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flowers of consolation for others.

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## SPEAKER SAYS JAP INVASION OF CANADA PROBABLE

### Details Of Gasoline Rationing Revealed

### P. E. I. Organizes For 2nd Victory Loan Offensive

**Strong Provincial Committee Headed by Mr. E. W. MacKinnon A Part for Everyone to play in Fighting Freedom's Battles.**

The campaign to put Canada's second Victory Loan in the hands of her people will soon be on. With the flames of war spreading to the far corners of the earth and new dangers threatening our great Dominion it is natural that our people should be called upon to furnish the sinews of war to carry on this gigantic struggle.

Canada's brave soldiers have been guarding the citadels of our far-flung Empire with courage and determination and more and more of them will be called upon for their duties on sea, on land and in the air. The metal of our gallant boys has been tried and not found wanting, and the metal of our people will not falter in a financial way. Canadians, proud of their heritage as part of the great British Empire, and proud of their great home land and what it stands for in this fight for freedom, will go "all out" in an effort to put this Loan, as they did the last one, over the top in a most convincing way.

The Loan—the second Victory Loan—which will be offered about the middle of next month, will be for \$600,000,000. This is the least amount of money required to keep Canada's war machine operating at full strength and to step up production to an even greater extent, which will be essential for ultimate victory.

It will be recalled that the first Victory Loan floated in June of 1941 was set at the same figure but that it was over-subscribed by almost \$20,000,000—a truly magnificent effort. In that campaign Prince Edward Island as in the first Great War, played her part nobly. How Stannards, how Prince County, went over the top to big, how Charlottetown then Queen's County followed, and finally King's County crossed the line in a blaze of glory. These were truly stirring days, accompanied by parades and demonstrations of various kinds, radio speeches, newspaper articles and everything that could be done to interest our people, the final setting being the Torch Day celebrations at Charlottetown and Summerside—a magnificent spectacle that will linger long in the memory of those who were privileged to see them.

This season of the year does not permit of spectacles such as could be staged in summer time, but the press, radio, posters and all forms of advertising will be enlisted to aid the canvassers in their laudable work.

This Loan Will Reflect Our Patriotism  
Not only will the amount of money subscribed picture to the (Continued on page 3, Col 5)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29—(AP)—Free postage on letters of all soldiers, sailors and others in the armed forces of the United States was voted by the Senate today.

**Coming Events**  
—O—  
Rate for Notices in this column 3 cents per word  
\*Buying pigs Friday at the Market Square, Charlottetown. Knud Jorgensen. L-861-1-29-21.  
\*Buying little pigs every day, 20¢ to \$1.00 per pair, 25 lbs. \$7.00, G. C. Green. L-548-1-29-Tue-Fri-11.  
\*Postponed Bean Supper at Christian Church Schoolroom will be held tonight. L-813.  
\*Cake sale at Holman's Saturday, January 31, Zion Guild. L-815-1-30-21.  
\*Loading Hogs every Monday (at day) at Souris, George Dingwell. L-301-12-31-1-2-Thu-Fri-11.  
\*Annual Meeting Eastern Egg & Poultry Association in McQuaid's Hall, Souris, on Tuesday, February 23rd, at 2 P. M. L-853-1-29-21.  
\*We require a quantity of well-bred beef cattle, (steers and heifers) to dress, 600 lbs or over. Island Cold Storage Co., Ltd. L-746-1-24-11.

### 300 to 380 Gallons for Private use

Unlimited Supply For Some Classes Of Commercial Vehicles; To Begin April 1.

OTTAWA, Jan. 29—(CP)—Amount of gasoline which may be purchased under Canada's rationing scheme which goes into effect next April 1 varies from 300 to 380 gallons a year for non-essential cars to unlimited supply for all types of commercial vehicles, it was announced tonight.

In a series of press releases, Munitions Minister Howe and oil controller G. R. Cottrill of Toronto made public the fuel restrictions which will be imposed on various classifications of drivers.

The number of units, each good for five gallons of gasoline but subject to refueling as supplies vary, will range from 60 or a limited number more units for category "A", the non-essential users, to as many as are needed to trucks, buses, taxis, ambulances and other commercial vehicles.

Unit allowances announced today and tonight:—  
Category "A"—60 units and up, good for 300 to 380 gallons allowing approximately 5,400 miles of driving; includes all cars not in a preferred category.

Category "B"—88 to 116 units, 440 to 580 gallons, approximately 8,000 miles; accredited clergymen, rural school teachers, farmers who do not own a truck, urban undertakers, urban veterinary surgeons and members of air raid precaution units or auxiliary fire or police organizations.

Category "Bx"—132 to 172 units, 660 to 850 gallons, approximately 12,000 miles; workmen whose plants are less than 20 miles from the centre of the town in which they live, in cases where public transportation is not available.

Category "C"—168 to 216 units, 840 to 1,080 gallons, approximately 15,000 miles; employees of industrial plants and flying schools under the British Air Training Plan if such plants or schools are not adequately served by alternative forms of transportation and are located more than 20 miles from their residences. Government officials who drive their own cars on commercial travellers; certain operators.

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### French Corvette Rams Submarine

LONDON, Jan. 29—(CP)—The Admiralty announced tonight that a Free French corvette had rammed and sunk or seriously damaged a German submarine.

The corvette Regals saw the U-boat on the surface while on convoy duty, swerved and rammed the submarine before it could dive. Depth bombs were dropped on the submarine as it sank, the Admiralty said.

From quarterdeck to forecastle, all along her starboard side, hundreds of men began leaping into the churning blue water that contrasted with the ruddy rays of the setting sun.

Score after score of sailors plunged from the battleship. Soon I could see hundreds of heads bobbing above the surface. Some sailors managed to throw rubber floats down from the ship.

That all happened between 4:25 and 4:30 p. m. Nov. 25. Executive officers of the Barham ordered: "Abandon ship!" Immediately afterward a heavy list developed and the Barham blew up at 4:30.

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### MacArthur's Forces Still stand firm

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29—(AP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur's artillery was credited today with repelling and dispersing headlong attacks by Japanese infantrymen upon both flanks of the Batan battle line.

At the same time, the army said American fliers had sunk still another enemy transport in the Macassar Straits area. A second vessel on fire. Two enemy planes were shot down and a third was damaged.

### War Situation Last Night

(By KIRKE L. SIMPSON, Associated Press War Analyst)

The "Mother of Parliaments," by a rousing vote of confidence, has re-commissioned tough-fibred Winston Churchill to lead the British Commonwealth to victory despite gathering gloom about the fate of Singapore and a further British setback in Libya.

Rome-Berlin claims of recapture of Bengasi, prime port and air base site on the Libyan hump, closely commanding the Mediterranean waistline, lacked British confirmation as this was written. However, London spokesmen said another British evacuation was probable.

That is the most serious aspect as yet of the Nazi-Fascist counter offensive in North Africa. By Mr. Churchill's own accounting, Bengasi plays an important part in the major strategy of the middle sea. In British hands and adequately manned with air power and equipped to service submarines, Bengasi powerfully backed-up the Malta outpost in the Sicilian straits.

There is still no explanation of the second British retreat in central Libya unless it springs, as did the first, from withdrawal of Empire forces on that front for use elsewhere, presumably in the Pacific theatre. If that is the case, reinforcements must soon make their weight felt in Malaya. Else Singapore may become a fortress as closely besieged as is Gen. Douglas MacArthur's mountain stronghold in the Philippines.

There seems small question that transfer of Empire air power to some other front, as well as Axis success in feeding reinforcements to Libya through the British blockade, had something to do with British back-stepping in Africa. It was air mastery that paved the way for the second British westward push, now in reverse.

### British House Votes Confidence In Churchill

One single vote cast against Government; Rumors Beaverbrook to be Production Chief.

By Harold Fair Canadian Press Staff Writer

LONDON, Jan. 29—(CP)—The House of Commons concluded tonight its examination of the reverses suffered by the British forces in the Far East and voted 464 to 1, its confidence in Prime Minister Churchill and his government.

Mr. Churchill himself wound up the three-day debate, answering many of the apprehensive questions raised by members and giving the House assurance that in voting confidence in the government it was not whitewashing the "scandals, inefficiency or misbehavior" of subordinate officials who might be responsible in part for the unfavorable course of events in the Orient.

The single vote cast against the government was from James Maxton, Clydeside leader of the small Independent Labor group. Two of Mr. Maxton's colleagues, John McGovern and Campbell Stephen, were disqualified as tellers and thus were not counted in the vote.

The Prime Minister's Parliamentary triumph—it was the most overwhelming vote in his favor since the unanimous endorsement accorded him the day he assumed office 20 months ago—came after he had assured the House he would not fail to profit from the various constructive suggestions advanced by speakers in the debate.

Important Change  
Mr. Churchill indicated that one important change in the government structure might be expected at an early date—the appointment of a British counterpart of Donald Nelson, President Roosevelt's production chief.

In this connection the lobby correspondent of the Press Association wrote tonight that Lord Beaverbrook will likely be chosen for this new post perhaps to be known as Minister of Production.

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### Boost score of Japs downed

RANGOON, Burma, Jan. 29—(CP)—R.A.F. fighters and the United States volunteer squadron tore through the German, "the whole factory was enveloped in flames and smoke which shot 500 feet into the air."

One of the raiders was piloted by P.O. E. J. Ames, 21, of Quebec City. During the night bombers raided Münster, Germany, again and the German-occupied cities of Boulogne, France, and Rotterdam, Holland. Air fields in the lowlands also were bombed. Six bombers were missing and the air ministry said one fighter was missing from yesterday's patrol operations.

A German plane bombed and machine-gunned a north coast Scottish fishing village tonight, killing a number of persons and causing considerable property damage.

### Debate On Throne Speech To Continue

OTTAWA, Jan. 29—(CP)—Debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne will continue in the House of Commons tomorrow with Jean Francois Pouliot, (Lib., Temiscouata), the first speaker.

### House continues Debate mainly On Conscription

Vancouver Member Says Defence Forces On West Coast Entirely Inadequate.

OTTAWA, Jan. 29—(CP)—A Japanese invasion of Canada is probable, Howard Green, (Con. Vancouver South) said in the House of Commons tonight as debate on the Speech from the Throne continued—mainly on the subject of conscription and the Government's plebiscite proposal, but veering onto other topics at times.

Earlier in the day John M. Turner (Lib. Springfield) charged that a "group of racketeers" in Toronto was more interested in obtaining control of the Government than in conscription. If they secured control they would do away with the excess profits tax, abolish price control and make the sky the limit on profits on war equipment, he said.

Mr. Green said defence forces available on the west coast are entirely inadequate to deal with an invasion but drew a denial from Defence Minister Ralston when he said the west coast army was equipped with old American rifles which could not be fired.

Like other Conservative speakers he expressed opposition to the proposed plebiscite by which the government intends to seek release from pledges not to introduce compulsory overseas service.

George Cruickshank (Lib. Fraser Valley), on the other hand, said the plebiscite was necessary and the only honorable course and that no man under 60 who was physically fit and did not serve in the last war ought to urge the conscription of young men.

He said he had been a believer (Continued on page 9, Col 6)

### Leaves seat Among Liberals

OTTAWA, Jan. 29—(CP)—Ligouri Lacombe, representing Laval-Two Mountains in the House of Commons who yesterday announced he was forming a new Canadian party, today left his seat among the Liberals to sit on the opposition side of the House next to Mrs. Doris W. Nielsen (Unity-North Battleford).

Mr. Lacombe was elected as an Independent Liberal.

An anti-conscriptionist, he broke with the Liberal party over the plebiscite proposal to release the government from its pledges not to conscript men for overseas service.

He did not attend today's Liberal caucus.

### Entire crew of Tanker rescued

STON, Jan. 29—(AP)—Rescue of the entire crew of 23 of a Norwegian tanker, torpedoed off Nova Scotia Jan. 21, was reported today by the Gloucester schooner Grand Marshal upon her arrival from the fishing banks.

Captain Frank Hines, who has himself survived the sinking of two fishing vessels, related that the Grand Marshal came upon the tanker's crew in two life boats, Jan. 23, about 60 miles off shore. The men, all in good condition except one who suffered an ankle injury, were taken aboard and landed at Shelburne, N. S.

The survivors, according to Captain Hines, said their vessel was struck by two torpedoes and literally blown into two parts, both of which still were afloat when a Canadian coast guard vessel investigated several days later.

The crew members abandoned the tanker in three lifeboats, but subsequently distributed their number two, one of which had a motor and took the other in tow. After proceeding about 40 miles, gasoline was exhausted and the two boats drifted on a calm sea about 38 hours before the rescue by the Gloucester schooner.

### War—25 Years Ago Today

(By The Canadian Press)  
JAN. 30, 1917—Belgian troops repulsed German surprise attacks south of Heitsas. Canadian and British troops made successful raids near Bouches and Butte de Warencours.

### City Accounts Show A Surplus Of Over \$19,602

Substantial improvement also in debt reduction and General Financial Situation.

The following report of the Finance Committee of the City Council, showing a substantial improvement in city financing, was presented at last night's annual meeting by the committee chairman, Coun. R. C. Chandler:—  
Your Worship:—

This report of your Finance Committee is, as always, accompanied by the Balance Sheets as at last Dec. 31st., and the Financial Statements for the last fiscal year, prepared by the City's auditors from the records of the City Clerk. These statistical reports are intended to indicate precisely, and authoritatively, the City's present financial position, and the degree of success which attended the operation of the City's business during the year considered.

These reports for the year 1941 present what has become an unfamiliar picture, a surplus of Revenue over Expenditure, a very substantial surplus too—\$19,602.38. This must be a source of personal gratification to Your Worship, and to every individual member of this Council because you have each contributed substantially towards its achievement, by rigidly controlling expenditures in the departments which you administered. There are certain other items appearing in the reports well worthy of your attention, and of some comment by your committee, these follow, and to facilitate their consideration are headed:

Revenue and Expenditure  
Total revenue for the year was \$332,094.93 as against \$296,458.12 for the year 1940.  
Total expenditure was \$312,492.55 against \$301,274.87 for 1940.  
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### Annual Meeting Of City Council

With a full slate of councillors in attendance, the annual meeting of the City Council was held last night in the Council Chambers. Highlight of the year's activities was a \$19,602.38 surplus which was revealed during the reading of the Financial Report for 1941 by Coun. R. C. Chandler, chairman of that committee. The activities of the various city departments were thoroughly reviewed by the chairman of the different committees.

His Worship, Mayor B. Roy Holman, presided and gave a comprehensive review of the year's work. The text of his report appears elsewhere as does also that of the Finance chairman and other committee chairmen.

After presenting the favorable report Coun. Chandler remarked that "three years ago the finances of the city were in a chaotic state but this and the previous Council has brought order out of chaos. He added that there was a deficit of \$33,000 three years ago whereas this year the city winds up a business with a surplus of \$19,602.38.

When all the reports of the committees had been read, the chairman of the Finance Committee further commented, "I have noticed from the reports of the City, the Commissioners of Water Supply and the Board of School Trustees, that no debentures were issued during the year except for refunding. This means that the city was financed out of current revenue."

The report of the Street Committee was a most favorable one and this department has contributed greatly towards making a surplus possible, was the opinion of the chairman, Coun. F. C. Dougan. In the Police Report submitted by Coun. J. E. Sterns a pension scheme for members of the City Police was recommended; also recommended was promotion on merit basis rather than on length of service.

The following other reports were presented: Meat and Milk Inspector by Dr. I. E. Croken; Public Property and Markets by Coun. J. E. Blanchard; Employment and Relief by Coun. Henry Lapierre; Tender by Coun. J. T. McKee; Fire by Coun. B. Earle MacDonald; Light by Coun. T. A. Butler.

The report of the Commissioners of Sewers and Water Supplies and that of the Board of School Trustees were read by Mr. J. A. Fullerton, city clerk.

Appended to the report of the Chairman of the Police reports of the year's activities of the Police Force submitted by Chief A. Britwhistle and of the City Police Court by Mr. Ernest Seller.

### Charlottetown man Is Wireless Graduate

CALGARY, Jan. 29—(CP)—Students from all Canadian provinces, and the United States, graduated today from No. 2 Wireless School, Royal Canadian Air Force. Badges were presented by Group Captain E. R. Owen, commanding officer. Leading student was K. B. Mosher, Albert County, N.B. Included in the list of graduates were F. J. C. Cameron, Clace Bay, N.S., and F. C. Stewart, Charlottetown.

### Engage in "Paper war"

SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND, Jan. 29—(CP)—Canadian corps held an immense "paper war" to give the different headquarters a two-day, anti-invasion tune-up as it topped off staff training for the winter.

Troops did not move as in regular manoeuvres—but staff officers at corps and in every division, brigade and battalion were put over the jumps. On paper, umpires created terrifying situations for the Canadians to cope with and these were met by hundreds of orders as the "battle" raged.

Capt. Olive Benson of Montreal handled camp commandant duties with Lieut. Dick Fijter of Charlottetown.

### May Wipe Out French Control In Indo-China

TOKYO (From Japanese Broadcast) Jan. 29—(AP)—The Japan Times and Advertiser intimated today that Japan might eliminate the last vestiges of French control in Indo-China unless activities hostile to Japan cease.

The Times and Advertiser, controlled by the Japanese Foreign Office, said force would be resorted to if Free French activity in Indo-China continues.

IT'S QUEER THAT A MAN CAN WALK A MILE BY JUST MOVING A COUPLE O' FEET



(Canadian Press)

TORONTO, Jan. 29—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Dawson	20B	4B
Victoria	36	43
Edmonton	17	23
Regina	17	22
Winnipeg	28	27
Ottawa	7	21
Montreal	7B	9
Boston	zero	10

BOSTON, Jan. 29—(CP)—Forecast for Maine: Slightly colder Friday, diminishing winds.

Synopsis: The weather continues comparatively mild throughout the Prairie Provinces with light to moderate snow in Manitoba and Lake Superior region, but over the greater part of Ontario it has been fair and cold.

High tide this morning at 10:05 and tonight at 9.5.  
Sun sets this afternoon at 5:04 and rises tomorrow morning at 7:22.

Full moon Feb. 1, 4:12 a.m.  
Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

BORDEN — CAPE TORMENTINE SERVICE  
Leave Borden 9:25 A.M. 1:00 P.M.  
Leave Cape Tormentine 11:00 A.M. 3:20 P.M.

Join the Host of Home Bakers who Use BLOSSOM OF CANADA FLOUR Exclusively

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