

'Apple blossom is beautiful
but dumplings are better.'

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Churchill Gives No Hint Of Plans For Retirement

By JAMES F. KING

LONDON (AP) — Sir Winston Churchill celebrated his 80th birthday Tuesday with a tear and a smile — and gave a hint that he has no immediate intention of retiring. He said, in fact, "I hope I shall have some services to render."

A surge of emotion swept Britain in tributes to the prime minister — even overshadowing the royal pageantry accompanying Queen Elizabeth's opening of a new session of Parliament which, by coincidence, fell on the same day.

And friends overseas, even some of the Iron Curtain, poured in money for a birthday fund which officials said may well top a million pounds. Presented with a cheque for \$150,000 as "a token of affection," the prime minister announced the money will be used to found the "Winston Churchill birthday trust" for museum and charitable purposes.

For the Old Man who has gained many of the world's greatest honors, the day was "the most memorable occasion of my public life."

GREETED EVERYWHERE

Everywhere Churchill went on his birthday rounds he was greeted by cheering crowds of various political feelings — many as visibly moved as himself.

Among his colleagues in Parliament, where he has served 52 years, Churchill confessed: "I am overwhelmed by two emotions — pride and humility — and I can't tell which dominates."

And as political friend and foe rose to wish him health and many more years, the old Conservative leader filled up and made one of his rare references to his age.

"Ladies and gentlemen," he said with tears glistening in his blue eyes, "I am now nearing the end of my journey. I still have some services to render. However that may be and whatever may befall, I am sure I shall never forget the emotion of this day."

For millions of Britons it was a real family birthday party—a day of remembrance, a day of pride they shared with the man who led them to victory in the Second World War.

"SIGN AGAIN"

The muffled drum beat sounding the dot-dot-dot-dash victory signal of those days echoed again throughout the land. And Churchill beamed giving his two-finger "V" sign.

"It was a typical English day for

**Poet Laureate Pays
Tribute To Churchill**

LONDON (Reuters) — The Times today published a poem by John Macfield, Britain's poet laureate, in honor of Sir Winston Churchill's 80th birthday.

The poem, entitled: "On The Birth of a Great Man," reads: "This man, in darkness, saw, in doubtings, led, in danger, did, in uttermost despair, Shone, with a hope that made the midnight fair. The world he saved calls blessing on his head."

**Reports Plans To Make
South Africa Republic**

PRETORIA, South Africa (Reuters)—Johannes Strijdom, in his first public appearance as prime minister, said Tuesday night the ultimate object of his Nationalist party is to make the union a republic.

Strijdom, chosen by Nationalist party leaders as prime minister Tuesday to succeed retiring 80-year-old Daniel Malan, spoke at a party function.

South Africa now has dominion status within the British Commonwealth.

Strijdom, a 61-year-old former ostrich farmer and Nationalist party "strong man," was chosen

as new prime minister when Malan said his resignation to the governor-general. He is an advocate of race segregation.

HAVENGA RETIRES

N. C. Havena, moderate rival to Strijdom, announced after his defeat Tuesday that he would quit and retire to his farm.

Strijdom said the problems of South Africa are increasing and he realizes that the responsibility which rests on his shoulders is great.

Among these problems the native question is one of the most important, he said.

The Nationalist party always pursued a policy of justice and fairness toward all sections of the population — English-speaking, Afrikaans-speaking, Africans and other non-whites, he said.

He gave an assurance that this policy would continue to be applied and would continue when South Africa becomes a republic.

TO FORM GOVERNMENT

Earlier Tuesday Governor-General Ernest Jansen officially announced the resignation of Malan after six years of office and said he had summoned Strijdom to form a government.

Havena, finance minister, who was Malan's personal preference for premier, told reporters: "I am finished—my task is finished."

the anniversary of the man hailed by orators as "the greatest living Englishman"—overcast and rainy with the sun peeping through at times.

Debonair in a frock coat and bow tie, Churchill went with other members of the House of Commons to the House of Lords.

In that regal setting he heard the Queen outline his government's program for the next 12 months in the speech from the throne.

KEEPS UP FAST PACE

Showing no signs of tiring, Churchill kept going at a fast pace. (Continued on Page 2 col. 3)

**Reports Progress
On Trans-Canada
Highway Good**

OTTAWA (CP)—Federal-provincial tourist officials were told Tuesday that although the 5,000-mile trans-Canada highway is only one-third completed, good progress is being made and Canada is getting the best possible kind of road for its money.

A report on progress of the highway was made to the federal-provincial tourist conference by R. M. Bullock of the trans-Canada highway division of the public works department.

He said most rapid progress is being made on the Prairie provinces but construction in mountainous British Columbia and some parts of Ontario and the Atlantic provinces was more difficult and slower.

He said 54 miles of 74 miles of road in Prince Edward Island has been paved. Nova Scotia has graded six of 370 miles and New Brunswick has graded 58 and paved 51 miles of 308 miles of road and Ontario had paved a good number of miles of its 1,400-mile share of the highway.

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**Man Missing
In N. B. Woods**

FREDERICTON (CP) — RCMP led a search Tuesday for John Rice, middle-aged resident of Miramichi who has been lost in woods north of Half Moon lake since Monday afternoon. When he left other hunters at a camp, Rice wore heavy clothing and carried matches and a rifle but no food.

**Telephone Company Estimates 600
Poles Down After Monday's Storm**

An estimated total of six hundred poles were snapped off during the storm of soft snow and high wind on Monday night, Mr. Don Gass, manager of the Island Telephone Company said last night.

"We lost 389 poles between the city and Summerside on the Malpeque Road route and 28 between the same points via Borden. Fourteen poles were levelled between the city and Montague but only one pole on the Souris route. The damage on the Wood Islands, Kinkora and New London circuits has not been assessed, nor has there been a check-up on the rural lines, which it is believed have also suffered extensive damage.

Special equipped trucks with trained linemen arrived last evening from Charlottetown to the Maritime Telephone and Telegraph Co. at Halifax to assist the local skilled personnel in restoring the service at the earliest possible moment. The local men and also those on loan will continue on a round-the-clock schedule until the work is completed.

In addition to the pole loss, there is great wire damage and also damaged phones which will have to be replaced.

In the city more than two hundred phones are out of order and an equal number at Summerside. It is feared that the same condition exists in the rural areas.

Communication was maintained all day yesterday by microwave from Charlottetown to the Mainland points. Communication with Summerside is expected to be restored on a temporary basis early today.

The Maritime Electric Company mobile equipment force although not confronted with the pole loss and wire confusion experienced by (Continued on Page 2 col. 3)

FREAK STORM PLASTERS SOME AREAS WITH SNOW

Hurricane Winds In Nfld.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., (CP)—A freezing north Atlantic snow storm born off the Nova Scotia coast slammed into southern Newfoundland late Tuesday and marine areas reported gales reaching 98 miles an hour.

The freak hurricane-force disturbance plastered St. John's and Gander, in central Newfoundland, with swirling clouds of snow. Argentina, on the south coast, reported skies clear.

The weather office at Halifax said the gales were expected to increase in intensity.

400 POLES DOWN

The storm made a bee-line across the Gulf of St. Lawrence after churning through communications in the mainland Atlantic provinces. An estimated 400 telephone poles were reported down in Prince Edward Island in the wake of the storm's passing late Monday and early Tuesday.

The gales travelled up the coast shipping routes off southern Newfoundland but it was not known

how vessels in the area fared. Neither was there any further word on the British fishing trawler D'Vora which last week was reported about 400 miles from St. John's. The 533-ton converted corvette got under way during the weekend after taking a fresh fuel load aboard from the U. S. Coast Guard cutter Coos Bay.

FREEZING SLUSH

Maritime Provinces Suggest New Review Of Transport Problems

At St. Andrew's Banquet Last Night



Shown left to right as they attended the Saint Andrew's Day banquet at the Charlottetown Hotel last night, are Hon. Dougald MacKinnon, vice-president of the Caledonian Club; Lieutenant Governor T. W. L. Prowse; Hon. A. W. Matheson, Premier of Prince Edward Island; Hon. D. L. MacLaren, Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick and special speaker at the banquet; Mr. Blair MacDonald, Chief of the Caledonian Club; Barter's Film Lab.

Tallest Vancouver Building Damaged

VANCOUVER (CP) — A two-alarm fire Tuesday caused an estimated \$100,000 damage to an elevator shaft and three floors of the Marine Building, Vancouver's tallest.

The blaze knocked out all elevator service in the 24-storey skyscraper, hampering firemen who were forced to clamber up 15 flights of stairs to battle the blaze. About 1,500 office workers also were forced to trudge up flights of stairs to their jobs.

The fire started in an elevator shaft on the 15th floor.

Scotsmen Honor Memory of Patron Saint At Enjoyable Dinner Function

"The Day and A'Wha Honor It" was fittingly observed by the Caledonian Club when their 130th anniversary of Saint Andrew celebration took place last night at the Charlottetown Hotel. A Scottish atmosphere prevailed by the skill of the pipes and the aroma of haggis was augmented further by a stirring speech from the Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick, Hon. D. L. MacLaren who replied to the toast proposed to "The Day."

"A Saint Andrew's night is no ordinary affair," said Governor MacLaren, who pointed out that although Scotland is only a mere speck on the map of the world, the Kingdom of Scotland which is in the hearts of her sons extends all over the earth. "And on this Saint Andrew night in every quarter of the globe, her children and their descendants pay loving tribute to their mother country and all she means to them," he said.

Hon. Dougald MacKinnon was toastmaster for the occasion and had seated with him at the head table: Lt. Governor and Mrs. T. W. L. Prowse; Premier A. W. Matheson and Mrs. Matheson; Lt. Governor of New Brunswick, Hon. D. L. MacLaren; Mr. and Mrs. Blair MacDonald; Dr. L. W. Shaw; Rev. Harold Brown and Mrs. Brown; Mrs. Dougald MacKinnon; Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan; Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred MacLeod.

GREETINGS READ

During the banquet, Dr. L. W. Shaw read greetings from several other Clubs including the North British Society at Halifax; the Caledonian Society, Cape Breton; the College of St. Ann's, Blacks Harbour, N.B.; Saint Andrew's Society; and from the Saint Andrew's and Caledonian Societies of Winnipeg, Montreal, Vancouver, Petrolia, Ont., Toronto, Charlottetown, South Carolina; Quebec City; Regina; St. John, N. B.; Fredericton, N. B.; LaPlatte, Argentina; Dartmouth, N.S.

The Haggis which was borne to the banquet hall by Mr. Neil A. Matheson, M.P., was piped in by Piper Bruce MacLaren.

Dr. L. W. Shaw gave the address to the haggis from the immortal words of the poet Burns. Previous to giving the actual address, Dr. Shaw gave a very interesting description of how this ceremony originated. The story told is that Burns while visiting with a neighbouring family of Morrisons was so well pleased with the haggis served that he sat down and penned the words that since the ceremony began have been used at Saint Andrew's dinners. Dr. Shaw observed that Burns in all probability did not realize that so much importance would be attached to this one of his poems.

During the banquet and immediately following a delightful programme of piping dancing and singing was carried out. It consisted of pipe selections by George Fraser and Barry MacGillivray; vocal selection by Mr. Charles Craig, Seann Thuibhas by Evelyn (Continued on Page 5 col. 1)

OTTAWA, (CP)—The Maritime provinces have urged a new examination of Canada's transport problems as a first step in the development of a national transportation policy.

The Maritime Transportation Commission made the recommendation to a royal commission investigating agreed charge contracts between Canadian railways and shippers. Agreed charges are special low contract rates given by the railways in return for a guaranteed percentage of a shipper's business.

Rand H. Matheson, executive manager of the commission, said Canada's transportation picture has changed since the last investigation by a royal commission between 1948 and 1951. The changes included increased competition between the railways and trucks, the bid of the railways for greater freedom in setting rates, actual rate wars between carriers, and the delegation to the provinces of control over inter-provincial motor vehicle transport.

provinces do not oppose agreed charge contracts as a temporary measure to assist the railways to increase their revenues. However, no agreed charge contract should be allowed to adversely affect the ability of the Maritimes to compete for markets in other areas of Canada.

**Missing Hunter
Is Found Safe**

HALIFAX (CP)—A naval chief petty officer who had been missing on a hunting trip since Monday morning was found Tuesday alive and unharmed in woods at nearby Mooseland.

John Butters, 32, of Selmah, N.S., was found by three civilian searchers.

The RCMP, a 19-man naval party and a naval helicopter had hunted for Butters.

**Ontario Town
Has Epidemic Of
Whooping Cough**

HORNBYAYNE, Ont., (CP)—Dr. A. H. Malcolm, medical officer of health, said Tuesday an epidemic of whooping cough in this town 175 miles north of Sault Ste. Marie has reached the critical stage.

School classes and theatres were closed and Christmas parties and Sunday schools cancelled. Dr. Malcolm is the only physician in the 1,800-person community.

No deaths have occurred but Dr. Malcolm said the epidemic is out of proportion to other years. He said there are 150 cases of whooping cough, many complicated by chicken pox, liver infection and yellow jaundice. There was also an outbreak of measles.

The doctor blamed a wet, dark autumn, lack of proper waterworks and poor sewage facilities for the trouble.

**Expect Recount
Finals Today**

WINDSOR, N.S. (CP)—Election officials said Tuesday they probably will have completed by early Wednesday a recount of ballots cast in the Nov. 16 Hants East provincial by-election which ended with two candidates tied.

The recount was begun Tuesday before Hants county court Judge B. W. Roscoe. It was requested by Progressive Conservative Ernest Ettinger who lost out when the returning officer gave his tie-breaking vote to Liberal Alfred Reid.

Officials said Mr. Reid held a one-vote lead at the close of counting Tuesday but the figure was not regarded as indicative of the outcome.

The two wound up deadlocked with 2,260 votes each. The CCF candidate trailed far behind.

**Better Pensions, Roads Promised In
British Parliament Throne Speech**

By RON EVANS
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LONDON (CP) — The Queen opened the fourth session of the 40th British Parliament Tuesday with the outline of a modest program of domestic legislation.

Promises of better pensions and roads were emphasized in the 20-minute speech from the throne. Other government proposals covered increased financial stability, freer trade, continued support for NATO and the UN, and closer harmony with the United States.

The state opening held all its traditional splendor. The House of Lords was packed with brightly-robed peers, their furred-and-bejeweled ladies and sombre-suited commoners. The Queen wore a white and silver lace gown and, for the third time in her life, the heavy imperial state crown. She was escorted by the Duke of Edinburgh in the dress uniform of an admiral of the fleet.

The sparkle of the pageantry was shaded slightly by the day's other big event. During the speech, many distinguished listeners turned to stare at Prime Minister Churchill, standing with other MPs at the opposite end of the bright chamber. When the ceremony was completed, they tucked up their gowns and hurried away to Westminster Hall for the first of several receptions marking Churchill's 80th birthday.

HAS FEW SURPRISES

The throne speech contained few surprises. Most observers had anticipated the proposals for in-

Six Wire Fence Firms Accused Of Fixing Prices

OTTAWA (CP) — The restrictive trade practices commission charged Tuesday that wire fence prices were fixed illegally for about 20 years and accused six companies, virtually the entire industry, of having participated in the alleged combine.

The three-man anti-combine body, in a report to Justice Minister Garson, said it appears that the combine was formally dissolved in mid-1952, but that some of its characteristics have continued, becoming imbedded as a trade custom.

It suggested a court order be obtained, barring the companies, including two of Canada's top steel companies, from exchanging information or engaging in other activities which might in any way lead to a resumption of the restrictive practices. Mr. Garson said he will announce the government's decision later.

Named in the 116-page report, product of some four years of investigation and study, were: The Steel Company of Canada, Ltd. of Hamilton and Montreal, and its subsidiary, Frost Steel and Wire Co. Ltd., Hamilton; Dominion Steel and Coal Corporation Ltd. of Sydney, N.S., and Montreal, and its subsidiary, Canadian Steel Corporation Ltd. of Ojibway, Ont.; New Brunswick Wire Fence Co. Ltd. of Moncton; and Lundy Fence Co. Ltd. of Toronto.

The commission said the six companies controlled almost the entire Canadian production of wire fence, used extensively by farmers and substantially by schools and industrial plants for fencing of grounds. Smaller amounts are used by householders for protecting lawns. The companies' output was estimated in 1952 at about \$5,000,000.

OTTAWA (CP) — A two-week strike by 300 Ottawa electricians which affected most of the city's major building projects ended Tuesday.

20 MORE SHOPPING DAYS

SHOP EARLY. REMEMBER THE LAST YEAR!

OTTAWA (CP)—The general index for wholesale prices in Canada dropped a point in October to its lowest level since July, 1950.

The bureau of statistics reported Tuesday that the October index declined to 214.3 from 215.3 in September, continuing a steady drop which began the first of the year. The index, a mid-month figure taken as the month's average, is based in 1935-39 prices equalling 100.

**Wholesale Prices
Continue To Drop**

TORONTO (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	23b	19
Vancouver	32	43
Victoria	36	42
Edmonton	22	25
Calgary	18	26
Regina	1	20
Winnipeg	9	19
Toronto	35	40
Ottawa	30	35
Montreal	35	39
Quebec	30	36
Fredericton	30	35
Saint John	30	33
Moncton	26	31
Halifax	33	35
Charlottetown	28	34
Sydney	33	34
Yarmouth	36	40
St. John's	30	37

HALIFAX (CP)—The weather office says an area of high pressure extends from Manitoba across the Great Lakes to the Carolinas; between this high pressure area and the storm over the Atlantic moderate to strong northwest winds are very gradually bringing colder air to eastern Canada. Skies are mainly cloudy over the forecast district and a few snowflurries are developing as the air passes over the Gulf of St. Lawrence and the Bay of Fundy.

Regional forecasts:

New Brunswick: Cloudy with a few clear intervals; little change in temperature; northwest winds 15. Low-high at Moncton, Fredericton, Saint John, Edmundston and Campbellton 20 and 30.

Prince Edward Island: Cloudy with snowflurries; little change in temperature; northwest winds 20. Low-high at Charlottetown 25 and 30.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 1:21 a. m. and 2:53 p. m. Sun rises 7:59 a. m. and 7:30 a. m. and sets at 4:53 p. m.

Coming Events

*Reserve December 3rd, for Fireman's Ball, at Montague.

*Dance, Millview Hall every Friday.

*Unloading car of coal Tuesday and Wednesday, Milton Station, Norris Kitson.

*Dance Mount Stewart Memorial Hall tonight, canteen, Burns Orchestra.

*Your Saturday night Jamboree, North Wiltshire, Thursday, December 2nd.

*Come to the Carleton Sliding School Concert in Auditorium, December 22nd. Admission 40c and 25c.

*Dance, West Royalty Hall, Wednesday. Rolie MacKenzie's Orchestra. Canteen Service. 9.30 to 12.30.

*We will load chicken and bowl at my yard, Thursday, Dec. 2, larger lots can arrange pick up. Top prices paid, Joe Grant, Souris.