

MOVE TO SPEED HIGHWAY PROJECT

Hope Wanes As Search For Ship Survivors Continues

HALIFAX (CP)—Search planes droned over a cold, grey sea off northern Newfoundland Monday, looking for some sign of seven men who sailed in the little coastal freighter Mabel Dorothy. They found none.

Meanwhile, at Port aux Basques in southern Newfoundland, a happier story was heard. Four crew members of the 35-ton coaster Mary and Wes told of escape in a dory when their vessel sprang a leak. They were picked up by another boat.

The hunt for the Mabel Dorothy centred five miles southeast of Hooping Harbor, where the stern of the 140-ton motor vessel was found floating Sunday. Aircraft flew through snow squalls that made visibility poor, but the search went on.

FAMILIES ANXIOUS

In the Newfoundland south coast town of Grand Bank, home port of the Mabel Dorothy, anxious families waited for news. But hope was waning.

Capt. John Ralph of Grand Bank sailed the Mabel Dorothy out of Roddickton, 50 miles south of St. Anthony at Newfoundland's northern tip, Nov. 3. He headed for North Sydney, a five or six days' voyage.

Sunday, after 11 days of silence, plans for a search were made. Before it could be started the motor vessel Lillian Richards reported wreckage off Hooping Harbor, 20 miles south of Roddickton.

In Grand Bank veteran seamen said they thought the Mabel Dorothy came to grief soon after she sailed, probably on reefs toward the northern tip of the island.

An RCAF Lancaster from Torbay, Nfld., searched the offshore Groins and Bell Islands and the coast of White Bay to the south on the chance the men might have reached land in the vessel's two dories.

Long absence of any report from them made this a slim hope.

POUNDED BY GALE

At Port aux Basques, Wesley Kettle of Grand Bay, Nfld., captain and owner of the Mary and Wes, said his vessel began to leak when she was pounded by a 40-mile-an-hour gale.

They had almost reached Port aux Basques with 50 tons of cod when North Sydney when the situation became serious. He said the men worked the pumps until exhausted. Then they radioed for help and took to the dory.

Capt. J. T. Hardy of Port aux Basques heard their call and took his vessel Mack Mariner to their rescue. Besides Capt. Kettle he picked up the skipper's father, Ernest Kettle, and Emmanuel Lemond, both of Grand Bay near Port aux Basques, and Reuben Anderson of Rose Blanche, 30 miles east.

The Mabel Dorothy also had an all-Nfld. Newfoundland crew. Besides Capt. Ralph they were: Herbert Hollet, mate, Grand Beach; Wil-

loughby Riggs, chief engineer, Grand Bank; Garfield Lawrence, second engineer, Bay L'Argent; Thomas Bolt, cook, Grand Bank; Henry House, seaman, Bay L'Argent; Thomas Jensen, seaman, Harbor Breton.

All but Lawrence, House and Jensen are married.

VETERAN SAILOR

Capt. Ralph is a veteran deep-sea mariner who has survived several shipwrecks. During the Second World War his motor vessel Helen Forsey was sunk in the Caribbean Sea by gunfire from a Nazi submarine. Two of his Newfoundland crew were killed.

Second engineer Garfield Lawrence, 19, was in his first year at sea. He followed the calling of his father, drowned before his birth in the sinking of the fishing vessel Partanna on the Grand Banks with loss of 26 lives.

All others in the crew are veterans of the sea.

The Mabel Dorothy, a former fishing boat, was owned by Forward and Tibbo, Ltd. of Grand Bank. She was built in Lunenburg, N.S., 25 years ago.

She had been carrying flour from North Sydney to northern Newfoundland ports, stocking up before the winter ice closed in, returning with general cargo.

The freighter was damaged in a grounding at Fogo in northeastern Newfoundland last summer and had made only two trips after being repaired and rebuilt.

Church, State Problem Boils Up In The U.K.

LONDON (Reuters)—Pressure mounted Monday night in Britain for an investigation into possible separation of church and state.

A clergyman, speaking in St. Paul's Cathedral here Sunday, questioned the right of British prime ministers, who need not even be Christians, to have a decisive voice in the nomination of Church of England bishops.

Two newspapers of different political affiliations applauded Canon George L. Lloyd for proposing the freeing of the church from state controls.

The entire problem may come before Parliament today. Labor member Stephen Swingle said he will ask Prime Minister Eden to set up a commission to investigate church-state relations and the question of whether Britain should continue to have a state church.

Further Reduction Noted In Maine Potato Estimate

"The United States November potato production report again shows an improvement from our viewpoint—that is, it is again reduced for Maine (68,200 to 65,873 thousand bushels)," states the manager of the P.E.I. Potato Marketing Board.

"Prices in Eastern U.S. are reported up by a full 4 cent a lb., in the past ten days. The New York Mercantile Exchange (which we could call a Stock Market for potatoes) has reflected this price increase also, having risen on November deliveries from \$1.51 on October 10th to \$2.05 on November 9th.

"Maine growers continue to send a lot of potatoes to the Starch Plants which are operating under a federal subsidy. It gives you a picture of the size of their operation to note that in one week 822 cars of potatoes were processed by the starch plants, to bring this season's total over 5,200 cars. In the same week, Island firms shipped a total of 397 cars.

"Movement from P.E.I. has been heavy, with an estimated 2 million bushels now moved. Refrigerator cars have been in very heavy demand, and while almost every shipper has been crying for more cars, the fact that they have not been available may have kept our domestic markets from being glutted.

"Since the release of the United States July production estimates, the potato outlook both here and here has been very discouraging. However, in the past four months the U.S. estimate has been reduced by 16 1/2 million bushels (4 per cent), and Maine, especially, has taken steps to remedy their situation by diverting many of their potatoes to starch. Their success, so far, has been encouraging."



NEW POSITION

J. Winston Mayne, former Senior Research Officer with the Army's Western Command and the Tactical Air Command of the RCAF at Edmonton, has been posted back to Ottawa by the Defence Research Board to take over, next month, as Director of Operational Research for the Navy. A native of Emerald, P. E. I., he is a son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Mayne.

Mr. Mayne succeeds P. B. Wilson who is being posted to another DRB assignment.

The Navy's new Operational Research Director is a former Carleton College faculty member, having headed the mathematical department there following his return from overseas Canadian Army service in 1946.

He joined DRB in 1951 as Chief of the Statistical Analysis Section of the Operational Research Group, and for the past two years has been posted on the Army-Air operational research assignment at Edmonton.

Ottawa To Aid Closing Gaps

(By H. L. Jones, Canadian Press Staff Writer)

OTTAWA, (CP)—The federal government Monday came up with a new financial formula to speed the closing of gaps in the 4,600-mile Trans-Canada highway and make a hard-surfaced, coast-to-coast road a reality by 1960.

Works Minister Winters announced at the opening of a federal-provincial highway conference that his government is ready, under certain conditions, to pay 90 per cent of the cost of construction of vital links in a paved highway from St. John's, Nfld., to Victoria.

The 90 per cent contribution would be applied to federally-approved gaps in the Trans-Canada route up to a maximum of 10 per cent of the total Trans-Canada mileage within a province. It could apply to routing where no passable road now exists or to transcontinental road which is so poor it could not be incorporated in the Trans-Canada system.

The works minister also proposed:

1. Renewal until 1960 of the Trans-Canada highways agreement—now operative with all provinces except Quebec—providing for a 50-50 split on highway costs. The dollar-for-dollar split would continue in the new agreement on all work other than that to which the 90 per cent formula applied. The agreement expires in December next year.
2. The scrapping of its expiry in December, 1956, of the agreement provision by which the federal government pays half the cost of all "prior construction"—roads built originally between 1928 and December, 1949, which were later earmarked as highway links. Mr. Winters said difficulties in finding a reasonable basis for evaluating this work had been out of proportion to the sum involved.

Provincial reaction at the conference, being attended by all provinces except Quebec, was varied. But most provinces said that aside from the 90-per-cent formula:

- Newfoundland 61 miles; Prince Edward Island 61 miles; Nova Scotia 21; Manitoba 31; Saskatchewan 41; Alberta 29, B.C. 69.

Under the 50-50 split cost agreement signed in 1950 with all provinces except Quebec and Nova Scotia the federal government promised to spend up to a maximum of \$150,000,000 in meeting half the provincial highway costs up to December, 1956.

Nova Scotia signed the agreement in 1952 but Quebec remained outside, claiming there was insufficient provision for provincial rights. Quebec is not attending the conference, but has expressed interest in the proceedings and is being kept informed.

Mr. Winters said that on the basis of 10 per cent of the highway coming under the new 90-per-cent formula, his government would pay the higher rate on 469 miles of highway, broken down as follows:

Prince Charles Enjoys 7th Birthday Observance

LONDON (AP)—Crowds outside Buckingham Palace Monday sang "happy birthday" to the chubby blond boy who someday will be their king.

Prince Charles smiled and waved but like any little boy on reaching his seventh birthday, he was anxious to get at the ice cream and cake. It turned out to be good, too. French chef Ronald Aubrey baked a special frosted sponge cake decorated with seven tangles.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh kept their royal calendars free for the occasion but they might as well have bothered.

The Queen and duke were little more than onlookers at the festivities. The young prince showed himself in full command and had two dozen of his juvenile friends at the palace to help him celebrate.

The day began early for the young prince who is heir-apparent to the throne.

Charles was up earlier than usual and the first to wish him "happy birthday" was his sister, five-year-old Princess Anne, who proudly handed him her present.

prince born in 1948 when Britons still were on food rations and the world tense over the Russian blockade of Berlin.

Royal presents are usually a state secret but Prince Charles' grandmother let the cat out of the bag Monday on one of his gifts.

The Queen Mother was presented with "Black Beauty," the story about a horse, at a book fair at the Royal Festival Hall, after she had inquired "can I order one? I used to love that book and I would like one for my grandchildren."

Charles can read fluently as well as write well and speak a smattering of French.

RETAIL SALES GROW

OTTAWA (CP)—Sparked by a growing consumer demand for motor vehicles, dollar sales of Canada's retail outlets showed sharp gains in September and the first nine months of 1955. The bureau of statistics reported Monday that sales by 18 trade groups rose 11 per cent in September to \$1,113,388,000 from \$1,003,314,000 last year. For the nine months they advanced to \$9,258,563,000 from \$8,728,289,000 a gain of 6.1 per cent.

City Consumer Price Indexes

OTTAWA, (CP)—Only slight movements were recorded in the 10 regional consumer price indexes between Sept. 1 and Oct. 1, the bureau of statistics said today. Changes nowhere exceeded .3 per cent.

Four city indexes—St. John's, Nfld., Halifax, Saint John, N.B., and Montreal—were lower, that for Edmonton-Calgary was unchanged, and indexes for Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg, Saskatoon-Regina and Vancouver were up.

The indexes, based on 1949 equaling 100, show changes in retail prices of goods and services in each city. They do not indicate where it costs more or less to live in one city than another.

The Oct. 1 indexes, with Sept. 1 figures in brackets, are:

- St. John's, 104.8 (105.1); Halifax, 114.9 (115.2); Saint John, 117.8 (118.1); Montreal, 117 (117.1); Ottawa 117.7 (117.5); Toronto, 119.4 (119.2); Winnipeg, 116.6 (116.5); Saskatoon-Regina, 115.5 (115.4); Edmonton-Calgary, 115.2 (115.2); Vancouver, 118.5 (118.1).

Admits Blowing Up Plane For Insurance On Mother

DENVER (AP)—A 23-year-old convicted Denver forger who was allowed to work off the remainder of a bad - cheque debt in his mother's restaurant after she paid off most of it to keep him out of prison admitted Monday that he rigged the dynamite bomb that blew up a United Air Lines plane, killing the mother and 43 other persons.

One of the victims was Mrs. Alma Winsor of St. John's, Nfld. Authorities said the son did it for insurance money—a policy he had taken out at the airport before she boarded the plane at Denver, but ironically invalid because she had not signed it.

NEWS IN BRIEF

RIOTING FLARES
NICOSIA, Cyprus (Reuters)—Men of a mountain village advanced before a "wall of women" to stone British commandos Monday in one of the worst days of island-wide rioting since the Greek Cypriots' struggle for union with Greece began.

WANT PAY BOOST
OTTAWA (CP)—The Civil Service Federation of Canada, representing about 70,000 employees, asked Prime Minister St. Laurent Monday for a salary increase a universal one-day work week and overtime pay. They received little encouragement.

NEHRU NOW 66
NEW DELHI (AP)—Prime Minister Nehru Monday celebrated his 66th birthday.

PIRATES TO BLAME
SUVA, Fiji (AP)—Belief that the "ghost ship" Joyita may have been attacked by pirates were further substantiated Monday night by the discovery that a sea-cock in the engine room was open.

EN ROUTE HOME
LONDON (Reuters)—External Affairs Minister Pearson took off at 9 p.m. GMT (4 p.m. EST) Monday night aboard an RCAF plane for Ottawa. The plane is travelling via Shannon and Gander, Nfld.

SIR WINSTON HOME
LONDON (AP)—Sir Winston Churchill flew back to London from his two-month Mediterranean holiday Monday looking happy to be home.

Premier Interviewed On New Highway Proposal

Speaking of Works Minister Winters' announcement yesterday regarding the Federal Government's offer in connection with the completion of the Trans Canada Highway, Premier Matheron said he was not prepared to express a definite opinion until he had received the full text from his representative at the conference, Hon. George MacKay, Minister of Highways. The Federal Proposal is to pay 90 per cent of the cost of certain uncompleted gaps in the TCH up to ten per cent of the total Provincial mileage.

The Premier said that, in the main, it looked like a good proposition and the Island would welcome it, providing, as the Minister's statement says, "the province has the right to designate the areas which they want done under the proposal. Prince Edward Island will have a total of 78 miles Trans Canada Highway which would normally entitle the Province to 7.5 miles. The portion left to be completed is from Charlottetown to Flettie.

Premier Matheron said that if the ten per cent could include the bridging of the Hillsboro River it would be of considerable advantage to the Province. Under an agreement reached with the Federal Government last summer, 65-2-3 of the cost of building the bridge was to have been assumed by Ottawa. This in itself would represent a substantial saving.

Coming Events

- Dance and card party Iona East School Nov. 27.
- Dance Bonshaw Inn tonight, Burns Orchestra.
- Regular dance Stanley Bridge every Tuesday, Rolfe McKenzie's Orchestra.
- Pantry sale at Simpson-Sears on Friday at 2 o'clock. Sponsored by East Wiltshire School.
- Boys' L. O. L. annual meeting, Tuesday night, 8 sharp. All members urged to attend.
- Come to the hot turkey dinner and bazaar, Tryon Baptist Hall, Wednesday, Nov. 16th.
- Dancing every Thursday night, South Rustico Hall. Music by Rolfe McKenzie's Orchestra.
- Dance Cardigan Legion Hall, Thursday, Webster's Orchestra. P.A. system, canteen service.
- Hillsboro Fire Brigade meeting and films, Mt. Ryan Hall, Tuesday, 8 p.m.
- Weekly dance Winsloe Station Hall every Friday night. Rolfe McKenzie's orchestra. Dancing to 12:30.
- Community bingo at Morell Wednesday. 20 cash prizes of \$1 each. Plus jackpot now worth \$100.00. Door prize \$5. 8 o'clock.



Water Conservation Project In West

A typical scene along the road one day might mean the difference between Coleman and the Kananasaks from the forest experimental farm on the highest and most rugged terrain in the country. The network of roads and trails enables firefighters to reach forest fires faster, but water resources will continue to supply the three Prairie provinces through the sprawling Saskatchewan river system. This is a Saskatchewan government photo.

Future Of Nicolet Now Matter Of Grave Concern

NICOLET, Que. (CP)—The future of this south shore town became a matter of grave concern Monday, its 5,000 residents still stunned by Saturday's disastrous landslide that took three lives and caused almost untold property damage.

Official bodies concentrated their attention on two main problems: The safety status of the area immediately around the giant crater into which six buildings slid; and assured prevention of a similar or worse catastrophe. The extreme view was that virtually the whole town might have to be moved further inland from the Nicolet river.

A closed meeting was held Monday of provincial, municipal and religious authorities who talked over the situation with government engineers. Aerial photographs of the stricken river front area were studied.

A few cracks appeared Monday in the area near the crater, but they were not believed to indicate an impending new slide.

Denies He Ever Advocated War With The Russians

OTTAWA (CP)—Air Vice-Marshal John Plant, Minister of Defence, has ever advocated war with the Russians.

In his first public statement since he lost his job as chief of RCAF technical services for his "scrap-the-army speech" last June 2, he said it is possible for a speaker to be misrepresented even if not misquoted.

He told the Canadian Owners and Pilots Association here that those who suggested that he had advocated war were a "bit off their rockers."

The atom and hydrogen bombs could destroy all life on earth.

"In this light, no one would say that I'm keen, willing and anxious that war should occur," he said.

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Two Years For Theft of Bag of Potatoes

SAINT JOHN, N.B. (CP)—Two Saint John youths, James London, 20, and George McIvor, 18, were sentenced to two years in penitentiary Monday.

The two pleaded guilty of stealing a bag of potatoes from a super market Nov. 12.

POWER DISRUPTED

TORONTO (CP)—A severe electrical storm caused a 16-hour power failure in nearly half of Toronto early Monday and set burglar alarms jangling throughout the city. Toronto police cruisers were kept on alert after the power fault touched off dozens of alarm systems. The Ontario hydro electric power commission said the failure was caused by the fall of a high-tension line between Toronto and Ottawa river power plants.



Had Sacred Duty

He said in his latest statement that as a serving officer he has a sacred duty to his country to see that those serving under him have the interest, equipment, morale and stamina to meet the enemy if he should attack.

That was a long way from advocating war, he added. It was the advocacy of preparedness as a means of preventing war.

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TORONTO (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

City	Min.	Max.
Dawson	12b	9b
Vancouver	10	23
Victoria	15	25
Edmonton	13b	28
Calgary	13b	28
Winnipeg	4b	10
Regina	10b	7
Toronto	46	51
Ottawa	34	43
Montreal	35	43
Quebec	27	35
Fredericton	27	34
Saint John	39	39
Moncton	26	37
Halifax	34	44
Charlottetown	31	40
Sydney	35	43
Yarmouth	29	—
St. John's	32	34

HALIFAX, (CP)—The Halifax weather office says colder air from the Prairies is coming toward the Maritimes. When it arrives there will be brisk north-west winds and a few snowflakes.

Regional forecasts:
Northern Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island: Cloudy with widely scattered snowflakes; turning colder with northwest winds 20-30 mph.
Low-high at New Glasgow 23 and 40, Charlottetown 32 and 46.