



MAXIMS
OF A
MERE MAN

O, the old year's pain ne'er can
come again, and it's over the buried
sleep; but what joy holdeth forth the
New Year hold, and what hopes
within it sleep.

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Even while we sing, he smiles his
last and leaves our sphere behind.
The Good Old Year is with the past,
O be the New Year kind!

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COMMITTEE APPROVES ATOMIC CONTROL PLAN

Tax Change Will Aid British Car Plants

Fuel Shortage Acute in Britain

(By James McCook)
LONDON, Dec. 30.—(CP Cable)—British manufacturers will see a change in the automobile taxation system Wednesday but their hopes of being able to build cars more suited for the export trade will be deferred by shortages of materials, manpower problems and pressing market demands.

In future, taxation will be on the basis of £1 (\$4) for every 100 cubic centimetres of engine capacity with a minimum charge of £7 10d (\$30). In the past, taxation has been on the basis of 25 shillings for each horsepower, measured on the bore size of the engine. This encouraged manufacturers to build engines efficient enough on British roads but helpless on frontier trails. Meanwhile, North American vehicles surged along with abundant horsepower which permitted bigger car bodies and a wider track.

Many manufacturers argue that taxation on fuel rather than on engine power is the best but even they agreed that the change to taxation on a cubic capacity basis will be helpful.

Different systems are used for computation of licence fees in the various countries. Ontario uses a straight horsepower valuation for licence fees. In British Columbia, however, the tax is based on the weight of the whole car. In the U.S.A. the provincial tax is based on weight alone.

British car manufacturers feel the new plan will permit them to make changes to engines providing for greater power, longer life and increased smoothness.

Production authorities say there is little prospect for many new British designs in 1947 although one firm plans to bring out a more than 200 horsepower, bringing it more into line with popular United States and Canadian models in the export field.

A 20 horsepower British engine would be roughly the equivalent of a 60-horsepower North American engine.

Albania Rejects Apology Demand

ROME, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Albania in rejecting a British demand for an apology and reparations, has blamed Greece for mining the Corfu Channel with results fatal to 54 British seamen, reliable information here said today.

Two British destroyers struck mines in the channel off Albania Oct. 22. Britain demanded redress in a 2,000-word note to Albania Dec. 10.

To House Paintings

LONDON.—(CP)—Derby House near Oxford Circus, built in 1776 and known as one of the finest private houses in London, has been bought from Lord Derby by publisher Walter Hutchinson to house his famous collection of paintings.

Coming Events

- Horse Racing at Oyster Bed Bridges, New Year's Day.
- Dance in Morell Hall, New Year's Eve. Good music.
- Hockey tonight at Milton, Brackley vs. Milton. Game starts 8:15.
- Special New Year's skate Montague rink, 10:30 to 12:30.
- Skate at Milton Rink New Year's Night, 8 to 10.
- Poultry — Buying daily live and dressed poultry. Paying top market prices. Davis & Fraser Ltd.
- Notice — Receiving Hogs for Davis & Fraser Friday, 3rd. G. C. Green, Emerald.
- Notice — Unloading car Wheat and Barley Meal, Thursday, 2nd. G. C. Green, Emerald.
- Opening hockey match at Montague rink, Murray Harbour versus Montague, Wednesday night, 8 to 10.
- Don't forget the Legion Dance, Mount Stewart, Wednesday, January 1st. Rollie MacKenzie's Orchestra.
- A Masquerade Dance will be held in Souris Canadian Legion Hall, Friday night, January 3rd. Good prizes will be given.
- Hockey at New Glasgow Rink tonight, North Rustico Maple Leafs vs. Hope River Red Wings (League game.) If not fine Wednesday night.
- Tomorrow being New Year's Day and a public holiday, the next issue of The Guardian will be Thursday, Jan. 2, 1947.

Island Gets Lion's Share Of Seed Quota

The quota of 1,500,000 bushels of seed potatoes entering the United States from Canada is now about filled, according to Mr. S. G. Peppin, from the Seed Potato Certification Service.

It is estimated that Prince Edward Island seed shipments under the quota would be between 900,000 and 1,000,000 bushels.

The duty on seed from now on will be 75 cents per 100 lbs., as against 37 1/2 cents under the quota regulations.

Citizenship Act Comes Into Force New Year's Day

OTTAWA, Dec. 30.—(CP)—The Canadian Citizenship Act, passed at the last session of parliament, will come into force New Year's Day and from that time forward there will be for the first time legally such a thing as a Canadian citizen.

In previous naturalization legislation permanent residents of Canada were described simply as British subjects and legally could not call themselves Canadians. Passports, naturalization papers and similar documents set them out as "British subjects" rather than as "Canadians."

Under the new act, residents of the Dominion will be given what has been referred to as a dual-nationality. They will be Canadians and at the same time will retain their status as British subjects.

Special ceremonies will be held here Jan. 3 to mark the inauguration of the Act. The ceremonies, which will also mark the opening of Citizenship Week, will be held in the new Supreme Court building, with Prime Minister Mackenzie King in attendance.

Twenty-four citizenship certificates will be given to persons, coming from the various provinces and representing a cross section of the ethnic groups which have come to the Dominion from other countries.

Among those who will receive certificates are:

- Yousuf K. Rah, well-known Ottawa photographer; Kjeld Delehan, Moss G. N.B.; Edwin K. Ford, Halifax; and Andrew Bennett MacIsaac, East Royalty, P.E.I.

Here are some of the main features of the act:

- For the first time, the naturalization statute states that a Canadian citizen is a British subject.
- A native-born Canadian, or a

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Whisky Everywhere But Not A Drop To Drink

CAMPBELLTOWN, Argyle, Scotland, Dec. 30.—(AP)—The traditional home of Scotch whisky, but today some of the town's thirteenth citizens were offering up to £10 (\$40) a bottle for the liquor.

The high prices arose from scarcity. There are 2,000,000 gallons of Scotch in the whisky warehouses but it is in bond for five years more and when released, most of it will go to the United States.

Futile Search For Missing Lumberman

BAIE COMEAU, Que. Dec. 30.—(CP)—The Dominion Government ice-breaker Lady Grey has put in at this St. Lawrence River north shore port after a futile search amid the ice-floes of the river for Florian Simard, lumberjack who has been missing since last Monday when an airplane in which he was a passenger force-landed on the ice and sank.

Kidnapped For Trial Before Secret Court

JERUSALEM, Dec. 30.—(AP)—A Jewish youth accused of being an informer for the British authorities was abducted today for trial before the Stern Gang's dreaded "secret court" in the latest of a series of kidnappings attributed to Jewish extremists in Palestine.

The youth disappeared as British troops threw a dragnet over the coastal plain district of the Holy Land in search of persons responsible for the kidnapping and fled Sunday night of a British major and three non-commissioned officers.

The floggings of the British soldiers were attributed by the government to Irgun. In reprisal for a whipping sentence carried out Friday against a convicted Irgun bank robber.

Federal Surplus May Mean Income Tax Cut

Saurel Leaves Here On Errand Of Mercy

The C.G.S. "Saurel" left yesterday morning on an errand of mercy with forty tons of all kinds of food stored in her hold for delivery to Natsashquan Labrador.

The food had been originally brought to Charlottetown a few days ago by the "Island Coaster" who had interred to carry the food herself to Labrador. Information, however, reaching the ship that Natsashquan was already ice-bound, deterred the Captain of the "Coaster" from attempting the trip.

The "Saurel", being equipped for cutting through slight thicknesses of ice is expected to deliver the cargo safely. Natsashquan is peopled by Eskimos, Indians, and a few white trappers and traders.

Aquitania Docks After Rough Trip

HALIFAX, Dec. 30.—Her decks still after a week of pitching on the storm-tossed Atlantic, the 45,000-ton liner Aquitania lay at her berth here tonight after docking 17 hours late. Originally scheduled to berth Sunday midnight, the Cunard White Star giant did not lower her gangplank until shortly after 3 p.m. today.

It has been a troubled Christmas for a good many of her 1,367 passengers. More than half of them were unable to partake of Christmas-Day turkey as a rolling gale kept the ship rolling from side to side and pitching up and down. One English passenger said: "After six years of our food rationing and then that storm-trip which was the cruellest cut of all."

Her passengers, 875, were bound for points in Canada, 455 for United States centres. Also included in the list were 26 brides of Canadian servicemen and a 23-man draft of Canadian Army personnel.

The Aquitania is scheduled to clear for England Wednesday.

New Year's Greetings From Lieutenant Governor

The following New Year's message has been received for publication from His Honour, Lieutenant Governor J. A. Bernard:

"On the advent of the New Year I extend a greeting to ALL PRINCE EDWARD ISLANDERS, whether situated in our attractive province or located elsewhere.

"We have tried during 1946 to have our rural homes made more beautiful and homelike by the generous use of paint, and a general cleaning process. I appreciate the co-operation received and the fine movement made in this direction by so many of our good citizens.

"During the year, we have been honoured with visits from many prominent personages, including the Right Honourable the Viscount Alexander of Tunis, Governor General of Canada, and his charming wife the Viscountess Alexander, both of whom remarked particularly on the attractive appearance of Prince Edward Island homes.

"Our Province is blessed with an abundant crop of farm products, while those who live by the sea have reaped an exceptional harvest. There is gradual easing of the abnormal conditions of housing and of unemployment, and while we are thankful to Divine Providence for

May Speed Payment Of Refundable Taxes

OTTAWA, Dec. 30.—(CP)—Finance Department sources said today there was a possibility Canadian taxpayers would receive a part of the refundable portion of personal income taxes collected during the war years before the repayment date in 1948.

Repayment date for the refundable portion, which totals \$283,751,000, is fixed under the law for a year from April, 1947. The Government, however, has power to advance this date should conditions warrant.

Officials said that if production and consumption of consumer goods levelled off and signs of deflation appeared it was possible repayment would be made earlier.

Big Increase In Trade With Newfoundland

When the figures showing Prince Edward Island's exports to Newfoundland for the year 1946 become available within the next few weeks, they will show a great increase over the amount of business done the previous year, according to Mr. W. E. Agnew, trade commissioner for the Province to Newfoundland.

In one item alone, that of poultry, Mr. Agnew said well over 20,000 live birds had been shipped to Newfoundland this year as compared to 6,000 in 1945. The preceding year, 1944, only 123 birds had been exported to Newfoundland which facts show what great strides have since been taken in the development of trade between the two Islands. One shipper alone, Mr. Agnew said, had used 40,000 feet of lumber in making crates for the poultry and pigs he had shipped.

Two Boats On Service

Two boats, the "Island Connector" and the "Meigle" made regular trips during the past season between the two Islands. The "Meigle" made 15 trips and the "Connector" 12. The "Connector", a ship of 1,300 tons was a great asset to local shippers. In addition, many other vessels and Diesel-powered boats plied all last summer between Charlottetown as well as other P. E. Island ports and St. John's, Newfoundland.

The food program for Newfoundland for the past year included allocations from Canada of the following commodities: live and dressed

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Union Leader Hopes For Industrial Peace

OTTAWA, Dec. 30.—(CP)—Percy B. Bengough, president of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, said tonight in a New Year's message that organized labor does not anticipate and certainly does not desire any stoppages of work, if it can be taken for granted that working people do not go out on strike just for the fun of it. They have quit work because of a grievance serious enough in their opinion to warrant working and pass up an urgently needed pay cheque.

"It can also be taken for granted that a quiet, sensible discussion around the table before the strike, instead of after the strike, would benefit both the employers and the employees, and possibly a lot more citizens, a lot of grief, worry and bad feelings."

Mr. Bengough said the workers of "Canada were not 'revolutionaries.' They were law-abiding, good-living people who were proud of the great country of which they were citizens.



GIVES SENTENCE

Recorder Jean Mercier, shown here, declared he considered life imprisonment too good for Jehovah Witnesses being prosecuted in his Quebec court. He refused to let J. M. How enter a defence and gave the Toronto man a jail sentence when he appeared for trial.

Habeas Corpus Frees Imprisoned Jehovah Witness

QUEBEC, Dec. 30.—(CP)—John Maynard How, 25-year-old member of the Witnesses of Jehovah sect, was freed on bail tonight following granting earlier in the day by Mr. Justice Oscar Boulanger of a writ of habeas corpus, releasing him on \$200 bail pending hearing of his appeals against conviction on several charges arising from distribution of Witness pamphlets.

The former resident of Toronto, who had been in jail two weeks, had been convicted by recorder Jean Mercier on two charges of distributing pamphlets without a licence and was sentenced to three months in jail or \$100 on both charges. He was also convicted of disturbing the peace and sentenced to two months in jail or \$40 fine.

Counsel for How, in a series of legal moves, had sought to have the convictions set aside and How released on bail until the decision of the higher court had been made known.

Meanwhile, a Toronto photographer who declined to reveal his identity, had his camera taken away from him by a policeman for taking picture of How as he left the court house with Adolphe Tremblay, governor of the Quebec jail.

Sheriff J. E. Lapierre later said that such pictures could be taken outside the court house but not inside. The camera was returned.

Recorder Mercier, in convicting How on a previous charge several weeks ago, said that life imprisonment would not be too severe a sentence for convicted members of the sect.

How said that when cleared of the Quebec charges, he would continue to fight for the sect. He said he still faced more than a dozen charges in Montreal, mainly for distributing pamphlets without a city licence.

More serious seditious libel charges have been filed against other members of the sect, found distributing "Quebec's Burning Hate" a pamphlet which attacks the Catholic Church, the courts, the Provincial Government and other official bodies.

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Beneficial Averages \$6 Per Month Per Child

OTTAWA, Dec. 30.—(CP)—The Health Department reported today in a year-end review that its welfare branch paid out \$240,403,175 in family allowances in 1946, an average of approximately \$6 a month for each of the more than 3,335,000 children eligible.

CHRISTMAS SALES GOOD

SAINT JOHN, N. B. Dec. 30.—(CP)—In a post-Christmas survey here today, leading stores reported heavy sales as good or better than the record volume of the previous Christmas season. Most purchases were of the practical type and heavy sale of luxury items, common in the war years, was lacking this season.

Measure Still Faces Possible Soviet Veto

By MAX HARRISON
LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., Dec. 30.—(AP)—After more than six months of debate, the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission today approved the United States atomic control plan and sent it to the Security Council where it faces a possible veto by Soviet Russia.

The United States plan, in its final form, was contained in an interim report adopted by a vote of 10 to 0, with Russia and Poland abstaining. Although Russia did not vote against the report, Soviet delegate Andrei A. Gromyko delivered a scathing attack against it.

Gromyko's declaration was interpreted as an indication he might invoke the big-power veto right to kill the report, or at least a section providing that the five big powers would surrender their right to veto punishment of countries that violate atomic control agreements.

This fear was voiced by Polish delegate Oscar Langier, who said he was abstaining because he felt the report contained provisions which would not be accepted by all the five permanent members of the

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Weather Synopsis and Official Inland Forecasts Issued by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax at 11:15 p.m. Dec. 30.

Toronto	25	34
Vancouver	25	34
Edmonton	5B	9
Regina	23B	15B
Winnipeg	13B	15B
Toronto	2	14
Montreal	1	4
Ottawa	6B	2
Quebec	7	12
Saint John	Zero	—
Halifax	14	31
Charlottetown	21	39
Sydney	20	44
Yarmouth	20	45

Forecast valid until Tuesday midnight.

Prince Edward Island: Cloudy with snow flurries particularly along the windward shores. Colder. Northwest wind 20 mph becoming light in the afternoon. High Tuesday at Charlottetown 10.

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.
Excursion trips are made between all automobiles are carried.
SUNDAY SERVICE
From Borden, 1 P.M., 6:45 P.M.
From Tormentine 3 P.M., 8 P.M.