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Overcast with intermittent snow. Northwest winds 30. Low-high at Charlottetown 20 and 30.



Shipyards Will Build New Ferry

OTTAWA (CP) — Contract for the construction of a new automobile ferry to ply between Prince Edward Island and the mainland was awarded Tuesday to Halifax Shipyards. The Halifax tender was for \$2,970,000. The contract price was not made known immediately. An official said the Halifax Shipyards contract is for the hull of the vessel. There was no information on contracts for the engine and other machinery. The vessel will ply between Tormentine, N.B. and Borden, P.E.I., supplementing two other ferries running between those ports. It will carry automobiles and individual passengers — no railway cars. It will be reinforced to go through ice in the Northumberland Strait.

New Provincial Building Is Seen Likely For Island

Montague Okays New High School

MONTAGUE BUREAU OF THE GUARDIAN — The board of trustees of Montague school district were authorized to spend up to \$250,000 to build a "24 room high school of permanent structure at a meeting of the district trustees held last night in the Memorial School. Plans call for the construction of the new school to begin immediately to replace the Montague High School which was destroyed by fire on December 11th.

2 KEY THEMES CLIMAX SEASON

As Christmas day approaches, all the preparations and anticipations that have preceded it give way to thoughts centred in the home and in the church — to all the intimate and abiding meanings the individual finds in the season. In that same spirit, The Guardian today and tomorrow is presenting its two Christmas Greeting Editions and putting similar emphasis upon the home and the church. On pages 6, 10, 12, 13 and 18 will be found columns after columns of "Home for Christmas News," from all across the province, while pages 2, 6, 10, 11 and 12 recognize the religious basis of the holiday with six pictures of Summerside church choir. There will be more and more columns of "Home for Christmas News" — a half dozen more pictures of Island choirs — in The Guardian tomorrow.

Large Building Is Seen Housing All Departments Of Government

A new provincial building, designed to house all the now widely scattered departments of government, is in prospect, Premier Walter R. Shaw said yesterday. Whether the new building will be built especially for the purpose, or an existing one redesigned will be determined later after thorough investigation of all possibilities, he explained. The present Provincial Building, housing historic Confederation Chamber, would remain the heart of government with the Legislative Chamber in use as heretofore and the premier's office, remaining as they are. The Premier remarked, the Cabinet's anxiety over crowded quarters for present staffs, with large numbers of them jammed together causing a congestion that does not lead itself to top working conditions.



HON. J.D. STEWART HON. J.P. MATHESON

White Christmas Hope Realized In Many Areas

By THE CANADIAN PRESS — Canada's annual hope for a white Christmas may be fulfilled in many regions this year. The Prairie provinces and northwestern Ontario already have a coating of snow but most of eastern Ontario and Quebec are still hoping. Most of the Maritimes are, too. Prospects for the British Columbia coast are no snow. There is a good chance of snow in Montreal Christmas Eve. At Toronto, the weather forecaster says there's a "fair" chance of a white Christmas. A storm moving over the Atlantic may give a large part of the Maritimes snow to match that in central and northern New Brunswick.

than usual lately but the predictions are for generally normal temperatures Friday except in the Maritimes and northern Quebec. Ontario has been quivering with cold lately but the temperature is expected to climb by Christmas. The picture is much the same in Quebec. Prairie temperatures, ranging from two below to 17 above, are considered normal for this time of year and no major changes are forecast. Vancouver will be cloudy and perhaps foggy for Christmas. SURGE OF SHOPPERS Across Canada late shoppers are turning out in greater numbers than ever before in major centres. The exception is Toronto, where there are only "just as many late shoppers as ever."

As usual, Canadians will spend Christmas among their families and friends. More commercialized entertainment is lacking in most centres. Civil servants in Ottawa have a 3 1/2 day holiday and thousands will be going home. Tentative plans for the new school call for it to be built on the same site as the former school except that it will front on School Street running north and south instead of east to west as did the former structure. The building, consisting of two storeys, will be a permanent structure of brick, concrete and steel and will include 20 classrooms, two laboratories, a library and study room. AUDITORIUM LATER The building will be as completely fireproof as possible. The school will be planned so that an auditorium can be joined at a later date. Opinion was divided among the ratemakers as to whether the school should be built on the site of the former structure. The 10,000-ton vessel, of British registry, arrived in England with only 16 of her 37-man crew. Most of the men aboard were officers. The dissenting crew members didn't make the crossing because they feared the ship was "unseaworthy." They were flown to their homes in the United Kingdom after being detained here for two days by immigration officials. DESCRIBED AS DERELICT The disgruntled seamen called the ship a "derelict," distrusted her boilers and said only one of three lifeboats was seaworthy.

Towed Ship Reaches Port

HALIFAX (CP) — The bulk cargo carrier Westriver, which left here a month ago leaving behind 21 fearful crew members, slipped into drydock Tuesday at Walsend, England, after crossing the North Atlantic under tow. Shipping officials here said it was the first such crossing during the winter season from here. The 10,000-ton vessel, of British registry, arrived in England with only 16 of her 37-man crew. Most of the men aboard were officers. The dissenting crew members didn't make the crossing because they feared the ship was "unseaworthy." They were flown to their homes in the United Kingdom after being detained here for two days by immigration officials. DESCRIBED AS DERELICT The disgruntled seamen called the ship a "derelict," distrusted her boilers and said only one of three lifeboats was seaworthy.

Regina's M.A. MacPherson Named Transport Commission Chairman

By JOHN LeBLANC Canadian Press Staff Writer OTTAWA (CP) — M. A. MacPherson, distinguished Regina lawyer and expert on rail matters, Tuesday was named chairman of the royal commission on railway transportation.

Prime Minister Diefenbaker announced the selection of the 69-year-old Mr. MacPherson to succeed Charles P. McTague, 69, who resigned as head of the commission last week after suffering a heart attack. Mr. MacPherson, former Conservative attorney - general and provincial treasurer of Saskatchewan, had been presiding at recent commission sessions in the absence of Mr. McTague. The present intention of the government is not to appoint a new commissioner to round out the commission to its original seven - man strength. The last major royal commission on transportation — the Turgeon Inquiry of 1948-51 — had only three members.

BEST QUALIFIED Mr. Diefenbaker said Mr. MacPherson was best qualified to succeed Mr. McTague, whose resignation had been received with deep regret. Mr. MacPherson has been engaged in various aspects of rail problems for many years. Since the war, he has been Saskatchewan government freight rates counsel in the long series of rate increase cases before the board of transport commissioners. He also represented that province before the Turgeon royal commission.

CANDLES MADE OF ICE

Here is something new in table decorations at Christmas time. Chef Fred Staheli chisels giant ice candles in ice-made bucket for dinner at a Victoria, B.C. hotel (CP Photo)

S'ide Board Rejects Proposal By St. Mary's

SUMMERSIDE BUREAU OF THE GUARDIAN — The Summerside Board of School trustees rejected the proposals of the St. Mary's Academy school commission presented last week in a brief, at least for the present time, at a closed meeting of the board last evening in the Summerside High School. The board said that "the transfer of any pupils to St. Mary's Academy for the remainder of the term would be disturbing to both teachers and pupils." Their resolution said further that "such a move would entail greater costs for heating, janitor and maintenance services which are available in our present schools at no additional costs."

N.S. Pastor Is Chaplain

OTTAWA (CP) — Group Capt. Frank W. MacLean, 54, of Trenton, N.S., and Winnipeg, has been appointed Protestant chaplain general of the armed forces, the RCAF announced Tuesday. He succeeds Brig. John W. Firth of Ottawa, Fredericton, and Montreal who retires later this month. Group Capt. MacLean, a native of Trenton, N.S., has been Protestant director of religious administration for the air force since November, 1953. Ordained a United Church minister in 1937, he served at Ft. Flon Mon., until joining the RCAF in 1941 and serving overseas three years during the Second World War. After the war, he held air force appointments at Edmonton, Greenwood, N.S., Calgary and Trenton, Ont., before coming to Ottawa.

Ike Completes Tour Of World

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower landed at nearby Andrews Air Force Base, Md. at 11:25 p.m. EST Tuesday night (12:25 a.m. AST), completing his 5,000-mile world journey.

'RAINING FLAMING DEATH'

60 Persons Feared Dead In Brazilian Plane Crash RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (CP) — More than 60 persons were feared dead after an airliner and a military training plane crashed above the city Tuesday, raining flaming death on houses below. All 32 persons aboard the airliner were killed and four houses were destroyed by the falling wreckage of the two planes. Thirty persons were reported to have been killed in the wrecked houses. Six children in one house alone were listed as missing. Ten persons were known to be buried under the debris. Seven persons walking in the street were taken to hospitals, two in serious condition. UNACCOUNTED FOR In addition, there were persons still unaccounted for, including those struck on the street when the flaming wreckage started falling. Army helicopters were used to remove some of the bodies, scattered over a wide area. The airliner, a Viscount owned by Viação Aerea Sao Paulo, was flying from here to Sao Paulo with 32 crew members and passengers, including a baby, when it collided with a military trainer. The military pilot parachuted and was the lone survivor. He told reporters later that he was practicing rolls on a solo training flight in an area reserved for training when he suddenly saw Viscount. "My safety belt jammed and I thought I would never break it and jump in time," he said.

Room Lacking For Refugees

"This government is very sympathetic to European refugees suffering from tuberculosis and approves Canada admitting and welcoming them to this country," Premier Walter Shaw said last night. However, he added this province would be unable to receive any of them here in response to Immigration Minister Fairclough's statement that more would be taken if the provinces agreed. The Premier said the possibility of any coming was precluded as there was no bed space available in the only sanatorium in the province.

'Diplomacy By Dialogue' Is Seen Slogan Of Allies

By ALAN HARVEY Canadian Press Staff Writer PARIS (CP) — Allied statesmen Tuesday completed two weeks of intensive talks and headed home warily hopeful that they may have prepared ground for a new pattern of "diplomacy by dialogue." As a final act the NATO ministerial council issued a communique placing the Atlantic seal on arrangements proposed by the four Western heads of government for summit talks with Russia. The communique said the council "undertakes to play a full part" in ensuring success of the summit parley that will start if Russia agrees — in Paris April 27. The Western alliance — though it still may have differences on the approach to the summit — thus leaves it up to Russia to accept or refuse the top-level meeting. FEARS VOICED But before the communique was signed, delegates from half a dozen smaller NATO nations launched what a French spokesman called "a very long, very profound, frank and often animated discussion" of their fears of Big Four action inside the alliance. A NATO spokesman said the smaller countries seemed to be satisfied by assurances of U.S., British, French and West German leaders that their allies will be consulted every step of the way to the summit. Informed authorities reported U.S. State Secretary Christian Herter assured the NATO allies that no one is planning to create an institution of summit meetings. Herter was said to believe that future summit meetings in London, Moscow and Washington would depend on the spirit of cooperation shown at the first one. Canada came away from the marathon 10-day diplomatic round well satisfied with the results.

Car Collision Kills 2 People

ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, N.S. (CP) — Two persons were killed and three injured, one seriously, in a two-car collision at nearby Granville Ferry Tuesday night. Dead are: Cpl. Truman Riley, 22, of Annapolis and Marie Guest, 16, of Young's Cove. RCMP said Lois Guest, 18, sister of one of the victims, was admitted to hospital here in serious condition. Full extent of her injuries was not known. Two others, E. McGarvey of Parker's Cove and Richard Berry of Liguille, were also injured. RCMP identified the driver of the car as Sgt. Edward McClafferty of Annapolis. McClafferty escaped injury. There were no other details.

Unpaid Cards Are 'Rescued'

TORONTO (CP) — The Telegram has rescued from the New York City dead letter office 50,000 Christmas cards addressed to Ontario residents and carrying insufficient postage. "As a seasonal gesture, The Telegram paid the postage the cards lacked and they will be delivered . . . we hope in time for Christmas," the newspaper says. In an effort to get the cards into the Toronto mails in time, the paper arranged to have them flown here from New York. The cards lacked the extra one-cent stamp necessary for mail crossing the border from the United States.



'HOSPITAL NURSES HAVE CHRISTMAS PARTY' This happy group of Prince County Hospital nurses seem to be waiting patiently around the fireplace for that jolly old man, Santa Claus, to make his appearance. But Santa had better watch out — he's coming down later passed out and dancing followed. In charge of the party was Barbara A. MacNeill, president of student council. Others included in picture are Betty Gallant, Mary Woodside, Gail Drummond, Barbara J. MacNeill, Janet Newsome, Faye Reeves, Mary MacNaught and Hazel Currie.

Women's Help Asked To Control Traffic Toll

OTTAWA (CP) — Safe driving is only one of the ways women can keep down the holiday traffic death toll. They can also help by the way they dress, entertain, look after their families and influence men, the Canadian Highway Safety Council said Tuesday. The council has predicted 36 highway deaths over the Christmas weekend and 28 over New Year's. Hostesses should see to it that their guests are served food and coffee before they take to the road. And it's no faux pas to suggest a taxi if a guest's driving ability seems impaired by too much entertainment. In clothes, women motorists should be careful of three-quarter length sleeves that might catch on gear shifts and spike heels that can catch on floor pedals. It's mother's job to see that the family gets home safely, the council says. She should be sure that the driver — whether herself or father — is sober, that doors are locked so youngsters won't fall out and that the children don't talk too much or too monotonously. The council says British tests indicate Women drive as safely as men and, in the younger age brackets, even more safely.

Dormitory Plan Said Approved

Plans for a new girls' dormitory for Prince of Wales College were examined in detail and approved by the Executive Council yesterday, Premier Walter R. Shaw said following the meeting. He stated there were a few details remaining to be arranged before a contract was let but that construction was expected to start early in the spring. No target date for completion had been set, he added.