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waits, but often come too late.

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## TWO OVERTURNED LIFEBOATS TELL FATE OF 45 MEN

### Open Siding Switch Causes Death Of N. S. Man

### Finance Department Releases New Tax Agreement Figures

OTTAWA, Jan. 15 — (CP) — Taxes on Canadian corporations have "theoretically" dropped by five per cent since Jan. 1.

The decrease resulted from expiry of legislation providing for a five-per-cent tax on corporate profits in the eight provinces — all except Ontario and Quebec — with taxation agreements with the Federal Government.

The legislation expired Dec. 31. In a letter to the Provinces Jan. 10, Mr. Abbott asked them not to revive the tax, imposed at the Federal Government's request in 1947. In making his request, he also offered a major boost in payments to provinces concluding new taxation agreements.

The letter of Mr. Abbott, now in London at a conference of Commonwealth finance ministers, was made public today along with figures showing how much the Provinces would receive under proposed new agreements.

Under the taxation agreements, the provinces undertake to give the Federal Government almost exclusive use of the personal income, corporation and inheritance tax fields. In return they receive annual payments based on population and on the gross per capita value of national production.

Existing agreements are due to expire March 31, and negotiations have started with some provinces on new agreements to run from 1952 until 1956. Ontario and Quebec have not yet indicated whether they will conclude agreements this time.

This is what the provinces would get in the first year of the new

### Freight Train Smashes Into Standing Box-Car

RIVERDALE, N.S., Jan. 15 — (CP) — M. Everett Oickle, a lumberman from Lower Northfield, N.S., was killed at his work today when a freight train smashed into a standing box-car on a siding in this village near Truro.

Engineer J. A. MacIvor was pulling into Riversdale when he saw the siding switch was open but couldn't stop the train in time to avoid a collision.

A truck owned by Cyril Whynot of Bridgewater, N.S., was backed against the box-car at the time and several men were transferring pulpwood. One of the train's cars was derailed and the locomotive was damaged.

The Sydney-Halifax passenger train was held up about four hours before the track was cleared. Passengers were taken by bus from Stellarton to Truro.

### Unanimous Resolution Urging Restoration Of Morning Mails By King's County Trade Board

The following resolution was passed unanimously yesterday afternoon at a special meeting of the King's County Board of Trade held at the Legion Hall in Montague.

"The Hon. Edouard Rinfret  
"Postmaster General, Ottawa  
"Whereas for many years we have advocated an improved mail service for King's County, and  
"Whereas in October, 1951, the Post Office Department finally decided that a speedier service was necessary and inaugurated a system of truck delivery, and  
"Whereas this truck delivery service was a vast improvement over the former train service, and  
"Whereas the citizens of King's County were well satisfied with the improved service which gave us a prompt delivery of our first class mail, and  
"Whereas the trucks are still running their regular routes with express and lcl. freight, and  
"Whereas the complaints against this new, improved service did not originate in King's County;  
"Be it therefore resolved that the King's County Board of Trade hereby voices its approval of the truck mail delivery service and protest the change backward to the train method.

"Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Senators T. V. Grant, J. P. McIntyre and G. Barbour, and to T. J. Kichham, M.P., Souris, J. W. MacNaught, M.P., Chester McLure, M.P., and Angus MacLean, M.P."

President of the Board, R. K. Clements, presided. The resolution was moved by Mr. V. R. Pepler and seconded by Mr. Arnold Vanderstine.

The resolution was the result of a round-table discussion, participated in by Messrs. S. S. Hessian, K.C., Dr. P. McIntyre, Ethan Stewart, Major J. A. MacDonald, Arnold Wightman, V. R. Pepler, Ralph Beck, Carl Stewart, Cyril Johnston, Arnold Vanderstine, C. A. Shaw and H. D. Murray.

### No Sign Of Crew of S. S. Pennsylvania

SEATTLE, Jan. 15 — (AP) — Two lifeboats, overturned and tossed on the stormy North Pacific told silently today of the undoubted fate of the crew of the lost Japan-bound freighter Pennsylvania.

The lifeboats, with no signs of survivors, were sighted from the air by two U. S. Coast Guard flying boats about 125 miles south by southeast of the last reported position of the freighter.

The coast Guard cutter Klamath, the only ship still in the search, is expected to reach the lifeboats late tonight. They were sighted at 1:30 p.m. PST (4:30 p.m. EST).

The Pennsylvania was abandoned by its crew of 45 last Wednesday after a losing battle in a wild Pacific storm.

One of the final messages said the men were launching four lifeboats. It was uncertain, however, whether the crew was actually able to leave the ship.

The ship was abandoned after a big crack developed in her side during a 14-hour battle with gale force winds and 40-foot high waves.

Shipping men, reviewing messages which told of the severity of the storm, expressed doubt that the crew could have launched lifeboats in the wild seas.

The spot where the boats were sighted is about 450 miles off the northern tip of Vancouver Island.

Nineteen planes scanned the tossing seas today in the biggest air search in the history of North Pacific shipping disasters. The weather moderated during the day.

### Two Million Dollar Income From PEI Pulpwood In 1951

During the year 1951, approximately 120,000 cords of pulpwood have been cut from the Island woodlots. At an average price of \$16 a cord, an income of over \$1,900,000 was realized by the woodlot owners. Taking into consideration the commission of the buyers themselves, the sale of pulpwood meant a revenue of over two million dollars to the people of this Province.

The above figures were received from Mr. J. F. Gaudet, Chief Forester in the Department of Industry and Natural Resources. Mr. Gaudet also had some excellent advice to offer owners and cutters of woodlots as to their future management, and at the same time pointed out some of the mistakes of the past. He said:

"Looking at it from a monetary view point owners have derived a great benefit from their woodlots, but from a conservation view point woodlot owners have detracted greatly from the Island's worth. At an average of twenty cords to the acre, six thousand acres of woodland have been cut over. If this cutting would have been done properly, it would have been the greatest blessing that could have been bestowed upon this fair Island. By cutting mature, crooked and dying trees, woodlot owners not only have improved the health of their woodlots and bettered growing conditions, but most important, they would have a woodlot to fall back on in case the need ever arose again.

"Most of the 6,000 acres have been laid waste. The age-old practice of clear-cutting was carried out. Any tree that would make a stick of pulpwood was cut. Little did people realize that by cutting trees four and five inches in diameter, they were killing a tree when its growth rate was highest. Little did they realize that the work involved in cutting and limbing such a tree did not pay for the amount of pulpwood derived from the tree.

"In all fairness to the owners who did manage their woodlots, they should be congratulated. It is hoped that they will continue this management thereby insuring the future of their woodlots for each succeeding generation.

"Wood is needed not only in Prince Edward Island, but all over the world. If our forested land is not kept productive, the farm owners and everyone else will suffer. If the farm woodlands are protected and managed, not only the farmers but the entire country will benefit."

### Fire Destroys Large Building At New Annan

A fire which broke out about six o'clock last evening completely destroyed a large outbuilding owned by Mr. Albert Moose of New Annan. The building was used as a boiler house where pigs were killed and Mr. Moose had been using it for this purpose during the afternoon. He had gone in to supper and some time later a passerby noticed that the building was afire.

An alarm was sent in to the Summerside and Kensington fire brigades for assistance. Although they were unable to save the building they rendered valuable assistance in keeping the flames controlled and from spreading to the closely adjoining buildings. A fairly strong wind from the south further prevented the flames from reaching the nearby residence.

Some of the pork carcasses were removed before the fire had gained too much headway but the rest were lost in the flames along with a car trailer and a hay mower.

It could not be learned what the fire loss amounted to but it is understood that it was partially covered by insurance.—S.

### Damaged Section Of Coal Mine Is Sealed

By Irving C. Whynot

STELLARTON, N. S., Jan. 15 — (CP) — The blast-wrecked section of the McGregor coal pit here was sealed tight today, a silent tomb where 19 miners died yesterday in the most dreaded of mine accidents—an explosion.

The mine section will be sealed permanently tomorrow and likely will remain closed for about six months before a decision is made on whether to continue operations there.

One of the big producers of the Acadia Coal Company—a Dosco subsidiary—the McGregor seam has been running out recently.

The disaster is not likely to disrupt Pictou County's employment situation to any great degree, the miners usually employed in the section will probably find new jobs in other shafts.

Closing of the section, however, will mean another crimp in the county's coal output. Only last year 400 miners were thrown out of work when the former leading producer, the Allan Shaft, was closed. Some of the men found jobs in other pits, some didn't.

The official investigation into the accident may open later in the week but so far there has been no official announcement.

Cause of yesterday's blast so far is unknown and most veteran miners pass it off as "one of those things."

One of the victims, who included brothers and brothers-in-law, was Joe Nearing, one of the dragmen who earned world-attention in the Moose River mine rescue drama in 1936.

As a draggerman, a highly trained rescue member, Nearing worked steadily for 72 hours digging a tunnel in an attempt to reach the entombed Moose River survivors.

### Reviews PEI Industrial Possibilities In Report To Development Council

Possibility of the establishment of an industry in this Province to manufacture Irish moss into finished products is foreseen in a brief report on Industrial Development in Prince Edward Island presented by Mr. W. E. Agnew at the recent annual conference of the Provincial Governments' Trade and Industrial Council held in Banff, Alberta.

While touching on the subject but briefly as Council rules demanded, Mr. Agnew, Director of Trade, Department of Industry and Natural Resources, told the delegates that Irish moss is found in abundance along our shores and has developed into a great revenue producer for P. E. I. He said that due to the fine quality of the product manufacturers had been attracted from all over the continent.

Dealing with Island economics generally Mr. Agnew said "A very serious obstacle in the way of economic advancement affecting an industry like agriculture is that of distances from markets and high transportation costs. As freight rates increase the obstacles against effective competition in large consuming centres provide a serious disability in the development of provincial revenue. This disability unfortunately works two ways, lowering ultimate net returns of the products offered for sale and increasing the costs of machinery and all materials needed in the economy of the Province which have to be purchased from manufacturing concerns located at distant points. A complete understanding of these difficulties and an adjustment which provides a greater measure of equality and

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### Thickest Oil, Gas Reef In Canada

EDMONTON, Jan. 15 — (CP) — McColl-Frontenac Oil Co. Ltd. and Texaco Exploration Company today reported they have discovered the thickest D-3 oil and gas productive reef ever encountered in a Canadian well.

They said their well, Bonnie Glen No. A-1, has found 735 feet of oil and wet gas. Of this 300 feet is oil and the other 435 feet is gas cap. The well is 6 1/2 miles south of the Wizard Lake sector, one of Alberta's best discoveries last year.

Wizard Lake is 30 miles southwest of Edmonton.

The oil has a gravity of 42 degrees A. P. I. Company officials said initial tests indicate a potential production of about 600 barrels of crude oil. They said that if the well was allowed to flow freely it would produce 100,000,000 cubic feet of gas daily.

The well, owned equally by the two companies, is being completed as an oil producer.

### Coming Events

- \*Show in Morell Hall on Friday night at 8 P. M.
- \*Card party in North Granville Hall, Wednesday, Jan. 16.
- \*Come to free show in Fredrickson Hall tonight, 8 p.m. National Film Board.
- \*Whist and Dance in Belfast Hall, Friday, January 18th. In aid of Eldon W. I. Luncheon.
- \*Crockinole Party and Bazaar, in Kingston Hall, January 18th. If not fine 22nd.
- \*Dance, Forest Hill Hall, Wednesday, January 16th. Turner's Orchestra.
- \*Reserve January 31st, Burns Concert, Victoria Hall. Auspices Women's Institute.
- \*Come in and talk over our Purina finance plan for feeding your hogs and poultry. Dillon & Spillet.
- \*Annual meeting Strathalbyn Scarlet Chapter in Rose Valley Jan. 17th. If not fine, Monday, Jan 21st.
- \*For Snapshots that will not fade mail your Films and Negatives to Garnum Photo Studios Charlottetown.
- \*Enjoy big Dance St. Mary's Parish Hall, Souris, Wednesday, January 16th. Chaisson's Orchestra. Canteen service.
- \*Hockey League Organization Meeting, Hunter River Rink, Thursday 8:30. Interested teams send delegates.
- \*Dance, Modern and Old Time, Winsloe Hall, Wednesday, 16th. Bus will leave Market Square 9:00 and 9:30. Sponsored by U. C. C. Hockey Team.
- \*Will be loading hogs at the following points each Thursday: Elmer Wigmore, Bradabane, until 11:30 A.M. Borden Bagnall, Hunter River, until noon. Summerside until 1:30 P. M. and Kensington until 3:00 P. M. MacEwen and Casey.
- \*As we are only setting to orders on hand, it would be advisable for any person wanting hocky chicks for February and March delivery to place their orders with us immediately. Dillon & Spillet.
- \*Victoria Rink to-night, Wednesday. Hockey between Tryon Red Wings and Victoria Sea Gulls. Attention Cape Traverse, Augustin Cove, North Tryon, Crapaud, Victoria and surrounding districts. Organization meeting of the school Hockey League for the Board of Trade Cup in the first league game following the meeting. Admission 20 cents to all.

### News In Brief

MUNSAN, Korea, Jan. 16 — (Wednesday) — (AP) — Communist radio broadcasts today hinted at a breakdown in Korean truce talks after Red negotiators balked again at handing over South Koreans in the North Korean army.

HALIFAX, Jan. 15 — (CP) — Application for a general increase in rates, tolls, and charges affecting all exchanges in Nova Scotia was filed today with the public utilities board by the Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Company Limited.

OTTAWA, Jan. 15 — (CP) — Prime Minister Churchill left Ottawa by train late today for Washington, ending a five-day round of social activities and talks with the Canadian Government.

### Britain Names Strong General To Root Out Red-Led Guerrillas

LONDON, Jan. 15 — (AP) — Britain today assigned a strong general to the tough job of clearing Communist guerrillas from the jungles of the tin and rubber Federation of Malaya.

Prime Minister Churchill personally named Gen. Sir Gerald Templer, 53, as high commissioner for Malaya and also gave him wide powers as commander of military and police forces.

Templer, en route home after conferring with Churchill in Ottawa, told reporters in New York today he had no qualms about stepping into the slain Gurney's shoes.

The Churchill Government has given high priority to crushing the Red raiders in Malaya whose tactics have hindered production of tin and rubber, a big source of dollars for the sterling area's hard-pushed economy.

Britain has some 42,000 troops and more than 60,000 police in Malaya battling between 3,000 and 5,000 armed guerrillas, mostly Chinese.

Since June 1, 1948, when an emergency was proclaimed, British troops reckon they have inflicted about 5,000 casualties on the Communists, in killed, wounded and captured. But the Communists have filled up their ranks and both the military and civilians have suffered from their raids.

Gen. Sir Rob Lockhart, who has been heading up military operations against the ghost-like Communists, will be Templer's military deputy.

Templer, Britain's youngest general in the Second World War, since 1950 has been chief of England's Eastern Command.

### Britain Plans To Cut Spending To The Bone; Program Is Outlined

By Arthur Gavshan

LONDON, Jan. 14 — (AP) — Britain told the finance ministers of eight Commonwealth countries tonight she intends to cut spending to the bone, excepting only rearmament, in an effort to save the pound sterling.

British officials expressed hope other countries of the sterling area—a monetary system which this country leads—will follow suit. Chancellor of the Exchequer R. A. Butler, who presided over the conference, warned that drastic action is needed by each country concerned if currencies pegged to the British pound are to avoid another cut-down.

Attending today's session were the finance ministers of Australia, New Zealand, Pakistan, India, Ceylon, South Africa, Southern Rhodesia and Canada. Of this group, only Canada is not a member of the sterling bloc, Canada is represented by Finance Minister Abbott.

Butler outlined a message sent to the conferees by Prime Minister Churchill from North America calling for "grave and difficult decisions to meet the worst economic crisis to hit the interlocking economies of the Commonwealth group since World War II.

To meet this crisis Britain plans

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### Pre-Fab Houses Become Popular In England

By ROBERT WIGHTON

LONDON, Jan. 15 — (Reuters) — Britain's urgent need for 2,000,000 more homes, complicated by the double problem of materials and manpower, may change the face of the country forever.

Latest substitute for the traditional red brick house is reported from Scotland where the Health Department is importing prefabricated timber houses from Sweden and Finland. The aim is to provide homes without further depleting supplies of bricks and other scarce materials.

These timbers "prefabs" are three-bedroom houses intended for families of five. Those already erected in Scotland have proved popular.

Giagow housing experts are working on a plan for building multi-storey apartment blocks which, with financial aid from the government, could sweep away some of Britain's worst slums.

The blocks of flats would be constructed in concrete, using a new building technique which needs only one-seventh of the amount of steel normally required for such structures, and less timber. Proponents of this project say construction time and cost would also be lower.

—London, already over 20 miles wide and still expanding, is also beginning to build upwards. The London County Council recently announced its first housing plan comprising 11-floor "skyscraper" blocks of flats.

Hundreds of homeless families are preparing to overcome the labor shortage by building their own houses.

Some 200,000 other Englishmen have solved their individual problems by becoming trailer-dwellers. But many of them took to wheels as a result of wartime bombing and post-war shortages, and would be glad to give up their rolling homes if they could only get houses.

### En Route Here To Inspect Regiment

Col. A. G. Chubb, director of armor, Royal Canadian Armored Corps, has begun a tour of his units in Eastern Command. In Halifax Monday and Tuesday he visited command headquarters and the Halifax Rifles, (23rd Armored Regiment) and leaves Wednesday for Charlottetown to inspect the Prince Edward Island Regiment (17th Recce).

From the Island Colonel Chubb will go to headquarters, N. B. area at Fredericton and conclude his tour in Sussex on Saturday and Sunday.

In the New Brunswick camp he will inspect the 8th Princess Louise's Hussars (5th Armored Regiment) and supervise a two-day examination period. During the Christmas-New Year's holiday season the Hussars had conducted a school for over 60 of their personnel and qualification exams will be held this week-end.

Accompanying Col. Chubb is Major G. I. Speedie, army headquarters and for the N. S. and P.E.I. leg of his tour, Capt. K. I. Jefferson, Halifax. In New Brunswick Major Ross Virtue and Major W. A. P. Smith, Fredericton, will accompany the director.

### 226 Aboard Stalled Train Since Sunday

COLFOX, Calif., Jan. 15 — (AP) — The 228 persons aboard a train, stranded and virtually buried in snow, face a new menace — carbon monoxide gas.

That was the word brought from the Southern Pacific's streamliner City of San Francisco, stalled near Donner Summit, by four men who made their way to a lodge atop the high Sierra Nevada range near where the train has been stuck since Sunday. They were testing possible escape routes.

They said many of the passengers were overcome or were half-dazed. Apparently, they recounted, the gas had filtered through the train from emergency heaters.

One rescue train was inching up each side of the Sierra, hopeful of fighting through giant snow-drifts and reaching the cold passengers before dark.

One rescue unit — from the west — got as far as Midas, about 11 miles from the stalled train, and sent out its fleet of snow-going "wascals" light rescue tractors. They were to proceed as fast as possible to the train.

There was intermittent snow drifts from 15 to 20 feet lined the roadside.

A doctor, driving a dog team and sled loaded with medical supplies, was believed to have reached the train in mid-afternoon.



HALIFAX, Jan. 15 — (CP) — Official forecasts issued tonight by the Dominion Public Weather Office here and valid until midnight Wednesday.

Synopsis:  
Rain spreading over the southern part of the district and there is now a freezing rain in the northern regions tonight as storm moves eastward from Central Quebec.

As this storm passes along the north shore of the Gulf of St. Lawrence during the night, temperatures will rise to the high 30's and low 40's in most regions.

On Wednesday, in the wake of this storm north and northwesterly winds will bring much colder air to the district. The arrival of the colder air will be accompanied by snowflurries.

Forecasts:  
Prince Edward Island — Cloudy, scattered snowflurries in the afternoon and evening. Mild turning colder by afternoon. Southwesterly winds 15 shifting in afternoon to northwest 20. Low and high Wednesday at Charlottetown 36 and 42.

High tide today at 12:46 A. M. and 1:54 P. M.  
Sun rises today at 7:48 A. M. and sets at 4:58 P. M.

MCA AIR SERVICE  
DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY  
Leave Charlottetown for Moncton  
8:30 A.M.; 11:20 A.M.; 4:50 P.M.  
Ar. Charlottetown from Moncton  
7:25 A.M.; 1:35 P.M.; 6:53 P.M.  
Leave Charlottetown for New Glasgow — Halifax  
7:40 A.M. New Glasgow  
1:50 P.M. New Glasgow & Halifax  
Arrive Charlottetown from New Glasgow and Halifax  
11:00 A.M. from New Glasgow  
4:35 P.M. from New Glasgow and Halifax.

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY ONLY  
9:10 A.M. Arrive Sydney from New Glasgow.  
10:25 A.M. Arrive New Glasgow from Sydney.  
SUNDAY ONLY  
Leave Charlottetown from Moncton 11:20 A.M.  
Arrive Charlottetown from Moncton 5:55 P.M.

BORDEN — CAPE TORMENTINE FERRY SERVICE  
Daily (Including Sunday)  
Leave Borden Leave C. T.  
9:10 A.M. 10:35 A.M.  
1:00 P.M. 2:40 P.M.  
4:30 P.M. 6:00 P.M.  
7:30 P.M. 9:00 P.M.