

# CAPTAIN SWIMS ASHORE TO SAVE SEVEN OF CREW

## FEDERAL BLDG. SITE EXPROPRIATION ACTION UNDER WAY

### Small Craft Wrecked In Snowstorm

### Alleged Diversion Of Seed Potatoes From PEI

#### A Retraction And Apology.

### Hint N. S. Election Next October

**HALIFAX, Feb. 1 (CP)**—A Nova Scotia general election next October was hinted in government circles tonight following sessions of the cabinet and a caucus of Liberal legislators.

Some members of the 30-seat house gave that month as a likely date for a contest although no definite decision had been reached at the meetings, they said.

A provincial election would be dated to precede a Federal election, which is not expected in Nova Scotia government circles before November.

Plans for the 1949 House session also were discussed at the caucus. No date for the Legislature opening has yet been set but Premier Angus L. Macdonald said recently it probably would be the second week in March.

### BIG FISH CATCH

**BOSTON, Feb. 1 (AP)**—The largest January catch by Boston fishermen in seven years was reported today by the Massachusetts Fisheries Association. Executive-vice president Thomas D. Rice said the haul totalled 13,332,300 pounds, 28 per cent more than in January, 1948. Good fishing weather, "the mildest in many years," was the explanation, Rice said.

### Coming Events

- \*Mail your films to Garnham Photo Studio, Charlottetown.
- \*Unloading car mixed feeds. Anderson Bros., St. Peters.
- \*Store Closed Tuesday and Wednesday, February 1st and 2nd. Stocktaking. McGuigan & Boyle.
- \*East Royals rink tonight Parkdale Juveniles vs. West Royals Juveniles. Skate after.
- \*Cornwall rink tonight Holman's vs. Cornwall C. C. Skate after.
- \*Dance, Mt. Stewart, Thursday night, February 3rd. Eastern Rhythm Boys.
- \*Expecting car Old Sydney screened coal this week, order now. J. Russell Driscoll, Mt. Herbert.
- \*Hockey Long Creek rink tonight, Long Creek Beavers vs. Massey Harris Rovers. Game time 8 o'clock.
- \*Hockey Game Covehead Rink tonight, between Covehead Red Wings and Milton Hornets. League game.
- \*Hockey New Glasgow rink tonight, Hunter River Midlets vs. New Glasgow Midlets. Game starts at 8 o'clock. Skate after.
- \*Annual Rummage Sale Salvation Army, February 4th, 1.30 P. M. Collections Wednesday and Thursday.
- \*Jimmy Power's Variety Concert at Winloe Station Hall, Friday, February 4th, 8.15 P. M. Auction Sale of Cakes.
- \*Canadian Legion dance in Rustico Hall Wednesday night, Feb. 2, in aid of South Rustico Hockey Club. Good floor, music and refreshments.
- \*Expect to unload car baled shavings this week. Special price delivery off car. E. W. Carmody, Phone 2567-L.
- \*Get your costumes for the ice carnival at Hunter River Saturday, Feb. 5th. Good music, good ice. If stormy, Monday. Proceeds E. P. U.
- \*Will be loading hogs at the following points each Thursday: Ebenezer, Wignmore, Brudalbane, until 11.30 A. M. Borden Bagnall, Hunter River, until noon. Summerside until 1.30 P. M. and Kensington until 3 P. M. MacEwen and Casely.

### No Action To Disallow PEI Law By Garson

**OTTAWA, Feb. 1 (CP)**—Justice Minister Garson told the Commons no action had been taken by his department since he became Minister to disallow Prince Edward Island's 1948 trade union legislation.

The legislation outlawed unions having national or international affiliation.

Angus MacLennan, (COP—Vancouver East) asked the Minister what had been done on requests for disallowance made to the Federal Government last summer by Canada's two major labor congresses.

Mr. Garson said nothing had been done since he took office in November. He would check and see if there had been action before that.

Premier J. Walter Jones of P. E. I. has announced the Island Government plans to modify the law at this year's session.

### Six Lose Lives In Hotel Fire

**RIPON, Wis., Feb. 1 (AP)**—Firemen late today found a torso in the smoking ruins of the Grand View Hotel as they searched the rubble for the bodies of six persons believed to have died in an early-morning blaze.

Authorities said it was impossible to identify the body immediately.

While the search began on one side of the hotel basement, firemen continued to pour water on the other parts of the wreckage of the four-story brick-veneer building.

Some 42 persons fled from the blaze in their night clothing. Many groped their way down fire escapes and smoke-filled stairways. A few jumped and were injured.

The hotel register could not be found but Police Chief Ira Dunham said all but six of the 48 guests in the hotel's 40 rooms had been located.

### Annual Report Shows Wide-spread Activities Of Canada's Mounties

#### House Swallowed By Mine Cave-in

**CARBONDALE, Pa. Feb. 1 (AP)**—The earth cracked wide open over an idle anthracite mine early today, swallowing up one house and damaging 13 others in a three-block area.

Sixty persons fled in night-clothing, fearing an earthquake. Three were injured.

Loud underground rumblings warned of the coming cave-in. A 1,200 square foot area crumbled, the earth sagging as much as 40 feet in some spots.

One house slid into a 25-foot hole. Others tilted precariously, their foundations and walls cracked by the sliding earth.

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### 4 Municipal Elections Held In PEI Yesterday

In the first municipal elections held simultaneously throughout Prince Edward Island under the Town Act passed at the last session of the Legislature, three contests for Mayors resulted in the election of Mr. Percy L. Boudreau in Georgetown, Mr. L. W. Roper in Souris and Mr. Willard Leard in Borden. Elected mayors by acclamation on nomination day January 18 were Messrs W. H. Lane, Montague; W. F. Taylor, Kensington and Charles Profit, Alberton.

No balloting for councillors was necessary in Montague and Kensington, as both towns elected their Councillors by acclamation on nomination day. Balloting in Georgetown was reported keen for both the Mayorality and Council seats, an almost 100% vote being reported.

**Georgetown Results**

At Georgetown Mr. Percy L. Boudreau polled 141 votes to the 106 for his opponent, Mr. James McConnell who has been Mayor for the past two years. The vote was said to be "practically 100 per cent of those eligible to vote."

Something of a record for the town interest in the contest was described as very great, possibly exceeding that in most Provincial and Federal elections. Mr. Boudreau is a merchant and was a former member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Retiring (Continued on Page 15 Col. 4)

### Pilot Dragged To Death When 'Chute Fouls Plane

#### Carries Pennies 158 Miles, Is Arrested

**MONTREAL, Feb. 1 (CP)**—A man who lugged 50 pounds of pennies from Montreal to Montreal—158 miles away—and changed them into crisp bills—about \$50 worth—will be charged with breaking, entering and theft, provincial police said today.

They named Roger Ostiguy of Mont Laurier as the man responsible for disappearance of the neatly rolled pennies from Caisse Populaire (People's Bank) in Mont Laurier last Dec. 23.

**NO TRACE OF PLANE**

**LONDON, Feb. 1 (AP)**—United States headquarters said tonight planes and ships of four countries had failed to find a trace of a United States B-29 bomber missing with 15 men aboard.

The search has been concentrated near the Canary Islands.

#### (By The Canadian Press)

**SHIP HARBOR, N. S., Feb. 1**—A navy fighter pilot was dragged to his death near this coastal village today when his parachute caught on the tailplane of his Seafury aircraft as he tried to jump clear of the doomed plane.

The body of Lieut. Thomas Coultury of Dartmouth, N. S., was found about 10 feet from the burned wreckage of his plane.

The plane, which apparently caught fire in the air, crashed in a heavily wooded section near this village 35 miles northeast of Halifax. A search party found the wreckage late today about five miles from here.

Two planes piloted by Coultury and Lieut. N. Cogdon were engaged in fighter attack exercises near the navy's Dartmouth base near Halifax. A search party found the wreckage late today about five miles from here.

Cogdon said he saw a parachute appear momentarily. The opening of the diving aircraft and Coultury was pulled to his death.

Cogdon said he saw smoke mushroom from Coultury's plane just before it went into a spin.

### No Funds To Visit Daughters In Canada

**LONDON, Feb. 1 (CP)**—Sir Stafford Cripps, chancellor of the Exchequer, refused today to provide dollar currency to parents may visit their war-bride daughters in Canada and the United States. Mrs. Leah Manning, Labor member of Parliament for Epping, said it was "most unsatisfactory" that no dollars were made available.

She told the House of Commons that more than 100,000 young women of child-bearing age had gone overseas, thus reducing the government problem of finding enough houses, food and clothing.

### Sam Carr And Wife Questioned

**NEW YORK, Feb. 1 (CP)**—A Federal grand jury investigating alleged subversive activities in the United States today questioned Sam Carr and his wife, Julia, behind closed doors.

Carr, long sought as a key figure in the Canadian post-war spy inquiry, and Mrs. Carr then were returned to Ellis Island where they are held pending disposition of deportation orders against them.

Thomas J. Donegan, special United States attorney, said the Carrs would not be called before the grand jury again.

Alexander Stevens, alias J. Peters, testified today before the Carrs were summoned. Peters has been identified before the House of Representatives as an American Communist under the name of Donegan. He had no reason to believe the Carrs knew Stevens.

### Flood Waters Recede After Trapping 200

**MONTREAL, Feb. 1 (CP)**—Nearly 200 south shore residents, awakened and trapped in their Longueuil homes by a sudden flood of the St. Lawrence River prepared today for a possible return battle with the swollen river.

Tons of ice that swept in behind the rushing wall of water early this morning splintered two small dwellings and wrenched several others from their foundations.

The marooned persons were rescued by rowboat or carried through the racing waters on the shoulders of hastily-formed relief squads.

Many had time only to throw overcoats over their night clothing. At least three families climbed to the roofs of their houses to await rescue.

Because of the jamming ice floes and the shortage of oars, most of the boats had to be pushed with poles or by hip-boated men wading in the shallower areas.

The flood was confined largely to Quin Boulevard in Longueuil, across the St. Lawrence from the eastern section of Montreal.

Harbor officials blamed the flood on an ice jam during the week-end at Longue Pointe, east of Longueuil.

Late today the water had largely receded. With an expected drop in temperature tonight it was believed further immediate danger was over.

### Statement By Works Minister In Parliament

**OTTAWA, Feb. 1 (CP)**—A site has been chosen for a proposed Federal building in Charlottetown, Works Minister Fournier told the Commons today.

He said the location is in a block bounded by Richmond, Pownall, Sydney and Queen Streets. It contains 21 properties, and expropriation proceedings on them are under way.

Mr. Fournier was replying to a question asked by W. Chester S. McLure (PC—Queens).

**Urges Tax Cut**

**OTTAWA, Feb. 1 (CP)**—A 50-per cent reduction in personal income taxes was urged today in the Commons by Roland Beaudry, Liberal member for Montreal St. James.

Mr. Beaudry, one of several members to participate in a slow-moving debate on the Throne Speech, said the government could afford to cut the income tax rates approximately in half. He presented a plan to show how it could be done.

The plan, aimed at removing some 724,000 taxpayers from the income tax rolls, would involve a change in the exemptions, now fixed at \$750 for single persons and at \$1,500 for married persons.

He urged that an earned income exemption be added to the basic exemption granted each taxpayer according to his marital status. He suggested that the new exemption be equal to 20 per cent of the taxpayers earned income.

The exemption would apply on incomes of up to \$7,500 for single persons and up to \$10,000 for married persons. The maximum exemption for single persons would be \$1,500 and for married persons \$2,000.

Mr. Beaudry swung from a discussion of the income tax structure to criticize George Drew, Progressive Conservative leader, for his stand on family allowances.

**Other Speakers**

Other speakers in the debate included Charlie Gillis (COP—Cape Breton South); H. O. White (PC—Middlesex East), and William Irvine (COP—Carriboo).

At the night sitting the speakers included Real Caouette, Union Des Electeurs member for Pontiac in (Continued on Page 5 Col. 4)

### Butter Consumption In Canada Increasing

**OTTAWA, Feb. 1 (CP)**— Canadians ate 388,250,000 pounds of butter in 1948, an increase of 16,750,000 pounds over the previous year, the Bureau of Statistics reported today. This consumption level, an average of 28.68 pounds a head compared with 27.93 the previous year, meant the Dominion cut sharply into her domestic butter stocks, since production for 1948 amounted to only 348,164,000 pounds, approximately 1,000,000 pounds below 1947 output.

### Husband-sharing Plan Urged By German Teacher

**(By The Associated Press)**

**HAMBURG, Feb. 1**—A twice-wedded woman school teacher is fighting for legal husband-sharing in Germany, and to put papa in his place.

Her main objective: more babies, despite the man shortage.

Mrs. Dorothy Klaje, 52, contends husbands, while necessary, are "unimportant" in themselves. In broadcasts and interviews, she is campaigning to make women the dominant family members and to pass around the husbands under a system of short-term marriages.

She tells the girls her plan would work like this:

You pick a husband for a specific period. At the end of the period, turn him loose. Divorce would not be necessary, just report to the town hall that the marriage has expired. The man then could go on to the next woman who wanted him.

Mrs. Klaje, who is childless, says some 7,000,000 German women now have no hope of getting husbands or bearing legitimate children. Her husband-sharing plan, she says, would boom the birth rate and "save our culture."

She demands that her proposals be written into the west German constitution, now under study at Bonn.

"Time marriage" is her term for the plan. She also wants the law to decree that wives shall retain their maiden names, which also would become family names. Name and property would descend to eldest daughter, as name and property have descended to eldest son.

There has been practically no official comment.

**MORE BY THE YARD**

Textile production in Britain for 1948 was increased by 15 to 20 per cent over 1947.

**ANTIGONISH, N. S., Feb. 1 (CP)**—While the thundering sea battered his tiny dragger to splinters, Capt. Land Luce swam ashore through the breakers today with a line that enabled his seven crew members to reach shore safely.

The Lunenburg, N. S., dragger Marie Brenda, 29 tons, dragged her anchors last night and piled around on a ledge off Issac's Harbor lighthouse, about 15 miles north of this Northern Nova Scotia town.

A blinding snowstorm struck Nova Scotia last night. The dragger anchored off Issac's Harbor for shelter. But driven by the gale and breaking sea, she dragged her anchors and ran ashore on a ledge near the lighthouse.

Battering seas ground the wooden hull against the jagged rocks, punching holes in the bottom.

Wringing wet, the captain and crew clung to the wreck throughout the night. Huge seas broke over the tiny craft and the men lashed themselves to the masts.

Early today seaman Joseph Fry attempted unsuccessfully to swim ashore with a line. Helpless in the rough water, he was pulled back on board.

Then 22-year-old Capt. Luce tied the line to his waist and dived overboard. After a terrific struggle through the boiling surf he reached shore.

He fastened the line to a tree. Meanwhile, the Marie Brenda was breaking up fast under the merciless pounding.

One at a time, the men caught the line and passed along through the sea to safety. It took two hours for the remaining six men to reach shore.

Brought to hospital here suffering from frost-bitten feet were Gordon Acker, the cook, and Fry, Capt. Luce, Bo's Samuel Corbett, Engineer Leo Mersey and some (Continued on Page 5 Col. 3)



**TORONTO, Feb. 1 (CP)**— Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria 23 40; Edmonton 5b 14; Regina 30b 7b; Winnipeg 21b 10b; Toronto 13 29; Ottawa 14 -; Montreal 16 29; Quebec 15 24; Saint John 30 32; Moncton 26 29; Halifax 32 40; Charlottetown - 34; Sydney 21 39; Yarmouth 32 36. B-below.

### U.S. Hopes Norway Will Join North Atlantic Pact

**WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 (AP)**—The State Department disclosed official interest today in having Norway join the North Atlantic security pact.

Press officer Michael J. McDermott at a press conference said "We hope to be in a position soon to discuss the whole (North Atlantic security) subject not only with Norway but also with other governments."

Actually, other informants said, it is expected that Dean Acheson, Secretary of State, will meet soon, possibly this week, with the ambassadors of Canada, Britain, France, Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg to discuss the treaty project.

The belief is that then the group will take up the question of inviting other nations to join. Bids are expected to go to Norway, Iceland, Greece, Portugal, Italy and probably Denmark.

The way was cleared for action along this line by the failure of Norway, Denmark and Sweden to work out a strictly Scandinavian alliance among themselves.

In Washington, the treaty draft has not been completely worked out but it has been agreed that each of the member countries will be committed to provide appropriate assistance, possibly military in case any one of the countries is attacked.

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