

A weak government defends its errors as if they were defending their inheritance.

As wealth is power, so all power will infallibly draw wealth to itself by some means or other.

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VETERANS PENSION INCREASES MAY BE BOOSTED

Latest Tanker Is Imperial Ch'town

(By The Canadian Press) HALIFAX, Feb. 6.—Addition of two large ocean-going tankers, the Imperial Fredericton and the Imperial Charlottetown, to the fleet of Imperial Oil Limited was announced today by an official of the company's Marine Department. With a carrying capacity of 138,000 barrels each, the tankers were purchased from the United States Maritime Commission to replace ships lost during the war and to help meet the "unprecedented demand" for petroleum products in Canada. The vessels will be placed on the Canada-South America run. Each carries a crew of 42 officers and men.

WOMEN LIVE LONGER

The expected life span of a one-year-old Canadian girl is 68.73 years and that of a one-year-old Canadian boy, 66.14 years.

Coming Events

- **Dance, K. of C. Hall, Monday, February 9th.
- **Skating, Long Creek Rink, tonight.
- **Races on Souris River Ice on February 11th (Wednesday).
- **Dance and Entertainment, Lot 5 Hall, Monday, 9th.
- **Last Dance of the season, K. of C. Hall, Souris, Monday, February 9th.
- **Box Social, Dance, Pleasant Grove Hall, Friday, February 6th. If not fine, Monday.
- **Hockey tonight in Long Creek starting at 6 o'clock. Sea Cadets vs. Long Creek.
- **Pantry Sale at Holmans, Saturday, February 7th. Home baked beans, cake and cookies.
- **Dance at Walter Connick's, Kinkora, Monday night. If not fine, Tuesday.
- **Card Party and Dance in Tracadie Hall, Monday, February 9th. Good music.
- **Afton Hall pie social and dance, Tuesday, Feb. 10. Nine Mile Creek W. I.
- **Notice — Unloading car Coal Monday. Book orders immediately. G. C. Green, Emerald.
- **Watch for the opening date of Munn's General Store, on Malpeque Road, Charlottetown, soon.
- **Final Dance and Card Party, Kelly's Cross Hall, Monday evening, February 9th. Two good prizes.
- **Car Mixed Grain, whole and crushed now on order, soon enroute to Cardigan Station. Booking orders now. Signed Linwood McNeill.
- **Loading Hogs at Mount Stewart Tuesday 10th until train time. For detailed information contact F. L. Douglas.
- **Crapaud Rink Monday night, married men vs. single men. Skates after, with music.
- **C. O. F. broadcast by Douglas MacFarlane, Provincial party secretary over CFCY February 9th, at 8.45 P. M.
- **Bags Wanted.—Paying highest prices for used feed bags. We pay freight on lots of 100 or more. F. L. Morris, Feed Service Mill.
- **Hockey Monday night, East Royal rink, West Royal vs. Bearcats vs. East Royal Royals. Play-off game. Skate after.
- **Milton Rink tonight, first game of the semi-finals, Milton vs. Breckley. Skate after.
- **Unloading car of coal Monday and Tuesday. Vernon River Co-operative Association.
- **Regular Skate in Crapaud Rink Wednesday and Saturday nights. Good music. Admission 10c and 15c. Free Skates for school children every Saturday afternoon 3 to 5.
- **Second game of semi-finals at New Glasgow rink tonight, South Rustico vs. Hope River. Game starts 8.30 sharp. Skate after.
- **A committee meeting is to be held in New Glasgow Hall on Tuesday, February 10th, at 3 P. M. The project business re the hospital project is to be discussed. A full attendance is requested.

De Valera Fails To Gain Majority In Eire Election

Labrador Ownership Discussed In Commons

Quebec Member Claims Territory Belongs To His Province; Cabinet Member Says Canada Bound By Privy Council Decision.

\$100,000 Fire At Truro Today

TRURO, N.S., Feb. 7.—(Saturday)—(CP)—A three-alarm fire in Truro's business district was brought under control early today after gutting an Inglis Street clothing store and damaging an adjoining building. Damage was estimated at \$100,000. The fire started about 11.30 last night and spread rapidly through the three-storey structure. Flames from the roof ignited the adjoining building.

Plane Takes Off Without Pilot

OSHAWA, Ont., Feb. 6.—(CP)—Police and residents of the countryside were notified late today to be on the lookout for a "ghost" plane that took off from the ice of Lake Simcoe without pilot or passengers, soared in ever-widening circles, and was last seen in the Beaverton area at 5,000 feet. Officials of the Ontario County airport said they believed the plane had not enough fuel to keep it aloft much more than an hour after its takeoff about 3 p.m., but no reports were received here of its crashing. The two-place, single-engine Aeronca had been flown from here to the lake by Stan Fraser and Merlin Mackie with the intention of bringing back a Cub machine temporarily abandoned a week ago by Mackie when the motor froze up while he and Provincial Constable Harry Kift were fishing through the ice. Each man was to fly a plane back. Reports reaching here indicated they had completed repairs on the Cub, and were ready to leave. Fraser opened the Aeronca's throttle before getting out to spin the propeller by hand to start the engine. The motor caught instantly and the ski-shod craft moved into action. Fraser said he scrambled to get into the cabin but the force of the slipstream had slammed the door and he could not get it open in time. He tried to grab the tail assembly and missed. Then, while the startled pilots watched, the Aeronca nosed gracefully into the wind, taxied briefly and rose into the air.

Immigrant Carrier To Begin Service

SAINT JOHN, N.B., Feb. 6.—(CP)—In a less happy time she was the Huacaran, enroute to Allied shipping, but today she is the Beaverbrae and Sunday she will slip her moorings here and voyage for the first time as an immigrant ship to carry persons displaced by the war to new homes and work in Canada. In wartime the Beaverbrae was a mother ship and repair vessel for the late Admiral Donitz' ship-killing submarine packs and with the war's end she fell into Allied hands virtually undamaged in the quiet of a Norwegian fjord. She came to Canada as part of the reparations payments, was converted and reconditioned in the Sorel, Que., shipyards that built so many corvettes which menaced her wartime activities and now heads back to Germany on an errand of mercy. Aboard her is accommodation for 773 displaced persons and other immigrants to be taken aboard in London and Bremerhaven. More than half the immigrants to be carried will have relatives in Canada and will have been processed by the Canadian Christian Council for Resettlement of Refugees. The remainder will be referred by the Preparatory Com-

But Still Hopes To Form New Gov't

By ROBERT HEWITT DUBLIN, Feb. 6.—(AP)—Prime Minister Eamon de Valera's Fianna Fail party conceded tonight that it had failed by a small margin to win a majority in Eire's Dail (parliament) in Wednesday's general election. But both supporters and opponents of the New York-born De Valera agreed he had good prospects of being re-elected Prime Minister by picking up support from Independent and Labor deputies. De Valera has held the post since 1932. It was regarded as certain that lively debate will ensue when the new Dail convenes Feb. 18. The Dail elects the Prime Minister. During the campaign De Valera said he would not form a coalition government with other parties. Elaborating on the face of the election returns, Thomas L. Mullins, Fianna Fail secretary said: "Mr. De Valera still has not thought of a coalition. He will pursue his long standing independent Fianna Fail policy and I am confident the Independent and National Labor members will voluntarily support him in the interest of a strong, stable government. Fianna Fail needed to win 74 seats for a majority in the 147-member Dail. Returns from all except 22 contests gave this representation in the new Dail as compared with party strength in the old Parliament of 138 members:

Party	Seats Won	Seats Held Previously
Fianna Fail	58	77
Fine Gael	26	28
Labor	13	8
Republican	9	2
Farmer	7	11
National Labor	3	4
Independents	—	—
Totals	125	138

Adverse Trade Balance Down For December

(Canadian Press) OTTAWA, Feb. 6.—Canada's adverse trade balance with the United States during 1947 reached \$918,700,000 by Dec. 31, it was shown today in official figures released by Trade Minister Howe. Mr. Howe reported that the adverse balance for December was \$34,000,000, down sharply from the \$89,000,000 total which had been reported for November, the month in which the Government launched its dollar-saving program. With the restrictive program presumably taking effect in December, imports from the U. S. during that month fell by \$33,000,000 while Canadian exports increased by \$13,000,000. At \$918,700,000, the adverse balance is at the highest in Canadian history. Commenting on the total, Mr. Howe said that while the December figures showed the trade restrictions, imposed Nov. 17, were taking effect it would be maintained at that level throughout 1948.

Shooting Affray Takes Two Lives

BELLEVUE, Alta., Feb. 6.—(CP)—Two men and a woman are dead and a third in serious condition in hospital following a shooting affray here last night. Police said it appeared to be a case of murder and suicide. Dead are George Trefanenko, 26; his wife Frances, 23; and Walter Nebozynski, all of Bellevue. In hospital in serious condition and not expected to live is Mr. Nebozynski's wife, Anne, 36. Bellevue is in the Crow's Nest Pass district, 70 airline miles west of Lethbridge.

Strong Protest Against Freight Rate Shipments Through American Port

OTTAWA, Feb. 6.—(Special)—Charges that shipments of freight from Western and Central Canada bound for overseas had been diverted by Canadian National Railways authorities from the Canadian ports of Saint John and Halifax to Portland, Maine, were levelled in the House of Commons this afternoon by D. King Hazen, Progressive Conservative member for Saint John-Albert. Members of all three Maritime Provinces quickly came from the lobbies to their seats in the chamber when the Saint John member cited the history of the freight diversion and fired broadsides alternately at Transport Minister Chevrier and R.C. Vaughan, Canadian National Railways president. In the Commons ante-room after Mr. Hazen's speech, J. Lester Douglas, Liberal member for Queens told this correspondent that Mr. Hazen's appeal that Canadian goods be shipped overseas from Canadian ports would find widespread support in Prince Edward Island.

N. B. Legislature To Open March 2; Election Rumored

(By The Canadian Press) FREDERICTON, Feb. 6.—Amid rumors of a provincial election this summer, Premier McNair today called the New Brunswick Legislature into session for March 2. It will be the fourth session of the 40th Legislature. Political observers say the House, elected in August, 1944, will probably dissolve to face a test at the polls this summer but add that the term could be extended another year. Present standing under Premier McNair gives the Liberals 36, Progressive Conservatives 11 and Independents one in the 48-seat House. Although sources close to the Legislature have indicated there will be "at least one big item" facing the members the nature of the item has not been disclosed. Most, however, feel it will be the election issue. Only known items to come before the members are relatively unimportant bills from several towns and municipalities. Campbellton, in the northern section of the Province near the Quebec border, is asking incorporation as a city. If the bill is approved it will give New Brunswick four cities. Present cities are Fredericton, Moncton and Saint John.

New Simplified Income Tax Forms Now Available

The new income tax forms, now available for those employees earning \$3,000 a year or less, provided they can answer eight brief questions in the negative are much simpler than the old form and can be filled out much quicker and more easily. The employer is asked by the Income Tax Department to have the form in the hands of his employees by the end of this month and the employee has until the last of April in which to turn in his form. In order to be entitled to use the new form, the employee must be able to state that he has only worked for one employer during 1947, that he was employed the full 12 months, that his income from dividends and interest during 1947 was no more than \$100, that he received no other income, that he is not claiming for foreign tax credits or for gifts to the Crown, and that he is not making claim for other dependents than those described in section 2, Item 4, of Copy 2. Should the employee be married, his wife or her husband must not have received an income of more than \$250 in 1947. Copy No. 1 is delivered to the Income Tax Department; the employee keeps Copy No. 2.

Continued Health Menace Stressed By Authorities

Awareness of the potential dangers from contaminated water in areas contiguous to the City limits prompted the Provincial Government last year to make an amendment to the Road Act of 1936 and also to pass legislation known as an "Act Respecting Well Drillers". Hon. W. M. Hughes, Minister of Public Health and Welfare stated yesterday. Attention to this matter was recently directed by Hon. Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan in an address at a Rotary luncheon. Mr. Hughes said that Section 75 (A) of the amendment to the Road Act prohibits persons within a two-mile radius of cities and incorporated towns in the Province from erecting buildings less than 25 feet from the boundary of any highway and also prohibits the erection of any building less than 50 feet from those of an adjoining neighbor. Section 3 of the Well Drillers Act, forbids anyone digging or boring a well in any area prescribed by the Regulations of the Act unless he has first obtained a permit from the Minister of Health and Welfare.

Provincial Planning Board

Both pieces of legislation, Mr. Hughes said, were passed to lessen as much as possible the potential danger which is always present not only in the areas con-

Parliament At-A-Glance

Prime Minister Mackenzie King said he had cabled Barbara Ann Scott congratulations on behalf of Canada. Mr. King said he had not received a reply from Britain as to whether it would be proper to table correspondence from Premier Drew in connection with the Hong Kong inquiry. Frederic Dorian (Ind.—Charlevoix-Saguenay) argued that Labrador belongs to Quebec, but External Affairs Minister St. Laurent said the Canadian Government was bound by a Privy Council decision which awarded the country to Newfoundland. D. King Hazen (PC—St. John-Albert) protested against Canadian railways shipping goods through United States ports. Two Progressive Conservative members asked higher pensions for veterans and war widows. Monday: The Commons will discuss a motion to establish a price-spreads committee. The Senate will not sit.

Gov't May Yield To Pressure

OTTAWA, Feb. 6.—(CP)—Within the next two weeks and quite possibly next week, the Government will place before the Commons legislation that will go beyond the bounds of the increases in veterans disability and war widows pensions announced by Prime Minister Mackenzie King Dec. 5, it was learned today. The increases, retroactive to Oct. 1, 1947, cannot start until parliamentary approval is given. The Cabinet still is working over the changes it considers necessary in the face of persistent pressure from a veterans' bloc among its own supporters and the thunder of the Opposition. There is a considerable feeling among Liberal members—some of them call it the hottest intra-party issue of the moment—that there will be a compromise between the 20 per cent jump across the board they have been asking and the amount proposed by Mr. King which works out to 10 per cent for a totally disabled married pensioner. The December proposal was for an increase of \$10 a month for a totally disabled pensioner, who now gets \$100 a month if married, and pensioned widows who get \$60 at the present, plus \$18 for the first child, \$12 for a second, \$10 for a third. There will be proportionately lower increases for lesser pensioners. It has been estimated that the proposal would jump the annual pensions bill about 10 per cent above last year's \$71,000,000 total. Criticism within the Party has dwelled on failure to bring in increases for children and dependents as well as the principals and the amounts suggested. Members want a flat 20 per cent increase; the Canadian Legion wants 25 per cent. The chances are there will be a compromise offer of something like 15 per cent, with dependents counted in. There are suggestions that the present proposal will stick for single persons.

Calais, Me., Feb. 6.—(AP)—Fire early today swept through the 2-1/2 storey Two Acre Inn, a 14-room tourist hotel. Mrs. Edna Greenlaw, proprietor, and her family, reported to be the only occupants of the hotel, escaped safely in sub-zero cold. Six rooms were being added to the structure, which is in the heart of the city. Loss was estimated unofficially at approximately \$20,000.

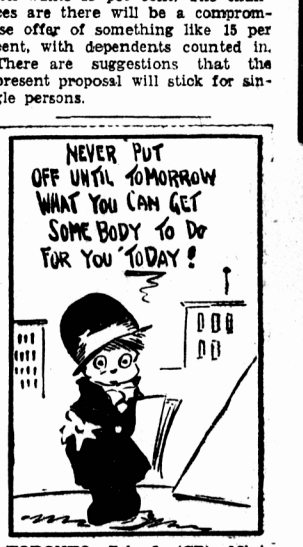
New Navy Barracks Planned For Halifax

OTTAWA, Feb. 6.—(CP)—Halifax's old Wellington Barracks are going to be torn down and the Navy is planning the construction of a new barracks on the site, defence Minister Claxton announced tonight. Describing the move as "a further step in the long term plans for production of first-class accommodation for members of the Services," the Minister said approval had been given for the planning of the new barracks at H.M.C.S. Stadacona. Wellington Barracks had outlived their usefulness, Mr. Claxton said. The possibilities of renovating and using the existing block had been exhaustively investigated by naval authorities, and the building had been surveyed thoroughly by Dr. P.L. Pratley of Montreal, acting as consultant for the Defence Department. "The facts are that it has long been unfit for use, as it conforms to British Army standards of over 100 years ago; the roof has already been condemned; the plumbing and heating are both totally inadequate; the wooden frame inside the brickwork constitutes a permanent fire hazard. "The survey has shown conclusively that renovation would involve cost and consumption of material in short supply, not less than would be required for efficient modern new construction. The results would be by no means as satisfactory." There was not the "slightest intention of interfering with Admiralty House, whose architectural and historical interest is matched by its present usefulness." "The new construction is at present in the planning stage and it cannot at present be stated when the plans will be ready, or an exact date be given for commencement of the projected new barracks. The matter is receiving active attention."

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Never Put Off Until Tomorrow What You Can Get Somebody To Do For You Today!



Toronto, Feb. 6.—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:—Vancouver 19, 38; Edmonton 5B, 14; Regina 33B, 3; Winnipeg 23B, 1; Toronto 10, 27; Ottawa 7B, 18; Montreal 5, 17; Quebec 3B, 14; Saint John 13B, 21; Moncton 11B, 14; Halifax 4, 21; Charlottetown 4B, 14; Sydney 3B, 18; Yarmouth 3, 25.

HALIFAX, Feb. 6.—(AP)—Official inland forecasts issued tonight by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax and valid until midnight Saturday with an outlook for Sunday.

Synopsis: A band of cloud appeared over most of the Maritimes tonight. In a few localities very light snow has been reported. This cloud is having the effect of preventing the temperature from falling to the low temperatures previously forecast. If, however, as appears likely, the cloud breaks up again during the night, temperatures will continue to fall. Saturday is expected to be mostly fine with temperatures a little higher. Late Sunday a new wave of cold air will be moving towards the Maritimes with snowfalls accompanying it. Prince Edward Island: Variable cloudiness tonight. Clear and a little milder tomorrow. Light winds. Temperatures early Saturday morning with the high in the afternoon, Charlottetown 2 below and 18 above. High tide this morning at 9:52 and tonight at 9:30. Sun sets this afternoon at 5:11 and rises tomorrow morning at 7:12. New moon February 9th, 11:0 P. M.

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