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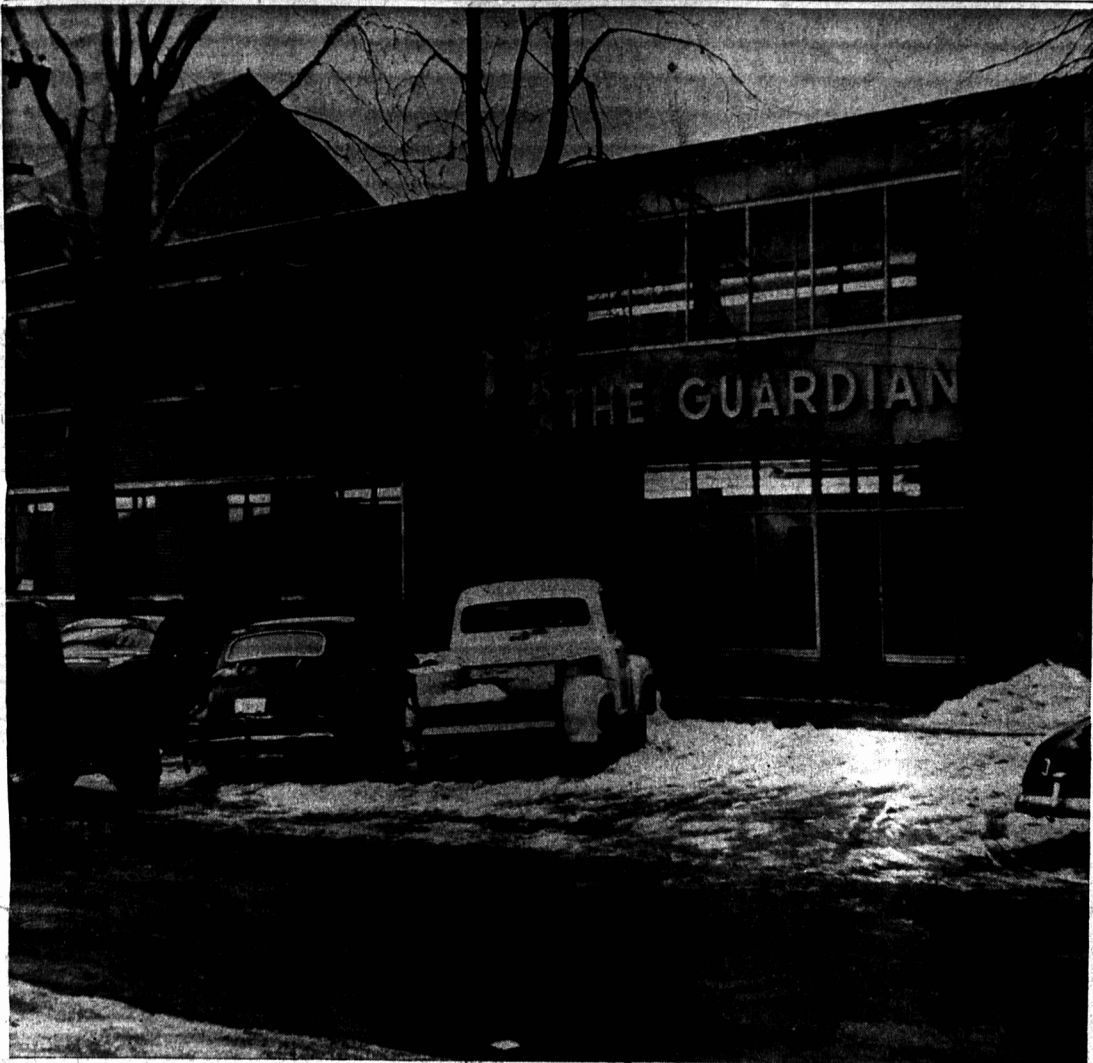
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Island Like the Dew

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THIS IS THE FIRST NUMBER OF THE GUARDIAN PUBLISHED FROM THE ABOVE BUILDING

## Guardian Newspaper In Spacious New Building

The Guardian reaching subscribers today is the first issue to come from the new Guardian Building on Prince Street, where business will be conducted in future. While installation work is still going on, the week-long moving operation has been completed and more than seventy employees engaged in the daily production of the paper. The new building has taken over their assigned duties in the new quarters. They will now be working under the most modern conditions enjoyed in any newspaper plant in Canada.

The site for the new building was cleared in November, 1954, and construction work was begun early in 1955 by M. F. Schurmer Company Ltd. The building has a total floor area of approximately 17,500 square feet and is of two stories construction, built in such a manner that a third story may be added. The building has a frontage of approximately 100 feet and extends 84 feet in depth. The total frontage area is 120 feet.

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### Coming Events

Auction and Dance at Yvon Hall, Monday, Jan. 9th.

### STREET DURING ICE STORM

In the wake of the sleet storm corner of Kent. A typical city twisted power and telephone looking south on Prince St. at the scene of sleet-ensured trees and wires.

## Prince County Disaster Area

# Storm Damage Reported Worst Within Memory

## Sleet Plays Havoc With Communications, Power

Widespread disruption of communication and power services, on a scale unprecedented in recent times, has resulted in Prince Edward Island as a result of the sleet storm which began at 11 p.m. on Thursday and continued Friday and throughout Saturday. Late reports coming in after last midnight left no doubt as to the gravity of the situation in respect to the public utilities, telephone, electric power and telegraphs, especially from Hunter River to Tignish with Summerside and vicinity bearing the brunt of the catastrophe.

Gordon H. Milligan, general manager at the Maritime Electric Company said last night that an emergency exists which finds its crucial area between Hunter River and Tignish.

Minor troubles which developed on the power lines East and South were easily overcome except for Sours.

Mr. Milligan spoke appreciatively not only of the working crews but also of the wholehearted cooperation of power plant and office personnel. "Even the girls in the office took on the additional chore of keeping the city crews well supplied with hot coffee and sandwiches during the long hours of the day and evening", he said.

WIDESPREAD DAMAGE  
"More than 2000 power line poles are lying flat throughout that area and we are unable to say until a thorough survey is made, what the extent of the damage is on the rural lines fanning out from the mains. Several days will lapse before this information will be available. A complete rebuild job is indicated from Hunter River to Tignish," Mr. Milligan said.

More than half the power poles in Summerside were snapped off under the weight of the heavily laden wires with the result that all light and power services were completely shut off.

Mr. Milligan reported that an auxiliary diesel engine had been rushed to Alberton yesterday afternoon with a view to providing power in that vicinity in the event of the wires being restored. He also reported having been successful in reaching Fredricton, N. B., with the assistance of amateur radio operators and arranging for the loan of a large emergency generator to help cope with the situation on the Island. This crew was enroute to the province yesterday and is expected to arrive here early today, fully equipped to take over certain sections in the drive

to restore powers.

Mr. Milligan said that the interruptions in the city were due entirely to damage caused by falling tree branches, which began at daybreak on Saturday. During the day and night the working crews were called upon to witness many discouraging situations as time after time the streets which they had patrolled and patched up, developed new breaks behind their advance.

All the main circuits were in the city reported working by noon on Sunday while the men continued during the afternoon and evening to work on the lines in circuits to homes and the more isolated services. No poles were broken in the city.

TELEPHONE EMERGENCY  
Mr. D. M. Gass, manager P.E. Island Telephone Co after a tour of the highway from Charlottetown to Summerside via Kensington and return via Borden said last Sunday.

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## Lord Plunket New Companion For Princess

By EDDY GILMORE

LONDON (AP) — Nobody has dared whisper romance, but Princess Margaret's constant after dark companion these days is Lord Plunket—a handsome young bachelor.

He's a 32-year-old guardsman who possesses an aristocratic title that goes back 129 years. He's been Margaret's steady escort since the showdown last October in the romance of the princess and Group Capt. Peter Townsend.

"It may be an association born of her rebound from the Townsend affair," said one Londoner who knows the princess and Plunket, "but they are going out a lot together."

"Don't forget, though—she's still got a lot of affection for the group captain, who'll probably finish up his tour of duty in Belgium this month."

Lord Plunket's full name is Patrick Terence William Span Plunket. He has the same sort of job Townsend had when constant association around Buckingham Palace and Balmoral Castle led to the Margaret-Townsend romance.

Plunket is an equestrian at Buckingham Palace and a deputy master of the Queen's household, which means he is always available to squire the Queen's sister about London night spots.

A distinguished officer in the Second World War, Plunket is a graduate of Eton and Cambridge.

The worst sleet storm ever recorded in the area ended Sunday morning leaving Summerside and most of Prince County staggering under enormous damage caused by the freezing rain which continued from Thursday until early Sunday morning. Almost complete destruction to electrical and telephone services throughout the town and County was reported. Many thousands of people were left without electricity and several hundred without heat.

The storm necessitated the evacuation of numerous families to homes where heat was not dependent on electrical energy, and an emergency disaster committee was organized in Summerside with various sub-committees handling matters in regard to shelter, food, clothing, transportation, electricity, communications, water, fire, police, volunteer workers, etc.

Following two meetings of these committees on Friday afternoon and evening an emergency bulletin was prepared and copies were distributed by volunteers yesterday morning to every home in the town.

This bulletin, issued jointly by the authorities of the town under the chairmanship of Mayor Henry Wedge, and the Red Cross Disaster Services Committee, under chairmanship of Mr. Ewen Nicholson, informed the citizens of the seriousness of the situation, and advised them what they should do to receive assistance in the event of emergency circumstances which might be beyond their control.

WEEK OR MORE  
This bulletin pointed out that it will be impossible to have power and electricity restored until the event of emergency circumstances which might be beyond their control.

Householders depending on electricity for the operation of their heating units were urged to provide other suitable means.

## Heavy Seas Batter Atlantic Coast

HALIFAX (CP)—Seas described by mariners as the highest in a decade battered the Atlantic coast Sunday for the third straight day.

Sightseers who braved flooded roads and rain were rewarded with what a Louisbourg resident called "one of the most spectacular sights I've seen in many a year."

Surf 20 feet high rolled onto Halifax county beaches Saturday and Sunday.

## Seven NB Children Lost In Two Weekend Fires

STE. ANNE-DE-MADAWASKA, N. B. (CP)—Two weekend fires in northwestern New Brunswick villages near Edmundston took the lives of seven children.

Six were burned to death after a Christmas tree broke into flames in this community 20 miles south-east of Edmundston. All were children of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Pelletier.

The other fire, at Green River, 10 miles from Ste. Anne de Madawaska, caused the death of three-year-old Gisèle Soucy.

The Pelletier victims were Regina, 8 months; Gerald and Geraldine, 2-year-old twins; Jacqueline, 3; Rheel, 4, and Lucien, 5. Their bodies were found huddled in one bed.

PARENTS AWAY  
The father was at a barber shop and his wife was shopping at Van Buren, Me., 10 miles away, when the fire started about 9.30 p. m. Saturday.

## STORM STALLED IN ATLANTIC

# Hundreds Driven From Homes In N.S. By Floods

HALIFAX (CP)—Floods drove hundreds of Nova Scotians from their homes Saturday and Sunday. Scores more were marooned as heavy rain and melting snow from a January thaw sent a dozen rivers spilling over their banks.

Thousands in Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and southeastern New Brunswick were without heat, light or telephone after sleet carried down power and communication lines.

New Brunswickers floundered in up to 18 inches of snow and slush dumped by the same freakish weather.

A Bermuda storm centre stalled in the Atlantic 500 miles south of Halifax caused all the trouble, the weather office said. It was still there Sunday, kicking up a 45-mile gale over the ocean south of Nova Scotia.

VILLAGE SURROUNDED  
The 200 residents of Elderbank, 40 miles northeast of Halifax, were surrounded by water when the rising Musquodoboit river flooded roads leading out of the village. At least two families had to leave their homes for higher ground.

Fog "thick as tar," as one captain put it, smothered the Nova Scotia coast. A boiling surf pounded headlands and beaches.

A Halifax fish trawler ran onto rocks and sank at the mouth of Halifax harbor in the fog Friday. Twenty crew members reached land through the surf after the mate swam ashore with a lifeline.

Thousands of weekend motorists were stranded. Nova Scotia's main highways were cut by floods and washouts in every direction. Ice coated many roads in Prince Edward Island. Snow and slush clogged them in New Brunswick.

Rail travellers waited long hours in trains and depots. Trains were stalled by washouts, flooded tracks and telegraph failure. CNR main line trains moved at snail's pace between Moncton and Truro on orders passed by amateur radio operators. Regular railway communications were cut by sleet.

Power companies estimated

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## TORONTO, (CP) — Temperatures issued by the public weather office:

	Min	Max
Dawson	—	23b
Vancouver	30	35
Victoria	35	45
Edmonton	10b	5
Calgary	7b	22
Regina	3	18
Winnipeg	7	28
Toronto	5	18
Ottawa	1	12
Montreal	8	21
Quebec	11	28
Saint John	22	45
Fredricton	23	49
Moncton	28	41
Halifax	42	46
Sydney	39	45
Yarmouth	35	31
St. John's	35	42

HALIFAX (CP)—The weather office says the continuous rain is over. However, strong easterly winds are blowing moist Atlantic air across the district. There is a chance of a shower or two as the extremely mild weather is likely to continue for several days.

Regional forecasts: Northern Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick: Cloudy; widely scattered showers; extremely mild; east winds 20, gusts to 30. Low-high at New Glasgow 48 and 50, Sydney and Charlottetown 40 and 45, Moncton 36 and 47, Fredericton 40 and 47, Saint John 40 and 45, Edmundston 37 and 40, Campbellton 35 and 41.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 8:41 a.m. and 7:25 p.m. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

Sun rises at 7:50 a.m. and sets at 4:49 p.m.



## WAR MEMORIAL STANDS SENTINEL AT S'SIDE

Standing sentinel to the destruction on a dramatic pictorial appearance as the park is made into a wasteland of trees and branches as a result of freezing rain that continued for three days and did wide-spread damage and destruction estimated at about two million dollars, to electrical and communication systems, trees and shrubbery, throughout Prince and County.