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Prince Edward Island Like The Dew

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BLACK ROD AWAITS

Two Trawlers Missing With 47 Men On Board

HALIFAX (CP) — Two fishing trawlers with 47 men were missing off the east coast Tuesday and it was feared all aboard them may have perished.

The 657-ton Juli, an Icelandic ship, had not been heard from since her captain reported her in danger from high seas and severe icing Saturday. She carried a crew of 31.

The Blue Wave, a 289-ton Newfoundland vessel, disappeared Monday with 16 men after sending a distress message saying she was in danger of capsizing. A search plane spotted an upturned dory Tuesday near her last position.

The Juli was last reported 180 miles northeast of Gander, Nfld. The Blue Wave vanished about 65 miles from Cape St. Marys on the Newfoundland southeast coast.

The Iceland trawler was the fourth fishing boat in trouble off Newfoundland this week.

SPRANG A LEAK

The 179-ton Nova Scotia trawler Cape Dauphin sprang a leak and sank Sunday near the Grand Banks but her crew of 12 were saved. Another Iceland trawler, the 722-ton Thorokell Mani, reported she had to cut loose her lifeboats Sunday to prevent capsizing from a heavy load of ice

formed by high seas and blowing spray.

Sub-zero coupled with north-west gales to create the winter's worst weather in the western Atlantic during the weekend.

RCAF rescue headquarters here said snow and sleet would prevent a search for the Juli getting started before noon today. The weather also forced planes hunting for the Blue Wave to suspend the search temporarily.

Before it flew back to base an RCAF plane reported sighting an overturned dory in the area

where the Newfoundland trawler disappeared.

The Life Saving Association of Iceland reported the last message from the Juli Feb. 7 said "Grave danger; heavy icing; severe weather." It was picked up by a Keflavik shore station.

The latest distress came from a Spanish vessel broadcasting a "Mayday" call—a voice S.O.S.—in the early afternoon.

The U.S. Coast Guard said the vessel's name was not heard clearly but tentatively listed it as the Meletia.

Old Ferry Heads For Nfld. Port

Tremendously thick ice in the Gulf of St. Lawrence has forced the car ferry S.S. Prince Edward Island to give up, at least momentarily, in her attempt to get to Borden via North Cape and head back for Port aux Basques.

Officials are hoping for a shift in the wind which they say might relieve the ice situation in the gulf described as "the worst in years". There is also a possibility that a heavier ice breaker may be called upon to help the ferry through the congested gulf.

The ice is reported stretching nearly from shoreline to shoreline. A heavy ridge between Cape Breton Island and East Point, P.E.I. is believed chiefly responsible for the ferry's inability to make headway through the gulf.

An accident occurred on the Abegweit about 9:15 Monday evening when a big trailer truck left the ramp while backing off. This necessitated the calling of a crane from Moncton to get it righted again.

The Abegweit sailed again about six o'clock yesterday morning.

M.V. Abegweit is also encountering the most strenuous ice conditions in many years on its run between Borden and N.B. Although running only slightly behind schedule, the Abegweit is meeting "pan" ice in the strait up to 11 feet in thickness. It is making five runs per day and occasional special trips with freight.

Danish Freighter Seeks Passage Through Gulf

QUEBEC (CP) — The Danish freighter Helga Dan, making a bid to become the first ocean vessel to navigate the St. Lawrence River during winter, was reported Tuesday "proceeding very, very slowly" through the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

The 5,050-ton ship, specially reinforced for bucking ice, was due here this afternoon but Guy Caron, of the Industrial and Trade Bureau of Greater Quebec, said she is not now expected until Thursday or possibly Friday.

The transport department's signals service said their last report from the Helga Dan came Monday night when she was off Newfoundland's Cape Race.

HEAVY ICE

"She is proceeding very, very slowly because of heavy ice conditions," a department spokesman said.

The Helga Dan left Aalborg, Denmark, Jan. 29. If her run to Quebec is successful it will be the first time this harbor has been unlocked by an ocean-going vessel during winter.

For the past two seasons the coastal vessels have successfully operated between Quebec and lower St. Lawrence ports through the winter months.

LEGISLATURE OPENS Hospital Scheme, PWC Residence Announced

Queens Member Stresses Claim On Northern Lands

OTTAWA. — (Special) — Heath Macquarrie, PC, Queen's Tuesday staked out a claim on Canada's northland.

Not that he wanted to attach any of it to Prince Edward Island, but he reminded the House of Commons that the Maritimes must have a share in the north's expansion.

He recalled that the government of Sir Robert Borden, at the time when large parts of the Northwest Territories were handed over to the young Prairie Provinces, had been aware that the Maritimes had some claim on northern resources.

Mr. Macquarrie spoke in the debate on a Liberal motion criticizing the government for not calling a dominion-provincial conference. Mr. Martin had said that failure to call a conference was "an insult to the province."

The Maritimes entered Confederation in prosperous times "but our golden age, it seems, has long since passed behind us. Too often, as the country progressed, the Maritimes were left behind," he said.

When the Liberals were in power, P.E.I. appealed constantly for greater aid and many of the appeals were turned back, he said.

"On one occasion, instead of getting aid, the Prince Edward Island Government received a bill for \$1,132,000 as a result of the 1952 tax agreement, where a miscalculation of the population projection had been made."

The 1957 election brought "new hope for the Maritimes, especially for Prince Edward Island. Grants were up to a point where they amount to one third of the provincial budget, the largest amount received since confederation. In addition, this year's estimates provide \$811,000,000 in spending on capital works in the province, he said.

"Has Prince Edward Island been insulted by the way in which this government has handled dominion-provincial relations? I

Wheat Boost Protested In Atlantic Provinces

MONCTON (CP) — The Maritime Transportation Commission said Tuesday a Jan. 30 wheat price increase granted, Prairie growers will cost Atlantic provinces consumers of flour and feed grain more than a half million dollars in additional freight charges.

Commission executive manager Howard A. Mann said the federal government has been asked to rescind the boost of 5% cents a bushel approved by the Canadian Wheat Board.

Justifying the increase, the board announced it was passing back to western grain growers transportation savings expected to materialize with the opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway.

Neither wheat nor flour shipped into the Atlantic provinces is expected to come via the seaway.

Mr. Mann said as a result of the wheat board action "is the imposition of an unwarranted burden on users of feed grain and consumers of flour in the four eastern provinces."

In a letter to Federal Trade

Two Votes Are Won By Gov't

OTTAWA (CP) — Two Opposition motions of want-of-confidence, both based on demands for a new federal-provincial fiscal conference, were defeated in the Commons Tuesday night by the big Progressive Conservative majority.

A Liberal motion calling for an immediate conference to deal with unemployment and tax-sharing was defeated by a vote of 171 to 50.

Minutes earlier a vote of 171 to 49 rejected a CCF amendment presented by E. H. Hart Regier, Burnaby-Cookham, in proposing a multi-point program including higher federal spending on a wide range of welfare measures.

The votes came just before the close of the session's first two-day supply motion.

Few Surprises Are Revealed

Implementation of the hospital insurance scheme in Prince Edward Island was assured in the Speech from the Throne read yesterday at the opening of the Legislature by His Honor Lieutenant Governor Hyndman, who performed this official duty for the first time since taking office less than a year ago.

Streamlining of the Department of Agriculture is seen in the legislative forecast which outlines assistance to young farmers and additional scientific aid especially in the field of processing and marketing.

His Honour in the speech noted the danger of inflation evidenced by rising prices in time of depression and the resulting hardships imposed on pensioners and those of other fixed incomes. The speech also noted the effect which the present tight money policy is having on the bond market, making it difficult for provinces and municipalities to finance capital projects and maintain public services.

His Honour then proceeded to inspect the guard, and the band, all members of the P.E.I. Regiment (RCAF). While inspecting the guard he was accompanied by the Guard Commander, Captain Gordon Kerr. During his inspection of the band, the director, Lieut. C.E. MacGregor accompanied him.

Also with the official vice-regal party were His Honor's private secretary, T.N. Rogers, and the gentleman usher of the black rod, Major Victor Travers.

MILITARY DISPLAY

Accompanied by his three aides, Lieutenant Commander Douglas Saunders, CD, Major Roy D. MacGillivray, CD, and Flying Officer Ian Rankin, Lieutenant Governor Hyndman arrived in front of the Provincial Building at 3:00 p.m. where he took the royal salute presented by the guard of honor drawn up on the east side between the building and Richmond Street.

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PUSH FOR FERRY

The need for a new ice breaker ferry operating between Borden and Cape Tormentine was strongly emphasized in the throne speech. The precarious condition of two present boats was one of the strong arguments made in behalf of this demand.

Hope was expressed that the coming year will see advancement made in trade with the northern ports of Quebec and Labrador.

It is proposed to build a new residence for the students of Prince of Wales College as soon as plans for a building are completed.

The Legislature will be asked to approve payment of more money to teachers. It is proposed to increase the increments for certain classes.

HELICOPTER SERVICE

The implementation of a helicopter service for patients in the outlying districts will be proposed and it is the intention of the government to provide a school for the deaf and to erect a residence for mentally retarded children.

The speech stated that the abutments for the Hillsboro bridge would be completed this year and the work commenced on the bridge proper.

CROWDED GALLERY

A crowded gallery greeted His Honour and members of the legislature yesterday Hon Edward P. Foley was selected Speaker of the House. Premier A.W. Matheson named a committee to bring in a select standing committees. Headed by Hon Eugene Cullen the committee will have as its members Hon. Prosper Arsenault, Dr. George Dewar, George Kitson and Frank Myers.

The premier announced that Hon. A. A. MacIsaac, minister of welfare and labor was at present a patient in hospital and it was unlikely that he would be able to attend any of the sessions of the House. During his absence,

ARTILLERY SALUTE

To mark the governor's arrival at the Provincial Building a 21-gun salute was fired from a site near Fort Edward by an artillery detachment under command of Major M.E. Campbell, Surgeon-Commander L.E. Prowse was the senior medical officer on parade.

Several high ranking area service officers joined the official party prior to its entrance to the legislative chamber.

These included: Commander John N. Kenny, CD, Colonel A. W. Rogers, ED, Group Captain J. E. Creeper, DFC, Lt.-Col. E.K. Kennedy, CD, Lt.-Col. K.M. Johnston, CD, Lt.-Col. F.S. Jenkins, CD, and Inspector E.L. Martin, officer commanding the local division of the R.C.M.P.

Following his departure from the Provincial Building Lieutenant Governor Hyndman took the salute from guard as it marched past on Richmond Street.

The full text of the throne speech appears on page 3.

Fox Breeders Elect Officers

MONTRÉAL (CP) — The one-popular fox skin has slipped from its high perch but will stay on the fur market as a prestige item, the Canadian National Silver Fox Breeders' Association reported Tuesday.

The association, meeting here, said only 1,000 to 1,500 pelts will be offered by Canadian breeders during 1959. Most pelts would go to the United States.

This was a decline of about one-third of last year's production, the association said, but prices have risen to make up for the drop in demand.

Dr. W. E. Russell of Kitchener, Ont., was elected president of the organization, succeeding B. B. Jones of Charlottetown, P.E.I.

Central Canada Said Hard Hit By Ice Storm

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Central Canada, hit by the worst ice storm of the winter Monday night and Tuesday expected more of the same today.

The ice storm, which made driving treacherous in parts of Ontario and Quebec Tuesday, was to be replaced by another weather system that would bring more snow and freezing rain.

The Maritimes today expects falling temperatures and up to six inches of snow as well as rain and sleet.

The West was to remain mostly cold and clear.

QUIET BIRTHDAY

LONDON (Reuters) — Prime Minister Macmillan spent his 65th birthday Tuesday doing a normal day's work. He just does not celebrate his birthdays, a member of his staff said. Macmillan presided over a cabinet meeting before going to the House of Commons to answer questions about his trip next week to Moscow.

Killer Tornado Is Worst In St. Louis In 32 Years

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A killer tornado caught St. Louis asleep Tuesday and left a patchwork of death and destruction in the pre-dawn.

Nineteen were known dead in the city's worst tornado in 32 years. Almost 300 others were injured. The tornado took the same path as a 1927 twister which killed 78.

Searchers picked through the rubble of smashed homes and apartments throughout the day for more bodies and others who might still have been trapped.

Seven persons were reported missing.

B. G. Gregory, executive secretary of the insurance board of St. Louis, estimated the property damage at \$12,000,000.

The tornado came without warning and with tremendous speed. Just as suddenly it was gone, leaving behind silence.

CUTS DIAGONAL PATH

It crumpled a radio tower, then a television tower built to stand winds of more than 100 miles an hour, cutting a diagonal path northeast from the suburbs of Brentwood and Crestwood southwest of St. Louis across the heart of the city.

Most of the victims had been in bed for hours when the tornado hit at 2:12 a.m. CST. It was preceded by hours of torrential rains which flooded scores of basements.

Hardest hit were a section of tenement houses occupied mostly by Negroes. But a block of brick

apartments in the fashionable west end also was ripped open.

Police and firemen coming to the scene were stunned by the destruction. Tragedy was on all sides. A father was pulled from the ruins, his dead son still hanging to his back.

SILENT CROWDS

Crowds gathered in the darkness behind floodlights and watched silently amid debris and dead, broken electrical lines. Immediately after the tornado hit, persons rushed into collapsing buildings to rescue trapped persons. Then they quickly realized the danger from sagging tenements and their excitement gave way to caution.

Mayor Raymond Tucker called upon President Eisenhower to declare St. Louis a disaster area, making it eligible for relief funds.

The Red Cross estimated 1,725 structures were damaged, including 41 destroyed.

Minor flooding struck several other areas and one section in the southern part of the state was hit by a small tornado which injured at least five persons.

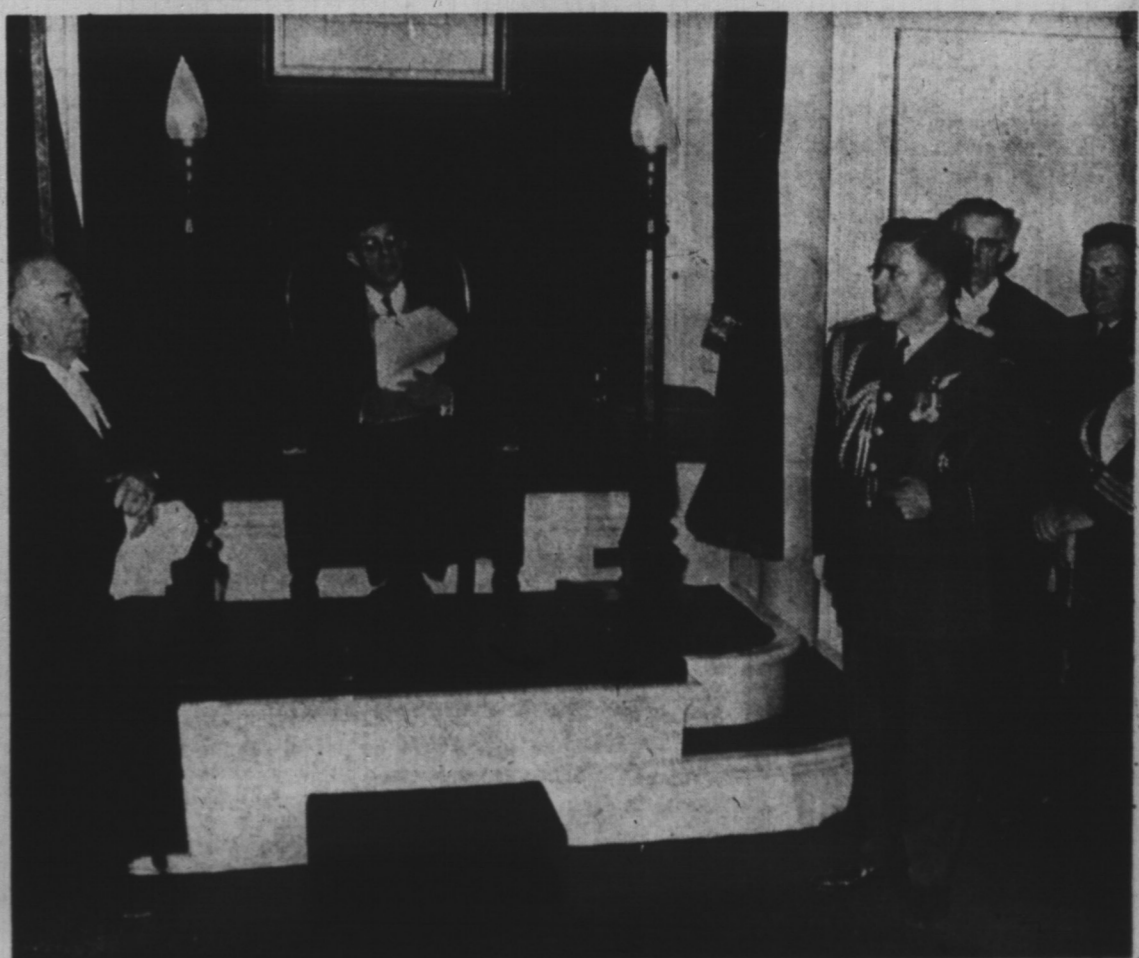
In the emergency class were Findlay, where the Blanchard River passed the Jan. 21 crest which inundated one-fourth of the city, and Van Wert, where town creek flood waters covered one-fifth of that city of 12,000 persons.



WHILE GUARD OF HONOUR IS INSPECTED



THE LADIES HAVE REFRESHMENTS READY



READS SPEECH FROM THE THRONE