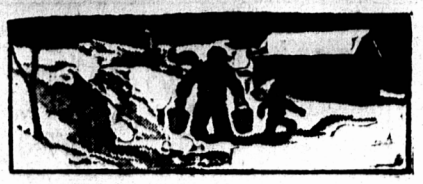

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FEDERAL PARLIAMENT CALLED TO MEET ON JAN. 29

Communists Pound Two Dents In U. N. Line

Letter To Glasgow Paper Says Missing Stone Now In Scotland; Offers Terms

By CHARLES WHITING

LONDON, Dec. 29 — (AP) — An anonymous letter to a Glasgow newspaper provided tonight what may be the first tangible clue to the whereabouts of the missing coronation stone.

The letter contained a petition to the King laying down certain conditions under which the 485-pound relic would be returned to the authorities.

One of the conditions was that the stone would be retained in Scotland in a place to be selected by the King.

The petition gave as proof of good faith a description of hitherto unpublicized faults in a watch left in Westminster Abbey when the stone was stolen from there early Christmas morning.

No Police Comment

Police did not immediately comment on the new information.

Police have suspected that the theft was engineered by Scottish nationalists. The sandstone block was used in the coronation of Scottish kings long before it fell into English hands.

A close watch has been kept on highway and rail traffic in an effort to prevent it from being carried to Scotland.

Scotland Yard sleuths dredged in Hyde Park lake today, but the search turned up only a big lump of concrete, a rusty old safe and an iron chair.

The persevering police said they would keep on working in the lake until they were sure the Stone of Scone, which King Edward I filched from the Scots in the 13th century, wasn't there.

Hope Kept Alive

The detectives' hope that it might be in the lake was kept alive by sighting of a mysterious object on the slimy bottom late today.

Looking through a glass-bottomed barrel, they confirmed that the object was the right size and shape. Darkness interrupted their attempts to raise it.

The dredging was begun after Scotland Yard received an anonymous tip yesterday that the stone had been dumped into the lake.

Hundreds gathered on the lake's shores to watch, cheered when it was announced that a mysterious something had been found. They groaned when it turned out to be the rusty safe.

The detectives brought up special tackle, flood lights and dinghies with hooks and chains to help in their work.

Everybody was getting into the act.

Newspapers printed letters from outraged — and some delighted — Britons about the theft.

Coming Events

**Mail your Films to Garnhum Photo Studio, Charlottetown.

**Dance in Vernon River Hall, January 2nd. In aid of C.W.L.

**Lucky and his Eastern Rhythm Boys, Sunnyside Ballroom tonight.

**Don't miss New Year's Dance, Morell Hall. Good music.

**Auction and Dance, Vernon Hall, Wednesday, January 3rd.

**Parkdale community concert, five nights, opening Feb. 28.

**Notice. — Crushing Grain on Monday's and Thursday's. T. Carragher, Tyrone.

**Unloading car of Old Sydney coal Friday and Saturday at Mt. Herbert, Arnold Burhoe.

**Dance, St. Mary's Parish Hall, Souris, Wednesday, January 3rd. George Chappell and his Merry Islanders.

**Closed for stock taking Tuesday, January 2nd, until Friday, January 5th. R. L. Dickieson, New Glasgow.

**Store closed for Stock Taking, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, January 3rd, 4, and 5th. J. F. Morris, Kinkora.

**Make more money with your Poultry. Write for information and 1951 Chick Catalogue. Raynor's Chick Hatchery, Charlottetown, R. R. 5.

**Annual Meeting P. E. I. Federation of Agriculture, Thursday, January 11th, at 1 P. M. and 7.30 P. M. Legion Hall, Grafton Street, Charlottetown.

**Buying Pigs Monday at Fredericton. Paying $21.00 pair for good pigs over 30 lbs. each. Will also buy smaller ones. Also wanted quantity of sound cull potatoes. Knud Jorgensen.

**Attention Hog Shippers. We will be loading hogs at all points on Tuesday, January 2nd and Wednesday, January 3rd. Receiving hogs at Charlottetown pens all day Tuesday and Wednesday morning until 11 o'clock. Swift Canadian Co., Ltd.

Monday, Jan. 1 being New Year's Day, the next issue of The Guardian will be Tuesday, Jan. 2.

All-Out Red Assault Has Not Materialized

By Robert Eunson

TOKYO, Dec. 30 — (Saturday)— (AP)—Communist probing units dented the fluid eastern sector of the United Nations line in Korea and moved closer to Seoul in the west, but the expected all-out Red assault had not yet materialized today.

North Korean Red units searching for soft spots in the U. N. front drove four to 10 miles south of the 38th parallel in the east.

Chinese army outposts moved up snugly against the Imjin River in the west, 10 miles south of the parallel and 25 miles northwest of Seoul.

Continue Build-Up

The enemy moves came as a huge Chinese and North Korean Communist force continued building up under heavy Allied air attacks for a mass assault which Allied officers at the front expect to come with the new year.

Gen. MacArthur has predicted the big Red push will come between Jan. 1 and 10.

Associated Press correspondent Hal Boyle reported that an attack by 10,000 North Korean Reds through the east-central sector of the line had been contained after gaining three miles at points four to five miles south of the old 38th parallel boundary of North and South Korea. This was about 35 miles in from Korea's east coast.

An Eighth Army spokesman also said the enemy had shoved 10 miles beyond the parallel at an undisclosed point 25 miles inland from the coast. Fighting for positions began in that area a week ago, field reports said.

In the west, United Nations forces were arrayed south of the ice-jammed Imjin River. The appearance of enemy patrols across the river from Munsan was reported in Gen. MacArthur's headquarters summary. Munsan is 25 miles northwest of Seoul.

Situation Confused

A corps spokesman in the U. S. Eighth Army told correspondent Boyle that Thursday's attack in the east central sector was aimed at Chunchon. He said "the situation is confused but there now is a dip in our line" extending four or five miles south of the 38th parallel in limited sector.

Headquarters in Tokyo did not say this was the expected major attack, but the enemy was believed to be striking in force up to regimental strength.

United Nations forces moving north failed to reach the 38th parallel in the extreme eastern section of the front before the invaders had crossed into South Korea.

On Dec. 21, advance units of both parties tangled in the mountainous area and a week of wild, unreported skirmishes followed.

MOTHER OF AUTHOR DIES

TORONTO, Dec. 29 — (CP) — Mrs. Mary Callaghan, 80, mother of Canadian author Morley Callaghan, died in hospital here yesterday. She was widow of the late Thomas Callaghan.

Fox Pelt Prices Up At Montreal

MONTREAL, Dec. 29 — (Special) — The Canadian Fur Auction Sales Co., Ltd. offering of silver fox was well received here today. There were a good number of buyers present and a large percentage of the furs was sold at advances over the October sale.

The following is the sales report:

Platinums 90 per cent sold, advanced 15 per cent.

Inferior platinums 35 per cent sold, advanced five per cent.

Pearl platinums 90 per cent sold, advanced 30 per cent.

White marked silvers 87 per cent sold, advanced 20 per cent.

Half to three-quarter silvers 93 per cent sold, advanced 20 per cent.

Selected fulls 80 per cent sold, advanced 12 per cent.

Regular fulls 85 per cent sold, advanced 15 per cent.

Inferior types 68 per cent sold, advanced 10 per cent.

All the above comparisons are with the October sale.

The highest price realized for standard silver pelts was $30.50. Medium platinums sold as high as $24, pearl platinums light $27.50, white marked $19.00. Buying was mostly for Europe.

Mink is now selling and prices are strong.

(The above was supplied by Mr. George A. Callbeck, manager Fur Marketing Department, Canadian National Silver Fox Breeders' Association, Summerside.)

Freezing Rain Causes Trouble In Eastern USA

CHICAGO, Dec. 29—(AP)—The East and parts of the Southern United States were one big ice slide today.

There was fog in South Carolina and a weird gathering of fumes over Detroit, and it was still cold, except for Florida and the far west.

Freezing rain coated highways from East Georgia north into New England. In New England, heavy snow accompanied the freezing rain. Snow up to six inches was expected in Eastern and Southern New England by Saturday.

One man was killed by a truck near Matick, Mass. Five other persons lost their lives in crashes on slippery pavements in Alabame and Louisiana.

Charleston, S. C., was blanketed with fog, with ship movements and air traffic stalled.

In Detroit, an unusual atmosperic condition scared residents, who thought leaking gas was filling their homes. A body of warm air was close above the city, while at the surface there was a thin layer of cold air—and no wind. All the city's smoke and fumes, which normally rise and are blown away, lay stagnant near the ground. The Weather Bureau's explanation didn't clear the atmosphere, but it relieved worried Detroiters.

Ice made roads impassable in Southeastern Connecticut, while New Jersey's roads were lined with stalled cars. Southeastern New York was pelted with freezing rain, which was expected to spread throughout much of the state. At La Guardia Field 82 flights were cancelled.

Temperatures were below seasonal normals through the entire country east of the Rockies, except for the Florida coast. However, there were no extreme subzero readings such as occurred earlier in the week.

In the Far West, readings were about normal for this time of year.

Expect Details Of New Food Contracts Today

OTTAWA, Dec. 29 — (CP) — Agriculture Minister Gardiner tomorrow is expected to announce new Anglo-Canadian food agreements and new agricultural price-support programs for 1951.

The food agreements with the United Kingdom likely will involve bacon and cheese. However, the nature of the agreements is not expected to follow the traditional "contract" pattern.

A complicated procedure whereby the Government will assist the U.K. in its food buying in Canada next year was worked out by the Cabinet today. Details have not been disclosed, but it is expected the procedure will be closer to "open market" buying than in previous government-to-government sale.

The U.K. has offered to buy 77,000,000 pounds of cheese and 130,000,000 pounds of bacon at 1950 prices — 25 cents a pound for cheese and 29 cents for bacon.

The markets for both products were supported by the Government in 1950, by the extension of a subsidy of three cents a pound for cheese and 3 1-2 cents for bacon.

Both items likely will be continued to be supported in 1951 and probably at the 1950 rates.

Year Of Great Activity In Works And Highways Dept.

By R. G. WHITE

Deputy Minister of Public Works and Highways

The Department, under the able leadership of the late Hon. Harry Cox until his sudden death on 22nd October, and since, under direct command of Premier J. Walter Jones, has had one of the busiest years on record. Over 180 miles of road were widened, subgraded and gravelled, while 195 miles more were ditched and reshaped.

Snow fighting was again increased with twenty-eight units working. Dispatchers were placed in Alberton, Montague, Summerside and Charlottetown to improve and speed up the ploughs. During the early winter there was much ice to combat with sand and chemicals, but later the ploughs were kept fully occupied by heavy snows.

Because of the addition of Trans-Canada Highway construction to this year's work, the year's programme had to be planned in advance in order to take full advantage of the Federal Government offer.

Since our Trans-Canada Highway runs from "Ferry to Ferry" —Wood Islands to Borden — it means that most of the work will be done in Queen's County. To offset this, a programme of paved roads was planned for Prince and King's with the ultimate goal of providing the entire Province with a system of arterial paved roads, including the Trans-Canada Highway.

Once the Trans-Canada Highway agreement was signed in early summer, arrangements were rushed to allow contracts to be let and the work to proceed as quickly as possible. The Government of Canada co-operated by waiving certain agreed procedures for this season. These will have to be met before work begins next summer.

Once begun, Trans-Canada Highway work made good progress and the following contracts were let:

Curran and Briggs Ltd., 5 miles subgrading (complete).

County Construction, 5 miles subgrading (complete).

Curran and Briggs Ltd., 5 miles subgrading (80 per cent complete)

Morrison and MacRae, 4 miles subgrading (30 per cent complete)

Curran and Briggs Ltd., 10 miles paving (to be done next year).

All the above work was done on the Bonshaw to Borden section.

Trans-Canada Specifications

The design of Trans-Canada Highway has been the subject of much careful consideration. It was, at all times, generally agreed that the proposed highway should be, not a super highway, but a reasonably highclass road which would not become obsolete in the foreseeable future.

Details of the specifications were discussed at a conference at which all Provinces of Canada were represented and the speficiations, in their final form, were agreed to by all present. I will mention a few of the points which go to make up these specifications:

1—Width of Pavement — Experience has shown that motorists find pavements narrower than twenty feet dangerous for meeting trucks, while twenty-two feet to twenty-four feet is desirable. Our Trans-Canada pavement will be twenty-two feet in general, with twenty-four feet approaching Charlottetown and Borden.

2—Right-of-Way — The custom

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News In Brief

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 29—(CP)—The 1951 session of the British Columbia Legislature will open Tuesday, Feb. 20.

OTTAWA, Dec. 29 —(CP) — Hearings on a railway application for higher freight rates have been set for Jan. 19 before the Board of Transport Commissioners.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 29 —(CP) — The Winnipeg Progressive Conservative Club today dropped "progressive" from its title. The club, founded in 1888, chose Conservative Club of Greater Winnipeg as its new designation.

TORONTO, Dec. 29 —(CP) — A Lancaster bomber converted for R. C.A.F. anti-submarine and convoy work left today for Greenwood, N. S., operations base of Canada's first Maritime squadron. The big plane, carrying still-secret armament, will go immediately on Atlantic patrol.

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, Dec. 29 —(AP)—Foreign Minister Edvard Kardelj told the Yugoslav Parliament tonight that the world is heading for a third world war. He denounced Communist China's intervention in Korea as "bringing the world a step nearer to a new world war."

OTTAWA, Dec. 29 —(CP) —The army is preparing to lavish more attention on reserve units and to try to boom their manpower beyond the 50,000 mark in 1951. An intensified recruiting and training campaign and greater use of regular army officers and non-commissioned officers as instructors are being planned.

Ontario Teachers Ask Salary Boost

TORONTO, Dec. 29 —(CP) — The Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation today asked a maximum salary range for secondary school teachers of from $4,575 to $6,000, depending on the size of staff at each school. The proposed scale represents an increase of 25 per cent over the Federation's previous salary policy, set in 1948.

Mild Winter Fools Flowers In B. C.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 29 — (CP) —A mild winter is fooling the flowers and the blossoms are coming out weeks ahead of time.

A peach tree is in bloom in Vancouver and heather is in blossom.

At Victoria, daffodils are in flower.

Three robins took possession of a garden bird bath here earlier this week.

BIG ORGANIZATION

OSLO—(CP)—About five per cent of Norway's 3,200,000 citizens are involved in warden services as part of the civil defence establishment. All inhabitants may be drafted for service except men who are liable to conscription in general mobilization.

Press Conference Held Following Cabinet Meeting

OTTAWA, Dec. 29 — (CP) — Prime Minister St. Laurent announced today that Parliament is being called for Monday, Jan. 29.

He said the special session of Parliament — which was adjourned last September — will be prorogued on that date and the 1951 session launched the next day.

The Government will place before the House "concrete proposals" which will cover "everything we think of concern to the Canadian public at this time," the Prime Minister said.

He declined to elaborate.

He also said at a press conference after a Cabinet meeting:

1. The position of Canada's special 10,000-man force is the same as it was when it was formed in August — that it will go when fully trained to the theatre in which it can be best used. This could be either Korea or Western Europe.

2. Consideration has been given to the revival of women's units in the armed forces, but he could not say anything until Parliament meets.

3. He still does not think there is any immediate prospect of a world war. He does not expect to see one in his lifetime and, he added, he is still in good health. He will be 69 in February.

4. Agriculture Minister Gardiner is expected to make an announcement shortly on British food contracts.

5. He hopes External Affairs Minister Pearson will be able to join him in London before the end of the conference there. Meantime, Mr. Pearson is returning to the United Nations at Lake Success.

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Leader Of Royal Marines Tells Graphic Story Of Retreat In North Korea

By WARREN WHITE

SOMEWHERE IN SOUTH KOREA, Dec. 29 — (Reuters) — Thrice wounded Lt.-Col. Doug Drysdale, 34-year-old leader of Britain's 41st Royal Marine commando unit, tonight told the story of 12 days in hell.

His men are resting after fighting their way, alongside men of the United States 1st Marine Division, out of a Communist death-trap north of the Hungnam beachhead in Northeast Korea.

He said his men were sent to join the Americans at Yudamni in the Chosin reservoir area in the north-eastern drive last autumn.

"We thought it would be a glad gallop to the Yalu River until the Chinese struck," Drysdale said. The Chinese cut off the Marines at four points along a 70-mile communication line and threatened to wipe them out.

Col. Drysdale was put in command of the 900-man "Task Force Drysdale" with orders to reach Americans encircled at Hagaru, 44 miles inland, "at all costs."

Drysdale ordered it to push the 10 miles north from Kotori to Hagaru — at the southern tip of the reservoir — inside a day.

A two-mile-long convoy fought most of Nov. 29 in making the first three miles.

Chinese Line Road

Chinese Communists dug in along slit trenches 200 yards from the winding ox-cart track sniped and machine-gunned almost without interruption. Ammunition trucks, jeeps and troop-carriers were blown up or burned with phosphorous grenades.

"As one truck would blow up we would pile on to another," the Col.

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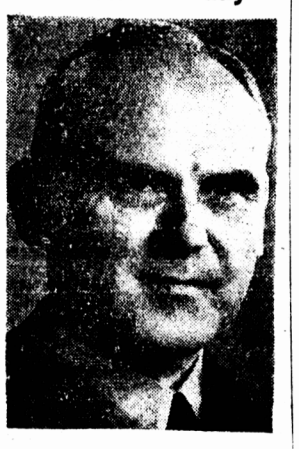
To Take Holiday



OTTAWA, Dec. 29 —(CP) — Trade Minister Howe (above) will leave Ottawa on a 10-day holiday, beginning Jan. 4.

His destination remains a secret, but it likely will be some balmy point where he can indulge in his favorite sport—golf.

With Prime Minister St. Laurent leaving for a Commonwealth conference in London and with Mr. Howe on holiday, the Prime Minister's mantle will fall temporarily on the shoulders of Agriculture Minister Gardiner.

DISTINGUISHED COMPANY

Viscount Alexander, Governor-General of Canada, is one of 10 living Field Marshals in the British army.

Fires Take Heavy Toll In PEI Lives & Property

Four lives were lost and more than $400,000 in property damage resulted from fires throughout Prince Edward Island during 1950, it was learned yesterday from Mr. T. A. Campbell, Provincial Fire Marshall in a review of fire losses for the year.

One adult and three children lost their lives due to fires. The former was Mrs. Thomas Keoughan who perished in the Sporting Club fire on Feb. 15. The children were Ladena Boyle, 18-months-old daughter of Mr. Robert Boyle, West Devon; three-months-old Betty Ann Bartle, daughter of Mr. William Bartle, Alberton; and the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Grant, Martinvale.

Property losses during 1950 were nearly $200,000 less than those in 1949. The loss of $400,054.79 during the past twelve months was $187,932.21 less than that of one year ago. The 1949 property damage amounted to $588,017.

$116,642.32 worth of property was destroyed by fire in Charlottetown during the year. Property losses outside the City amounted to $283,412.47.

The biggest loss in the Province was caused by the fire at the Lavitt Potato Company warehouse on January 31. Damage amounted to $64,613. The $40,000 fire at the Sporting Club was the year's second most disastrous fire in the way of property damage. The Dec. 16 fire at Reddin Bros. Drug Store resulted in a property loss of approximately $10,000.

Queen's was the hardest hit county with large fire losses during the year. Excluding Charlottetown and considering only fires which caused damage amounting to $10,000 or over, the fire damage in Queen's amounted to $35,487.05; Prince County losses were $14,918.65 and Kings County, $12,000.

The most disastrous rural fire was that which caused $14,987.05

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Embargo On Imports Of Pork Will End Sunday

OTTAWA, Dec. 29 —(CP) — A three-year embargo on the import of pork will end Sunday and officials believe it will pave the way for the steady flow of low-priced United States pork products into Canada.

Removal of the ban is part of the Government's policy to dismantle all of the emergency exchange import controls, instituted at the end of 1947. The dismantling will be completed Jan. 2.

Some experts believe the appearance of American pork, especially the low-priced shoulder cuts and fat-backs, will cause some readjustment in the Canadian pork price structure. However, prices are not expected to fluctuate more than one or two cents a pound.

A United States agricultural official said American pork producers will welcome the Canadian move. Some cuts in the United States, he said, were priced lower than in Canada. To that extent, Canadian consumers would benefit.

However, Canadian experts were inclined to believe that the Canadian market would be limited naturally by the fact that Canadians have become accustomed to a higher quality pork product.

Canadian producers have concentrated on the production of a lean, high-quality pig to obtain the Wiltshire sides of bacon which Britain desired under the war and post-war Anglo-Canadian bacon contracts. Generally, the United States has tended to produce a heavier and fatter pig.

The demand for American fat-backs is particularly keen in the lumber camps and in Newfoundland. This has led, in the past, to waiving of the embargo to allow certain specific shipments of American pork into Canadian lumber camps.

Under terms of union, Newfoundland was allowed to continue to buy American pork, even while the embargo was applicable to all of Canada.

But while the Government is eliminating the embargo on imports, no steps have yet been taken to remove export controls, imposed a decade ago.

The export controls were applied to channel Canadian bacon into the United Kingdom market. Negotiations for a new bacon contract with the U. K. now have reached Cabinet discussion. Those controls may be eliminated, too, if a new contract does not emerge.

TORONTO, Dec. 29 — (CP) — Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Victoria 43, 47; Edmonton 28, 39; Regina 6, 22; Winnipeg 2 below, 18; Toronto 19, 36; Ottawa 2, 20; Montreal 18, 23; Quebec 16, 26; Saint John 17, —; Moncton 21, 36; Halifax 28, 42; Charlottetown 26, 36; Sydney 20, 37; Yarmouth 28, 44; St. John's 21, 34.

HALIFAX, Dec. 29—(CP)—Official forecasts issued by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax.

Synopsis:

Mild weather accompanied by snow and rain spread over the Maritimes and Eastern Quebec tonight. A disturbance located near Cape Cod was the cause of this bad weather.

The disturbance will move to the Gulf of St. Lawrence tomorrow. In its wake colder air will flow into the regions, bringing with it drier and brighter weather for Saturday and Sunday.

Regional forecasts, valid until midnight Saturday, with an outlook for Sunday:

Prince Edward Island—Rain ending Saturday afternoon, then cloudy. Extremely mild, turning colder Saturday evening. Southeast winds 15 shifting to south 15 Saturday afternoon and to west 15 in the evening. Low and high Saturday at Charlottetown 35 and 40.

BORDEN — CAPE TORMENTINE FERRY SERVICE

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