Canadian Mounted Police detachment who were driving along the road in a car.

### Sir Arthur Coningham Named To New Post

LONDON, Jan. 25 (CP)—Air Marshal Sir Arthur Coningham has been appointed commander of No. 2 tactical air force of the R. A. F. based in Britain, the air ministry announced tonight. He has taken over the new post.

Previously he commanded No. 1 tactical air force in the Mediterranean area.

### Argentina May Break With Axis

MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY, Jan. 25 (AP)—The highest diplomatic sources predicted today that Argentina would sever relations with the Axis "at any minute," with discovery of an Axis spy ring as the ostensible reason.

Similar reports came from Santiago, Chile, and London, Santiago predicting the break would come "before Saturday night."

Noticias Graficas, an influential Buenos Aires afternoon newspaper, declared in an editorial article today that "the Axis has taken advantage of our good faith," and in a headline said "rupture appears imminent."

### War Situation Last Night

By Kirke L. Simpson, Associated Press War Analyst

There are intimations that the Minturno-Cassino flank of the Nazis' Gustav line across Italy is beginning to buckle under the threat of the Allied beachhead to its rear communications just south of Rome. The Germans are reported pulling back units to the Rome area to meet the danger.

If that is true, the first formidable Allied-Nazi clash on the new front in Italy seems likely to come soon in the valley of the Sacco, east and south of the Alban hills. Its focal point probably would be the town of Valmontone, where the Nettuno-Rivoli road intersects the via Cassilina, main, modern motorway connecting Rome and Naples.

There are intimations from Berlin that United States units have reached Velletri from Nettuno. The town stands in the shadow of the Alban hills and only eight miles from Valmontone.

Occupation of its ruins would mean a 17-mile push by the Allies. It would mean that the Appian Way route between Rome and Naples through the Pontine Marshes and the parallel rail line had been cut and the via Cassilina route put in deadly peril at a point only 60 miles north of the Nazi-held Cassino gateway.

The Allied threat to all three roads is so grave that it is difficult to account for Nazi delay in organizing counter-attacks. It is a double threat in fact, with another Allied force moving up the Anzio-Rome road, probably aiming to pass between Rome and the Alban hills to reach both the via Cassilina and the Rome-Pescara highway closer to Rome.

It is too early to define accurately either the actual extent or ultimate objective of the new Allied landings. Too many factors are missing, including the size and composition of the forces thrown ashore. There was a hint in the comment of Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, Allied supreme commander, that the forces assigned to the operation might be limited, although almost unopposed, apparently more concerned with getting its heavy equipment and reinforcements into position than with rapid exploitation of the surprise achieved.

That implies more limited objectives than an effort to trap and destroy the whole German army on the Gustav line. Rome is the ultimate goal, no doubt, but unhinging the right flank of the Nazi Gustav line to open the via Cassilina land approach to Rome for the 8th army may be the first Allied aim.

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### High Prices For New Type Fox Pelts At Sale

MONTREAL, Jan. 25 (Special to the Guardian)—The Canadian Fur Auction Sales Company continued their sale of silver fox and new types today. This morning's offerings consisted of silver fox only. The attendance was not as large as yesterday as many of the buyers spent the morning looking over the new types which were to be sold in the afternoon.

To sum up the results were for the morning sale 36 per cent of the selected one-half to three-quarter silver fox were sold at an average of \$40.83; 28 per cent of the regular full silver fox were sold at an average of \$47. There was a strong demand for the inferior types and they averaged \$32.71.

When this afternoon's sale commenced the auction room was full of buyers and an air of expectancy could be discerned. This had reference to the sale of the special collection of the Canadian National Fox Breeders' Association's 800 pelts, comprising platinum, platinum silver, white-marked and pearl platinum. These pelts came from several Provinces of Canada and also from the Prince Edward Island and Ontario fox shows. They were, without question, an outstanding collection and from auctioneer Pingree's first drop of the gavel there was rapid selling at high figures. Here in brief is the result:

Of the 183 platinum, 176 were sold at an average of \$153.41. (Last year they averaged \$129.07.) Of the 118 platinum silver, 99 were sold at an average of \$139.78. (Last year's average was \$91.92.) Of the 550 white face silver, 320 were sold at an average of \$99.13. (Last year's average was \$54.30.) Twenty-eight pearl platinum were all sold at an average of \$134.44.

The above was received from Mr. George A. Calbeck, of Summerside, manager of the fur marketing department of the Canadian National Fox Breeders' Association.

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### Coun. Chandler Submits Report On Civic Finance

The following report was submitted by Coun. R. C. Chandler, chairman of the Finance Committee, at the annual meeting last night.

Again it is time for your Finance Committee to submit to you, and your Council the Balance Sheet, and report of the City's duly appointed auditors covering the year ending December 31, 1943.

These reports in themselves present a clear, and complete picture of the City's financial operations during the year, and also of the City's financial position at the close of this year. They require very little amplification, or explanation by your Committee but perhaps a few observations might give some citizens, interested in the conduct of the City's affairs, but without the time necessary to give an exhaustive consideration to the reports, a more complete appreciation of the situation.

### Revenue and Expenditure

Once more your Committee is highly gratified to be permitted to

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### TRAIN WRECK IN FOG

LONDON, Jan. 25 (Wednesday) (CP)—A train crash at suburban Ilford Jan 18 in which nine passengers were killed occurred while Britain was groping through the worst fog in four years. It was permitted to be disclosed today. Fog covered the country from Land's End to John O'Groats and visibility was only about a yard when a train from Norwich plowed into the rear of a Yarmouth train stopped at the station.

### C. P. MEETING MARCH 29

TORONTO, Jan. 25 (CP)—The annual meeting of the Canadian Press, the co-operative association of Canada's daily newspapers, will be held at Toronto March 29. It was announced today. Directors of the association will meet March 27 and 28.

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