

MAXIMS OF A MERE MAN  
When a rich man dies his mourners are countless but at a poor man's funeral scarcely one out of a thousand.

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To strive with an equal is a doubtful thing to do; with a superior a mad thing; with an inferior a vulgar thing.

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## BREAKDOWN PUTS WHOLE CITY IN DARKNESS

### Man Dies In Cell At Police Station

An inquest was ordered last night by Coroner Dr. I. J. Yeo on the death of Norman MacKenzie, 48, of Charlottetown who died after being placed under arrest by city police. A jury was impaneled and the hearing adjourned until this morning.

MacKenzie was taken into custody at the Victory restaurant about 7:30 p. m. It was learned he was placed in a cell in the police station at 9 he appeared much as if he had been sleeping. A half-hour later one of the officers noticed something amiss. Investigation and found that he had died.

A coroner's jury was sworn in. It includes Major J. A. MacKenzie, Byron Brown, Merritt Forsythe, William Hughes, George W. McLeod, George Berrigan and Harry Hardy.

MacKenzie, who had served with the Prince Edward Island Highlanders in the Second Great War, was lying in the floor of the restaurant when taken into custody.

An inquest will be held this morning at 10 o'clock.



JACK AND JANEY CANUCK FLIGHT FANS, HE SAYS

H. J. Symington, president of the Trans-Canada Airlines, reports that Canadians aren't in so much of a hurry to get their mail this year as they were in 1945. Air mail volume is down considerably, the T. C. A. president says, but about 60 per cent more air-conscious Canadians booked plane reservations this year. Elimination of war-time priorities is believed a factor contributing to the increased passenger air miles. T. C. A. carried its millionth passenger last November.

### Hope For Settlement In French Indo-China

PARIS, Jan. 10.—(AP)—The French Cabinet planned a special session tomorrow on the Viet Nam rebellion in Indo-China as a sign of hope for a settlement might soon be reached.

Fighting in France's far eastern colony shifted to the rugged highlands in the interior of Tonkin, where French forces seized the city of Sonia, 130 miles west of Hanoi, and moved to extend their control all the way to the Chinese frontier, 100 miles to the north.

### Protest Importation Of Canadian Fish

BOSTON, Jan. 10.—(CP)—The importation of fish from Canada and other foreign countries to the American market will be protested at Federal hearings in Washington Jan. 27 and 28 by representatives of the International Longshoremen's Association and the North Atlantic Fishermen's Association.

Daniel J. Donovan, vice-president of the I.L.A., said 20,000 Union men have been thrown into idleness as a result of foreign competition. The Gloucester Fisheries revealed that a 367 per cent jump in imports of foreign fillets alone had been noted from 1933 to 1945.

Among those attending the Washington hearings, in addition to Mr. Donovan, will be John Donohue, head of the Seafood Workers' Union of Boston; Stanley L. Burgess, business agent of the Seafood Workers' Union of Gloucester; Thomas D. Rice, executive secretary of the Massachusetts Fishermen's Association.

The Union chiefs will urge the Government either to curtail imports from Canada, Newfoundland, Iceland, Norway and other countries or to impose high tariffs to discourage shipments.

### Coming Events

- Winslow Vs. Milton, at Milton tonight. Game at 8:15.
- Skating East Royals Rink this afternoon, 2 to 4.
- Crappad District L. O. L. meets in Prince Arthur Lodge Room, Crappad, January 14th, at 2:30 P.M.
- Loading Hogs at Peakes Station each Thursday for Canada Packers Ltd., Merlin Devine.
- Loading Hogs for Canada Packers Ltd., Tuesday until further notice. Dingwall and Rossiter.
- Due to arrive soon, car of beef pulp. Booking orders now. V. J. Noy, Hunter River.
- Due to arrive soon, car of feed wheat, ground wheat, oat and crushed oats and barley meal. Booking orders now. V. J. Noy.
- Hockey at New Glasgow Rink tonight. North Rustico vs. New Glasgow. Game starts 8:30. Skate after.
- Buying pigs, all sizes, Monday at Fredericton. Tuesday, 11 A. M., Charlottetown Market Square. Knud Jorgensen.
- Loading Hogs at Cardigan Station each Thursday for Canada Packers Ltd., Norman MacKenzie, Cardigan.
- Loading Hogs at Montague Station each Thursday for Canada Packers Ltd. S. C. McLean. Phone 737.
- Receiving Hogs at Crappad for Canada Packers Ltd. every Tuesday until 11 A. M., R. N. Dawson.
- Collecting hogs each Tuesday for Canada Packers Ltd. for trucking service through Barracloche, Cherry Valley, Vernon, Orwell and Newtown, phone Walter Crane 11-12.
- Loading Hogs at St. Peters for Canada Packers Ltd. each Tuesday for truck pickup service from farm to car Phone Roddie Pratt.
- Notice—There will be a business meeting in Nine Mile Creek Church on Monday 13th of January 1947. Please attend this meeting as very important.
- Notice—I am closing my books for the year 1946. All over due accounts not settled on or before 20th January will be handed in for collection. L. S. Willis, New Haven.
- Livestock Marketing Board leading hogs at all points regularly. Shipping on Monday and Tuesday, January 13th and 14th. Trucking where possible. Satisfactory servicing everywhere. Consult our agent your community.

## Provinces To Get Railway Data

### Private 1st Class In Canadian Army

OTTAWA, Jan. 10.—(CP)—The United States Army rank of private first class has made its appearance in the peacetime Canadian Army but in a silent paper role which will not completely supplant the traditional British title of lance corporal.

As explained at headquarters, it will be granted on the army's rank system in the bottom categories but for pay purposes only. It is somewhat complicated because it will seldom be heard elsewhere, certainly never on a parade square, for instance.

The background of its new role is this—

A recruit will be ranked as a private until he has been in the army six months and is considered fully trained in his own branch, such as infantry or signal. Then he is graded as a private first class at \$61 a month instead of \$54, but only in the paymaster's books. He does not put up a stripe and he still is called private.

However, the system of command still requires somebody to be a lance corporal. So a private first class is singled out, given a stripe, called lance corporal but still gets just \$61. Thus he has a certain prestige but no more money. Or, in other words, he is that complex fellow thousands of soldiers knew in the war as "lance-corporal-without-pay" or even worse, "acting-lance-corporal-without pay," meaning extra pay.

One final word: The army doesn't abbreviate the new rank. To them in the pay books it is "private 1st class."

### \$10,000 Fire At St. Eleanors Yesterday

### Contract Let For Terminals At Tormentine

CAPE TORMENTINE, N. B., Jan. 10.—(CP)—Contract for a \$4,000,000 terminal here to accommodate the new Canadian National Railway Prince Edward Island train ferry Abegweit has been let to the Thompson Construction and Engineering Company of Toronto, it was learned here today.

The new ferry, under construction at Sorel, Que., is expected to be ready for service some time this year.

The job involves construction of a pier and breakwater at Tormentine, mainland end of the Northumberland Strait ferry route.

The job is expected to take three years and stone quarries in eastern New Brunswick and Nova Scotia border areas are reopening to break down thousands of tons of rock fill needed for the project.

(No contract has been let so far as is known for the pier at Borden)

### Contract Let For Terminals At Tormentine

Fire, which was discovered shortly before 11 o'clock yesterday morning, destroyed the large dwelling house of Mr. Roy Tanton, St. Eleanors, together with a large quantity of potatoes stored in the cellar. The fire is believed to have started from an over-heated pipe and was discovered when the electric power failed and the washing machine, which was in use, stopped. Evidently the blaze was between the walls of the front of the house, and had burnt through the wires.

Neighbours quickly gathered and succeeded in saving most of the downstairs furniture and the furniture of one room upstairs. The fire equipment from the airport arrived and one machine was sent out from Summerside, but they were too late to be of any use on the house and their efforts were concentrated on saving the barn, which was in danger. Sub-zero weather hampered the efforts of the fire fighters.

The estimated loss, including the potatoes which were destroyed, is in the vicinity of \$10,000. There was a small amount of insurance.

### May Delay Opening Of Rates Hearing

OTTAWA, Jan. 10.—(CP)—The Canadian railways were ordered by the Board of Transport Commissioners today to furnish for seven provinces a long list of particulars relating to their application for a general 30 per cent increase in freight rates.

Provision of the information had been sought by the railways before the Board last week on several grounds, one of which was the claim that the work of compiling it would delay the hearings scheduled to open here Feb. 11.

The application for more data in advance of the reception of direct evidence on the railways' requested increase was made on behalf of the Maritimes, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia.

The Board granted most of the requests contained in a 14-point list, refusing only to order the railways to break down accounts for 1946 and 1947 and to itemize territorial freight rates.

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## Two Switches At Plant Burn Out

### Power Restored To Three-Quarters Of Town After Six-hour Blackout

All of Charlottetown was plunged into darkness for six hours early today when two switches at the Maritime Electric Company burned out. The trouble was caused by what was described as a "most unusual situation," when moisture condensed on the switchboard and caused short circuits.

The breakdown came about ten minutes after midnight this morning, and power was restored to about three-quarters of the city at 6 o'clock. Mr. V. A. Ainsworth said then that he believed it would be "several hours" before the whole City had power.

Describing the cause of the breakdown, Mr. Ainsworth said he had never experienced anything just like last night's condition. Cold air flowing into the highly heated plant (the outside temperature was eight to 10 degrees below zero) caused steam to form and shortly after moisture began to collect on all surfaces inside the building, including the switchboard. He was confident that the plant about midnight, the men on duty telling him they were in trouble. A few minutes after he arrived the two switches blew, with loud reports.

City firemen were called, and responded with all three engines. Rumors of fire at the electric plant spread like wildfire and a crowd began to gather, despite the cold night. However, there was no fire but a half-dozen firemen remained at the plant several hours in case of emergency.

Some result of the breakdown was a delay of several hours in the getting to press of today's issue of the Guardian.

Some people slept through the night, untroubled by the breakdown. But others, especially those with oil burning furnaces, were troubled by the reports requiring electric power to operate, soon began to become aware of trouble. They woke to find their houses dark, the fire out and no immediate prospect of power restoration. Early reports indicated that the breakdown at the power plant might keep some circuits out for several days. Some householders began to consider draining their water systems to prevent freezing. Some probably did proceed to.

### Power Restored

Then about 6 o'clock this morning the first circuits came back to life and shortly after Mr. Ainsworth announced that three-quarters of the city was being supplied and that he hoped that the service could be continued.

Meanwhile the electric pumps of the Water Department were stopped but it was learned that steam is kept up in the old plant on the Malpeque Road against just such an emergency, and that a diesel engine at the Brackley station was ready for immediate operation.

One of the first circuits to be out last night was that lighting the streets, but as it happened there was a brilliant moon and pedestrians found no difficulty walking on the unlighted streets.

Paul Sharpe of Paul's Flying School, Charlottetown Airport, early this morning flew to St. Stephen, N. B., to bring back one of the chief engineers at the electric plant.

## Two Buildings Burned At Truro

TRURO, N. S., Jan. 10.—Firemen in ice-encrusted oil skinned continued to pour water on the smouldering ruins of two buildings today after the fire on Truro's main street caused damage estimated at \$250,000. The fire, which followed an explosion, gutted the three-story building on Prince Street, owned by Fred D. Whitman and housing the Robert Simpson Company Eastern Ltd. store and then ate its way into the adjoining Royal Bank building.

## Export Bacon Prices Increase On Jan. 13

### No Mention Of Increase In Domestic Prices Made In Ottawa

OTTAWA, Jan. 10.—(CP)—The British House of Commons announced early today an increase of \$2 per 100 pounds in the export bacon price for grade A1 Wiltshire and similar increases for other export grades produced from hogs slaughtered in inspected packing plants and after next Monday, Jan. 13.

The announcement said this increase would be in effect until 31. When an additional uplift of \$2 will be made and announced during 1948.

There was no mention of an increase in domestic prices for bacon at other pork products, which Agriculture Minister Gardiner indicated at a press conference last week would accompany the rise in export rates.

Mr. Gardiner, speaking at a press conference, said the British Board of Meat and Food Hygiene had agreed to advance its bacon contract price from \$25 to \$27 per 100 pounds as an incentive to increase Canadian production, which has been declining steadily.

He said the \$4 increase, which comes fully effective Sept. 1, will represent an increase of approximately \$5 per hog over floor prices based on the present agreement.

## St. Joseph's Hospital Laundry Is Destroyed

SAINT JOHN, N. B., Jan. 10.—(CP)—The St. Joseph's Hospital was destroyed in a two-alarm fire this afternoon but in four hours of work in zero weather Saint John's entire Fire Department prevented damage to the hospital and other nearby institutions—two schools, an orphanage and an infants' home.

The fire was believed to have started in a drier in the small wooden building. No estimate of the financial loss was available pending an inventory.

## Seek Property For S'side Post Office

Negotiations are under way for the purchase by the Federal Government of the property on Summer Street, Summerside, owned by the Masonic Lodge for a post office. It has been learned on reliable authority. It is expected that the deal may be completed in a few days. The sale will involve only the land and the building will have to be moved off.

The Masonic Lodge purchased this property about a year ago from the Allan estate and at that time it was planned to use it for lodge rooms. This location is one block north of the present post office building and centrally located.

At the last session of Parliament an amount of \$10,000.00 was set aside in the estimates for the purchase.

### U. S. Army Transport Reports Rough Voyage

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—(AP)—The storm-battered United States Army transport Henry Gibbins crept into port today and its crew greeted gratefully ashore after a 12-day voyage from Bremen when the transport commander described as "terrible."

The commander, Maj. J. P. Greer of Oakland, Calif., said few persons went to the dining room as 50-mile winds blew "from all directions," raising 30-foot waves and causing the ship to list as much as 25 degrees.

Passengers included 240 war brides and children.

### London Is Facing Meatless Week-end

LONDON, Jan. 10.—(CP Cable)—London tonight faced a "virtually meatless week-end" as the official "trading strike" spread and Food Minister Sirachy announced that the Government had decided to call in servicemen Monday to distribute food stockpiles to the city's millions.

The longest queues since the 1945 dock strike tied up food distribution as housewives sought the remainder of fresh and canned meat in stores.

Twenty thousand truckers were reported off the job in the fifth day of the strike, which was not authorized by the parent Transport and General Workers' Union. The strike—in support of demands for a 44-hour week, an eight-hour day and overtime pay—has affected to a lesser degree the distribution of vegetables, fish, fruit, cigarettes and beer.

The strikers' basic weekly wages vary from £4 17s (\$17.40) to £5 7s (\$21.40), depending upon the size of the truck they drive. They are asking the same wages for the shorter week.

### More Coupon Case Arrests Are Expected

OTTAWA, Jan. 10.—(CP)—With one man in custody, several more arrests were impending tonight as the R.C.M.P. moved toward cleanup of a ring alleged to have traded in ration coupons retrieved from the "destroying vats of a nearby paper plant."

While additional arrests were known to be in prospect, police officials kept silent on their plans and disclosed nothing more beyond last night's arrest of G. Howard Lamb, night supervisor of the specialty mill of the E. B. Eddy Company's paper plant at Hull, Que., on four charges of Prices Board violation.

But at Lamb's court arraignment today one of the warrants against him listed five men—along with "others unknown"—as alleged to have conspired with him to "obtain the transfer ration documents."

### Dick Appeal Case Is Being Continued

TORONTO, Jan. 10.—(CP)—Appeal court counsel for Evelyn Dick today delivered a nine-point attack on the conduct of her October trial when she was convicted of husband-murder and declared her conviction would be a scandal in the administration of justice.

It was allowed to stand and her father was subsequently convicted of the killing.

Her counsel, John J. Robinette of Toronto, held there had been non-direction and mis-direction of the trial jury by Mr. Justice W. H. Barlow. He attacked the right of admissibility of statements to the young Hamilton widow gave police, particularly the last and most detailed of her statements, the one which formed the basis for her conviction.

### Formal Complaint Against Albania

LAKE SUCCESS, N.Y., Jan. 10.—(AP)—The British Government filed a formal complaint with the United Nations Security Council tonight charging Albania with mining the Corfu Straits where two British warships were damaged with a loss of 44 lives last October.

The United Nations did not immediately make available the text of the complaint, but British sources said the London Government was demanding an apology and compensation for damage to two destroyers and for loss of life.

## Abbott Invites 3 Premiers To Ottawa

(By D'Arcy O'Donnell)

Mr. Abbott's disclosure was the first Federal development since Premier McNair announced Monday that he was suspending taxation negotiations with the provinces.

FREDERICTON, Jan. 10.—(CP)—Premier McNair said tonight he preferred to make no comment at present concerning a statement at Ottawa by Finance Minister Abbott, who expressed hope that Mr. McNair would be able to join a meeting next week of the Manitoba and Saskatchewan Premiers and Mr. Abbott, for further discussion of Dominion-Provincial taxation matters.

General Government on the grounds that the Dominion had given more favorable treatment to British Columbia.

### The Quality Tea

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## Britain's Attitude To Russia May Soften

LONDON, Jan. 10.—(CP Cable)—An exhaustive review of Britain's foreign policy has been completed by the Cabinet. It was understood today, and the likelihood loomed that more public emphasis will be given by ministers and deputies to goodwill toward Russia.

Since Foreign Secretary Bevin's return from United Nations meetings in New York, it has become evident that British anxiety about relations with Russia has relaxed. The reception given Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery by Soviet forces has cheered official London as well as the man in the street.

## Even Kids Escape New York Jail

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—(AP)—New York City's jails have proved so porous recently that even the kids are walking out.

Two teenage boys early today pushed open a wire screen in a third-floor window of Youth house, a detention home, and clambered to the ground—bringing to 14 the number of prisoners escaping from municipal institutions in the last eight days.



TORONTO, Jan. 10.—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures: Vancouver 34, 44; Edmonton 24, 37; Regina 21, —; Winnipeg 23, 28; Toronto 13, 21; Ottawa 12B, 11; Montreal 13B, 9; Quebec 10B, 14B, 2B; Halifax 3, 8; Charlottetown 6B, 2B; Sydney 3, 2; Yarmouth 6, 11.

HALIFAX, Jan. 10.—(CP)—Weather synopsis and official inland forecasts issued by the Dominion Public Weather Office here at 11:15 p.m. tonight.

Prince Edward Island, Eastern N.B. Counties, Bay of Chaleur—Clear becoming overcast Saturday evening. Moderating temperature Saturday afternoon and evening. West winds 15 decreasing tomorrow to light winds. Sunday milder with snow. High Saturday evening at Charlottetown, Moncton 20, Campbellton 12.

High tide this afternoon at 2:24 and tonight at 2:08.

Sun sets this afternoon at 4:51 and rises tomorrow morning at 7:37.

Last quarter moon January 13th 10:36 P. M.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

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