



Portland Gale Of 50 Years Ago Is Recalled

PROVINCETOWN, Mass., Nov. 26 (AP)—Fifty years ago this week-end the steamship Portland sank with all hands in wild weather off this rocky coast. Today her loss is still a mystery.

What brought the Boston-to-Portland side-wheeler so far off her course?

Where, actually, did the 280-foot craft go down?

Old salts from Cape Cod to Casco Bay still chew over these questions. Not one passenger or crew member of the 176 aboard survived to answer.

More than 100 other vessels were lost along the coast from New York to Maine in that hurricane, always called in New England the "Portland Storm."

The Portland cast off from Boston's India wharf in snow squalls. Most of her passengers were Portlanders on the way home from Thanksgiving visits.

Two hours later she was seen passing Cape Ann in a growing blizzard, but still on her course.

By the next night—Sunday—her wreckage and dead were strewn on Cape Cod beaches 50 miles distant. Wires were down and roads blocked by drifting snow and it was two days before Boston got the news.

For seven days more rampaging seas tossed the Portland's 107-sam on 25 miles of beach from Provincetown to Chatham, but only 43 bodies washed ashore.

It was widely thought that the vessel sank near 60-fathoms-deep Stellwagen Bank, 20 miles off this port, but in 1945 historian Edward Rowe Snow of Winthrop, Me., said his divers found the Portland's hull four miles off Highland Light, North Truro.

Snow is historian of the Portland Associates whose relatives went down with the ship. They set up the organization in 1908 and have held annual memorial services in Boston.

Most of them are getting on in years Snow said, and have decided to wind up the organization.

The final ceremony is the dedication of a memorial tablet at Highland Light November 27.

Tribute Paid To Mr. W. S. Thompson

MONTREAL, Nov. 26—Walter S. Thompson, director of public relations and advertising, Canadian National Railways and Trans-Canada Air Lines, is relinquishing his air line activities as of December 31, it was announced today, following a meeting of the T.C.A. board of directors. He will devote his full time and attention to the railway and its other ancillary services.

G.R. McGregor, president of T.C.A., on behalf of the board and himself, made "grateful acknowledgment of the valuable services rendered by Mr. Thompson to the air line since its inception in 1937. His outstanding knowledge and experience in the public relations and advertising fields have been of immeasurable advantage to the company."

In 11 years T.C.A. has expanded from 122 miles to nearly 16,000 miles of scheduled routes across Canada, to United States centres, across the Atlantic to Great Britain, to Bermuda and to the Caribbean and Mr. Thompson felt in view of his other transportation responsibilities, that the time had arrived for the air line to establish a public relations department of its own.

Revivo Britain's Oldest Industry

LONDON, Nov. 25 (CP)—Basketmaking in Britain is taking on a new lease of life. It is the nation's oldest industry, going back to the days of the ancient Britons before the arrival of the Roman legions.

In the period between the First and Second World Wars the industry was hard hit by imports from abroad. These were sold at prices which would not even cover the wages of British craftsmen. During this slump the willow beds specially cultivated to produce osiers for basketmaking shrank from 9,000 acres to only 2,000.

During the war there was a big demand for home-made baskets. Large quantities were required for airborne supplies as well as for signal equipment. The willow growers re-organized their industry on a voluntary basis with complete success to meet these demands.

Now that Britain is restricting imports as much as possible in order to save spending abroad this wartime activity is not only being maintained but increased. There are now 7,000 basketmakers and the aim is to raise the figure as high as 25,000. This will include blind and disabled persons for whom basket weaving is an occupation particularly well suited.

Moncton Man Sentenced To Four Years In Prison

(By The Canadian Press) DORCHESTER, N. B., Nov. 26—Frank Thatcher of Moncton, N.B., yesterday was sentenced to serve four years in the Maritime Penitentiary for armed robbery.

Thatcher, proprietor of a Moncton dry cleaning establishment, was charged with attempting to force a Moncton real estate agent to sign receipts for payment of rent.

William Rainbridge and William Gougeon, also of Moncton, previously had been sentenced to serve a two-year term on a smaller charge after being found guilty of aiding Thatcher in the robbery.

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and 1,700,000 Fellow Canadians WROTE THIS BILLION-DOLLAR STORY

Across the nation—in cities, towns and villages—the B of M has kept your money, and the money of 1,700,000 other customers, hard at work in 1948... helping Canadians in every walk of life to make a better future for themselves and for Canada.

Here is the money that makes the wheels of commerce turn... that provides thousands of business enterprises—from the largest corporation to the smallest one-man show—with the credit they need to carry on from day to day.

To citizens on salaries... to farmers with seasonal incomes... to merchants, manufacturers, business-men in every worthwhile line of endeavour... to municipalities, school boards and governments... to churches, hospitals and all types of public institutions... hundreds of millions of dollars are being loaned by B of M managers at more than 500 branches from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

That's a glimpse of the 1948 worksheet for your savings... the sum of your contribution to Canada's progress added to that of 1,700,000 other Canadians in the B of M family.

B of M depositors' savings—your savings—thus play a vital part in maintaining our high Canadian standard of living and in making Canada the third greatest trading nation of the world.

Yes, by saving at the B of M today, you are helping to build the greater Canada of tomorrow, while securing your own future.

MY BANK TO A MILLION CANADIANS B of M Reporting

THE FACTS BEHIND THE FIGURES for 1948

WHAT THE B OF M HAS TO MEET ITS OBLIGATIONS:	
CASH: The B of M has in its vaults and money on deposit with the Bank of Canada amounting to	\$ 211,721,990.06
MONEY in the form of notes of, cheques on, and deposits with other banks	114,887,350.98
INVESTMENTS: The B of M has over a billion dollars invested in high-grade government bonds and other public securities, which have a ready market. Listed on the Bank's books at a figure not greater than their market value, they amount to	1,003,513,939.08
The B of M has other bonds, debentures and stocks, representing in large measure assistance to industry for plant development in the post-war period. These investments are carried at	129,037,998.89
CALL LOANS: The B of M has call loans which are fully protected by quickly saleable securities. These loans amount to	31,177,918.00
QUICKLY AVAILABLE RESOURCES: The resources listed above, all of which can quickly be turned into cash, over 78.09% of all that the Bank owes to the public. These "quick assets" amount to	\$1,490,339,197.01
LOANS: During the year, many millions of dollars have been lent to business and industrial enterprises for production of every kind—to farmers, fishermen, lumbermen and ranchers—to citizens in all walks of life, and to Provincial and Municipal Governments and School Districts. These loans now amount to	456,266,244.22
BANK BUILDINGS: In hamlets, villages, towns and large cities from coast to coast the B of M serves its customers at more than 500 offices. The value of the buildings owned by the Bank, together with furniture and equipment, is shown on its books at	15,391,604.71
OTHER ASSETS: These chiefly represent liabilities of customers for commitments made by the Bank on their behalf, covering foreign and domestic trade transactions	29,383,602.12
TOTAL RESOURCES WHICH THE B OF M HAS TO MEET ITS OBLIGATIONS	\$1,991,380,648.07
WHAT THE B OF M OWES TO OTHERS:	
DEPOSITS: While many business firms, manufacturers, merchants, farmers and people in every type of business have large deposits with the B of M, the bulk of the money on deposit with the Bank is the savings of well over a million private citizens. The total of all deposits is	\$1,877,011,226.89
BANK NOTES: B of M bills in circulation, which are payable on presentation, amount to	4,244,517.06
OTHER LIABILITIES: Miscellaneous items, representing mainly commitments undertaken by the Bank on behalf of customers in their foreign and domestic trade transactions	27,185,663.58
TOTAL OF WHAT THE B OF M OWES ITS DEPOSITORS AND OTHERS	\$1,908,441,407.43
TO PAY ALL IT OWES, THE B OF M HAS TOTAL RESOURCES, AS SHOWN ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THIS STATEMENT, AMOUNTING TO	1,991,380,648.07
WHICH MEANS THAT THE B OF M HAS RESOURCES, OVER AND ABOVE WHAT IT OWES, AMOUNTING TO	\$ 82,939,240.64
This figure of \$82,939,240.64 is made up of money subscribed by the shareholders and, to some extent, of profits which have from time to time been ploughed back into the business to broaden the Bank's services and to give added protection for the depositors.	
EARNINGS —After paying all overhead expenses, including staff salaries, bonuses and contributions to the Pension Fund, and after making provision for contingencies, and for depreciation of Bank premises, furniture and equipment, the B of M reports earnings for the twelve months ended October 30th, 1948, of	\$ 8,439,669.34
Provision for Dominion Income and Excess Profits Taxes and Provincial Taxes	2,980,000.00
Leaving Net Earnings of	\$ 5,459,669.34
This amount was distributed as follows:	
Dividends to Shareholders	\$ 3,600,000.00
Balance to Profit and Loss Account	1,859,669.34
B of M EARNINGS ON THE SHAREHOLDERS' INVESTMENT	
On each dollar of the shareholders' money invested in the Bank of Montreal, the Bank earned 10.17 cents in 1948.	
AND HOW THEY WERE DIVIDED	
To TAXES	3.59 cents
To SHAREHOLDERS	4.34 cents
To SURPLUS	2.24 cents

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Canada's First Bank... WORKING WITH CANADIANS IN EVERY WALK OF LIFE SINCE 1817

W.C.T.U. NOTES

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear White Ribboners: The government has agreed to give us assistance to the extent of 40 per cent of all moneys spent on temperance education in the province. This will include scholarships. Let us bring this to the attention of all interested in the temperance cause in our province.

Let us plan our winter's programme with zeal, faith and happiness.

Send your Sunday School Contest answers to Mrs. R. T. Chisholm, Riding Mountain, to be judged for provincial prizes.

Younger women are coming into our Union. Let us give them something interesting to do.

—Edith McNeill.

PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE PAGE EDITOR

Greetings, Ladies. This is my first issue. Mrs. A. E. Cook assumed responsibility for the page in the September issue and the report of the Provincial Convention Mrs. Gravett undertook the October page and the report of the Saskatchewan School of Narcotic Education. The thanks of the province go to these two ladies. And now, Ladies, please send in your news items. S. O. S. call

—Elsie Wright

THE LEGALIZED LIQUOR TRAFFIC

As carried on in the saloons and grogshops, is the tragedy of civilization. Good citizenship demands and requires that what is legal should not only be made known, but be made prevalent; and that which is evil should not only be defeated, but destroyed. The saloon has proved itself to be the greatest foe, the most blighting cause of our modern civilization, and this is why I am a practical prohibitionist.

THE REAL ISSUE in this controversy

is the one pressing upon every mind, that gives the subject careful consideration is that legalizing the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating liquors as a

Moirs

Love at first bite!

Cool and creamy tongue-tingling peppermint, richly coated with smooth, delicious Moirs chocolate.

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Beyond question—the Best!

growth and rich blood.

"Using two grains instead of one in making Post's Grape-Nuts Flakes is a pair that really pays off—in double breakfast enjoyment and rosy-cheek nourishment."

"Fellahs—I think I'll pop over to the grocer's right now and buy up enough Post's Grape-Nuts Flakes for a full house."

"OK, pal. That's a blue chip if I ever saw one—speaking deliciously of course."

"And these malty-rich, honey-golden Post's Grape-Nuts Flakes are a whole stack of good nourishment."

"A spade full of carbohydrates for energy."

"And minerals for muscle and

beverage is wrong—as all history and every development of the traffic proves it to be—a moral, social, and political wrong.—Abraham Lincoln, in campaign for state prohibition law in Illinois, 1855.

"DISEASE SOLD HERE"

Alcoholism is a disease; or, if you prefer, a sickness.

We license places where you may go and expose yourself to this disease if you wish to do so.

In fact you may buy a case of what causes alcoholism at hundreds of thousands of stores maintained for sale of this commodity.

In order that no one who wants this disease will be unable to know where he can "catch it," approximately one hundred million dollars are spent every year advertising how and where the disease may be acquired.—Badger Prohibitionist, U. S. A.

DID YOU KNOW THAT

Beverage Alcohol is (1) a contributing factor in deaths from Cancer; (2) provides a favorable environment for T. B.; (3) is responsible for from fifty to seventy-five per cent. of venereal diseases; (4) causes alcoholic gastritis (inflammation of inside of stomach); (5) blamed for cirrhosis of the liver because it is thought that cirrhosis is related to a nutritional deficiency which may be caused by heavy drinking; (6) causes delirium tremens; (7) causes alcoholic deterioration (weakening of the mind); (8) is considered as one of the four great health scourges of modern civilization (the other three are cancer, tuberculosis, and venereal diseases).

"I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT I WAS DOING!"

It always seems a weak and utterly silly excuse for a person charged with reckless driving or, indeed any misconduct dangerous to others, to plead before a magistrate: "I was drunk and I didn't know what I was doing." To accept such a flimsy excuse would relieve a person of any guilt of any crime whatsoever. Nor should the excuse be considered as a reason why leniency should be shown towards the offender. For any person to indulge the liquor habit to the point where stupefaction sets in, and he "doesn't know what he's doing," is in itself a major offence because it renders that person a distinct menace to society.

GUIMOND-PETERS WEDDING

A wedding of wide interest to many friends in the Maritime Provinces was solemnized on Thursday morning, Nov. 18, 1948 in Stella Maris Church, East Saint John, when Rev. F.J. McDonald, with nuptial mass, united in marriage Hilda Mary, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Peters, East Saint John and Leo Joseph, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Guimond of East Saint John.

HEAD-DRESS AND GLOVES

were also made of the same material as her dress. Her flowers were yellow baby mums.

KEEP TOURISTS HEALTHY

LONDON—(CP)—Under Britain's new national health service all visitors from abroad are now entitled to free medical treatment.

FOAM LAKE, SASK.—(CP)—

The volunteer fire department scarcely had finished congratulating itself recently on extinguishing an afternoon blaze when they were called back to discover wind had fanned embers into flames which destroyed the building.

WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTSHIRE

England—(CP)—Running the picturesque rambling vicarage here "places too great a strain on my wife and pocket," writes Rev. Geoffrey Lummitt, explaining why he has resigned as vicar.