

Maxims of a Mere Man
So now is come our
joyful't feast.

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Island Like the Dew

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RAINS SWELL FLOODED US RIVERS

Gain Reported In Canadian Farm Income This Year

OTTAWA (CP)—Canada's farmers received an estimated \$1,667,500,000 in cash income during the first nine months of this year, the bureau of statistics reported Friday. It was a slight gain of \$10,200,000 from the \$1,657,300,000 in the corresponding period of last year, but nearly \$300,000,000 short of the record \$1,963,800,000 in 1953. The total does not include Newfoundland. The bureau said there were cash income gains in six other provinces. Farmers of Quebec, Manitoba and Saskatchewan received less. The figure includes income from sale of farm products together with participation payments on previous years' grain crops marketed by the Canadian wheat board. The bureau said the main increases in cash returns came from wheat—up a total \$16,400,000—flaxseed, potatoes, tobacco, cattle, dairy products and eggs. Participation payments, however, declined to \$25,700,000 from \$38,400,000. January-September farm cash income by provinces, with 1954 figures in brackets: Prince Edward Island, \$19,725,000 (\$18,332,000); Nova Scotia, \$31,377,000 (\$30,043,000); New Brunswick, \$33,161,000 (\$32,476,000); Quebec, \$298,540,000 (\$299,445,000); Ontario, \$527,314,000 (\$519,606,000); Manitoba, \$115,983,000 (\$119,193,000); Saskatchewan, 301,834,000 (\$310,293,000); Alberta, \$265,853,000 (\$258,841,000); British Columbia, \$73,681,000 (\$71,014,000).



GRUELLING SESSION FOR MAIL CARRIERS

Finishing a grueling session of the past two weeks are members of the Charlottetown Post Office Letter Carrier staff and their Christmas helpers. During the Christmas rush the regular mailman is not seen much on the street because he is required to spend long tedious hours sorting and preparing the mail for delivery. The helpers who do the delivery have the mail arranged for them by the regular carriers, in a simplified manner for each individual house so that it can be delivered as quickly as possible with a minimum of error. Until a few years ago, carriers were obliged to work almost round the clock and with the assistance of a team started their delivery each morning. This system was discarded in favour of the present one whereby two helpers on each walk keep a continuous service to the householders of the City, the result being that the carrier actually worked shorter hours and more employment was given to the extra help. Many people will be fatigued by the time Christmas Eve arrives, but none will better deserve a rest than the uniformed men of the postal service. Photo by W. Taylor.

Thousands Are Left Homeless

SAN FRANCISCO, (AP)—Relentless rains Friday fed overflowing rivers of three states where at least 12 flood victims died, whole towns were evacuated, thousands were homeless and damages ran into the millions. Reports of people screaming helplessly as they floated down the rain-swollen Eel and Klamath rivers came from northwestern California. Reno, Nev., was cut in two by the Truckee river. Tons of water threatened the divorce and gambling capital with damage exceeding the \$2,000,000 blow of Thanksgiving, 1950. Hard-hit northern California, where rain has fallen daily since Dec. 14, braced for further disaster from rains forecast at least through Saturday—and whipped by gale winds up to 75 miles an hour. The death toll in that area was at least nine. Three others were dead in western Oregon. "Thousands of families are homeless," said a Red Cross spokesman in San Francisco. The situation is too fluid to say just how many. Helicopters plucked marooned persons from the Russian river basin, a popular fishing and resort area 75 miles north of San Francisco. Already more than 250 have been removed. Shortly after noon, the city council of Marysville, Calif., ordered the evacuation of its 12,500 residents. A radio broadcast urged an orderly movement of traffic across the Tenth street bridge, the only way out of the city at the junction of the swollen Feather and Yuba rivers. A statement issued by the weather bureau in Sacramento said the Feather and Yuba would hit their peaks Friday afternoon. Santa Cruz, a popular swimming and sunning resort of 22,000 on the Pacific 75 miles south of San Francisco, was covered by six feet of water from the San Lorenzo river, normally a trickling creek. Police said 12 persons were missing there and 400 were suffering from exposure. In the northwest corner of California, water stood 18 feet deep

Large Delegation Thanks Government For Highway

Appreciation to both the Federal and Provincial Governments was expressed yesterday by a delegation which waited upon the Minister of Highways, Hon. George Mackay, for the decision of the Governments to have the Trans-Canada Highway go by way of Hazelbrook, Mt. Allison to Cherry Valley. In a prepared statement signed by 188 residents of the communities of Cross Roads, Mt. Herbert, Mt. Allison, Bethel, Hazelbrook, Donagh, Waterside, Lake Verde and Webster's Corner, it was pointed out that the interview followed a meeting held recently at Hazelbrook School at which representatives of the above districts were present. The brief also asked "that the Government's decision arrived at on the above route should not be swayed by a few who already have a paved highway."

Peak Christmas Boom In U.S.

NEW YORK (AP)—Christmas spending in the United States this month will hit a record of about \$19,000,000,000, up six per cent compared with last year. Dun and Bradstreet said Friday after a check of buying trends in 66 major U.S. cities. "Behind the increase were more intensive sales promotions, higher personal income and easier credit terms," said Dun and Bradstreet. More night openings helped, too.

Cold And Snow Prospects For Canadians Christmas

By THE CANADIAN PRESS A small parcel of snow wrapped up in an old-style below-zero covering of cold air—that's the weatherman's Christmas present for Canadians. Old Jack Frost will accompany Santa on his trek from the north pole, the weatherman forecast, carrying sub-zero temperatures to the West and near-zero temperatures to the East. But Santa won't arrive until tonight, and neither will the cold, in the East, at any rate. The weather man said the cold air mass now covering the West would move across Ontario and into Quebec tonight, pushing out warm air that sent temperatures up near freezing in southwestern Ontario. Cold air is moving across the Maritimes but temperatures in most of that area are expected to remain in the above-zero category. Some snow is expected in Ontario, Quebec, but little elsewhere except Newfoundland.

Tenant Kills Landlord's Wife

MONTREAL, (CP)—A disgruntled tenant Friday night killed the wife of his landlord and wounded her husband with a shotgun. Police said Mrs. Raymond Desjardins, 52, died immediately after the shooting in the northeast section of the city. Her husband, shot in the chest, was taken to hospital where his condition was described as serious. Police said they know the identity of the assailant but did not reveal it. He was expected to be arrested soon. They said he entered the house and after shouting abuse at the couple, started shooting. Police said the man had been ejected from a rooming house, operated by the couple. The shooting occurred about 6:15 p.m.

Atomic Energy Pact

NEW DELHI (Reuters)—India Thursday announced an agreement with Britain for "close co-operation and mutual assistance" in the peaceful uses of atomic energy. Britain will provide enriched uranium fuel elements for a "swirling-pot" reactor being built near Bombay and will help the design and construction of a high flux research reactor.

CGS Saurel Finds Going Difficult In Heavy Ice

Efforts by the government ship Saurel to get shipping clear of the harbour were continuing late last night. At 7:00 a.m. yesterday morning she left Charlottetown with the potato boat Seagull in convoy and left five or six miles off Point Prim, with an unknown distance to go until bringing the ship to open water. Both ships reported heavy going and at one time they were held solid. Under present conditions it could not be estimated when the Saurel would return to harbour. When she does the next ship that is due to be taken out is the Irving Company tanker Seekonk, and then on the following trip the fertilizer boat Mexico. Some officials of the Marine Department were beginning to feel concern regarding the crew of the Saurel, pointing out that they have been working continuously under extremely trying conditions since early Wednesday morning. In that time the only break they had was the three hours that was required to repair condenser trouble in Picton. There is yet approximately two more solid days of work for the ship.

Coming Events

- Auction and dance, Vernon Hall Monday, Dec. 26.
Dance Vernon River Hall, Tuesday, December 27.
Central Y.P.U. Concert Marshfield Hall Wednesday night, 8.15.
Dance Belfast Hall Tuesday, Dec. 27. Lower Newtown W.I.
MacPhail's Store, Bonshaw, closed Monday, December 26th.
Alumni dance, Kinkora Hall, Wednesday, December 28. Special orchestra.
Dance South Rustico Hall, Monday, Dec. 26th. Rolie Mackenzie's Orchestra.
North River Rink Saturday: No school hockey Saturday morning, Skate, 2 to 4 in the afternoon.
Crapaud Rink: Special Christmas Eve skate, Saturday night 8 to 10. Door prize.
New Haven School Concert repeated in school on Tuesday evening, Dec. 27th at 8 o'clock.
Dance West Royalty Hall, Wednesday, Rolie Mackenzie's Orchestra. Canteen Service 9:30 to 12:30.
Card Party in Belfast Hall, Monday, January 2nd, at 8 p.m. Luncheon, sponsored by Eldon, W.
Unloading car of Co-op feeds Saturday 2:45. Special off-egg grading, service later? Vernon River Co-op.
Hockey North River Rink to-night, Hampshire Bulldogs vs. Milton Hornets. Game time 8:15 sharp. Skate after. Team holding up game will lose a percentage of gate, Monday, Dec. 26, skating 8-10.
Showing at Mt. Stewart, Friday, December 23rd, and Christmas Day, December 26th. (Midnight 12.10) "Rom on a Holiday," starring Gregory Peck and Audrey Hepburn. No show December 24th.
Bathing pigs Monday at Fredericton, Tuesday, Brookfield 9 a.m., Milton 10, Railroad Wharf, Charlottetown 11, York 1 p.m., Bedford 2, Tracadie 2.30, Mt. Stewart 3, Fernald 4.30, Vernon River 5. Paying \$16 a pair for good pigs over 40 lbs. each. Will also buy smaller ones. Knud Jorgensen.

Big Drop In Maritime Butter Stocks Reported

The amount of butter on hand in the Maritimes is two million pounds less than it was a year ago. This was reported by Mr. H. J. MacDonald, chief dairy inspector for the Province, at a directors' meeting of the Prince Edward Island Dairy Association held in Charlottetown, Thursday afternoon. Mr. MacDonald said that the stocks of butter had dropped from 6,000,000 lbs. to 4,000,000 lbs. The secretary, J. L. Dewar reported that the "June Set-aside" represented an almost 100% response from all those connected with the dairy industry. The "June Set-Aside" was a voluntary contribution of one cent per pound of the butterfat production during the month of June and amounted to almost \$8,000. The money which was collected by the dairy firms and contributed by 8,000 producers will be used chiefly for promotional purposes in the industry. Mr. Aidan Mulligan, Kinkora, president at the meeting which saw a motion passed which allowed for the distribution of 240 quarts of milk to needy families in the City during the Christmas season. The Catholic Welfare Bureau and the Free Dispensary will have the responsibility of distributing the milk. Four scholarships, each valued at \$100, were voted to aid Edward MacMurrer, Hazelbrook, Eugene Rogerson, Crapaud, Robert Connolly, Morell, and Earl Larkin, New Glasgow, in their daily courses at the Ontario Agricultural College. The course opens on January 2.

Four Killed In Crossing Crash

MONTREAL, (CP)—A CPR train bound for Quebec with a load of Christmas holiday goods collided Friday night with a car at a level crossing in northeast Montreal, killing the vehicle's four occupants. The car was carried more than 100 feet along the track by the train. The accident occurred shortly before 6 p.m. at a level crossing on Cremazie boulevard. Morgue officials identified the victims as Rheume Filiatrault, 21, 4855 Brebeuf St., Montreal; Roger Allaire, 41, 5809 Des Erables St., Montreal; Guy Laplante, 22, Ville St. Laurent, Que.; and H. Briere. Witnesses said Filiatrault, the driver, tried to stop the car when he saw the train approaching but it spun around on the street and halted on the track, facing the train. It was demolished by the impact of the crash.

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Mother And Son Burn Feet From Fire Escape

OTTAWA (CP)—Ottawa bus driver Herbert Steele Friday lost his wife and only child, burned to death only a few feet from a fire escape which could have taken them to safety from their blazing east-side apartment home. He was the second father in this capital city to have his family wiped out by fire in the week before Christmas. The bodies of Mrs. Steele, 36, and four-year-old Barry were found huddled just inside a window of their apartment at the top of the old, three-storey, grey-stone house. Outside was a fire escape. FATHER SUFFERS SHOCK Mr. Steele, on his bus route at the time, was located and went to the scene. Then he was taken to hospital to be treated for shock. Only last Saturday fire in a west-end home took the lives of the wife and five children of a navy photographer, Leading Seaman Arthur Estensen. Friday's mid-morning blaze, gutting the building in the Sandy Hill district, caused injuries to four other persons.

Open Barriers To Permit Pilgrims To Bethlehem

By THE CANADIAN PRESS Pilgrims trekked through barbed wire from Israel to Jordan today en route to Bethlehem where the traditional Christmas mass will be celebrated at the Church of Nativity tonight. Jewish Israel and Moslem Jordan opened the barriers as Christians streamed through St. George's square in Jerusalem to wend their way to the birthplace of Christ. A curfew imposed on Bethlehem during rioting earlier this week was lifted and it is peaceful there once again. However, not so peaceful was the Christmas being spent by Commonwealth troops in damp Malayan jungle outposts. They will take no holiday in their fight against Communist terrorists although planes flying overhead will try to cheer them with Christmas carols played over loudspeakers. TENSE ATMOSPHERE Christmas will also be celebrated in a tense atmosphere in Cyprus, the British Mediterranean colony which has been rocked by terrorist violence. All public entertainment has been banned in Cyprus and several towns, including the capital, Nicosia, have been declared out of bounds to British servicemen and their families over the holiday weekend. The Pope will broadcast his Christmas message to the world this morning and it will be repeated in translation by the Vatican radio during the next three days. The Queen will address to the Commonwealth in a traditional globe-girdling broadcast from Sandringham, England, Sunday. Christmas is a family day but one famous family will not be united. The four surviving Dionne quintuplets will get together at New Year's because two of them, Yvonne and Cecile, have decided to remain on duty at the Ville St. Laurent hospital, Montreal, this weekend. They are nursing trainees there. ALMOST BALMY IN EUROPE Europe's Christmas Day promises to be almost balmy after a week of severe weather. With the exception of Norway and Sweden, there is no snow except in the mountains. Continued chill weather was in prospect for much of Canada and the north and northeastern United States. But floods brought suffering to parts of California, Oregon and Nevada. In many parts of the world, Christmas was a mixture of sadness and the unusual. And during the round-the-world BBC Christmas Day program preceding the Queen's address, Korean children will sing the well-known Welsh hymn "All Through the Night" in Welsh. They learned the words from Welsh mining technicians working in Korea for the UN.

Claim 20,000 Miles Without Oil Change

TORONTO (CP)—A calcium alloy slug said to enable automobiles to travel 20,000 miles without an oil change will be sold commercially within two months, it was announced Friday. J. D. W. Cumberland, secretary of Positive Metals and Alloys, Ltd., said distribution arrangements have been made throughout Canada. The slug is to cost about \$3 and will be available at garages. The new slug has a movable arm with the calcium alloy attached. The plug is inserted in the oil filter. Mr. Cumberland said plans for distribution in the United States are under way. An automobile manufacturer's spokesman said the oil-saving device could be installed during the assembly stage of motor production.

No Place Like Home On Christmas Eve, Appears

By THE CANADIAN PRESS There's no place like home Christmas Eve, and that's where most Canadians will spend theirs. With Christmas Eve falling Saturday night, most places offering ready-made entertainment will do close early. Merry-makers will do most of their celebrating at private house-parties, instead of in nightclubs, restaurants and theatres. Most Canadian communities have arranged special midnight church services. Capacity attendance is predicted. Many Canadians will travel on the holiday weekend. Trans-Canada Air Lines is planning about 30 extra flights to handle an anticipated record number of passengers. TRAINS AND BUSES ALSO ARE SCHEDULED Heavy snowfall over most of Canada may, however, keep highway traffic lower than at first forecast. Ontario and Saskatchewan still have some roads plugged by blizzards. Crowds of late-shoppers are expected to throng stores from Newfoundland to British Columbia Saturday to buy last-minute gifts. Among the busiest persons in Canada will be post office workers and policemen. Post offices report they are still jammed with mounds of cards and parcels, and every effort is being made to deliver them before the big day. Police in the major cities will have little or no holiday. Special patrols will try to clear the streets of drunken drivers. Law enforcement officials have threatened no mercy for persons mixing liquor and gasoline, but pedestrian who indulges too freely will be treated with some degree of tolerance. HALIFAX, (CP)—The weather office says fine weather will continue today. However, a disturbance from the west is expected to approach the Maritimes on Christmas. It will cause cloudy skies during the day but no snow is likely before evening. Regional forecasts: Northern Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick: Clear with a few cloudy interludes; a high mild; light westerly winds. Low-high at New Glasgow 5 below and 15 above, Charlottetown 6 and 16, Moncton 5 below and 15 above, Fredericton 10 below and 16 above, Saint John 5 below and 16 above, Edmundston 10 below and 16 above, Campbellton zero and 18. Christmas Day: Cloudy.

REDUCED TO RUBBLE

In the northwest corner of California, water stood 18 feet deep

COPIES EXTEND GREETINGS

BRANTFORD, Ont. (CP)—Santa Claus took over the enforcement of parking meter regulations here Friday. Motorists who parked overtime found the usual ominous-looking ticket, but today it did not mean a fine. Instead, it was a courtesy card, extending Christmas greetings from the police department. It's for two days only.

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