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PIOWS AWAIT CLEARING

Island Transportation Halted As High Wind Ploes on

Winds again were the decisive factor in crippling the island's transportation as the third major storm in two months hit the Maritime area Sunday night and Monday.

Although telephone and electric circuits were not so badly affected as in the previous storms, highway traffic again came to a complete standstill as the light snowfall now created massive drifts on all roads in the province.

SNOWFALL LIGHT

Actual snowfall was not particularly heavy with about 3.8 inches on the ground in Charlottetown and just under an inch in Summerside. Drifts, however, were seen as much as five and six feet deep in some areas.

The peak wind gust in Charlottetown yesterday was 62 mph but the average for the day was approximately 35 mph from the northwest. Snow was expected to agitate the powdery snow.

Temperatures remained in the neighborhood of 15 degrees all day and similar readings are expected today. Snow is expected to cease around noon, but the winds are forecast to continue most of the day.

The snow hit the province early Sunday night in the west-

ern sections and about 10:30 at Charlottetown and intensified so quickly that all roads were blocked by daybreak Monday.

BUS ROUTE CANCELLED

Island Motor Telephone was forced to cancel all bus runs in and to the province and manager E.H. Lord said last night that service would not resume until the wind dies down and the roads are cleared.

The only major difficulties experienced by both Maritime Electric and Island Telephone were in the western sector of the island where O'Leary, Alberton and Digby were all without telephone connection since Sunday night and there was also a major break in power service yesterday.

Spokesmen for both companies said that blocked roads were the main handicap in correcting the faults.

Both power and phone service in the Queens and Kings counties were reported to be near normal but it was stated that for the first winter storm, where winds were recorded as high as 100 mph, all loose connections had been tightened and "a little puff" like this shouldn't do much.

Most schools in the province closed for several days. However, the Prince of Wales College, and high schools in other counties, but high

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A spokesman said the Queen Mother was admitted to the King Edward the Seventh Hospital for Officers.

It was announced the operation would not be performed Monday night.

It also was announced that scheduled visits to Canada, Australia and New Zealand were cancelled "with deep regret."

It was understood the condition of Queen Elizabeth was under the control of the operation, and she was expected to leave Toronto at 8:48 p.m. and arriving in Boston at 8:30 p.m.

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Storm Finishes Grounded Vessels

HALIFAX (CP) — Another billiard crawled across the Maritime Sunday and Monday, playing havoc with motorists and schools, and putting the finishing touches on a Nova Scotia drifter that was wrecked in an earlier storm.

No deaths were reported, but at Yarmouth, N.S., John K. Bain, 85, of nearby Hebron was in serious condition in hospital after being struck by a car while walking on a highway Monday morning. Visibility was zero at the time.

On Battery Island at the mouth of Louisbourg Harbor, the back of the dragger Mother Anne was broken. The Mother Anne went aground in another snowstorm Jan. 28. Her crew escaped.

Monday bits of the boat were drifting in the harbor, and only the engine was sticking above water. Lloyd Mackenzie, assistant manager of National Sea Products Limited at Louisbourg, said she was a total loss.

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Main Challenge Expected Today

Ottawa (CP) — John Diefenbaker, joined by his wife in one of her rare public speeches, put new flesh into his battle for the Progressive Conservative party unity and personal support Monday.

He said he has but one ambition, to return to office as prime minister and restore a sense of purpose to government, recognizing that political promises are made to be kept.

Mrs. H.S. Harrison Smith of Kelowna, B.C., was re-elected president of the Progressive Conservative Women's Association at a one-day convention here Monday.

Hours before the formal opening of a three-day annual general meeting of the senior party organization, Mr. Diefenbaker told the women's forenoon meeting that time was running out.

After being dismissed two days by the Green-Cypriot policemen broke away and escaped.

BLACK POLICEMAN
As a Turkish-Cypriot policeman prepared to fire at them in a detachment of 10 British troops arrived on the scene and took up positions in the middle of the street.

British Army Maj. Brian Lacombe knocked one Turkish-Cypriot policeman's gun aside and shouted there was to be no shooting.

Dozens of school children demonstrated here earlier Monday, shouting pro-United Nations, anti-NATO slogans.

Three Charged With Robbery
SAINT JOHN, N.B. (CP) — Three Halifax area men were charged in court here Monday with the armed robbery last Friday of a Saint John bank branch.

No tuqs were on hand because 3,400 crew members went on strike Saturday in a wage dispute.

Watts said he made 100 engine manoeuvres a day "just nudged" the pier. He executed them with the Queen Mary and said he would do it again any time.

Capt. Giuseppe Soletti of the 700-foot Christoforo Colombo blamed wind gusts of 25 to 30 miles for turning his bow into the pier. The liner brought 525 passengers from Italy.

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Interesting Leads Found in Montreal Arms Theft

Montreal (CP) — Montreal's special anti-terrorist squad is checking some "interesting" leads and has questioned many persons in connection with Thursday's armory robbery.

He denied published reports that the nine persons tied up in the robbery had been positively identified several days ago.

He said that the general appearances of several youths are connected with the general appearance of the squad, said in an interview.

Several people have given information which may be of help," he said. "With favorable developments, we expect to crack the case within a reasonable time."

On the day of the raid, newspapers and radio stations were told by an unidentified telephone caller it was the work of Communist Revolutionary du Quebec (the Quebec Revolutionary Committee).

The gang of youths was originally reported to be 15 but was later estimated to be fewer because of confusion with the whole group in action.

They made off with 59 Bell Canada T-N semi-automatic rifles, 34 brass from the magazine, five machine guns, four 60 mm mortars and three bazookas from the armory.

Many of the machine guns were not operational because their breech blocks were not stalled. The bandits also loaded about 17,000 rounds of ammunition into a red truck they drove into the armory.

PRACTICE BOMBS
The raiders got away with practice bombs only for the bazookas and mortars.

The raiders said police believe the raiders none was masked—had received explicit orders to avoid the location of the weapons.

Police believe the raid was carried out by "amateurs."

La Presse, Montreal daily, said that the raiders would have been wearing bank hold-up weapons because they were not strong enough to attack institutions successfully.

The money would be used to finance the independence movement.

No definite link had been established between the raiders and the person or persons who fired several shots near the Army's Quebec Command headquarters in Montreal Saturday, Insp. Senecal said.

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