THE FIRST task in clearing away the snow was to open the streets for emergency traffic. Store owners also were quick to have their entrances cleared as the Christmas shopping rush was slowed to a trickle. If the wind drift dies down by Monday the city may have one of its biggest 'last minute' shopping splurges in years. The view above is on Grafton Street facing east towards the Queen Street intersection.

AS USELESS as an old fashioned hitching post in this parking meter on Grafton Street, Charlottetown, after Thursday's storm. Plows and trucks worked all night on the task of cleaning up the city and by this morning many of the downtown streets are expected to be in fairly good shape.

Mammoth Dig Out Job Underway In Ch'town

Charlottetown began to return to a state resembling normalcy last night following Thursday's storm that left 13 inches of snow piled through the city's streets.

Business appeared brisk in many downtown stores as last-minute shoppers braved the below zero temperatures to complete their Christmas lists.

Parking proved something of a problem, but city work crews were working qiuckly to clear the area of as much snow as possible to ease the problem. It is likely crews will be kept on the job throughout the weekend.

City snowplows began clearing the streets at 12.30 Friday morning. Traffic was creeping at a slow pace in the early morning hours, but began to move more freely as the day progressed. Most streets in the city proper were open to travel last night.

Many stores were expecting heavier than usual business during the final days of the holiday shopping season as the result of Thursday's wintery blast. The storm caused many stores to close early Thursday afternoon and evening, delaying the completion of Christmas shopping.

Almost all city stores will be open this morning, afternoon and tonight; Monday morning, afternoon and night and up until 5 p.m. Tuesday (Christmas Eve) to meet customer demands.

LOCAL BRIEFS

MOTHER DIES

Mrs. G. Elliot Full, Charlottetown, is in Sydney, N.S., called there by the sudden death of her mother, Mrs. F.G. Spencer.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Fairview School Christmas concert will be held Saturday, Dec. 21, at 8 p.m. in Afton Hall.

IN HOSPITAL

Vaunda Todd, Charlottetown, is a patient in the Prince County Hospital, Summerside.

RE-ELECTED DIRECTOR

Stirling Wills, Kingston has been re-elected as Maritime director of the Canadian Swine Breeders Association, it has been learned from S.B. Stroshard, secretary of the national organization. Voting for the post which Mr. Willis has held now for several years, was conducted by a mail ballot.

SEE SMALL SHOW

COLEHILL, England (CP)—Dorset villagers found their television pictures only two inches high when an electrical pumping station began to drain power from the sets.

Well Known City Machinist Dies

One of the last of the old time machinists—the men who 'could make anything'—died last week with the passing of Frank Hobbs of this city.

The late Mr. Hobbs, who would have been 74 Christmas Day, was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Hobbs and after finishing school here worked for 17 years with Bruce Stewart and Company assembling their famous marine engines. He then joined the civil service as foreman mechanic with the department of transport at the Marine Wharf and remained 35 years until his retirement.

In his private life he was widely known for the excellence of his personal machine shop at the rear of his Kent Street home. Citizens of all walks of life including doctors and lawyers and ministers came there seeking favors. He refused none of them the advantage of his skills, but the only payment he would accept was what the recipient of his favors cared to drop in a tin can marked with a large Red Cross sign.

Surviving are his wife, the former Grace Matilda Hooper, and a daughter Peggy, Mrs. Peter Kelly, Fredericton, N.B.

Snaring Of Cat Brings Warning

After having been caught in a snare for about two days, a cat when finally returned to its home in the Green Street area Thursday evening had to be destroyed, an official of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals said yesterday.

The cat's owner took it to the Charlottetown Veterinary Clinic, where she was told that amputation of the animal's legs would be the only means of saving its life. The animal was humanely destroyed.

The SPCA spokesman said that if similar happenings occur, the society will conduct an investigation and attempt to put a stop to this menace to the lives of household pets.

He said also that leaving any animal, skunks included, in a trap for any length of time is highly cruel, citing as an example one instance last winter when a skunk had been caught and left for two days, slowly freezing, until the owner of the trap had checked on it.

Civic Employees Planning Party

The annual Christmas gathering and dinner of Civic Employees Union, Local 830, Charlottetown water department, will be held at the Rendezvous Restaurant tomorrow night at seven. Presiding will be Ivan Maund.

This year the union has invited the Water Commissioners, Sidney Green, Earl Taylor and Joseph McKenna, and City Engineer Norman Stewart as special guests.

M. MacDonald CNR Engineer Dies Here

George Mitchell MacDonald, 54, 306 Richmond Street, railroad engineer on the Charlottetown to Borden run, died at 2:00 Friday in Charlottetown Hospital.

He suffered what was presumed a stroke Thursday afternoon and was rushed to Charlottetown by train where he arrived at the hospital at approximately 9:40 p.m. and died later.

Mr. MacDonald was born in Harmony Junction, the son of Mrs. George J. MacDonald and the late Mr. MacDonald. He had six brothers: E. Foch, Montague; Cyril, Harmony Junction; Byron, Powell River, B.C.; Addison, Northern Ontario; Jack, Rollo Bay; and Clarence, who was killed overseas during the war. Two sisters, Lorna and Marian, are living in the Boston area.

He is survived by his wife, the former Agnes Pigott, of Charlottetown, and two sons, George 27, a member of the RCAF who recently arrived home from France, and Bruce, 24, a radio broadcaster in Grand Falls, Nfld.

Mr. MacDonald was the Past Faithful Navigator of the Fourth Degree Bishop MacEachern Assembly Knights of Columbus, a member of the Laymen's Association of the Basilica Parish, and a member of the Charlottetown Curling Club.

He had been with the Canadian National Railways since 1927.

Funeral notice will be announced later.

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Cases Adjourned Due To Blizzard

Queens County magistrate's court felt the affects of the recent storm too. Magistrate James B. Johnston, QC, yesterday adjourned all cases but one as no accused persons or many of the lawyers and police were able to attend the session.

The case of Heath William Bowley, Parkdale, charged with rape, was adjourned to Dec. 27 at 3.45, with bail to stand. George William David Sentner, Hunter River, charged with proceeding past a stop sign when it was unsafe to do so, had his case adjourned to Jan. 3 to fix a new date for hearing.

Charles Joseph Perry, Bristol, charged with parking his vehicle on a bridge when it was unnecessary to do so, had his case set over to city police court before Magistrate A.J. Haslam, QC, on Dec. 27.

Magistrate Johnston said he was disqualifying himself from the case as he had a certain amount "of interest in the matter".

The only case completed was one of a man charged with being intoxicated in a public place. Lester O'Donnell appeared for the accused and entered a plea of guilty. The accused was fined $20 and costs or 15 days.

In traffic court the only case was that of Donald Blair Burns of Charlottetown who was fined $10 and costs or five days for driving without a licence.

Park Royal UC To Feature Carol Service Sun. Evening

A Choirs' Carol Service is planned again this Sunday evening by the choirs of Park Royal Church. This service was much appreciated by the community last year. All the four choirs of the church share in the service, together with the singing of the traditional carols by the congregation. Solos and special choral effects and arrangements have been planned.

The Christmas music is also being shared by the community through the electronic sound system each evening of the season. This is the first Christmas the system is being used, following its recent dedication. The carols in organ and chimes are being enjoyed.

Seasonal activities observed recently in the church included the annual CGIT candlelight vesper service; the white gift service when children and adults made their first gift, in Christ's name to the needy of the community and to the Protestant Family Service Bureau; as well as remembrances in carol singing and treats to the sick, the shut-ins and the institutions in the area.

Events further planned by the congregation to honor the birthday of the Lord include a Christmas Eve family candlelighting and on Christmas morning the sharing of a service of worship with Trinity Church.

The music is under the direction of the organist, Leslie Hiscott.

Five Accused Remanded

Three Charlottetown men were charged with being drunk and disorderly when they appeared before Magistrate A. J. Haslam, QC, in city police court yesterday. Two, Percy MacInnis and Alexander MacNevin, were remanded to Dec. 24 and a third James William Heckbert was remanded until this morning.

Clara Weeks of Charlottetown, was remanded to Dec. 24 on a charge of vagrancy.

One man, charged with possession of liquor in a place other than his residence was remanded to the same date.

White Cross Club Party

The members of the Charlottetown Kiwanis Club were hosts at a special Christmas party for members of the Canadian Mental Health Association's White Cross Club held at the new Knights of Columbus Home Tuesday evening. Some 30 Riverside Hospital patients were also guests.

Bright Christmas decorations made a colourful setting for the program of games and dancing which was carried out under the direction of Wilfred Smith, master of ceremonies.

Music for the dancing was provided by Mrs. William Campbell, Frank Smith and Gary Chipman. Special numbers were given by the Campbell sisters, Philip Richards, Laura and Marcella Lutz and George Gill.

Refreshments were supplied by the Kiwanis Club and by Canadian Mental Health Association White Cross volunteers who also assisted with the evening's entertainment.

George Gill expressed the thanks of the members of the White Cross Club and Arthur Peake the thanks of the Canadian Mental Health Association to the Kiwanis Club for its kindness.

Among the CMHA board of directors who attended the party were Dr. M.N. Beck, Mrs. Laura Kitchen, Mrs. T.M. Lothlan, C.W. MacArthur, A.H. Peake and superintendent, AS. McNeil.

Board To Hear Tax Appeals

It is not yet known how many appeals are to come before the city tax appeal board, when it holds its cittings on Friday, Dec. 27 to pass judgment on civic property assessments.

Members of the board are: Frank J. Storey, chairman, Norman Lowther, QC, and Alfred Hennessey.

However, definite information is available that five cooperative housing groups would file appeals, all based on the evaluation. The unidentified groups (among them is believed to be the North River co-op housing group) and banded together and A. E. Belliveau, member of the provincial housing commission, has been named to represent all five groups.

Banks, Markets Closing Plans

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Banks, stock markets, brokerage houses and other financial institutions will be closed Christmas and New Year's Day. Business hours will vary on the days before and day after.

Banks will operate as usual Christmas Eve but will be closed Boxing Day, Dec. 26, and Jan. 2 in those provinces and municipalities where the days have been declared a holiday.

Canadian stock markets and the Winnipeg Grain Exchange will close at noon Christmas Eve. The stock markets will reopen Boxing Day but the Winnipeg Grain Exchange will remain closed. All will be open Jan. 2.

4 New Year's Day Levees Planned Here

The first events of 1964, New Years Day levees, will be held by Mayor A. Walthen Gaudet, Premier Walter R. Shaw, Lt. Gov. W.J. MacDonald and Bishop Malcolm MacEachern.

The first of these will be held at Government House at 11 a.m.

Premier and Mrs. Shaw will be holding theirs at the Charlottetown Hotel, beginning at 3 p.m. Reasons for the location are renovations underway at the Provincial Building and the fact that the Shaws are currently living at the hotel.

This is the only levee to which women are invited. This custom was begun by Premier Shaw shortly after he took office.

Bishop MacEachern will receive visitors at the Bishop's Palace from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., at the same time as the civic reception, tendered by Mayor Gaudet is being held at City Hall.

Coronation LOL Elects Executive

Coronation Lodge of the Loyal Orange Order has elected Harold MacLeod, worshipful master. The deputy master is Winston Smith.

Other officers of the lodge are: chaplain, Arnold Bruce; RS, Lorin Drake; FS, Winston Drake; DL, Arthur Mossman; committee, Clifford Enman, Gordon Sheidow, Russell Docherty, Ernest Martin, Ralph Lea; sentinel, Fred Mossman; tyler, Russell Docherty; auditers, Milton Furness and Sam Hume. Past master is Donald Drake.

The lodge was served a turkey dinner by members of Lady Coronet Lodge, LOBA, and the guest speaker was E. A. Keeping. Past Master Drake, Mrs. Jessie Larter, most worshipful grand mistress of British North America; Joseph Cook, grand master of P.E.I. grand lodge; Mrs. Gordon Ross, grand mistress of P.E.I. LOBA; Mrs. Herbert Ings, mistress of Lady Coronet, and Carl Acorn, oldest honorary member of Coronation lodge also spoke.

Rev. T. R. Goudge was master of ceremonies.

NAMED VICE-CHAIRMAN

OTTAWA (CP)—Appointment of Luc-Andre Couture, 43, as vice-chairman and member of the restrictive trade practices commission was announced Wednesday by Justice Minister Chevrier. Mr. Couture teaches law at the University of Ottawa. He was appointed general counsel for the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority in 1957 and formerly was senior advisory counsel in the justice department.

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ARMY AIDS BLIND CHILDREN

Soldiers of the Canadian Provost Corps each year give money to the School for the Blind, Halifax to assist the the children with any extras they may need. This year they also entertained the students in the Army dining room on the day they presented a cheque for $840. Here 7-year-old Robbie Ganong of Hampton, N.B. accepts a cake from one of the cooks Pte. H.E. Hawkins, Charlottetown, P.E.I.

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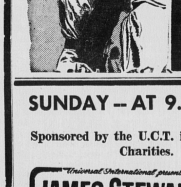

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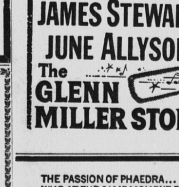

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