

### Death January 1 Of Prominent C.N.R. Official

MONTREAL, Jan. 3 — Homer Lindsay Currie, prominent civil engineer, who during his nearly quarter of a century with the Canadian National Railways in various sections of eastern and western Canada has played an important part in many of the big engineering projects on the system, including the largest railway terminal development in the Dominion at Montreal, died at his home here today after an illness of several weeks. He was 54.

A native of Woodstock, N. B., Mr. Currie graduated from the University of New Brunswick with a B. Sc. degree in 1913. He began his railway service in the same year, when he joined the Canadian Government Railways at Moncton as a leveller. He became a draughtsman in 1916 and in the following year enlisted with the C. E. F. Demobilized in 1919, Mr. Currie returned to the railway as instrument-man at Springhill Jct., and progressing to assistant engineer in the following year served successively at Moncton, Port-William, St. Catharines, Montreal and Halifax until 1925, when he was promoted to resident engineer at Toronto. Moving to Montreal in 1927, he held the posts of supervisor of buildings, engineer, grade separations before his appointment as office engineer in 1943.

Among the large C. N. R. construction projects in which he had charge were the construction of the terminal at Neeping, Ont., 1922-24; engine and car yard facilities at the Toronto terminals, 1926-27; the big locomotive erection shops at Montreal in 1928; the grade separations, track elevations, New Point St. Charles coach yard and much of the great many problems connected with the new Montreal terminal plan between 1929 and 1943; and in directing the prosecution of many of the war emergency track requirements for the C. N. R. system.

Mr. Currie is survived by his wife and three children, Margaret (Mrs. Alan) Seddon, also of the town of Mount Royal, Richard and Ruth, his mother, Mrs. H. Currie, of Fredericton Jct., N. B., and a sister, Mrs. R. Bishop, of Woodstock, N. B.

### C.N.R. Transfers Are Announced

MONTREAL, Jan. 2—The transfer of H. C. Gunn from the position of assistant superintendent at Truro, N.S., to assistant superintendent of the Moncton Division with headquarters at Moncton, N.B., and of C. A. Berube, formerly assistant superintendent, Moncton Division, to assistant superintendent with headquarters at Riviere du Loup, Que., is announced by regional headquarters of the Canadian National Railways here.

Hedley Cunningham Gunn was born at Belmont, N. S., and joined the railway service as a spare operator, Halifax-Saint John district, in September, 1913. In February, 1927, he was appointed transportation clerk in the Transportation Department at Moncton, October, 1939, transportation inspector, March, 1942, assistant superintendent of transportation, and in November, 1943, assistant superintendent, Truro, which position he has held up to the time of his present appointment. He was on military service during the First World War from May, 1918, to July, 1919.

Claude Albert Berube was born at St. Francois, Que., and entered the employ of the railway as messenger at Edmundston, N. B., on July 1, 1916, remaining in the service for about two months. He re-entered the employ of the railway in May, 1917, as a car checker at Edmundston and in April, 1921, was made statistical clerk. In April, 1925, he transferred to Moncton as chief statistical clerk and in March, 1930, was appointed chief timekeeper. He was appointed assistant superintendent Moncton Division, in January, 1943.

### Now Full-fledged Canadian Citizens

OTTAWA, Jan. 1 —(CP)—Few Canadians realized it, but as the last stroke of midnight heralded a new year early this morning they automatically became, for the first time, full-fledged Canadian citizens.

At that time the Canadian Citizenship Act, passed at the last session of parliament and proclaimed last Dominion Day, July 1, came into force. It gave Canadians the legal right to call themselves Canadian citizens.

Previous legislation described permanent residents of the dominion simply as British subjects. Their passports, naturalization papers and similar documents described them in this way.

Now the new act is in force, residents of Canada are not only Canadians but also British subjects. Citizenship certificates, which in the next week will be given to hundreds of Canadians in ceremonies throughout the country, may be obtained from the citizenship branch of the secretary of state department for a \$5 fee. The documents, which serve no particular useful purpose, and are to be issued primarily as souvenirs merely set out the new status of the holder as a Canadian citizen.

The new status applies to all native-born Canadians, British subjects domiciled in Canada, brides of Canadian servicemen and all those who now possess naturalization certificates.

### Boys Parliament Sessions Completed

SACKVILLE, N.B., Dec. 30 — (Special) The Maritime Tuxis and Old Boys Parliament was prorogued tonight when the Lieutenant Governor, the Honourable C.L. Gess, B.A., M.D., C.M., returning the proroguing address during which he challenged the members in these words: "The real success of this parliament will depend upon the way in which you carry out in your lives the resolutions you have made at this parliament, May 1947 find you steadfast in Christian service."

Some most interesting resolutions have been dealt with at this parliament including one that supported the leadership of a war officer sponsored by the M.R.E.O. at Chipman, N.B., in August of the coming year; one regarding the silver jubilee of the boys' parliament which will be celebrated next year, supporting the series of Trans-Canada conferences for boys of the churches which will be held in the autumn of 1947 with four being held in the Maritimes.

### High-ranking U. S. Army Officer Retired

LONDON, Jan. 1—(AP) — The War Office unexpectedly announced today it has retired Lt.-Gen. Sir Frederick Morgan, 52-year-old officer who was deputy chief of staff of Gen. Eisenhower's supreme headquarters and one-time head of U.N.R.R.A. operations in Germany.

Gen. Morgan said his retirement was "certainly not at my request—a contradiction of a war office spokesman's statement that Sir Frederick retired 'of his own volition.'"

In the face of Gen. Morgan's statement to the Press Association, the war office backed away from its earlier statement and declined further comment.

Gen. Morgan became a storm centre on both sides of the Atlantic when he told newspapersmen in Frankfurt last January that he believed thousands of Polish Jews were flooding into the American zone in a "well-organized" manner.

### No Direct Request For Help Received

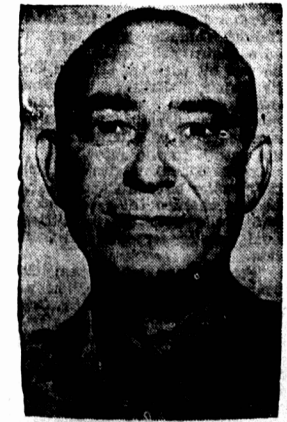
BOSTON, Jan. 1—(CP)—Officials of the Atlantic Fishermen's Union (A.F.U.) said here last night they knew nothing about the strike of deep-sea members of the Canadian Fishermen's and Fish Handlers' Union (C.F.H.U.) at Halifax and Lunenburg, N. S., and that no direct request from the Canadian union for help had been received.

They were commenting on reports from Halifax Tuesday quoting Alfred Stanger, research director for the Canadian union, as saying he had been promised by Austin Powers, A.F.U. business agent, that all Canadian frozen fish now in cold storage at Boston plants would be held there and that no supplies would be allowed to enter from Nova Scotia plants.

Both Powers and John Donegan, president of the Sea Food Workers' Union, said they knew nothing about the Nova Scotian strike. Donegan said his union would not stop handling Nova Scotian fish until he knew what it was all about.

Thomas D. Rice, executive secretary of the Federated Fishing Boats of New England and New York, Inc., and the Massachusetts Fisheries Association, said he had heard nothing about any plan to hold Canadian frozen fish in cold storage here and forbid imports.

Rice added that he could not understand how the A.F.U. could interfere with Canadian fish stored in Boston if it wished to do so.



### GRANTS AMNESTY

Gen. Joseph T. McNarney has announced that some 800,000 "little Nazis" have been given a clean bill of health, cleansing them of the taint of Hitlerism in a sweeping Christmas amnesty. The amnesty applied to Germans "who are not chargeable under the (denazification) law as major offenders, and whose financial status conclusively shows they have not profited from Nazi greed and ambition." The decree affected perhaps a third of all the Germans in the U. S. occupation zone who might have been charged under the new denazification statutes written and administered by the Germans themselves. Also affected were offenders who suffer from a more than 20 per cent disability.

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