

When The Snows Melted



IT'S AN ILL wind that blows no one any good. The prolonged thaw which began on Jan. 4th and sent rivers surging out of their banks at other Maritime points helped some Prince Edward Islanders in unusual ways. Because of inclement fall weather, some turpicks were caught out in the fields when the weatherman unceremoniously dumped a heavy blanket of snow over them on Nov. 20th and kept them snugly covered for seven weeks. The picture was taken Jan. 17th at Union Road, Queens County, where some late-planted turpicks were being harvested in good condition. (Photo by M. Mallett).



WINTER FALLOW — On Nov. 19th, a few sods were turned in this 9-acre field of Mr. Fred Horne, Brackley. The next day a mammoth snowfall buried the plow until the present phenomenal January thaw had bared the ground again. Mr. Horne's son, Roland, is shown finishing the field on Jan. 17th. Incidentally, the robins missed a feast, for the plow was turning out great numbers of fine, robust worms. (Photo by M. Mallett).

Three Killed, Three Injured When Quebecair DC-3 Ices Up, Crashes In Wilderness

SEPT-ILES, Que. (CP)—A twin-engine plane, its wings believed laden with fast forming ice, crashed in wilderness north of here Monday night killing three and injuring three more of the 18 persons aboard.

The crash of the Quebecair DC-3 took the lives of Gerard Belanger, 27, of Sherbrooke, Que., co-pilot Daniel Sicard, 28, former Montrealer of Mont Joli, Que., and Roland Bernatchez of Sept-iles, a passenger.

When Sicard's body was not located at first, it was thought he had escaped and set out for help. Later Quebecair officials expressed belief he drowned in Lake Achouanipi where the plane came down.

STEWARDESSES INJURED

The plane's stewardess was critically injured and two of the 15 passengers were reported injured as well. Others escaped shaken up and bruised.

Stewardess Denise Jobidon, 23, of Quebec City was found pinned under the wreckage of the plane about five hours after the crash. It was reported she was located by a dog belonging to a member of the search party after it was learned she was missing.

Passenger Joseph Dominique, an Indian from Sept-iles, suffered broken legs. Another passenger, Harry Gagne, whose hometown was not immediately available, suffered a broken foot.

The survivors were scheduled to arrive here by train from Oreway, a railway junction one half mile from the crash scene and 186 miles north of here.

TO ENTER HOSPITAL

It was expected Miss Jobidon, Dominique and Gagne would remain in hospital here for the time being.

A plane stood by ready to carry them to Quebec City or Montreal. Five of the passengers were bound for here, five for Quebec City and five for Montreal.

The plane was making a regular scheduled flight from Knob Lake, in the Ungava region of northern Quebec, to Sept-iles, a distance of approximately 350 miles.

The route follows the Quebec North Shore and Labrador Railway that runs from this St. Lawrence river port to the iron ore mines at Knob Lake. The area is covered by dense bush and is studded with lakes.

Says War Would Last Seven Hours

SHERBROOKE, Que. (CP)—Over a war starting today would be a seven-hour war, says Air Vice-Marshal K. M. Guthrie, president of the Royal Canadian Air Force Association.

He said Monday night during a visit to local RCAF installations that:

"It is not necessary for the enemy to bomb the principal cities in a country to destroy that nation," he said. "A few bombs strategically dropped would suffice to wipe out all form of life. Everyone would die from radio-active particles."

Coming Events

Unloading Springhill coal at Milton today, Vernon Gillespie.

Local colored slides by Rev. Mr. Gouge, Alexander School, Jan. 19, 8 o'clock.

In stock bran and oilcake. Also complete line of Purina feeds. W. I. Bowman, Hunter River.

The general annual meeting of the Winslow Pastoral charge will be held at Highfield church January 19th at 8 p.m.

Dance West Royalty Hall Wednesday, Rollie McKenzie's Orchestra. Canteen service, 9:30 to 12:30.

Attention! If the weather is still mild John Gass requests all cream patrons to kindly assemble cream on the main road.

Bingo St. Peter's Bay, Holy Name Hall, Thursday, January 19, Cash prizes. Freeze out at 7 o'clock. Admission 35 cents.

Amateur Shur-Gain Cavalcade Belfast Hall, February 9. Sponsored by Mt. Buchanan Women's Institute. Please send entries to Mrs. Hector Morrison by February 4th.

Bingo—Lights or no lights? It's mild, Kinrossa Wednesday evening-jackpot. If not won, will play twenty-five dollar consolation also other liberal cash prizes.

Pilot Dies From Heart Attack

ROANOKE, Va., (AP)—The second airplane pilot in a week to suffer a fatal heart attack while in flight in Virginia died upon reaching hospital here Monday night.

He was Lacy L. Sutton, 63, piloting a Piedmont Airlines DC-3 from Norfolk to Cincinnati. He took off from Roanoke but almost immediately complained of sharp pains in his chest and requested permission of the tower to return to the field.

After landing and taxiing to the loading ramp he was driven to a hospital but dropped dead in the emergency ward.

Last Thursday Lieut. Lawrence John Logan, 40, co-piloting a four-engine navy transport from Key West, Fla., to Norfolk, suffered a heart attack en route and was pronounced dead on arrival at Norfolk.

Health Minister Is Impatient

OTTAWA, (CP)—Health Minister Martin may be getting just a little impatient with Commons questions about possible increases to this or that federal allowance given aged persons, the blind, the disabled and others.

Questioners should show a little more regard for the government's position, he said Tuesday in reply to Stanley Knowles (CCF—Winnipeg North Centre), a consistent advocate of higher pensions and other allowances.

Mr. Martin said he doesn't mind being prodded by Mr. Knowles but he thought that in fairness the CCF member should be more temperate and more responsible in his questions.

Mr. Knowles had asked Mr. Martin whether he would recommend establishment of a House committee to consider increases in the \$40-a-month old age pension.

Appeal Board Rules Buried Money Not Subject To Tax

OTTAWA (CP)—Money buried by a former Edmonton policeman, who feared its confiscation during the First World War, is not subject to income tax, the income tax appeal board has ruled.

In reasons for his ruling made public Tuesday, board assistant chairman Cecil L. Snyder says in 1915-16 the revenue department illegally sought to tax \$21,700 which William Alexander Smith buried in a glass jar in his basement during the First World War.

Mr. Smith, who retired from the police force in 1953 with the rank of sergeant after serving 42 years, testified at a hearing that he buried the cash because people thought him a German, he feared it would be confiscated and he would be discharged from the police force.

Between 1918 and 1925, the cash was slowly transferred from the jar to a safety deposit box. About 1950, when Mr. Smith learned he would retire in 1953, he began transferring it into a bank account. The revenue department sought to tax the deposits as income.

FIRST TAX IN '17

Mr. Snyder noted that income tax first became known in Canada in 1917.

"On the facts presented in evidence the finding must be that this amount of \$21,700 came into the possession of the appellant at the time before there was an income tax law in Canada with the result that the crown is not entitled to any share of it," Mr. Snyder wrote.

Lobstermen In Maine Lose Heavily

AUGUSTA (AP)—Sea and shore fisheries commissioner Stanley R. Tupper estimated Tuesday that Maine lobstermen lost 15 per cent of their traps in last week's Atlantic storm.

Individual fishermen reported to wardens losses exceeding 50 per cent, Tupper said. He added that there would have been far greater losses if the 1,350 licensed lobstermen operating at the time of the storm had not been fishing in deep water.

The commissioner said the lobster catch has been negligible for the last 10 days. But he gave no monetary estimate of storm loss.

Cmdr. Shore On Island For Naval Recruiting

Commander S. B. Shore of the staff of the Commanding Officer Naval Divisions at Hamilton is presently visiting R. M. C. S. Queen Charlotte's outline to local Naval authorities the details of the Canada-wide recruiting drive to enlist a minimum of 1,000 men for the Naval Reserve. At the same time he will discuss the plans which have been drawn up with regard to training at Hamilton for the Great Lakes Training Centre and on ships which will operate on the lakes.

The aim of this concentrated drive is to increase the number of naval reserves who will be available to take training at Hamilton during the period from mid-May to the end of October. The recruiting campaign will run from January 16 to February 29, and will offer openings in every branch and trade in the Naval Service.

Although the goal is to increase the training output for the 1956 season, the underlying cause for the campaign, as in any other, is to continue to build a strong naval reserve force which is a potent factor in the national security.

Each of the twenty-two naval divisions throughout the country will organize its own team of teams, which will inform the general public, and the young men and women in particular, regarding the purpose and activities of the naval reserve. In this connection every officer, man and woman will be urged to act as a recruiter, with the purpose of informing their friends and working companions about the naval reserve and the opportunities available.

The present strength of the naval reserve is 6,000 officers, men and women. The target for the coming year is to bring this number to 7,500. During the summer of 1955 approximately 1,200 officers, men and women were trained at the Great Lakes Training Centre, it is hoped to better this figure during the coming summer.

Claim Abominable Snowman Killed

NEW DELHI (AP)—Reports reaching here Tuesday night said that an "Abominable Snowman" had been killed near the Assam-China border.

A regional army officer told Indian reporters touring the frontier area that Naga headhunters had killed the creature with a bow and arrow about two weeks ago.

The dead creature was said to have been 10 feet tall, milk-white in color and hairless but with human features.

No other details are yet available. Existence of an "Abominable Snowman"—claimed by many of the inhabitants of remote Himalayan villages—has long been believed in by tribesmen and even some superstitious western mountaineers but concrete scientific evidence is lacking.

REUTHER TO VISIT INDIA

NEW DELHI (AP)—Labor sources said Tuesday the Indian National Trade Union Congress has invited Walter Reuther, a vice-president of the AFL-CIO, to attend its April convention in Calcutta and then tour India.

PEOPLE FED UP

"The last three Gallup polls have shown that the people are getting more fed up with the government every day and it is up to us to put forward the effort necessary

Syria Demands US End All Economic Aid To Israel

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP)—Syria demanded before the Security Council Tuesday that the United States end all economic aid to Israel. And Israel accused the Security Council of favoring the Arabs over Israel.

Ahmed Shukairy of Syria and Abba Eban of Israel addressed the council—considering Syrian charges growing out of Israel's Dec. 11 raid in which 36 Syrians and six Israelis died.

The bitterness displayed in their talks has seldom been equalled in Israeli-Arab discussions here.

Shukairy, leading off, denied that Syria provoked the raid on its outpost near the Sea of Galilee. He called for UN expulsion of Israel, and demanded that UN members put economic penalties upon Israel for at least a year, in an effort to stop what he described as Israeli aggression.

Eban told the council "a practice has grown up of accepting Arab belligerency with indulgence and of insisting only that Israel should never hit back."

He was particularly critical of the Russians, who are supporting a resolution censoring Israel without any reference to Syria. Eban said two Soviet vetoes frustrated Security Council decisions in 1954 and since then Israel has been

Experts Near Agreement

Britain And U.S. Prepare New Middle East Program

Decide Fire Tragedy Was An Accident

E. HUNSTON, N. B. (CP)—After hearing 16 witnesses, a coroner's jury here decided that a fire which killed three young children Saturday was an accident.

In session four hours, jurors heard evidence concerning electrical wiring in the remodeled garage where Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Milton lived with their four children. Other testimony dealt with fire hazard inspections and fire protection bylaws in Edmundston.

Fire chief Frederick Fournier said records showed the four-room dwelling occupied by the Mittons was inspected last October. The tenants were told the stove was improperly installed.

In the evidence, Mrs. Milton said there was "very little" fire in the stove when the blaze broke out Saturday afternoon, killing Robert, Jeanne, 1, and Bernard, six months.

Hees Optimistic, Says His Party Can Win Next Election

OTTAWA (CP)—The Progressive Conservative party, arming itself for an election within 18 months, can win any constituency in Canada with the proper attack, George Hees said Tuesday.

The retiring president of the party's national association said recent surveys show a Conservative trend "which can be capitalized upon if we are willing to do the work necessary to take advantage of it."

Mr. Hees spoke at the opening of a regional meeting of the association. The meeting is private but a summary of his statement was issued and Mr. Hees elaborated later at a press conference.

"I made it very definite that we are starting the next election campaign right now," he told reporters. "We are gearing our program to an election no later than 18 months away."

There was a good chance an election might be called this year. The government was losing popularity and "might fall out before the water gets too hot."

Dulles Defends Stand

WASHINGTON (CP)—John Foster Dulles said Tuesday a "calculated risk" of war is one of the precepts of his foreign policy.

The U.S. secretary of state said it is not enough merely to "want peace," and added that the U.S. must run this calculated risk of conflict by making it clear to potential aggressors that it will fight to defend its vital interests and moral values.

In his view, he said, the U.S. runs its "greatest" risk of war when it fails to convince aggressors that they cannot attack with impunity.

That, Dulles explained to his weekly press conference, was what he meant by his controversial "brink-of-war" statement, published last week in a Life magazine interview which triggered a storm of criticism against Dulles both at home and abroad.

READY FOR BARRAGE

Dulles stepped into the thronged conference room obviously prepared for the heavy barrage of questions about the article, which painted a glowing picture of the secretary of state as a man of diplomatic action who three times has saved the U.S.—and, by implication, the world—from global war in Korea, Indo-China and Formosa.

The Life article, coming conveniently at the opening of the 1956 congressional election campaign, has generated fierce criticism among Dulles' political foes, who variously have characterized his reported statements in the interview as "dangerous," "foolhardy" and "pitiful."

Reading from a prepared statement, Dulles told his press conference Tuesday he wanted first off to make it clear that he did not write the article, did not review or censor it and did not know of its title "How Dulles Averted War." He did concede that it had

Holds Press Conference

given him more credit than was his due but added, with a grin, that he was happy some people gave him credit for his actions.

DISOWNS ONE PASSAGE

Generally, he said, the statements attributed to him were quotations or close paraphrases of what he already had said elsewhere, but the secretary hedged so closely under questioning that reporters had difficulty pinning him down on just when and where they had been made.

He took issue with only one passage, that quoting him as saying "The ability to get to the verge (of war) without going into war is the necessary art." This, he felt, did not make it clear the U.S. had been "brought" to the brink of war by the actions of others. And, he added, he never would have used the phrase "the necessary art."

Dulles several times refused sharply to discuss specific portions of the article, saying he was not going to comment on the "views of the author" but without indicating any dividing line between the author's views and those of the War.

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Maritime Liberal Claims Gap In Prosperity Level

OTTAWA (CP)—A Liberal member from the Maritimes said Tuesday in the Commons that there is still a substantial gap between the levels of prosperity in the Atlantic provinces and the rest of Canada.

N. A. Lusby, member for the Nova Scotia riding of Cumberland, said that if Canadian unity is to become a reality every province should share equally in the country's prosperity.

There was nothing more conducive to "apartness" in Canada than the "pronounced gap" between the economic levels of prosperity in the various provinces.

Regrettably and inescapably, the Maritimes were more vulnerable to economic reverses than any other part of Canada. They needed more than assurance of a good year. They needed prospects of a stable future.

COAL INDUSTRY UNCERTAIN

There had been some improvement in the Nova Scotia coal industry in the last year but a "cloud of uncertainty" still hung over its future.

Mr. Lusby suggested that the federal government co-operate with the provinces in development of coal-fired steam plants. Such plants were the key to the real future of electric power in the Maritimes.

The concentration of industry in central Canada was to be deprecated. The government might assist in dispersal of industry by a proper system of allocation of government orders.

He urged appointment of a royal commission to inquire into the feasibility, cost and economic benefits of a canal across Chignecto Isthmus, which joins Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

Maritimers had a right to have the project considered and a definite answer given once and for all.

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Direct Wireless Telephone Links S'ide-Moncton

Direct communication between Summerside and Moncton, N. B. was fully restored last evening by the Island Telephone Company.

Mr. Don Gass, in making the announcement said that their venture in establishing this direct contact by wireless had proved successful, following the transfer of equipment from the Egmont Bay station to Summerside.

Summerside residents and others in the area interested, may now have their communications moved to the mainland and points west of Moncton, including Saint John over this new set-up.

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Heads PC's

Thomas Bell, 33-year-old merchant navy veteran and member of the commons for Saint John-Albert since 1953, has been elected president of the Young Progressive Conservative Association of Canada. (CP Photo).

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Some Folks Wouldn't Recognize Their Bulls Even If They Should Meet Them!



TORONTO (CP)—Temperatures issued by the Toronto public weather office:

	Min	Max
Dawson	49b	42b
Vancouver	37	45
Edmonton	15b	1b
Calgary	15b	7
Rainbow	7b	6b
Winnipeg	17b	7b
Toronto	18	24
Ottawa	18	19
Montreal	24	27
Quebec	22	32
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His Lordship related to the jury the steps leading up to a trial such as the one in question. He said that an accused person has four instances of protection after Continued on page 11, Col. 6