

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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"Covers Prince Edward Island Like The Dew"

WEATHER

A few snowflurries, clearing in afternoon; much colder. Low-high 5 below and 10 above. New Years Day: Snow.

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Governor Sends Greetings To The People Of The Province

The following New Year's message has been received for publication from His Honor Lieutenant-Governor Prowse to the people of Prince Edward Island:

"As we stand on the threshold of a new year may I avail myself of this opportunity to wish all citizens of Prince Edward Island a most prosperous and happy new year. May 1957 see many of your hopes and ambitions realized to the fullest degree and may the benevolence of Divine Providence continue to favour our Island Province, our Dominion and our family of nations in the British Commonwealth."

"We in Canada have been spared the ravages of war and upheaval taking place in Hungary today, but we all can share in our Country's efforts to provide a home for these innocent victims of tyranny now reaching our shores in ever increasing numbers. May we in the words of Her Majesty: 'Give them a true refuge; let us see that for them and their children there is room at the inn.' May the spirit of brotherhood and tolerance existing in our Commonwealth help to provide new homes, new hopes and new-found freedom from fear for these countless refugees."

"As we cross over into the year 1957 may we look forward to a year of achievement in the Dominion of Canada and may our Country and the British Common-



HIS HONOR T.W.L. PROWSE

wealth of Nations continue to lead in the efforts of all Christian Nations to bring Peace and Prosperity to a troubled world."

Carrier Avoids Atlantic Storm

ABOARD MAGNIFICENT (CP) This big Canadian carrier, flying the blue and white flag of the United Nations, steamed southeast Sunday to skirt a north Atlantic gale lashing the Canadian east coast. Her course was laid to avoid strain on her heavy flight deck cargo-six wheelers, half-tons and jeeps—not to mention her 400 army personnel heading for UN police duty in the troubled Middle East.

The troops, getting their sea-legs the hard way, integrated with sailors for work and grog ration. They seemed incongruous in white uniforms issued as a safety measure on the ship, which carries a big supply of highly volatile airplane gas.

They received shocked looks from sailors when they talked of going down stairs or up to the front of the ship. But in navy cotteralls they were quickly part of each muster and manfully striving to do their share of the work.

The mixed lot of sappers, signallers, service corps and workshop troops got a warm welcome from Captain A. B. Fraser-Harris and crew. He asked all hands to take the soldiers under their wing and make them part of the ship's company.

MAKE THEM AT HOME "Show them around and make them at home," the captain said shortly after the ship left Halifax, "for what seems like routine to us is bloody amazing to the troops."

PM Says Canadians Can Look To The Future With Confidence

OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister St. Laurent, in a New Year's message, said 1957 will be a challenge to the talents and energies of Canada but Canadians can look to the future with confidence.

He referred specifically to the Middle East and Hungarian situations in his message, issued from his office here.

Canada must resolve to do its full share in working for a permanent solution to Middle East problems, he said. At the same time, he was proud of the spontaneous way in which Canadians opened their doors to Hungarian refugees.

Text of the message: As we stand at the threshold of a new year, it is good to reflect on the events of the last 12 months.

Without our borders we find many reasons to be thankful for a kind and generous providence. Once again we have been blessed with bountiful harvests. The product of the labor of the Canadian people is considerably greater than ever before. We have made further strides forward in the development of our extensive natural resources. Our industrialization is proceeding at a rapid pace and our external trade has increased impressively. And what is more important, the men and women and children of Canada are benefiting directly from this bustling prosperity.

The recent tragic events in Hungary are a grim reminder that many millions of men and women do not share our good fortune. What contrast is our peaceful life in Canada, where honest effort generally finds its just reward, to the brutal conditions which have befallen the heroic Hungarian people. To rise and attempt to throw off the yoke of a godless

Water Tests Show Negative Results

Officials dealing with the recent contamination of the City's water supply reported over the weekend that all samples read on Saturday and Sunday are negative.

Citizens during the past few days have noted a different taste to their drinking water. This is explained by a step up in the amount of chlorine to the supply which water works officials were advised to use in order to eliminate the contamination.

It is understood that although the contamination was confined to one area of the City it was thought advisable to add additional chlorine at the source. Consequently last Wednesday the additional chlorine was added at the three pumping stations with the result noted above.

BACK TO WEST

BONN, West Germany (AP)—More than 17,000 Germans returned to West Germany in 1956 from eastern European countries—Poland, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Romania and Hungary. They are persons who have relatives in West Germany and who were offered aid in housing and finding work.

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The appearance of usually trim carrier was amazing to the crew itself and on the way out the Halifax roadstead as she exchanged courtesies with a big fleet of freighters working their cargoes, one sailor was heard to say, "Jeepers, we look more like a freighter than some of them."

Meatime Maj. W. A. H. Law, a Strathcona tank officer from Camp Borden and commanding officer of the troops aboard, welcomed the policy of complete co-ordination with the navy.

He admitted his men couldn't yet hide their identity under a navy coverall because that couldn't roll with the ship like the old hands, but he said, "we'll soon learn and in the learning we'll teach each other a lot."

The troops are divided into watches and integrated with the regular hands for this service, and one sapper said, "we're getting into the chores and that rum ration sure is a bonus."

START TRAINING Maj. Law said the limited space on the ship restricted refresher training to some extent but a full training program had been mapped out.

Spit and polish aren't neglected either. Daily inspections are perhaps more rigid than in normal army life because of the necessity of keeping cramped quarters spic and span.

In the big main hangar where three-tier bunks house most of the troops an enormous pile of reading matter is available and already some marathon card games are in progress. There will be movies every second night.

Maggie's own crew is cut drastically for the voyage. This means that the heavy passenger list provides no strain for the victualling and supply department.

For instance, there's enough fresh milk, salad ingredients and bread aboard to keep an entire company of about 1,100 men going for 10 days.

LIKE NAVY FOOD Petty officer Ed Poirier of Quebec said it's a pleasure to watch the army eat.

"They seem to enjoy what we are giving them." (It was a tasty chopped suey-type of dish with two vegetables, soup, topped off with an appetizing pudding dessert).

"If this is the sort of meals we are going to get all the time," said Corporal Ferguson, a singler from Sussex, N.B., "then I'm going to give in to sea-sickness."

Capt. Fraser-Harris figures his odd company should be working smoothly in another 24 hours when the ship is deep in the warmth of Gulf Stream waters. But right now when a pipe comes over the PA system for an integrated work party muster you can hear a sapper say to a signaller, "where in hell is the cable deck."

French, Moslems Battle In Algiers

ALGIERS, AKLGERIA (Reute) Thousands of infuriated French settlers Saturday battled Moslems in the streets during the funeral of a French major assassinated by an Algerian gunman Friday.

Six Moslems were reported killed and about 100 persons, mostly Moslems, were injured.

100 MPH Gales Leave Trail Of Damage In Nova Scotia

Maggie Sailed On Saturday

Canadian Press Staff Writer

HALIFAX (CP) — The aircraft carrier Magnificent, its decks crowded with men, trucks and equipment, sailed from here for Port Said, Egypt, Saturday with more than 400 soldiers aboard.

On the jetty as the Maggie moved away, three bands — two army and one navy — joined in Auld Lang Syne while soldiers and sailors waved and cheered from every vantage point on Canada's flatop.

Flanked by tugs and helicopters, she steamed down the harbor through morning mist diffused by a warm sun.

Her passengers, part of Canada's contribution to the United Nations Middle East police force, were in high spirits. They came from across Canada and include signallers, engineers, administrative personnel, and members of orchestra, service, medical and dental corps.

City's Growth Is Noted In The Mayor's Annual Review

The following years review of Civic activities and New Year's greetings have been received for publication from His Worship J. David Stewart:

"Following the usual custom, I have been asked to give a brief review of the highlights in Civic affairs in our Capital City, during the past year. I am wondering if this is a waste of time on my part, and a waste of valuable newsprint on the part of our local papers, in the light of the great number of year end reviews that have been printed during the past few days, and the apparent apathy of our people in Civic affairs."

"However, in the hope that we still have a few taxpayers left that are interested in the state of affairs of their Corporation, it is my pleasure, at this time, to give an outline of major happenings, of Civic importance, during the year 1956."

Early in the year, the Civic Election was held. The incoming Council contained three new members, one in Ward 3, Mr. Frank G. O'Neill, one in Ward 4, Mr. A. J. Haslam, and one in Ward 5, Mr. Gerald R. Foster. Late in the Fall, Councillor MacDonald resigned and the vacancy thus created was filled by Mr. J.P. Nicholson.

"The year 1956 is significant, not only in that it is the first year in the second century of our City, but also in that it is the first year in which Revenue and Expenditures passed the million dollar mark, showing the magnitude of City Corporation business, a business in which every taxpayer

is a shareholder. "The major Civic expenditures were made, first, in construction of permanent streets, where some 122,000 square feet of asphaltic pavement were laid, and in the chip-sealing of streets not subject to heavy traffic—the area covered by this method 153,000 square feet. Second, under the direction of the Public Property Committee, the area to the west of Government Pond was graded and landscaped in conjunction with the overall beautification plan for Victoria Park.

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Firemen Gain Upper Hand In California Fries

MALIBU Calif. (AP) — Firefighters Sunday gained the upper hand in their desperate battle against the three worst blazes in a disastrous series of Southern California brush fires.

This was the fifth day of their struggle on the flaming coastal hillsides.

"We are in real good shape now," a spokesman for the Los Angeles county fire department said. "By today we should have them controlled—assuming wind conditions remain favorable."

Weather conditions — unlike those that brought violent flame-throwing winds to the area in the early stages of the fires — were favorable Sunday and were expected to remain so through the night.

The three main fires, two of which broke out near the coast, were described as "contained."

ONE MAN REPORTED MISSING

VALLEYFIELD (CP) — One man was listed as missing and close to 100 persons were homeless Sunday following a spectacular fire that raged out of control for eight hours in the heart of the commercial district of this industrial centre, 50 miles south-west of Montreal.

Red Cross officials said Theodore Latour, 53, was listed as missing and believed dead. He lived above a grocery store where the fire was believed to have started.

Eight stores or shops, most of them with apartments or lodgings above them, were destroyed and two were damaged. A branch of the Provincial Bank of Canada and five private homes also were destroyed. Altogether 22 dwellings went up in the blaze in sub-zero weather.

Edmond Aubin, resident of Valleyfield and owner of a drugstore near the fire area, estimated damages at \$300,000. Mayor Louis Gervin declined to make an estimate.

For a time 50 two-storey homes of wood construction were threatened. However ice-coated firemen

battling a stiff wind, managed to veer the flames from the houses. OPERATORS SAVE MANY

Apart from the one reported victim, no serious injuries were reported. Two persons were treated in hospital and then released. Eight or nine firemen were treated for frostbite and minor injuries at an emergency centre established by the Red Cross in the Valleyfield police station.

One eye-witness said there might have been a larger casualty toll if it had not been for the work of telephone operators. Estelle Villeneuve who lived in one of the apartments destroyed said in an interview that the operators rang the telephones of all those living in the area as soon as the fire was discovered.

As a result, said Miss Villeneuve, many people were able to dress warmly and to get out of their homes without panic.

Cause of the fire was not immediately established. Firemen said it started about 8:15 a.m. apparently in a grocery store. A strong north-west wind that pushed overnight temperatures to

10 below zero sent flames and sparks shooting high in the air and on to neighboring buildings.

The glare from the flames could be seen miles away and when dawn came a dense cloud of smoke was visible from a distance of eight miles.

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Year Of Great Promise Lies Ahead Says Premier

The following New Year's message and greeting has been received for publication from Hon. A.W. Matheson, Premier of the Province:

"We have reached the close of another year. On the eve of the New Year, as we look back over 1956 we have many blessings for which to thank Divine Providence.

"The year that lies ahead appears to be one of great promise. It is up to us to do our best with the new year which is ours. The pattern of the new year is in our hands. The garment we shape from it will be one which we ourselves shall choose. Each year is a chapter in the story of an individual or a nation."

"We close the pages of the year 1956 on a note of optimism. Never before have conditions been so good in Canada. At home we have pushed our economic expansion to greater heights; abroad we have gained new prestige in the councils of the nations; our status as a great nation has been more firmly established."

"We in Prince Edward Island shared with the other Provinces the general prosperity of Canada. Our standard of living which has steadily been climbing, continued to advance in 1956."

"Our advancement was not as spectacular as that of many other parts of Canada but when we compare our way of life with life in many of the more favored nations of the world, we have much for which we should be truly thankful."

ONE SERIOUS STORM "We had but one serious storm in the year 1956. The sleet and rain of early January did much damage to the utilities upon which we all depend. With good workmanship from line crews the damage was repaired with marked rapidity.

"No floods or hurricanes occurred to disrupt the tranquility of the Province, we have always been most fortunate in this respect."

"Our farmers were again favoured with excellent growing weather and the crops harvested were generally good. Our fishermen continue to improve their methods of operation and as a result their landings increase from year to year."

BUILDING Both private and public construction increased during 1956. An Active Treatment Centre for the care of the mentally ill was opened at Falconwood. Several new federal buildings were completed and occupied. The large building in Charlottetown now houses all the Federal Government Departments.

"A new highschool and auditorium have added greatly to the facilities in the Town of Summerside. Many other schools and halls have been completed in various towns and villages throughout the Province."

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close to the wharf, her remaining mast became entangled in telephone and electric lines and tore them from their posts.

Generally, however, the storm picture showed only minor destruction. A Maritime Electric company representative reports that only one electric line break was known in Charlottetown and only scattered ones in country areas, all of which have been mended. The Charlottetown break occurred yesterday morning, when a falling tree broke wires on the Brighton Road.

The Island Telephone Company report only scattered disturbances of a minor nature in their service. Only slight delays were reported in the flights of Maritime Central Airways, and Borden sources reveal that the ferry service with

the mainland ran on schedule all day.

The Radio Range in Charlottetown recorded the average wind velocity at approximately 23 miles per hour with gusts as high as 51 M.P.H. A rainfall of .73 inches and light snow-furries were measured there as compared with a half inch of rain and an inch of snow in Summerside. Gusts reached 62 m.p.h. at the western port with the maximum velocity at 42 m.p.h.

Temperatures reached a high of 45.1 degrees late Saturday night, falling to 32 degrees by mid-morning yesterday and taking a sharp dip to near zero temperatures last night. At that time the overcast had broken and winds were diminishing.

Thunderstorm, Snow In N. B.; Lightning Levels Lighthouse

FREderICTON (CP) — Snow and thunder-borne rain whipped across New Brunswick Saturday and Sunday causing scattered damages.

RCMP said Sunday night no reports of major accidents had been received though roads and streets throughout the province were icy and dangerous.

North shore detachments of the RCMP reported 12 inches of snow in the Campbellton-Bathurst area with wind-lashed drifts blocking some highways.

Lightning, accompanying thunder and a drumming rain in Southern New Brunswick Saturday night, destroyed a lighthouse at Point Lepreau, 30 miles from Saint John on the Bay of Fundy.

Record Winds At Shearwater

HALIFAX (CP) — Hundred-mile-an-hour gales smashed Nova Scotia Sunday knocking out communications and leaving a trail of wreckage through fishing villages and industrial areas.

No official estimates have been made of damage but the province is littered with broken chimneys Christmas decorations and shattered fishing equipment.

No injuries were reported from the winds which averaged 55 miles an hour in the heavily populated Halifax-Dartmouth area and reached gusts of 100 at nearby Shearwater Airport. Weather officials said winds were the highest on record.

Fallen trees and power poles cut communications with Cape Breton, Newfoundland and many parts of the province.

H. A. Marquis, superintendent of Canadian National Telegraphs in the Maritimes, said breaks were reported at Yarmouth, Sydney and Halifax in Nova Scotia, Moncton, Campbellton and Fredericton in New Brunswick.

SOUTH SHORE LASHED Nova Scotia's south shore was the first to feel the brunt of high winds and lashing rain. The fishing village of Prospect was battered. Small fishing craft were driven across roads by 40-foot high surf and fishing sheds were wrenched from foundations.

Loobstermen have not yet been able to assess damage to their traps in Western Nova Scotia, where the winter lobster-fishing season is underway.

In Halifax harbor a fishing dragger, a coastal freighter and a ferry were grounded. The ferry, retired from use in September, was re-floated.

Ferry service between Halifax and Dartmouth was disrupted because of heavy swells. During the height of the blow, power service was disrupted for 70 minutes in the Halifax area. An army microwave tower on Citadel

Hill was toppled and many county districts were without electrical service.

The Dartmouth ball park lost two 40-foot arc light standards. One crashed down over bleachers in the park. The other fell across a busy boulevard, blocking traffic.

POWER LINES DOWN Roofs, chimneys, trees, signs and Christmas decorations were scattered on streets throughout the province. Halifax police warned residents to avoid fallen power lines and keep children indoors. Firefighters stood guard over wires lying close to homes.

Industrial Cape Breton also reported gusts to 100 miles per hour at the RCAF base at Lingan. The 300 cmt TA SHR CMF GKQQ, steel centre of Sydney was littered with glass from broken windows and the partially completed walls of a new supermarket collapsed.

Trans-Canada Airlines cancelled flights between Halifax, Boston and Montreal. There were no flights out of the Maritimes Sunday morning.

New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island also fell into the storm belt but no heavy damage was reported.

High winds and scattered damage were reported from Southern New Brunswick. Heavy drifting snow swept across Northern New Brunswick.

Newfoundland reported comparatively good weather with rain in the morning, clearing off to a sunny 50 degrees in the afternoon.

No Paper Tomorrow

Tomorrow being New Year's Day, the next edition of The Guardian will be Wednesday, January 2.

Storm Causes Damage In Several Parts Of Province

A severe storm, not as violent as that experienced by Nova Scotia and New Brunswick but yet destructive enough to topple trees and television aerials, damage shipping and disrupt communications and power lines, hit Prince Edward Island Saturday night and early yesterday morning.

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