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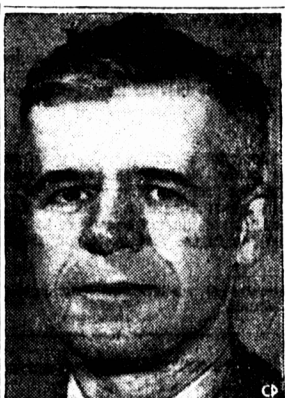
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## NORTHEASTERN U.S. HAS WORST STORM IN FIVE YEARS

### Britain Grounds All Comet Jet Airlines

### Bulk Of Work Still Ahead As Commons Resumes Today

OTTAWA, (CP)—The Commons resumes today, after a 26-day holiday recess, with the bulk of the session's work still ahead. Debate on the government's new housing legislation heads the agenda, together with a motion for establishment of a joint Commons-Senate committee to study how capital and corporal punishment and lotteries should be handled under the Criminal Code. The Senate will meet Tuesday, Jan. 19.



W. A. Stewart, 39, Canadian Press bureau chief at Montreal, will travel with Prime Minister St. Laurent to report for Canadian newspapers the prime minister's journey to Asia in February and March. Stewart, bilingual native of Riviere du Loup and veteran of 20 years with CP, was Far East correspondent for the news-gathering co-operative 1945-47 after serving as war correspondent in Italy and Northwest Europe. (CP Photo)

Parliament passed several important bills during a five-week sitting before the Christmas recess started Dec. 16. Among them were measures to give textile manufacturers and other industries protection against seasonal price cuts in imported goods, to bring inter-provincial and international pipelines jurisdiction and to change the under the federal transport board's name of the resources and development department to the northern affairs and national resources department.

There is a possibility the present session will end early in June with a break for the Easter recess April 14-26.

That leaves approximately 20 weeks for Parliament to deal with the budget and the remainder of the government's list of legislation for the session.

Finance Minister Abbott is expected to present estimates of proposed expenditure early in February after his return from the cur-

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### Inquest In Que. Slaying Tuesday

ROBERVAL, Que. (CP)—Provincial police said today a coroner's inquest into the brutal slaying of a mother and her two-year-old daughter during the week-end will be held Tuesday night at Mistassini, Que.

Dr. L. Poisson of Normandine, Que., district coroner, will conduct the inquest. Mistassini is about 50 miles north of this Lake St. John district town in northeastern Quebec.

### Fine Paper Industry Combines Trial Begins

TORONTO, (CP)—The trial of 27 corporations and two persons on combines charges in the fine paper industry started Monday. Lawyers said it may last two months.

At the opening, Norman L. Mathews, special crown prosecutor, said he believes the documents and files were deliberately destroyed in an effort to reduce or eliminate the possibility of prosecution.

He said some exhibits contain such phrases as "Destroy letter regarding price," "We have been particularly careful not to give any incriminating evidence," "Omit any reference indicating arrangement on prices," "Files should be cleaned up at once," and "Please destroy this letter."

The crown plans to present at least 3,300 exhibits. The seven fine paper mills and 20 wholesale merchants are charged with conspiring to fix prices during the period from 1933 to Oct. 31, 1952, at the manufacturing and wholesale level.

Because they were charged under an old section, since revised to allow for unlimited fines and a maximum of two years in jail, Mr. Mathews said the maximum fines in the case, if convictions are registered, will be \$4,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for corporations.

The seven mills charged are the Alliance Paper Mills, Merriton, Ont., Howard Smith Paper Mills Ltd., Canada Paper Company, and the Royal Paper Company Ltd., all of Montreal, the E. B. Eddy Company, Hull, Que., and the Don Valley Paper Company Ltd. and Provincial Paper Ltd., both of Toronto.

The seven mills charged, Mr. Mathews said, produced more than 95 per cent of the fine paper manufactured in Canada during 1948-51. In 1951 the value of the 253,081 tons produced was \$63,000,000.

### Famous Planes Will Undergo Rigid Inspection

By PHIL CLARKE  
LONDON, (AP)—Britain Monday night grounded all her world-famed Comet jet airliners for a searching inspection, after the third fatal Comet crash in 10 months.

Thirty-five persons were killed in Sunday's crash off Elba. High-ranking British airline and civil aviation officials pushed a probe into the tragedy.

The grounding, temporarily suspending British Comet services between London, South Africa, and the Far East at midnight, was ordered by the government-owned British Overseas Airways Corporation. BOAC said it had taken its seven four-jet, 500-mile-an-hour-plus Comets out of service for "a minute and unhurried technical examination." It called the action "a measure of prudence."

### U. K. Electricians Begin Strike

LONDON, (Reuters)—The Communist-led Electrical Trades Union launched its threatened "guerrilla strikes" against employers Monday but kept silent on the extent of the stoppages.

Union chiefs announced 2,000 electricians on contract work at strategic industrial construction sites through Britain would strike during the week to enforce the union's pay increase demands.

But details of their program have been kept secret and they have not commented on the success of Monday's stoppages. The union has about 203,000 members.

### Fire Destroys Church At St. Urbain, Que.

SHERROOKE, Que. (CP)—Fire early today caused an estimated \$20,000 damage to the residence of the Roman Catholic Teaching Order of the Holy Cross Brothers at nearby St. Joseph de Waterville, forcing the brothers out into 25-below-zero weather.

The residence is located but a short distance from an orphanage. The orphanage, however, was not threatened.

It was believed the fire started from a candle. Candles were used when electric power failed.

The fire is believed caused by an over-heated furnace. Volunteers from nearby villages came to help local residents, 350 of whom were left homeless in the 1952 fire which caused damage estimated at \$1,500,000.

At that time 40 homes were destroyed and flames had swept down a street and stopped at the church.

### Coming Events

\*\*Bingo and Dance in Vernon River Hall, Tuesday, January 12th.

### Queen Elizabeth Opens New Zealand Parliament

WELLINGTON, N. Z. (Reuters)—The Queen, wearing a rich robe of state specially flown here from England, today will become the first reigning monarch ever to open a session of the New Zealand Parliament.

From a richly carved and embroidered throne made by New Zealand craftsmen, she will read the speech from the throne—an outline of government policy usually read by the governor-general as the Queen's representative. It is prepared by cabinet ministers.

To her left on the dias, and slightly behind her, will be the Duke of Edinburgh in a similar throne.

Monday night the Queen and Duke toured the Ford assembly works at Petone, just north of Wellington.

Highlight of the royal tour Monday was the Queen's speech at the white hall of Parliament House. She proclaimed her faith in the Commonwealth as a great force for good in the present arduous times and said the warmth of the New Zealand welcome would be a continuing source of inspiration to her.

### Cold Wave Continues Over Much Of Canada

By THE CANADIAN PRESS  
Most of Canada was held in the zero grasp of mid-winter Monday. Heavy snows fell in southern Ontario.

Overnight lows in most Canadian cities were expected to be the lowest of the season. There was no end to the polar air in sight.

Ontario communities within 15 miles of the Great Lakes prepared for a blizzard Monday night. Six to eight inches of fresh snow was expected to be on the ground by morning. Inland areas were to get one to three inches.

Some temperatures expected across Canada Monday night: Saskatoon and Regina 10 below; Winnipeg 30 below; Fort William, Ottawa, Montreal and Quebec City 15 below; Toronto zero.

### Unemployment Insurance Claims Show Increase

OTTAWA, (CP)—Unemployment insurance payments rose to \$10,172,035 last November, compared with \$7,603,667 in October and \$6,455,444 in November, 1952.

The amount paid in November covered a total of 3,337,519 days for which compensation was claimed, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reported Monday. This was an increase from 2,506,254 in the preceding month and 2,158,920 in November, 1952.

A total of 188,881 initial and renewal claims for unemployment insurance benefits were filed in offices across Canada compared with 123,777 in October and 123,418 for the same month last year.

All provinces figured in the claims increase, compared with last year. Totals by province for November with 1952 figures in brackets: Newfoundland, 4,694 (2,086); Prince Edward Island, 821 (569); Nova Scotia, 8,253 (6,785); New Brunswick, 8,410 (6,202); Quebec, 58,499 (37,328); Ontario, 63,179 (40,097); Manitoba, 7,795 (5,685); Saskatchewan, 3,934 (2,347); Alberta, 9,827 (4,700); British Columbia, 23,469 (17,619).

### Fire Damages Catholic Residence

ST. URBAIN, Que. (CP)—Fire Monday destroyed the Roman Catholic church of this Charlevoix county village, swept by a disastrous blaze in the spring of 1952.

### Adjudicator Of Drama Expects High Standard

By IAN M. BALL  
Canadian Press Staff Writer  
TORONTO, (CP)—Graham Suter, the 34-year-old British actor and lecturer who has just arrived in Canada to start on an 8,000-mile, three-month assignment as adjudicator for the 1954 Dominion Drama Festival, says he has been told to expect an "unusually high standard" in Canadian amateur theatre.

And he feels the explanation may lie in the dearth of professional companies across Canada. "Many talented people who might ordinarily make their way into the professional theatre have no alternative but to stay in amateur groups," he said at a press conference here Monday.

### Former British Cabinet Minister Dies In London

LONDON, (CP)—Viscount Simon, leading British jurist and cabinet minister in two world wars, died today. He was 80. Simon was formerly foreign secretary and chancellor of the exchequer.

Lord Simon had been ill in a London hospital since Christmas, but early today his condition suddenly turned critical.

Lord Simon, one of the greatest legal minds of his time, gave up a 300,000-a-year practice as a lawyer 40 years ago for the greater tasks of statesmanship, and played a central part in many historical events. He served under five prime ministers, and was in the thick of affairs during the abdication of the Duke of Windsor, during the Munich pact in 1938 and in the difficult transitions between peace and war.

His first ministerial post came in 1911—five years after entering Parliament as a Liberal—when he

became solicitor-general. He was then Sir John Simon.

In 1915 he was appointed home secretary but resigned the following year because he disagreed with the government's policy of conscription.

He was foreign secretary from 1931 until 1935—the years that saw the rise of Hitler, the increased power of Mussolini, and the beginning of Japan's aggression in China.

For the next two years he was home secretary again, and then took over the job of chancellor of the exchequer.

Simon was still at the helm of Britain's financial affairs when the Second World War broke out. He resigned early in 1940.

He was leading counsel for Newfoundland in the Labrador boundary references in 1926. This established the boundary between Quebec and Labrador.

### Montreal Man Heads Electronics Defense Program

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Production Minister Howe today announced appointment of the new \$1-a-year man, on loan from the Northern Electric Co. Ltd., where he is general manager of the communications equipment division.

Mr. Hunt, a bland, soft-spoken, 51-year-old electronics expert, succeeds W. R. McLachlan of Toronto who recently was appointed head of A. V. Roe's gas turbine division at Malton, Ont.

### Death Toll Reported To Be At Least 33

By ARTHUR EVERETT  
NEW YORK, (AP)—A raging snowstorm, the worst in five years, buried the northeastern United States Monday and high winds piled up road-blocking drifts. Freezing rain and sleet moved in behind.

Temperatures hit new lows for the winter—27 below zero in Maine, for instance.

At least 33 persons died in the storm from New England to Maryland. Many lopped with heart attack as they buried the snow afoot or tried to shovel it. Auto accidents and sledding mishaps also took lives.

The storm, the weather bureau said, will continue into today. The great arterial highways that snake along the coast from New England south lay lonesome beneath a restless sea of drifting snow. Planes were delayed or grounded.

Schools closed tight in many areas.

Plants Closed  
At Farmingdale and Port Washington, N.Y., Republic Aviation Corp. shut down, affecting 29,000 employees. General Motors Corp. shut its Linden, N. J., plant when few of the 2,000 employees showed up.

Philadelphia was hardest hit of the major cities with some 10 inches of snow—heaviest in seven years. All city schools closed and many offices and factories limped along with skeleton work forces.

New York took on a strange small-town look as the storm dumped 8.8 inches on the city in the first 24 hours—the worst since the 15-inch fall of 1949. Then rain and sleet pumpled the city anew.

Garbage pickups were forgotten as the city threw its full 8,000-man sanitation force into snow removal. The 15 bodies recovered from the sea Sunday were taken from the chapel at Cerbone cemetery on Elba to the Church of San Giacomo.

There was evidence that the 29 passengers and six crew members died when the jet airliner exploded at a great altitude.

Dr. Deflino Bellinda, chief medical officer of Elba, said after examining the bodies that their deaths were from concussion and apparently took place before the torn plane plunged into the sea.

Weather officials, however, predicted that three cities, which Sunday night got lower temperatures than any night in the last two years, would warm up. The low at Ottawa would be 15 below compared with 25 below, and at Saint John, N. B., a big warm-up—15 above compared with six below.

Weathermen said there was little snow in sight Monday night for Canada outside of southern Ontario.

The Hamilton area got almost a foot of snow in a local storm during the day Monday.

### Gov't To Redeem Balance Of Second Victory Loan Bonds

OTTAWA, (CP)—Justice Minister Garson, acting finance minister, Monday announced that the government will redeem for \$474,355,489 the outstanding balance of three per cent second victory loan bonds.

The bonds will be paid off March 1 out of the government's cash resources which are at present at a high level due to the record sale of eighth series of Canada savings bonds.

The announcement also said that the government's cash resources will be augmented Feb. 1 when Canadian National Railways repays the government about \$150,000,000 of temporary advances made it for capital purposes during the last two years.

In turn, the CNR is obtaining its funds from a \$200,000,000 loan at 3 3/4 per cent announced Monday in Montreal by Donald Gordon, CNR president. The remainder of this loan—\$50,000,000—will be used to repay a CNR five per cent bond issue maturing Feb. 1.

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Toronto	0	10
Ottawa	18b	3b
Montreal	16b	2b
Quebec	22b	0
Saint John	6b	—
Moncton	5b	17
Halifax	14	21
Charlottetown	9	18
Sydney	10	20
Yarmouth	17	21
St. John's	9	15

### Seeking Imagination

"No actor will get many marks from me if he doesn't bring his imagination onto the stage," he said. "Many amateurs are content just to plod along and give an accurate performance of a play, but that is not good enough."

He will be making allowances for the varying conditions under which amateur groups across the country have worked. Already he has started to obtain from regional festival directors details of the background of the players in competing amateur groups.

He is finding out whether the actors and actresses are drawn from industrial or farming areas and hopes to supplement this information by talks with regional directors when he arrives in various cities.

### RAF To Keep Two Comet Jets In Operation

OTTAWA, (CP)—The RCAF, first air force in the world to fly jet transports, said Monday night its two British-built Comets will remain in operation, for the time being at least.

The RCAF said it has received notification from British Overseas Airways Corporation that BOAC is grounding its passenger-carrying Comets until an investigation is carried out into the cause of Sunday's Comet crash off Italy.

The air force said the notification contained no information indicating that continued operation of its two Comets is unsafe. The BOAC message supplied no hint on cause of the crash and until it received such information, the RCAF said, there is no reason to ground the Comets here.

The RCAF added that it certainly would not continue to operate its Comets if there was the slightest hint they are unsafe.

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Quebec	22b	0
Saint John	6b	—
Moncton	5b	17
Halifax	14	21
Charlottetown	9	18
Sydney	10	20
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### Regional Forecasts

Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick: Snow; milder; northeast winds 20. Low-high at Charlottetown and Moncton 15 and 25. Fredericton 10 and 20. Saint John 15 and 25. Edmundston 10 below and 15 above. Campbellton five below and 15 above.

Bay of Fundy: Northeast winds 25 increasing by evening to northeast gales and snow, with visibility one mile; temperatures in the 20s.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 3:52 a. m. and 4:02 p. m. Sun rises today at 7:50 a. m. and sets at 4:53 p. m.

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