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## Federal Gov't Wins In Quebec Income Tax Case

## Réport Pope Suffering From Pneumonia; No Cause For Alarm Seen

By Frank Brutto

VATICAN CITY, Jan. 25 —(AP) — The Pope was reported today to be suffering from bronchial pneumonia.

Vatican sources, disclosing that the 76-year-old Pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church is more seriously ill than at first indicated, said, however, he continues to show improvement and that there is no cause for concern.

The Pope, visibly weary during the public consistory in St. Peter's Basilica on Jan. 15, when he placed the red hat on the head of new cardinals of the church, took to his bed Thursday.

The Vatican Press Office at first said he suffered from a slight attack of influenza accompanied by moderate fever. Yesterday, the Vatican's L'Observatore Romano referred to the Pope's ailment for the first time, saying it was accompanied by "irritation of the respiratory tract."

Today Vatican sources said his ailment was bronchial pneumonia. The Pope has suffered bronchial irritations frequently in the past. This was one of the reasons why in recent years he extended his stay at the Castel Gandolfo Pontifical summer residence on the shore of Lake Albano.

Vatican sources also disclosed that the Pope's physician, Prof. Riccardo Galeazzi-Lisi, has been staying at the Vatican since Friday to be more readily available if needed.

Despite his ailment, the Pontiff continued today to attend to affairs of the church. He received his pro-secretaries of state, Monsignors Giovanni Battista Montini and Domenico Tardini. He also recited the Rosary today for the return to Italy of war prisoners reported still held in Russia. Prayers are being offered throughout Italy today for this intention. The Pope recited the Rosary in his Vatican apartment, surrounded by the few members of his intimate household.

## Weather Records Being Broken

HALIFAX, Jan. 25 — (CP) — Balmy breezes whiffed across the Maritimes today, setting record temperatures and adding strength to the weather forecaster's prediction that the month might be the warmest January on record.

Halifax, Yarmouth, N. S., and Moncton, N. B., established record maximums for the month with readings of 52 degrees.

The old highs were 51 at Halifax in 1887 and 1951, 48 at Yarmouth in 1928 and 49 at Moncton in 1938.

For Halifax, it was the second record-breaking temperature this month. The first was Jan. 11 when the mercury rose to 53 degrees.

The Weather Office here said the warmest January on record to date was in 1951 with an average 32 degrees and the coldest was in 1920 with an average 14.4 degrees.

So far this month there have been four days with maximum temperatures of 50 or more and seven with readings in the 40s.

## 172 Steers Entered For Stock Show

AMHERST, N. S., Jan. 25—(CP) —A total of 172 top-qaulity steers have been entered in the annual Maritime Spring Stock Show and sale which will be held here March 17-18, it was announced today.

J. H. King of Moncton, secretary-manager, said the entry is down slightly from last year but the quality is expected to be higher.

## Education Tax Not Deductible From Income Tax

OTTAWA, Jan. 25 — (CP) — The Exchequer Court has ruled that Quebec "education tax" payments can not be deducted from federal income tax assessments.

In a far-reaching judgment made public Saturday, it reversed a ruling of the Income Tax Appeal Board granting a Federal Revenue Department appeal against nine Quebec power companies.

The companies had protested the disallowance as a federal income tax deduction of a total of some $1,400,000 paid in one year by the companies to the Quebec Government as "education tax" levies.

But while the Exchequer Court dealt only with the protest of the power companies, its ruling will have wider implications in Quebec. The education tax is levied not only against provincial power companies but also against provincial telephone, timber and oil companies.

All of these big corporations will be affected by the court ruling, which in effect agrees with the Federal Government that such education tax payments made to the province cannot be deducted for federal income tax purposes.

The power companies involved in the tax dispute were: Shawinigan Water and Power Co., Southern Canada Power Co., Ltd., Canadian Light and Power Co., the Ottawa Valley Power Co., MacLaren-Quebec Power Co., St. Maurice Power Corporation, Northern Quebec Power Co., Ltd., Gatineau Power Co., and the Saguenay Power Co., Ltd.

### The Companies' Argument

Seven of the nine power companies argued that federal statutes dealing with the tax dispute were beyond the power of Parliament to pass because it prevented any province from exercising its constitutional power of direct taxation by levying a corporation tax.

Moreover, they argued, the law under the guise of income tax legislation encroached on the exclusive powers of a provincial or municipal government to raise revenue by direct taxation to maintain schools.

The law's "real purpose," they said, was to bring "pressure" on the provinces to sign dominion-provincial tax agreements.

Mr. Justice J. C. A. Cameron said he could not agree. Just because the federal government would not allow a provincial corporation tax as a federal income-tax deduction did not mean that the Federal Government was trying to "penalize" a province which did not enter into a tax agreement.

Neither could he find, he said, any support of the companies' argument that the federal law encroached on the constitutional powers of a province to levy a corporation tax or raise revenue for maintaining schols.

### N. B. RECRUITING UP

FREDERICTON, Jan. 25 —(CP) —New Brunswick recruiting for the Canadian army's active force showed a substantial increase last year, reports revealed today at the annual conference of recruiting station commanders in the New Brunswick military area. Recruits in 1952 numbered 1,195 compared with 880 in 1951.

SEOUL, Jan. 25 —(Reuters) — An outbreak of smallpox is threatening to sweep Korea, metropolitan public health officials said here today. An army spokesman said UN troops have been inoculated against the disease.

### Reaping Benefits Of Reforestation

Reforestation is already paying dividends in Southern Ontario, where trees of Vivian Forest, a six-square mile area, are being cut for lumber, firewood and pulp. The forest is only 30 miles from Toronto and in it are uncounted numbers of deer, fox, rabbits, bears, porcupines and wolves. Most of the cutting now is for the purpose of thinning out the forest, estimated to have 4,650,000 trees, but in 10 years the trees will be big enough to be used as hydro-electric poles. William Hood, 68, and his son, Bernard, are two of the sawyers employed in wood-cutting, and they show a sample of the 23-year-old growth of a pine tree.

## Ship Rolls Over At Berth After Fire Ate Into Vitals Eight Hours

By Sidney Weiland

LIVERPOOL, England, Jan. 26—(Monday) — (Reuters)—The blazing luxury liner Empress of Canada lay on her side in her berth tonight—a wreck after fire ate through her vitals for eight hours.

Firemen who battled the $5,000,000 blaze gave her up for lost shortly after the 25-year-old Canadian Pacific Steamships liner settled in the water at dockside and heeled over.

No passengers were aboard and no crew members were lost in the fierce fire aboard the 20,235-ton Empress which had just undergone an overhaul to spruce her up for the coronation trade. The mystery fire started somewhere below decks, possibly in the dispensary.

Knots of grimy firefighters and dockyard workers stood hopelessly by watching the last moments of the gutted ship which burned from bridge to stern

### Crew Members Escape

Firemen were forced to abandon her when the fire got out of control. They leaped to the dockside as her white-hot plates buckled, sending rivets whining through the air like bullets. The few crew members working below when the fire started escaped, making their way to safety through the maze of passageways as the fire burned around them.

Soon after the firemen were safely off the ship the Empress began to heel over rapidly. Her superstructure and funnels crashed into a dockside shed which was pierced by the ship's yardarm. The liner was laying almost on her side up against the dockside.

Minutes later she slid gently off the dock and settled quietly on her side in the dirty water of her berth. Blinding clouds of smoke and steam billowed up above the hulk. Officials called it a "total loss."

### Due To Sail Feb. 11

The Empress was due to sail on a return voyage to Saint John, N. B. with passengers Feb. 11. Capt. J. P. Dobson, master of the liner and its crew of Britons, was at his Liverpool home on leave.

A pall of dense black smoke poured over the nearby town of

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## Loss Of Ship Blow To Traffic To Coronation

MONTREAL, Jan. 25—A ship familiar to thousands of Canadians went up in flames as the Empress of Canada was swept by fire at Liverpool tonight. The disaster recalled the loss of the Empress of Russia in similar circumstances in 1945.

Loss of the Empress of Canada was a direct, personal blow to hundreds who had planned to sail in the 20,235-ton veteran of the Atlantic to the coronation in June. With most liners and air lines booked to capacity, it was feared that many persons might be unable to book other transportation.

### Flagship of Line

Flagship of the Canadian Pacific Steamships Line, the Empress for 25 years plowed her stately way down the St. Lawrence River from Montreal, calling at Quebec City, then at Saint John, N. B., before entering the open Atlantic on her run to Liverpool.

She wasn't always the Empress of Canada. She was best known, perhaps, as the Duchess of Richmond—one of a line of sister ships known affectionately to Canadians as the "Drunken Duchesses" because of a reputation for rolling.

She was renamed after the Second World War, in which she carried 187,000 Allied troops 436,000 miles, in honor of the first Empress of Canada, a victim of enemy action off Freetown, West Africa, in 1943, with a loss of 400 lives.

The first Empress of Canada was one of 14 ships lost by the Canadian Pacific in war service. Another was the pride of the line, the Empress of Britain, whose role of flagship was taken over by the Duchess of Richmond when the Duchess was raised to the Empress class and refitted after the war.

The fire at Liverpool tonight, which broke out as the Empress was undergoing refit for spring service, was almost a duplicate of that which destroyed the 16,810-

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## Two Killed One Injured At Sydney

SYDNEY, Jan. 25 — (CP) — Two women were killed and a man injured last night when they were struck by a car while walking home from a card game.

Victims were: Mrs. Sidney Lewis, 61, and Margaret Morrison, 60, a cousin. Injured was James MacSween, 51, a brother of Mrs. Lewis.

RCMP held the driver of the car, Thomas MacKenzie, 39, on a charge of operating a motor vehicle while his driver's permit was cancelled.

TORONTO, Jan. 25 — (CP) — Observed temperatures bulletin issued tonight at the Toronto Public Weather Office.

| | Min. | Max. |
|---|---|---|
| Dawson | 35B | — |
| Victoria | 39 | 46 |
| Calgary | 20 | 26 |
| Regina | 15 | 25 |
| Winnipeg | 4 | 15 |
| Toronto | 19 | 27 |
| Ottawa | 20 | 22 |
| Montreal | 31 | 31 |
| Quebec City | 30 | 33 |
| Saint John | 41 | 46 |
| Moncton | 45 | 52 |
| Halifax | 45 | 52 |
| Charlottetown | — | 49 |
| Yarmouth | 45 | 52 |
| Sydney | 43 | 51 |
| St. John's | 29 | — |

HALIFAX, Jan. 25 — (CP) — Official forecasts issued tonight by the Dominion Public Weather Office here and valid until midnight Monday.

Synopsis:

A storm centred in the Gulf of St. Lawrence brought extremely mild weather to the Maritimes Sunday.

The storm is moving away to the northeast and is followed by much colder air. By Monday afternoon temperatures will have reached normal values for this time of the year. There will be some cloudiness Monday and a few localities will have snowflurries.

Regional forecasts:

Prince Edward Island — Cloudy with scattered snowflurries. Much colder. Northwest winds 20. Low and high Monday at Charlottetown, 25 and 30.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 8.44 A. M. and 7.22 P. M.

High tide on the North Shore at 4.10 A. M. and 2.56 P. M.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

Sun rises today at 7.41 A. M. and sets at 5.11 P. M.

## Prince Co. Dairy Factories Amalgamating On February 2

Six of the seven Prince County butter and cheese factories which have been considering amalgamation for some months have now definitely decided to do so under the name of Amalgamated Dairies Limited, according to an announcement made over the weekend by an authorized spokesman.

The amalgamating companies are, Kensington Dairying Association, Tryon Dairy Company, Dunk River Dairy Company, Grand River Cheese Factory, Abrams Village Cheese Factory, and Tyne Valley Cheese Factory.

One other company, the Kinkora Cheese Factory, has not yet given final assent but it is considered likely that the directors and shareholders of this company may also decide to enter the combine shortly. Necessary financial arrangements have now

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## Queen's Birthday, Victoria Day Observed May 18

OTTAWA, Jan. 25 — (CP) — Canada will observe the Queen's birthday this year on Monday, May 18, the same day as Victoria Day, the Federal Government announced in a special proclamation issued Saturday.

The proclamation, set out as a special issue of the Canada Gazette, also officially set June 2, Coronation Day, as a national holiday in Canada.

The Queen's birthday and Coronation Day will be legal holidays, with banks and government offices closed.

No reason was given why the observance of the Queen's birthday was combined with Victoria Day this year, but officials said it would avoid the inconvenience to business of having two holidays too close together.

For example, last year Canada observed the Queen's birthday on June 9. This year, this would have meant two national holidays in two weeks, June 2 and June 9.

The Queen was born on April 21, 1926, but the observance of her birthday is fixed each year by cabinet decision.

Victoria Day, previously celebrated May 24, now is celebrated on the Monday before the 24th itself falls on a Monday.

## Re-open Missing Man Case

SHEDIAC, N. B., Jan. 25 —(CP) —Rumors of foul play filtered through a wall of police secrecy here today as the case of a missing Quebec City commercial traveller was reopened after a two-year blank.

Laurent Dube, about 30, has been missing since his battered car was found empty after it crashed against a bridge fence on the outskirts of Shediac Jan. 8, 1951.

Local R.C.M.P. and Moncton city detectives, with shovels and other digging tools, left for an undisclosed destination rumored to be on a side road near Shediac. Police here gave only a flat "no comment" in answer to questions.

At Fredericton, R.C.M.P. Supt. E. H. Perlson said the reopening of the case was merely routine continuation of an unfinished investigation.

Dube was said to have been on his first selling trip to the Maritime Provinces. He spoke English poorly. No trace of him has been reported since the empty car was found. On the beach nearby were his hat, some papers and a book.

Investigation at the time showed that he had registered in a Moncton hotel Jan. 4.

## Plane Battered In Downdraft

NEW YORK, Jan. 25 —(AP) — Seventeen passengers aboard a Trans-Canada Air Lines plane bound from Toronto to New York were shaken and bruised Saturday night when the aircraft encountered a violent downdraft.

The four-engined North Star, piloted by Capt. W. A. Lennie of Toronto, was flying at 5,600 feet when the downdraft dropped it 600 feet. The incident occurred at 7.45 p.m. EST over Sandy Hook, N. J.

The plane landed at New York's Idlewild Airport and seven passengers were treated for superficial injuries. None required hospital treatment.

There was no apparent damage to the plane, which landed at 7.51 p.m.

## One Killed, Four Injured In Traffic Accident

MONTREAL, Jan. 25 — (CP) — One man was killed Saturday and four other persons injured when two motor-cars collided on Taschereau Boulevard, across the St. Lawrence River on Montreal's south shore.

Police identified the dead man as Victoria Roy, 42, of St. Paul De Laprairie, Que.

Injured and taken to hospital were his wife, 44, his daughter, Helen, 12; the driver of the other car, Leo Perron, 33, and Rosario Laplante, 34, a passenger in Perron's car. Both are from Montreal.

None of the injured is in critical condition.

The vehicles were badly smashed and tossed by the impact to opposite sides of the wide boulevard.

## Believe Aussie Jet Pilot Sets Record

WITH ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE IN KOREA, Jan. 25 —(AP)—An Australian jet pilot flew his 300th mission against Communists in Korea, Saturday. Officers of his 77th Squadron believe it to be a record for jet missions by one pilot. Flt. Sgt. Ken Murray, 27, took his speedy Meteor jet on four escort flights for Allied bombers today to reach the 300 total. With two months to go on his second tour in Korea Murray has requested a third tour.

## 'Life Begins At Forty' Author Dies At 75

PALO ALTO, Calif., Jan. 25 —(AP)—Walter Boughton Pitkin, 75, author of the phenomenally successful book, "Life Begins At Forty", died in hospital today after a brief illness.

Pitkin was in the midst of writing another book, "Let's Enjoy Life Again."

He had been ailing, but became seriously ill only two days ago and was brought to Palo Alto Hospital Saturday from his home at nearby Los Altos, where he had resided about eight years.

Pitkin had been an author, professor, psychologist and editor, and published many books.

He was successful before he was 40, and in 1939 wrote a book entitled "Making Good Before Forty."

He served 38 years on the faculty of Columbia University in New York City — as a lecturer in psychology, and professor of journalism—before he retired in 1943.

## Alarmed Londoners Clamor For Action To Ease Smog Menace

LONDON, Jan. 25 —(AP) — Alarmed Londoners clamored today for government action to stop a series of smogs that have hastened the death of thousands of persons in a winter of daytime darkness.

Newspapers, members of Parliament and private citizens joined in the demands. Prime Minister Churchill's Government has already said it is treating the smogs as "a problem of the very greatest urgency."

Deadly fogs have settled over London repeatedly since early December. Hundreds of thousands of persons have been sickened. The economic loss—from grounded planes, dirtied clothing, and slowed commerce—runs into many millions of pounds.

### Foggiest Season In Years

The Air Ministry Meteorological Bureau says it has been the foggiest season in many years. Experts say the fogs have contained more filth, especially sulphuric acid, than any before.

"Massacre," was the way Lord Beaverbrook's Evening Standard described the fogs in an editorial, noting that the December death toll from fog—6,000—nearly equalled the toll of 6,957 killed by Nazi bombers in September, 1940, worst month of the blitz.

The number killed so far in January has not been announced.

"It's almost on the scale of mass extermination," said Marcus Lipton, Labor member of Parliament.

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## Coming Events

**Come to show in Fredericton hall, Jan. 27, 8 p.m.

**Seeds! Send for Free Catalogue. Arthur Vesey, York.

**Reserve Monday, Feb. 2nd for White Elephant Sale at Y.M.C.A.

**Try our Purina Finance plan, for feeding your hogs and chicks. Dillon & Spillett.

**Card party and dance Hope River Credit Union Hall, Wednesday, January 28th.

**Dance at Edward Dunn's, Newtown Cross, Tuesday, January 27. Admission fifty cents.

**Hockey at North River Rink Monday, Jan. 26th. Milton Hornets vs. Cornwall Meteors. Game time 8:30. Skate after.

**Crokinole Party, Pownal Hall, Tuesday evening, 27th. Sponsors, Y. P. U. Proceeds for March of Dimes.

**The Farmers Co-operative Seed Cleaning Plant is ready to clean Timothy and Clover Seed daily. Elmer MacDonald's Mill, Crapaud.

**Don't miss "Harmony Hotel", the laugh hit of the season, presented by Liguorian Dramatic Society, St. Mary's Hall, Souris, Wednesday, January 28th. Curtain 8.30 P. M. Admission 50 cents.

**The children of the Mount Herbert Orphanage will present the Shur-gain Cavalcade at the Orphanage Auditorium on Wednesday, Jan. 28th, at 8.15 P. M., assisted by our choral group. Entire proceeds in aid of Orphanage. Your patronage is requested. J. Russel Driscoll.

## Preliminary Hearing In Currie Theft Case Sought

MONTREAL, Jan. 25 — (CP) — A criminal court judge will decide tomorrow on a defence application for a preliminary hearing for Frederick Hensler, accused of stealing a draft copy of the controversial Currie Report from a Montreal printing plant.

Hensler is free on bail of $500, posted Saturday. He spent Friday night in cells at Bordeau Jail because it was too late to make bail arrangements after he surrendered to Provincial Police.

Alexandre Chevalier, Q. C., prominent Montreal criminal lawyer, made the request for preliminary hearing for his client when he appeared before Judge Rene Theberge 10 minutes after Hensler surrendered.

Mr. Chevalier said he made the application although the value placed on the stolen copy of the report was only $20. Normally cases involving property of less than $25 are judged without preliminary hearing and jury proceedings.

Hensler is charged specifically with theft of 79 sheets of paper, valued at $20, containing a report George S. Currie, Montreal accountant, was preparing for the Defence Minister.

William Dodge, a CCF Quebec Party vice-president, identified Henseler as president of St. Ann CCF Club; one of a number in the Montreal district.

Hensler is alleged to have stolen the copy of the Currie Report while employed at the Notre Dame Street plant of National Lithographing and Printing Inc. He had remained at work during the bitter parliamentary debate over the fact the advance copy found its way into the hands of M. J. Coldwell, CCF Party leader.

Jack Rudner, lawyer for the printing firm, said because Hensler had failed to report for work Thursday, he had been discharged.

During bail proceedings, Jean Goulet, representing John Ahern, Q. C., crown prosecutor in the case, said Hensler possessed a criminal record in Northern Ontario. Goulet said he would submit the record tomorrow.

## Sees Western Air Defence Very Weak In Europe

By Tom Masterson

PARIS, Jan. 25 — (AP) — A surprise, all-out Russian air attack could knock out Western Europe's first line of air defence in one swoop, a high-ranking United States army officer said Saturday.

It would at least seriously cripple the Allies' air-defence system, the officer said. It might even blind the Allied air force so that it could not locate Russian concentrations to make the use of atomic weapons worthwhile.

"That's the way things stand right now," the officer said.

The North Atlantic Pact countries, he said, have failed to give over-all protection to their far-flung and growing air-defence system.

The 14 countries have granted enough money to build the best planes, lay out main air bases and train enough crews. But they have failed to provide funds for building up three other items just as important, the officer said. He listed them as:

1. An adequate warning and communications system linking air bases stretching through seven European countries from Norway to Italy.

2. Enough alternate and reserve air field so important in time of war.

3. Pipelines to transport jet fuel to air bases.

The ministers of the 14 NATO nations at their December meeting in Paris earmarked only $224,000,000 for military building this year—barely more than half of what Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, Supreme Allied Commander, had asked.

The Russians right now can put 20,000 planes in the air, including 5,000 jets, and fly them from bases within "striking distance of ours," the American informant said Saturday.

The Western Allies, aiming at a 4,000-plane target, have built or are building 95 air bases in Western Europe. In addition some bases in West Germany are available.

Nato forces in Europe have a radar screen supplied principally by the U. S. and Britain which operates a few hours a day, but is rated inadequate. It is mostly in Central Europe.