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This column is reserved for news of local interest, but advertising of a swag nature may be inserted as a notice, strictly payable in advance.

—BISMA-REX for stomach upsets at Taylor Drug Co., Kensington.

—E. N. O'BRYAN of Holt-Renew and Co., Montreal is buying furs daily at office of Charles Rogers, Summerside.

—BEDEQUE United Church. The services for Sunday, December 28th are as follows: Bedeque 11 a.m.; Cape Traverse 3 p.m.; Albany 7 p.m. Rev. Ralph W. Barker, Minister.

—Mr. Reuben Dickieson of Kensington has received word that his sister, Mrs. Hardman of St. Petersburg, Florida is dangerously ill.

—Mr. John Arnold Douglas of Norboro left on Saturday morning for Moncton.

—Aircraftman Douglas of Norboro who spent the Christmas holidays at home expects to leave this morning for Trenton, Ont.

—Aircraftman George Gorman is spending his holidays at home in Kensington.

—Don Baker, who is serving his King and Empire on a minesweeper spent the Christmas holidays with his father, Cleveland Baker, M.L.A. and family at Kensington.

—The many friends and acquaintances of Mrs. Reuben Dickieson will regret to learn of her continued serious illness which she has suffered for the past six months.

—Mr. and Mrs. James McCordie of Middleton left recently for Philadelphia to spend the Christmas holidays with their daughter, Mrs. Robert McCordie and her family.

—The Canadian delegation arrived in London late today to take part in two meetings today of what have come to be known as the allied supply council and the allied war council.

—Accompanying the Prime Minister were the following: Defence Minister Ralston, Air Minister Power, Navy Minister Macdonald, Supply Minister Howe and two government officials, W. C. Clark, deputy minister of finance, and Norman Robertson, undersecretary of state for external affairs.

—The arrival of the Canadian delegation was taken to mean that the British and American delegations had reached conclusions on many of the major principles involved in the world strategy plan and now ready to impart duties and responsibilities to each of the allied nations.

—The report was strengthened by an announcement that Mr. Roosevelt tomorrow will confer with the diplomatic representatives of Russia, China, Australia, New Zealand and the Netherlands East Indies.

—Mrs. Helen Hacking of Borden was a visitor to Summerside on Friday.

—Miss Adele Read of Ottawa Ladies College, arrived home on Monday evening for the Christmas holidays.

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—Miss Jennie MacDonald who recently received her graduation diploma from U. C. College at Charlottetown is spending the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. James V. MacDonald, at Abergview Hotel, A.

British Premier

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had just said and heard. Never in the recent history of the United States has a foreign statesman been afforded such a welcome.

Predicts Tribulation

In sombre tones, the Prime Minister predicted a time of tribulation ahead for all allied nations but in the end the Axis powers will be taught a lesson which they and the whole world will never forget while the British and American peoples will, for their own safety and for the good of the world.

It was in his references to post-war conditions that this son of an American moneyer reached the full force of his unrivalled oratorical powers—and legislators who three short weeks ago were divided sharply into isolationists and interventionists listened keenly.

He told them, bluntly and without verbal qualification, that pestilence will sweep the world and the new world and "duty and prudence alike demand first, that the germ centres of hatred and revenge should be constantly and vigilantly served and treated, and that the world must be set up to make sure the pestilence can be controlled at its earliest beginning.

Mr. Arthur Potts, who led the Canadian forces in the Spitbergen expedition, will again command the Western Canada brigade and Brig. J. H. Roberts will continue to lead the 2nd division until Gen. Crerar is free to assume his command. Gen. Crerar succeeds Maj.-Gen. Victor Odlum who has been appointed Canadian High Commissioner to Australia.

The contingent of airmen was the biggest ever to cross the Atlantic. It included not only pilots, gunners, navigators, and wireless men from Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Britain, the United States and Canada's "Little Norway" but a large section of ground maintenance men trained in the Dominion.

The air force men, who declared "we have come to bring you victory in 1943," were greeted by Air Commodore T. E. B. Howe, representing the air council, while Sir Arthur Bromley, representing the Dominions office, greeted the troops with a speech in which he warned them that they must expect a grim, hard struggle before victory is won.

Some ground will be lost which will be regained, he said, "Many disappointments and unpleasant surprises await us. Many of them will affect our latest and full marshalling of our resources, but we will not be discouraged."

It was a message of hope and cheer, and confidence that Mr. Churchill brought to the Canadian and interparliamentary clothed with his incomparable gift of language. But it was also a sharp reminder that things might grow worse, much worse, before they take a turn for the better.

"It is quite true that on our side, our resources in manpower and materials are not as plentiful as they were," he said. "But only a portion of our resources are as yet mobilized and developed and we, both of us, have much to learn in the cruel art of war."

Proudly he reported that the recent offensive in Libya had demonstrated the superiority of the British and Commonwealth forces in equal force and with equal equipment, they can make the enemy feel the sharp edge of those tools with which he has equipped himself.

As always he had nothing but contempt for Mussolini—"crumpled already... a lachry and a serf, the man who has been so long in the world, came in for a share of biting invective. In view of all considerations, he said, Japan's attack on Britain and the United States could not be regarded as "with prudence, or even sanity."

"What kind of people do they think we are?" he scornfully demanded.

Thankful For Time

Mr. Churchill said the United States and Britain should be given full credit for the part they played in the preparation for their defence. If Germany had attempted to invade the British Isles, he said, they would have been crushed.

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Seek solution on French Islands

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (AP)—Conversations looking toward settlement of the St. Pierre-Miquelon situation by an agreement satisfactory to all concerned are being held today, it was learned from the State Department.

1. Withdrawal of Free French Forces and restoration of Vichy sovereignty over the islands.

2. Close supervision of the St. Pierre radio station by representatives of the British-Canadian-American allies.

3. The department will be no more ice skates or roller skates, tricycles, joyrides, and many electrical appliances.

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Recapitulation of fighting at Hong Kong

LONDON, Dec. 26 (CP)—Canadian troops at Hong Kong were counter-attacking apparently a gainst overwhelming odds on Sunday, Dec. 21, against Japanese invaders through a cauldron, the War Office disclosed tonight in issuing a day-to-day recapitulation of nearly three weeks of fighting.

Invasion of the island was well started by Dec. 19 and counter-attacks by a company of the Winnipeg Grenadiers to retake Wong Nei Change Gap also failed in the face of concentrated mortar and machine gun fire which inflicted heavy casualties.

For a 24-hour period ending around dusk on Dec. 23 the enemy had kept up incessant attacks, accompanied by intensive bombardment from the air and by mortars and artillery.

The War Office summed up the Dec. 23 action as follows: "A counter-attack by the company of the Winnipeg Grenadiers to retake Wong Nei Change Gap also failed in the face of concentrated mortar and machine gun fire which inflicted heavy casualties."

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new acting command almost immediately from Maj.-Gen. G. R. Pearkes who will return to command the first division, Gen. Pearkes has been acting commander of the Canadian Corps since Gen. McNaughton was laid up with a minor but persistent lung infection which now has been cured.

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Strict control of building steel

OTTAWA, Dec. 26 (CP)—Strict control of the use of building steel goes into effect tomorrow. It was announced tonight by the Munitions and Supply Department.

An order issued by steel controller F. B. Kilbourn and approved by R. C. Berkshaw, chairman of the War-time Industries Control Board, said that, without permission from the controller, no person shall supply or purchase or use new or second-hand plain or fabricated steel plates, structural shapes, or bars for the construction, remodeling or repair of any building, except as follows: boiler, bridge, tower, conveyor or other stationary structure.

The ruling also makes it necessary for steel distributors to give monthly reports of their stocks of affected products and their contracts involving use of one ton or more.

Matching this achievement, the Russians said their forces on the Leningrad front have captured Narotominsk, 35 miles southwest of Moscow, and blasted the frost-bitten Nazis from stubbornly defended positions on the west bank of the Neva River.

The BBC reported even a more smashing Soviet advance—the capture of Vyazma, on the Minsk railroad 126 miles west of Moscow. More than 100 German soldiers and 200 horses were captured.

The Germans had strongly fortified this place and exerted every effort to stop our offensive. Subsequent engagements in the area and the place was shortly occupied by our troops.

Afterward he commanded British troops to have their own flag raised on the island.

Mr. Churchill said the United States and