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LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR HYNDMAN

Lt.-Gov. F. Walter Hyndman Gives Greetings To Islanders

In his New Year greetings to the citizens of Prince Edward Island yesterday, Lieutenant-Governor F. Walter Hyndman said: "All my life I have looked up to the office of Lieutenant-Governor as one which, to me at least, represented that 'something' which is never quite definable, but which perhaps most noticeably signifies the security provided by our largely unwritten constitution.

"You may, then, imagine my surprise in receiving, most unexpectedly, the appointment to the office. I gratefully accepted the charge.

"The year just past has of course been, for me, quite momentous, and with the impending visit of Her Majesty and Prince Philip in July next, 1959 should be even more so.

"The visit of that charming and interesting gentleman, His Excellency the Governor General, was the highlight of our experiences during the year just past, and we hope he will be able to visit our Province again.

"I wish to offer my thanks to the Premier and members of the legislature, and to the officers and men of the armed services, who co-operated so magnanimously in the conduct of my duties during 1958.

"I would like to take this opportunity of wishing my fellow Islanders, and visitors in our midst, all good wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year, and I would like to send a special word of greeting to the shut-ins, and those with special cares.

"In this rapidly growing Dominion, the year ahead holds much promise. However, the world wide slump in trading suggests that this is a time to husband all our resources, and to work hard, so that we may

Appointment Of G.A. Gaudet As Q.C. Announced Tuesday

The appointment of Gilbert A. Gaudet as Queen's Counsel was announced yesterday by Premier A.W. Matheson, following a meeting of the executive council.

Mr. Gaudet is stipendiary magistrate for Queens County, an appointment he received in May, 1947. He also holds the position of returning officer for Queens County.

Following in the footsteps of his father, the late Gilbert Gaudet, Q.C., the new appointee graduated from Dalhousie with a bachelor of arts degree in 1927 and in 1939 received his LL.B.

He was admitted to the Bar of Prince Edward Island in 1940. From 1942-1946, Mr. Gaudet served with the Canadian Army. He began his practice of law under the firm name of Gaudet and Hazzard in 1946 and continued under this name with offices in the Canadian Bank of Commerce Building in Charlottetown.

Magistrate Gaudet is married to the former Sadie M. Jenkins. They have three children.



GILBERT A. GAUDET

U.S. May Drop All Oil Curbs

OTTAWA (CP)—Well-informed authorities said Tuesday there is a strong possibility the United States may be persuaded to end restrictions against Canadian oil imports.

They said the issue is to be the top item on the agenda when Canadian and American ministers meet here Jan. 5 in a two-day attempt to iron out trade problems between the two countries.

Apparently some encouraging views have emerged from advance work on the conference.

Cabbie's Tip Uncovers \$12,000 In Bank Loot

TORONTO (CP)—A Toronto cab driver's whispered radio plea for police help early Tuesday led to the arrest of a suspect in a \$23,000 South Carolina bank robbery and charges against two cabbies who brought him here from Detroit.

More than \$12,000 in United States bills was recovered following the arrests. Taken into custody were Harry B. Davis, 24, an American with no fixed address

Swedish Freighter To Load 25,000 Bag Cargo For Greece

GEORGETOWN — The Swedish freighter M. V. Ragunda, whose port of registry is Stockholm, docked at the railway wharf here Tuesday morning at 9:40.

The ship, which is of 2,107 registered tons with a dead weight tonnage of 3,475, is under the command of Captain L. Gjardman and has a crew of 31 officers and men.

The freighter spent Christmas in New York leaving there Dec. 26th for Georgetown. She carries a part cargo of heavy tractors, barrelled oil, cars, tires and powdered milk for Mediterranean ports.

In Georgetown loading operations commenced immediately upon docking and 25,000 bags each weighing 112 pounds will be loaded. This is a special shipment for Greece and consists of seabago and kennebec seed potatoes averaging from 1 1/2 ounces to six ounces. It is being loaded by Associated Shippers Incorporated.

From this port the ship will proceed to Saint John, N.B., to load further quantities of potatoes to complete her cargo. The ice breaker C.G.S. Saurel, which has been in Georgetown since Saturday, had a track open

Order Airlines Strike To End

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. government Tuesday demanded an immediate end to the Eastern Airlines strike. The walkout began 37 days ago.

It informed both company and union that "your economic tug of war must come to an end."

A rash of strikes has plagued the airline industry for several months and American Airlines also is currently idle because of a strike by the Air Line Pilots Association in a dispute over wage rates and flying rules for new jet airliners.

HEAVIER SMOKING

LONDON (Reuters)—Britons are smoking and drinking more, a government survey disclosed Tuesday. Almost 3,000,000 pounds more tobacco was smoked last year pushing the total to 241,900,000 pounds, an average of almost five pounds for every man, woman and child in the country. Consumption of wine, beer and hard liquor was also higher.

2nd Anti-Freeze Death Reported

BOSTON (AP)—A teen-age party Dec. 13, at which anti-freeze was imbibed in the belief it was creme de menthe, claimed a second victim when Richard Keller, 17, died Tuesday night.

The first victim was Carol Curry, 17, daughter of former police chief and Mrs. Buell Curry of West Newbury, in whose home the party was held. She died in the same hospital Dec. 15.

Premier's Annual Message Reviews 1958 Achievements

The annual New Year's message of the Premier of Prince Edward Island to the citizens of P.E.I. was given yesterday by Premier A.W. Matheson.

"Once again we are nearing the end of a calendar year and, before crossing the threshold of 1959, it is perhaps worthwhile to review some of the accomplishments of the past 12 months.

We in Prince Edward Island have many things to be thankful for. We enjoyed the finer things of life in fuller measure than many people in other parts of the world. Our usual good climate gave us once again a period of excellent growth during the summer months. As a result, our farmers harvested good crops and our fishermen also had a satisfactory year.

"Our economic position remained good despite the recession and mounting unemployment in other sections of the country. Retail merchants in the province reported higher than usual sales during the year.

"The year 1958 in Prince Edward Island marked the beginning of another large-scale project aimed at raising the standard of living for our people, especially for those living in outlying rural areas.

"Our department of highways commenced a five-year paving program designed to add over 500 miles of hard surface to the existing network of improved highways.

"By the end of the year, we could look back with pride on another project aimed at improving the lot of our rural residents. The five-year rural electrification program had exceeded by almost 100 miles the

Mayor Sees 1958 As Year Of Prosperity In Charlottetown

In his New Year's message to the citizens of Charlottetown at the close of 1958, His Worship, Mayor Edwin C. Johnstone said:

"At the end of my first year as chief magistrate of the City of Charlottetown, I would like to extend to all citizens best wishes for a bright and prosperous year during 1959.

"Charlottetown during this year just closing, has enjoyed a measure of prosperity, equal to if not greater than any in its history.

"While many municipalities across Canada have had to contend with serious and increasing unemployment, this city has experienced one of its greatest building booms so that the percentage of our people out of work has been less than in most other places.

"Among the larger structures that have appeared on our skyline are the Naval Barracks on Water Street; the new Birchwood High School; the new

Husband Faces Murder Charge

COBOURG, Ont. (CP)—A 24-year-old mother of four children was stabbed to death in her home Monday night and her husband, Harold Curtis Scarlett, 32, was charged early Tuesday with murder.

Mrs. Julia Scarlett was knifed in the stomach and back in her bathroom. She died shortly afterwards. The couple had been separated since November.

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No Paper Tomorrow

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PREMIER MATHESON

target set when this important work was begun four years ago.

"Other accomplishments which we can review with satisfaction include: establishment of a frozen foods plant in the province; a further increase in dragger fishing operations; expansion of our provincial shipping services to include new markets in the rich industrial areas of north-eastern Quebec; the addition of a new 60-automobile ferry at Wood Islands.

"The past year was one of peace and progress in the world. It is our sincere hope that 1959 will bring us another year of peace, progress and prosperity.

"On behalf of the Government of Prince Edward Island I wish to extend best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

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wing at the Prince Edward Island Hospital and the nurses residence at the Charlottetown Hospital. Still under construction also are the Royal Bank building and the Charlottetown Baptist Church.

"Perhaps the most significant event in the life of the city was its amalgamation with the village of Spring Park which took place during 1958. Spring Park is now Ward Six of Charlottetown.

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The tanker was bound for Paulsboro, N.J., on the Delaware River when she broke up.

The nine navy, coast guard, and marine helicopters, working in a wind of 10 to 15 knots, lowered ropes to the crew members and hoisted them aboard.

The rescued men broke into broad smiles and shook hands with coast guardsmen as they were set down ashore. They included Liberians, Germans and Scandinavians.

One of the rescued men said the crew at first feared fire but then the engine room was sealed off.

PICKED OFF STERN

The men were picked off the stern of the ship. After the breakup, the bow swung around alongside the stern section. Later the two sections began drifting apart.

The crew was held at the coast guard station and given coffee and beds pending the arrival of immigration authorities from Baltimore.

Canadian Was Aboard Tanker

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C. (CP)—A New Westminster man is the only Canadian known to be aboard the Liberian tanker African Queen which broke apart Tuesday off Maryland.

Kaarlo Eriksson, 46, the ship's chief engineer, has been with the tanker since it was launched three years ago in Germany.

Mrs. Eriksson, who works for a city doctor, said she has received no official word that her husband was safe, but press reports said all the crew had been taken off safely.

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