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40 BELOW ZERO REPORTED IN NEW BRUNSWICK

Fairview Managed Crossing Yesterday

While the ferry "Fairview" succeeded yesterday in crossing to Rocky Point and in returning, last night's increased cold may prevent her from making the passage today. However, unless the thermometer continues to drop, it is thought the departure of the O.G.S. "Sorel" within the next two or three days could leave a passage open for the "Fairview" to make her regular crossings.

5-year Sentence For Espionage

OTTAWA, Dec. 27 (CP)—Physicist Smith, a 34-year-old physicist who made a considerable contribution to Canada's wartime development of radar, today was sentenced to prison for five years for conspiring to give confidential information to Russia.

Coming Events

- *Skate at Victoria tonight, 8 to 10.
- *Dance, Orwell Cove Hall, Monday, December 30th.
- *Poultry—Buying daily live and dressed poultry. Paying top market price. Davis & Fraser Ltd.
- *Booking orders for Swifts. Mixed of sexes. Emmett McInnis, Bradsbane.
- *Show, Mt. Stewart, Saturday. The Great John. Story of the life of John L. Sullivan.
- *Opening skate at New Glasgow rink tonight, Saturday, Dec. 28th.
- *Loading Hogs at Peakes Station each Thursday for Davis & Fraser Ltd. Merlin Devine.
- *Loading Hogs at Montague Station each Thursday for Davis & Fraser Ltd. S. C. McLean Phone 100.
- *Box Social, Dance, Pleasant Grove Hall, Friday, January 3rd, 8 to 10.
- *Receiving Hogs at Crapaud for Davis & Fraser Ltd., every Tuesday until 11 A. M. R. N. Dawson.
- *Loading Hogs at St. Peter's for Davis & Fraser Ltd. each Tuesday. Truck pickup service from farm. Phone Reddie Pratt.
- *Loading Hogs at Cardigan Station each Thursday for Davis & Fraser Ltd. Norman McKenzie Cardigan.
- *Pie Social and Dance, Credit Union, Summerfield Monday, December 30th. Sponsored by Women's Institute.
- *Hunter River farmers, loading dressed hogs every Thursday and Friday. Book. McGuigan and Sons.
- *Buying pigs, all sizes, Monday, Fredericton; Tuesday 11 a. m. Charlottetown Market Square. Knud Jorgensen.
- *Annual Meeting for branch farmers Institute, North Carleton Place, Monday evening, December 30th. All are welcome. Hennessey, Secretary.
- *Livestock Marketing Board meeting at Kennington, Summerside, Monday, December 30th, at regular points West Prince during week of December 30th with trucking service where possible. Consult our local agent, your shipping point, for details.
- *Livestock Marketing Board meeting at regular schedule week starting December 30th as follows:—Monday, Elmdale, St. Peter's, Morell, Monique, Cardigan, St. Teresa, Murray Har, Melville, Uig, Millville, Charlottetown, and Tuesday, Forestport Hill, Prince William, Hunter River, Kinkora, Albany. Contact our local agent, your shipping point, for information and trucking service where possible.

Over Four Million Dollars From P. E. Island Fisheries During Past Record Year

When complete fisheries production figures for 1946 are available, they are expected to indicate another record in Prince Edward Island marketed value of commercial fishing operations, reports Mr. J. J. Larabee, Supervisor of Fisheries for the Province.

This may reach the four million and a half dollar mark, Mr. Larabee says. It will at least be well beyond four millions as compared with the total of \$3,800,000, which had been, in 1945, the highest figure reached in the fishing industry's history. Just how much the gain will be in 1946 cannot be accurately estimated until the work of collecting, checking and compiling the year's final statistical schedule is completed.

Preliminary and unverified reports, however, show that the 1946 catch will be approximately 49,500,000 pounds and the value to the fishermen at landed value, before preparation for market, will be over three million dollars. Compared with 1945 results, there will be an estimated increase of more than nine million pounds in catch and a gain of approximately one million dollars in landed value.

Prices Trend In U. S. Not Expected To Affect Canada

TORONTO, Dec. 27 (CP)—Tumbling United States prices that have sent pleasant economic tremors through American purchasers are not expected to affect Canadian prices, experts here believe.

Many Toronto stores dealing chiefly in women's apparel have drastically reduced prices since Christmas. One furrier has lowered off \$1,000 per coat on 23 of his more expensive models. But this was described as along the lines of usual post-Christmas sales.

An official of a large Toronto wholesale grocery firm believes there will be a reduction in food prices during 1947, however. Another felt that since price ceilings had kept a check-rein on inflationary rises, it would require a long period, during which supply, before food becomes noticeably cheaper.

Shoe retailers do not expect price decreases in their lines as they say prices have never noticeably risen. Consumers seem to be that the United States is wriggling itself from the throes of inflation, an inflation that has been barely noticeable in Canada.

Canadian Construction Work Up 21 Per Cent

OTTAWA, Dec. 27 (CP)—Value of Canadian construction work in 1946 showed an advance of 21 per cent over 1945, amounting to \$243,580,000 compared with \$200,000,000, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reported today.

Chief feature of the 1946 advance was a 50 per cent gain in residential building.

The year's total, however, remained below the high figure of \$299,751,000 in 1941, \$265,650,000 in 1942 and \$272,427,000 in 1943 when wartime industrial construction sent values soaring above levels of earlier years.

36,000 Veterans At Canadian Universities

MONTREAL, Dec. 27 (CP)—Approximately 36,000 veterans are enrolled in Canadian universities under the government's rehabilitation program and an all-time peak is expected to be reached next October, H.W. Jamieson, superintendent of university training, Department of Veterans Affairs, spoke at the opening general session of the national conference of student veterans being held at McGill University.

The number of veterans at university exceeds the total enrollment in universities before the war, indicating, Mr. Jamieson said, the extent to which veterans have taken advantage of the training program.

Last month the sum of \$2,576,636 was paid in allowances to students at university training, the Veterans Affairs Department said.

Minister Promises Consideration Of Fur Tax Removal

Assurance that consideration would be given to request for removal of the 10 per cent excise tax on furs when the Federal budget is being prepared has been received by Mr. W. Chester S. McLure, M.P. from Hon. D. C. Abbott, Minister of Finance. Following is the text of Mr. Abbott's letter, which is dated Ottawa Dec. 28:

"Dear Mr. McLure—

"I have your letter of December 18th requesting the removal of the 10 per cent excise tax on furs and the 8 per cent sales tax applying on fur garments.

"You express the hope that this matter can be taken care of before the new budget comes down. As you know, I have no authority to suspend the operation of any tax and I think the most I can do at the moment is undertake to give consideration to the 10 per cent excise tax on furs when the budget for the coming year is being prepared.

"Yours very truly,

D.C. Abbott"

Mr. L. W. Shaw Heads New Ass'n

HALIFAX, Dec. 27 (CP)—A Maritime Vocational Guidance Association was formed here today as 32 representatives of industrial, social service, teaching and administrative education groups, moved that the group, to be affiliated with the National Vocational Guidance Association, be formed to "tidy up the situation" already undertaken by school teachers on a less-organized basis.

The organization meeting, presided over by Stewart Murray, provincial director of vocational guidance for the Nova Scotia Department of Education, elected L. W. Shaw, director of education for Prince Edward Island, as president.

Dr. Fletcher Peacock, director of vocational guidance for New Brunswick, moved the resolution for formation of the organization and Dr. F.G. Morehouse, supervisor of Halifax schools, seconded it.

Mr. Murray spoke of the importance of assisting the student in the report of the provincial pedagogical Dr. Ralph Smith, who said there was absolutely no evidence of poisoning in the bodies of the contents of a bottle found near the bodies showed 32 per cent alcohol but there was no trace of poison, he said. The liquor was very potent, however, and probably more effective because of a probable state of exhaustion in the men when they consumed a portion of the liquor.

The two men left Wolfville on a hunting trip Nov. 8 and entered the woods at West Dalhousie near here. They were not seen again until an organized search party found their bodies Nov. 20.

Find Two Hunters Died From Exposure

BRIDGETOWN, N. S., Dec. 27 (CP)—A coroner's jury today heard that Brooks Salsman, 19, and Rupert Forsythe, 46, Wolfville, N. S., hunters whose bodies were found near her Nov. 20 after an intensive 13-day search, had died of exposure.

The jury met today to hear the report of the provincial pathologist, Dr. Ralph Smith, who said there was absolutely no evidence of poisoning in the bodies of the contents of a bottle found near the bodies showed 32 per cent alcohol but there was no trace of poison, he said. The liquor was very potent, however, and probably more effective because of a probable state of exhaustion in the men when they consumed a portion of the liquor.

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Teachers' Strike At St. Paul Is Ended

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 27 (AP)—St. Paul teachers tonight ended their strike which has kept the city's schools closed since Nov. 23. The action was taken immediately after the city charter commission had approved an amendment providing for the payment of pay raises and school improvements the strikers sought.

Current salary range for the teachers is from \$1,300 to \$2,600. Under the revised schedule which the council already has approved, pay will rise to a \$2,400 minimum and \$3,600 maximum Jan. 1, 1947, with the maximum to go to \$4,200 next Sept. 1.

Fire Causes \$50,000 Damage At Montreal

MONTREAL, Dec. 27 (CP)—A two-alarm fire in the heart of the financial district here caused damage estimated at \$50,000 to the Hoffman Lighter and Stamping Manufacturers Company tonight. Firemen played a stream of water on the blaze which broke out in a three-story 75-year-old building, for over two hours before being brought under control.

Special added. "The estimated expenditure to and on behalf of university student veterans through the present academic year is \$45,000,000.

"This figure does not include the cost of instruction in pre-matriculation schools operated by Canadian Vocational Training. Approximately 15,000 veterans are enrolled in, or have passed through these schools."

Most of the thousands of veterans in universities, colleges and vocational training schools across Canada are represented by this second national convention which will continue through Sunday.

Subjects on the agenda include after-graduation employment, part-time employment for students, emergency and long-term measures to alleviate the housing shortage, increase of maintenance grants.

Fire Today Destroys Building At S'side

An early-morning fire at Summerside today destroyed a two-story wooden building on the waterfront, owned by Maritime Distributors Limited. Origin of the blaze, which was discovered at 1:30 is unknown.

Mr. Hazen Phillips, who heads the Maritime Distributors Ltd., said the value of his office equipment and the building would be approximately \$100,000.

The building was constructed during the war by Palmer and Williams Ltd., and used by them in connection with their wartime boat-building projects. They still used part of the ground floor for their machine shop while they had materials, principally wood suitable for boats, stored on the second floor. Part of their loss included woodworking equipment.

Firemen fought the blaze in sub-zero weather but almost from the start it was evident that the structure was doomed. The wind blew burning embers away from other buildings nearby, the building was located on a small point and was surrounded on two sides by water. It was near the old Railway Station and below the Steadman Store on Water Street.

The new owners, Maritime Distributors, purchased the property from Palmer and Williams last spring. They used part of the ground floor as an office but had no merchandise stored there.

Mr. A. W. Palmer, who heads the Palmer and Williams firm, was not available immediately for comment on the amount of loss suffered by his firm. However, it was learned that some plumbing and electrical equipment was also destroyed. Various estimates by persons at the fire were made as high as \$30,000.

Life reports, just being going to press, said that firemen were "doing a good job" and that it was possible the shell of the building might be saved. However, it was believed that it would be badly gutted.

The fire was discovered by Constables McKay and Boyle of the Summerside Police Force while on patrol.—S.

Boys Parliament To Open Today At Sackville

Several Island Delegates Among Those Attending From More Than 30 Towns.

SACKVILLE, Dec. 27 (Special)—Young men from many different centres of the Maritime Provinces gathered at Sackville, N.B., today where they will attend the sessions of the twenty-fourth annual Maritime Tuxis and Older Boys Parliament, opening tomorrow. During the next four days, formal sessions for leadership training purposes will be held in the mornings while formal sessions of the House, committee meetings and party caucus will occupy the afternoon and evening periods.

The leader of the Construction Party is Gordon Coles of Halifax. One of these young men will be elected premier and will form the government on Saturday afternoon.

Guests are attending from more than 30 Maritime towns and villages. Those from Prince Edward Island include: Charles Ballem, Charlottetown; Wilfred G. Brice, Howland; James Burling, Ellerslie; Keith Moase, Kennington; Donald J. Pike, Alberton; Gordon Yeo, Miscouche.

As the Maritime parliament gets started, other similar parliaments will be having their opening sessions in London, Ontario, Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Edmonton and Vancouver; and so youth 16 to 21 years of age will gather in these six parliaments to discuss matters of great concern to young Canadians in these stirring times.

All Civic Records Beaten For Arrests And Fines In Court

Figures totalling twenty-eight thousand dollars were collected by the City Police Court during the week ending Dec. 27, exceeding the total sum collected last year, or any year in civic history.

The number of arrests made by the City Police this year is also an all-time record for time, totalling 1,000, or over four hundred the number of arrests made in 1945. One thousand, two hundred and twenty arrests were made this year.

Back in 1924 the number of arrests made in certain single months of the present year, but from 1943 down to the present time, the number has been increasing by large figures: 1943, arrests totalled 343; the next year they jumped to 503; 1945 saw the figures go to 797; while this year saw that figure increased by 423.

The number of arrests this year, broken down by months, are: January, 66; February, 99; March, 131; April, 101; May, 136; June, 126; July, 93; August, 102; September, 92; October, 115; November, 88; and December, 70.

Of those, 654 were for being drunk and incapable; 312 for being drunk and disorderly; 179 for violations of the Highway Traffic Act; and 73 for vagrancy. There were four arrests on charges of robbery with violence; three for jail breaking; 10 for breaking and entering; 21 for theft; two for "having carnal knowledge"; and two for uttering forged checks.

The City Police force with Chief of Police Birnie at its head, comprises 14 men.

Three Islanders To Be Honored For Life Saving

NEW GLASGOW, N.S., Dec. 27 (CP)—H.P. Chisholm of Wolfville, chief forest ranger of Pictou County, was today charged with manslaughter following an inquest which returned a verdict stating that he was driving a car which struck and fatally injured 28-year-old John G. Calkin on Christmas eve.

Senator For Quebec Named

OTTAWA, Dec. 27 (CP)—Prime Minister Mackenzie King tonight announced appointment of Paul H. Bourdard, K.C. of Quebec as member of the Senate and Senator for the electoral division of Grandville, Que.

The appointment filled the seat left vacant earlier this year by the death of Sir Thomas Chapais, a Conservative, who was appointed Senator for Grandville in 1918.

Tonight's appointment was the first to the Senate since June 9, 1945, when three appointments were made, following 15 in the previous month of that year.

The appointment brings the standing of the 96-member senate to: Liberals, 66; Conservatives, 23; vacant, seven.

Death or resignation of eight senators during the last year had left eight vacancies. Of those now remaining, two are in Nova Scotia, three in British Columbia and two in Ontario.

To Visit Moscow



Field Marshal Montgomery

LONDON, Dec. 27 (AP)—Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, chief of the Imperial General Staff, will visit Moscow early in 1947, the War Office announced tonight.

The announcement said the visit would be in response to an invitation from Prime Minister Stalin, extended during the Big Three conference in Potsdam in 1945. The invitation was renewed last October by Marshal Alexander M. Vasilevsky, chief of the Soviet General Staff.

Lord Montgomery, who visited Canada and the United States last September, accepted because he was "anxious to acquaint himself with the military life of the Red Army," the announcement said.

It will be the first peacetime visit of a senior British officer to Russia since 1936.

In that year Field Marshal Viscount Wavell, now Viceroy of India and Gen. Geoffrey Martel, expert on armored warfare, were invited with many others from Europe, to see manoeuvres which made military history when the Russians for the first time disclosed parachute landings on a large scale—manoeuvres regarded as the birth of airborne warfare.

Five Below In P. E. I.; 45-mile Wind Recorded

MONTICTON, N.B., Dec. 27 (CP)—Forty below zero temperatures were recorded in some parts of New Brunswick today as the province felt the full effects of the first severe cold waves of the season.

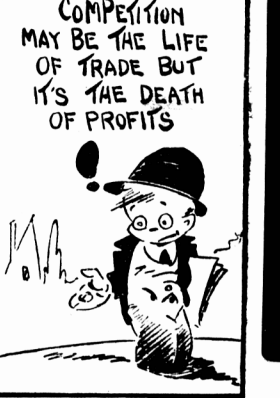
Hardest hit by the mercury's sudden drop were railway operations. Trains were running as much as four hours behind schedule as the penetrating cold made it difficult to maintain steam pressure in locomotives. The lowest thermometer reading was at Edmundston, in the northern part of the province, where a reading of 40 below was reported. The 20-below mark was reached at Campbellton and Monticton's lowest reading was 11 below at 8 a.m.

Five Below In P. E. I.

Sub-zero temperatures were recorded in Prince Edward Island yesterday for the first time this winter. Early yesterday morning it was four below at the Charlottetown Experimental Station and the warmest during the day was one below. At 9 o'clock last night it was five below.

The cold wave was accompanied by strong winds and gales which reached a velocity of 45 miles-per-hour between 7 and 8 o'clock yesterday morning, with gusts much higher. Last night at 9 o'clock it was five below.

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TORONTO, Dec. 27 (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures: Vancouver 24, 40; Edmonton 16B, 11B; Regina 5B, 5B; Winnipeg 5B, 1; Toronto 1B, 1; Ottawa 1B, 1; Montreal 7B, 7; Quebec 16B, 3B; Saint John 5B, 1; Moncton 13B, 3 B; Halifax —, 7; Charlottetown 5B, 1B; Sydney 6, 17; Yarmouth —, 14.

HALIFAX, Dec. 27 (CP)—Weather synopsis and official daily forecasts issued by the Dominion Public Weather Office here at 11:15 a.m. today.

Synopsis: Temperatures are dropping well below zero in most regions again tonight but the winds are decreasing rapidly. Snow flurries are still occurring in the south. Shore, Valley and Cape Breton regions. A storm just west of the Great Lakes is expected to bring heavy snow into the Maritimes Saturday night and Sunday. Periods of freezing rain may be expected in the southern regions and the winds will increase again to gale force at that time. Temperatures are expected to moderate considerably Saturday night.

Forecasts, valid until Sunday midnight:

Prince Edward Island: Clear becoming overcast in the afternoon. Continuous heavy snow beginning in the evening. Moderating temperatures. Westerly winds 15 m. p. h. becoming light by morning. Sunday: gales with snow and rain. High Saturday at Charlottetown 16.

Oil Flood Endangers Town In Quebec

CHICOUTIMI, Que., Dec. 27 (CP)—Four million gallons of fuel oil today gushed out of a broken storage tank of the Aluminum Company of Canada at nearby Port Alfred and covered several thousand feet of land to a depth of three feet in places.

No one was injured in the accident, believed to have occurred when conduits became blocked by cold weather, thus forcing the release of the 40-foot high tank.

There was no explosion and danger of fire was lessened when the oil congealed in the cold. Flow of the oil was mainly confined to the right of way of the Roberval-Saguenay railroad and no company buildings or other structures were damaged.

There was little noise when the break occurred and a man nearby was first reported to have noticed something amiss when he noticed his feet covered with oil.

Damages have not yet been estimated and probably will not be until the company has recovered some of the congealed oil which will be heated and reutilized.

The Quality Tea

"SALADA"

ORANGE PEKOE

HEAR The Frank Parker Show Sunday & Thursday 6:30 pm. CFCZ

High tide this afternoon at 2:34 and tonight at 1:39.

Sun sets this afternoon at 4:25 and rises tomorrow morning at 7:36.

First quarter moon December 31, 7:23 A.M.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

CAR FERRY

"PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND" Leave Borden at 9:05 A.M., 1 P.M. and 4:30 P.M.

Leave Tormentine 10:30 A.M., 3 P.M., 7:30 P.M.

Extra trips are made between on which automobiles are carried.

SUNDAY SERVICE From Borden, 1 P.M., 6:45 P.M. From Tormentine 3 P.M., 8 P.M.