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O.C. GIVES REPORT

R.C.A.F. Station Makes Progress

Group Captain W. H. Sweetman, D.S.O., D.F.C., C.D., officer commanding RCAF Station Summerside stated last evening that the station was making remarkable progress in recovering from the ravages of the recent ice storm. He said this was due mainly to the excellent services and ideas provided by station personnel and to the outstanding assistance rendered by Maritime Air Command Headquarters...

Desperate Race Against Cold In Repairing Ice Storm Damage



CLEANUP UNDERWAY AT SUMMERSIDE

To prepare Summerside streets for plows in the event of a snow storm, crews of men working with heavy trucks like the one above have been busy in Summerside since Sunday morning cleaning up the limbs and branches of trees that litter the streets following the weekend sleet storm which was the worst experienced by Prince Edward Island in living memory. About 75 per cent of this work had been completed last night, and the hundreds of truck loads of debris have been hauled to the auxiliary dump at the west end of Summerside, forming a huge mass of twisted and broken trees.

Naphtha Gas Blast Takes Lives Of Eight In Quebec

AMOS, Que. (CP)—A mother and seven of her 11 children perished Monday in a fire touched off by an exploding can of naphtha gas in an isolated bushland shack. The fire, claiming the greatest death toll in a single blaze in Canada this winter, was in a colonist's frame home at Manneville, about 20 miles northeast of this northwestern Quebec community. The victims were Mrs. Adrien Robichaud, 37; three sons, Jean-Clement, 8, Robert, 6, and Etienne, 5; and four daughters, Jeannette, 10, Cecile, 9 Lucille 4 and Louise 3. Two other children playing outside at the time escaped. Two other children were away at school.

Survey Made Of Homes In S,side

Residents in Summerside and throughout Prince County are working desperately against time in an all out effort on emergency preparations to cope with the additional hardships that are inevitable as soon as cold or stormy weather moves into the area to end the above-freezing temperatures that have prevailed since early Sunday morning, following the disastrous three-day sleet storm. Damage include the complete destruction of electrical and telephone communication lines throughout the County. A house-to-house survey made in Summerside under supervision of the Red Cross Disaster Committee of Summerside by the Rotary, Kinsmen, Y's Men and Canadian Legion members indicated that there would be enough homes not dependent on electricity for heat to take care of those who would be forced to move from their homes when the weather turns colder. This Shelter Committee, under the chairmanship of Dr. Hillard Clark, has arranged to have transportation available for people who have to be moved.

Circuits Being Reopened After Damage By Sleet

The devastating sleet storm which began on Thursday night and left the telephone and power lines of the area west of Charlottetown clear to Tignish a shambles, is gradually being evaluated. Mr. D. M. Gass manager of the P. E. Island Telephone Company said late last night that they were concentrating yesterday on a single circuit from Charlottetown to Summerside via Bordier. Good progress has been made in patching over this area and Mr. Gass was hopeful that a circuit would be complete and in operation late this evening.

Storm Isolates Towns, Villages In Old Country

LONDON (AP)—A Royal Air Force helicopter Monday flew to four snowbound English villages and snowstorms swept over much of western Europe. High drifts isolated scores of towns and villages from northern Scotland to England's southeast coast. Gale winds toppled telephone poles and ice-coated power lines snapped, blacking out hundreds of communities. Guided by smoke fires, an RAF helicopter delivered 300 loaves of bread to 200 families at Dorington and three neighboring hamlets in Lincolnshire, one of the hardest-hit English counties. While Englishmen sought to open blocked roads, a busload of 30 anglers travelling for a day's fishing was trapped by drifts in Lincolnshire. Scores of trucks and automobiles were abandoned.

To Leave Souris With Potatoes

The M. V. Mexico was escorted out of Charlottetown one week ago today for Souris by the government icebreaker N. B. MacLean, after being icebound in this harbor for two weeks. The vessel yesterday completed loading 31,000 bags of seed potatoes which are destined for Venezuela and is due to sail from Souris this morning. The cargo was supplied by the E. D. Reid Produce Co. The M. V. Mexico which arrived at that port during the middle of last week, completed taking on a cargo Sunday of 8,500 bags of seed potatoes for the H. B. Willis Inc., for delivery to Long Beach. This ship was delayed from sailing yesterday due to heavy weather, is now scheduled to sail along with the Mexico.

City Council Offers Aid To Storm-Damaged S'ide

Concern was expressed at the regular meeting of the City Council for the present state of disaster existing in the town of Summerside and a resolution offering assistance to alleviate the distress being encountered by the western centre was unanimously passed at the regular meeting of the Council held last night. In the absence of Mayor Stewart who is attending an executive meeting of the Federation of Mayors and Municipalities, Councillor E. C. Johnstone presided. Councillor McCormack was not at the meeting. Before commencing the regular business of the Council, acting Mayor Johnstone paid tribute to the late Councillor George R. Keefe after which a minute's silence was observed. A resolution of sympathy will be forwarded on behalf of the Council to the Keefe family. Being the last meeting before the annual meeting, no reports to committees were heard. BURNED OUT PROPERTY Considerable discussion centered around the assessment of property owners who during the year lost property by fire. Acting Mayor Johnstone said that as the law now stands a person could lose a property by fire early in the year and would be required to pay tax on it even though it was of no value to him. He said that the number of Continued on page 11, Col. 8

Would Export US Farm Surplus To Communists

WASHINGTON (CP)—President Eisenhower Monday asked Congress for legislation to permit the United States to export some of its more than \$7,000,000,000 worth of agricultural surpluses to Communist countries. The proposal was the only surprise in the president's message to Congress outlining plans to reduce the vast surpluses which are depressing farm prices and keeping down the income of American farmers. Specifically Eisenhower asked Congress to repeal a section of the surplus disposal law which declares the objective of surplus export programs is to assist "friendly nations to be independent of trade" of Communist countries, and compels the president to assure that surpluses disposed of "do not result in increased availability of those or like commodities to unfriendly nations." Eisenhower said "opportunities clearly of our interest may develop in the future to sell to countries excluded by this legislation."

Hees Declares Support Of Liberal Party Declining

TORONTO (CP)—George Hees said Monday night that public opinion polls show political support for the Liberal party has steadily declined since its "failure" to sell in the Progressive Conservative caucus. Hees, leader of the Ontario Conservative Party, said that the Liberal party's support was declining because of the government's failure to sell in the federal cabinet. Hees said that the Liberal party's support was declining because of the government's failure to sell in the federal cabinet. Hees said that the Liberal party's support was declining because of the government's failure to sell in the federal cabinet.

600 NOVA SCOTIANS HOMELESS

HALIFAX (CP)—A fierce swath and ice plague that left a swath of jumbled destruction across the Maritimes showed signs of subsiding Monday but damage estimates climbed higher into the millions as reports filtered through snarled communication lines. There were no reports of death or serious injury. So far, more than 600 Nova Scotians have been left homeless by surging floods, a Prince Edward Island town has been declared a disaster area, at least 3,000 utility poles have been crushed to the ground by lead wires and some food shortages have been reported in southeastern New Brunswick. Hundreds of homes were without electricity and heat, and water supplies depending on electric power were short in other places. Generally, there was havoc in what was considered the worst disruption of normal life in living memory. Thousands were without heat, light and other town services as efforts continued to repair the damages. Homes heated by modern oil furnaces were hard hit. Some had fireplaces, some nothing. Housewives cooked over old wood and coal stoves or fireplaces when power failures left gasfired electric ranges useless. Many ate their meals, huddled in cold homes, by the light of candles and kerosene lamps. STILL FLOODS IN N.S. In Nova Scotia, flood waters continued to swell in some areas, causing flooding in other areas.

Maritime Storm Damage Reaches Many Millions

Southeastern New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island felt only the crippling effect of utility destruction. The worst appeared to be over in these places but it will depend on the weather. In one hamlet in Nova Scotia the weather office predicts the weather office predicts mild weather. Rains fell in the Maritimes Monday. In New Brunswick, Edgar Fournier, chairman of the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission, said damage to the company would be at least \$200,000. Even in Nova Scotia where icing was not as serious as the floods, power officials said it would take months to repair damaged lines. In one hamlet in Nova Scotia, a Prince Edward Island town has been declared a disaster area, at least 3,000 utility poles have been crushed to the ground by lead wires and some food shortages have been reported in southeastern New Brunswick. Hundreds of homes were without electricity and heat, and water supplies depending on electric power were short in other places. Generally, there was havoc in what was considered the worst disruption of normal life in living memory. Thousands were without heat, light and other town services as efforts continued to repair the damages. Homes heated by modern oil furnaces were hard hit. Some had fireplaces, some nothing. Housewives cooked over old wood and coal stoves or fireplaces when power failures left gasfired electric ranges useless. Many ate their meals, huddled in cold homes, by the light of candles and kerosene lamps. STILL FLOODS IN N.S. In Nova Scotia, flood waters continued to swell in some areas, causing flooding in other areas.

Coming Events

- Bingo and cards Vernon River hall, Tuesday, January 10. The New Wiltshire District L.O.L. will meet at Milton on Jan. 11 at 7 p.m. Hillsboro District L. O. L. will meet in Boyne Lodge Room on Tuesday Jan. 10-7 p.m. Annual meeting Kingston Public Hall will be held Thursday Jan. 12th, Heber Barris Sec'y, 8 p.m. West Royals card parties resume tonight in the hall. Everyone welcome. Admission 50c.

Sudden Shift In Eden Criticism

LONDON (Reuters)—The weekend barrage of press criticism aimed at Prime Minister Eden and his government shifted suddenly Monday as one newspaper after another rallied to his support. A political uproar, which gathered momentum with press charges that Eden has shown indecision in his handling of the government, reached a climax last weekend with an official denial of rumors he might resign and hand over the leadership to R.A. Butler, his right-hand man. "False, and without any foundation whatever," the prime minister's personal spokesman said of the rumors.

Killed When Jet Trainer Crashes

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—A United States Air Force pilot was killed Monday when his T-33 jet trainer plunged into the sea after ripping off the roof of a house on its death dive. The USAF said the pilot, the lone occupant of the plane, was recovered from the water off Outer Cove, about 12 miles from here, but declined to give other details. His name was withheld pending notification of next-of-kin. Reports reaching St. John's said the plane ripped off the roof of one house at Outer Cove as it plunged seaward and ripped a mattress off a bed in the building. Occupants of the house escaped without injury.

Expect Ottawa To Speed Slum Clearance Efforts

OTTAWA (CP)—Federal legislation aimed at expanding slum clearance in Canadian cities will be introduced in the new session of Parliament it was learned Monday. The legislation will enable municipalities to get federal financial aid in tearing down obsolescent housing in older parts of the cities to make way for new stores, offices and other commercial structures. This will mean an amendment to the National Housing Act. In its present form it provides for federal financial assistance in connection with slum clearance only if new housing is erected on the cleared areas. NEW HOMES GUARANTEE The switch in emphasis is in use of cleared downtown sites for commercial rather than housing development. However, municipalities which get federal aid will have to guarantee that occupants of obsolescent housing will have housing available in other parts of the city.

Worst In Memory

A series of communications prevented many communities from telling their story of the floods and ice but each report that did filter through gave the same story. Ham radio operator Aaron Solomon of Dartmouth said reports received by him indicate the worst situation Nova Scotia ever experienced. Emergency generators were being pressed into service all through the Maritimes but many places still had no electricity. One of these places was the Sackville, N.B. Memorial Hospital. An unidentified student of Mount Allison University in Sackville suffered a slight brain concussion when struck by a falling tree branch but there were no other serious injuries reported. Canadian National Railways said it would be several days before emergency generators were back to normal. But further thawing could have in the already-grim situation.

Regional Forecasts

Northern Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick: Intermittent rain and drizzle; extremely mild; easterly winds 25 to 35 with gusts from 40 to 50. Low-high at New Glasgow 38 and 40, Charlottetown and Moncton 35 and 38, Fredericton 35 and 40, Saint John 40 and 45, Edmundston and Campbellton 35 and 38. High tide today at Charlottetown at 9:34 a.m. and 8:17 p.m. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. Sun rises at 7:56 a.m. and sets at 4:50 p.m.

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Table with 3 columns: City, Min, Max, Night, Day. Lists weather forecasts for various cities including Vancouver, Victoria, Edmonton, Calgary, Regina, Winnipeg, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, Fredericton, Saint John, Moncton, Halifax, Sydney, Yarmouth, and St. John's.

HALIFAX (CP)—The weather office says the wet, windy and extremely mild weather shows no sign of ending. Debert and Greenwood have already set new record January rainfall totals with the month only nine days old. Temperatures are in the 30s and 40s. A low pressure area centred between Bermuda and New York City is almost stationary. As a result strong easterly winds will continue to bring mild, moist air over the district, and little change in the weather is expected. Regional forecasts: Northern Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick: Intermittent rain and drizzle; extremely mild; easterly winds 25 to 35 with gusts from 40 to 50. Low-high at New Glasgow 38 and 40, Charlottetown and Moncton 35 and 38, Fredericton 35 and 40, Saint John 40 and 45, Edmundston and Campbellton 35 and 38. High tide today at Charlottetown at 9:34 a.m. and 8:17 p.m. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. Sun rises at 7:56 a.m. and sets at 4:50 p.m.