North Coast and Queen Char-

cool with light rain. Friday:

Moderate to fresh winds.

Fresh to strong winds

the day. Overcast and

PRICE FIVE CENTS

GREATEST RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE

Four Million Casualties-

Nazis Lost Enormously During 1944

Germany Also Yielded Territory Six Times Her Own Size

MOSCOW, Jan. 4 (CP) - The Germans suffered more than 4,500,000 casualties in 1944 on the western and eastern fronts Europe, the Moscow radio said today. The enemy lost three million in killed or wounded as well as territory six times the size of Germany, according to Soviet calculation.

Maitland's Sonin-Law Rewarded

VICTORIA, Jan. 4 (P) Lieut. Bruce Harley of Windsor Mills, Quebec, son-in-law of Attorney General R. L. Maitland, has been awarded the Military Cross for work in France.

WILL STUDY TRANSPORT

F. A. Gaffney Appointment to C.N.R. Research and Development Department

MONTREAL, Jan. 4 - F. A. has been appointed economist, Canadian National Railways, with offices in Montreal it was announced today by S. W. Fairweather, vicepresident of research and development. Mr. Gaffney was formerly special representative in the railway's department of research and development. His duties will include studies of the effect of highway and air competition on railways.

Mr. Gaffney is a native o Brockville, Ontario, where he was educated and where he started his railway career in July 1920 as clerk in the transportation department of the C.N.R. after serving as a clerk stenographer. He was transferred to for immediate induction into the Montreal and in March 1923 was United States armed services of promoted to secretary to the gen- men 18 to 25 years of age who eral superintendent of transportation at Toronto. In 1938 he returned to Montreal as special assistant in the bureau of econ-

Tr. Gaffney was recently on loan the Bermuda government for several months studying transportation facilities on the

... FEAT HOUDITA

Attendance Reports for December Presented at Monthly

City schools had a population of 1209 pupils in December, Birth Drop Blamed principals' reports considered by the School Board Wednesday night revealed. Attendance

during school hours.

King Edward school was a family." fount of enlightment for 305 pupils 149 of whom were boys and 156 girls, Miss E. A. Mercer, principal, reported. The school had

attendance of 93 per cent.



GEN "IKE" VISITS CANADIAN FRONT-Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, supreme Allied commander on the western front, is shown (right) with Gen. Henry D. G. Crerar, Canadian First Army commander, watching a demonstration by Canadian troops during Gen. Eisenhower's visit to the Canadian sector of the western front.

AMERICAN ARMIES CLOSING IN ON GERMAN POSITIONS IN BELGIUM

ALLIED SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, Jan. 4 (CP) - Troops of the American First and Third Armies are moving against German positions in Belgium. Advices from Paris say that the First Army has swung into a heavy attack against the enemy's northern positions. Today's Allied communique

says a First Army counter-attack launched yesterday morn-Farm Deferments ing in the Grandmenil area on Being Cancelled the northern flank of the enemy's Belgian salient is mak-WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 4 ing good progress. Gains have James Byrnes, war mobilizaalso been made near the westtion director, called on selective ern tip of the Belgian salient

service yesterday to take steps south of Rochefort. The Germans this morning threw one hundred tanks into two counter-attacks in the Bastogne bulge. A front dispatch now have agricultural defersays that the Nazis have sucments. There are 364,000 men in ceeded in preventing further this group with deferments. American gains in that sector. Both sides have been hampered by bad weather along the Air Training At western front. A heavy snow Varsity Finished yesterday reduced visibility to less than fifty yards, and that, VANCOUVER, Jan. 4 (P) - The of course, made it virtually imair training plan at the Univerpossible to use tanks and heavy sity of British Columbia has been

Because of the bad weather. sident of the university, an- Allied fighter bombers on the nounces. Dr. Mackenzie said he continent were forced to stay

had received a letter from the on the ground. Today's Allied communique tells of active patrolling by Allied forces and by the enemy in the Netherlands. However, the announcement does not make clear whether this action took place on the Canadian First or British Second Army front.

LOCAL TERRACE

Effective at the end of next

week, the local train service

between Prince Rupert and Ter-

race, which has been operated

some times by a diesel electric

equipment and some times with

steam locomotive and regulation

traffic of late between Prince

CARDIFF, Wales, (P)-Wales is

being combed for star choral

singers to form a national choir

to tour the battlefields and sing

L. M. Felsenthal left on last

TRAIN IS OFF

On Public Opinion

discontinued as from December

acting minister of national de-

fence, Hon. Angus Macdonald,

notifying him of the discontinu-

31, Dr. Norman Mackenzie, pre-

LONDON, Jan. 4 (P) — Public during the month was good and opinion is at least partly respontruancy was negligable. There sible for Britain's declining were no playground accidents birthrate, says the National Council of Women in a submis-With an enrolment of 506, sion to the government's Royal Booth Memorial high school had Commission investigating the an attendance percentage of 93 problem. "The status of motherper cent, Principal W. W. C. hood must be raised and there O'Neill reported. Junior high must be improved nursing serschool had an enrolment of 336 vices and priority for them for and senior high school had 170 domestic help," the Council sub- coaches, is to be discontinued mits. "Women with large families by the Canadian National Rail-The 216 pupils enrolled at of small children have little leis- ways. A marked falling off in Borden Street school had an at- ure and become less of a comtendance record of 94 per cent, panion to their husbands. Pub- Rupert and Terrace is given by Principal S. A. Cheeseman stated. lic opinion tends to pity and even for discontinuing the service. There were 71 boys and 63 girls. jeer at the mother of a large for discontinuing the service.

EXAMPLE WILL TELL

LEEDS, Eng., (P)-"It is by force an attendance record of 96 per of example that Britain can re- to the troops. tain her prestige and increase Principal Edward Wahl of it," Emmanuel Shinwell, M. .P. Conrad Street school informed said here with reference to vast night's train on a business trip the Board that his school had post-war agricultural and indus- to Montreal. He will visit several an enrolment of 182, and an trial expansion which will be American cities on his way back necessary in Britain's colonies. | to Prince Rupert.

Bulletins

SITUATION IN GREECE

ATHENS...The Greek premier, Genera! Nicholas Plastiras, has formed a new cabinet. He has retained four important portfolios for himself, despite the insistence of left-wing elements that their representatives be given these posts. There is no definite indication as yet whether or not the new government changes will end the fighting in Greece.

AGREES TO REGENCY

L'NDON- It is unofficially believed that King Peter of YugoSlavia has agreed to appoint a regent to act for him. Now exiled in London, Peter has promised that he won't return to his country until his people decide whether they want him back,

BREAK IS CONFIRMED ANKARA-The Turkish government has announced that it will break relations with Japan at the end of this week. The move is called a Turkish contribution to the Allied cause and its official announcement confirms earlier broadcasts by the Ankara radio. This will rob the Japanese of the opportunity to spy on Allied movements and shipping in the Mediterranean and

MACDONALD IN HALIFAX HALIFAX - Navy Minister Angus L. Macdonald has arrived Halifax on a tour of inspection of naval establishments. Mr. Macdonald is former premier of Nova Scotia.

Middle East.

NEW ROCKET SHELL OTTAWA - R.C.A.F. headquarters in Ottawa announces that one of the rockets now being fired by British and Canadian planes is equivalent to a six-inch gun shell. The rocket and another, which has a head with great penetrative power against steel plate, are among the most effective weapons of the war. They are carried on Beaufighter and Typhoon air-

TO GET PUBLICITY WASHINGTON-The head of the Washington office of the

Canadian Wartime Information Board, J. Hugh Campbell, has been appointed to a new committee of public relations officers, to publicize the activities of the combined production and resources board. This important board, which has received little publicity for getting out the materials of war from the resources of Canada, the United States, and Britain, now is expected to have its known.

CANADIAN CASUALTIES

LOWER OTTAWA - Canadian casualties in November, totalling 1998 of which some 1300 were wounded, were the least since the invasion of Europe.

FIRST TRAFFIC FATALITY VANCOUVER - Vancouver had its first traffic fatality of the year last night when alfred Dove, 65, died from injuries sustained when struck by a car.

WOOD SUBSIDY DISCOUNTED OTTAWA-The federal wood subsidy of \$1 per cord is discontinued except in areas of scarcity where special subsidies may be allowed.

TRUCKS TO AUSTRALIA TORONTO - Canada is to send 4200 trucks to Australia.

AIR FORCE STRONGER LONDON - A senior Allied Air Force officer said today that the German Air Force is numerically stronger than it was on D-Day although still not as efficient as the Allied forces. The German Air as a result of a policy of conservation and continued production. There are also signs of suporior legdership.

POLICEMEN IN ROW EDMONTON - Sergeants Duclos and Appleby and Constable Johnson of the Edmonton city police are alleged to have figured in a row in police station on New Year's Day when Johnson sustained a fractured jaw and arm.

GODFREY VS. McNAUGHTON OWEN SOUND - Air Vice Marshal Earl Godfrey, R.C. A.F., retired, has been offered the C.C.F. nomination in the Grey North federal by-election to oppose Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton and Ex-Mayor Garfield Case.

VANCOUVER - Jack Henderson, president of the B.C. Command of the Canadian Legion, is the new chairman

PATTERN FOR EUROPE PEACE

Re-casting of Boundaries Is Advocated by Sir Stafford

ford Cripps, minister of aircraft production and former ambassador to Moscow, urged yesterday the re-casting of Europe's boundaries on a safer pattern to keep peace but cautioned against wholesale revenge on the German people.

Sir Stafford said that Germany must be stripped of power ever again to wage war and war criminals must be punished.

Cornwall, Ontario Has Become City

The far eastern Ontario town SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRMAN of Cornwall, on the St. Lawrence river not far from the Quebec border, has just been incorporated as a city according to a formal announcement received tional War Labor Board, in a deat the city hall here. Cornwall is cision announced yesterday, in the Hungarian capital. of the board of school trus- a community of 16,000 popula- modified a decision of the retees, succeeding Elmore Mere- tion and has been incorporated gional board affecting employees as a municipality for 110 years, of Pacific Coast fish packing

Among the major buildings er-

ected last year were the Prince

Rupert Fishermen's Co-opera-

ing at Second Avenue and Mc-

Frank Morrison, 8th Street,

H. C. Alton, 11th Street, green-

porch alterations, \$100.

East, frame garage, \$200.

Tyrrhenian Sea.

sian hands.

Siege of Budapest

Assault On Formosa

Wednesday, Philippines time.

East, frame building, \$3,000.

First Army Forged Ahead

repairs (fire), \$800.

pairs (fire), \$700.

garage, \$50.

Bride Street.

1944 BUILDING HERE WAS LOW

Building permits valued at \$4,900 issued by the city enginegr's office in December established the total value of permits issued during 1944 at \$209,-

Last year's building program the Y.M.C.A. war services build- jobs was disallowed. was the lowest in the city since

Construction of military buildings sustained the value of perissued in December: mit issues above \$50,000 per month during January, February and March but in April the total slumped to \$2,400, and did not revive above the \$12,000 level in any of the later months. Greatest amount of building was done in March, when \$52,-

585 worth of permits was issued. Of December's \$4,900 total, \$3,-000 was for the construction of dwelling by Hans Antonsen, 338 Eighth Avenue East. Construction of two garages, a greenhouse and alterations and repairs to existing buildings accounted for other items on last month's list.

Permits issued in 1943 total-

OPEN VERDICT IS RETURNED

Coroner's Jury Finds That Jessie Conroy Lived for Some Time After Being Cruelly Beaten

-Open verdict was returned by Canadians Advancing coroner's jury inquiring into the death of Jenny Conroy, age work made more generally 25, whose body was found a week ago in a sparsely settled district of West Vancouver. The jury found that she came to her death from blows on the head inflicted by a heavy instrument wielded by a person or persons unknown

The jury found that the North Vancouver girl, whose body was found December 29 on a lonely road, lived for some time after she was brutally beaten. Dr. H. H. Pitts, Vancouver pathologist who conducted the autopsy, said that blood in the girl's lungs indicated she had lived for a time after the attack. The jaw, nose and skull were fractured but there was no evidence of crim-

Radio car officers of Greater Vancouver police force have been instructed to stop and question drivers of all cars bearing resemblance to an old green coupe which was seen near the murder scene last Wednesday

Minimum

Reds' Winter Campaign to Exceed All Previous Ones Cripps LONDON, Jan. 4 (P)—Sir StafIn Its Power and Impetus

INCREASES

companies.

December of that year was \$475. hourly-rated employees.

Following is a list of permits 13TH STRAIGHT

Wartime Housing, 5th Avenue aircraft based on the contin-

WARNEWS

PARIS-The American First Army fought three miles for-

ward in a new offensive against the north flank of the Belgian

bulge by 8 a.m. today and continued its advance through a

blinding snowstorm. North of Bastogne the American Third

Army, advancing on the bulge from the south, was halted by

violent Nazi counter-attacks. Persistent German attacks from

Saar to Rhine have forced the Seventh Army from holdings in

Saarland. A dispatch from the front said that German at-

tack on First Canadian Army positions in the Netherlands

was repulsed with the Canadians suffering minor cosualties.

lage of Conventello two miles east of the German stronghold

of Alfonsine. Alfonsine lies on the Ravenna-Ferrars road,

seven-and-half miles northeast of Bagnacavallo which has

already been seized in the present Canadian drive. In their

advance, the Canadians inflicted what were officially de-

scribed as heavy casualties on a picked German division. One

hundred Nazi troops were taken prisoner. No other action is

reported in the Eighth Army sector near the Adriatic. How-

ever, the Allied communique tells of considerable patrol ac-

tivity on both sides along the Allied Fifth Army front in

central Italy south of Bologna and further west near the

MOSCOW-Russian troops apparently have the situation

well in hand at Budapest despite heavy counter-attacks by

the German and Hungarian garrison in the northwestern part

of the city. The latest dispatch from Moscow says that Soviet

troops are holding firm. The Russians have made further pro-

gress in clearing the eastern part of the Hungarian capital.

Almost one-third of that section of Budapest now is in Rus-

PEARL HARBOR-A dispatch from Pearl Harbor an-

nounces that American carrier-planes have opened an assault

on the Island of Formosa and on Okinawa Island in the Ryuk-

yus group. Both Formosa and Okinawa are astride the aerial

route between Japan and the Philippines. Tokyo says that

land-based planes also took part in the raids which occurred

ROME—Canadian troops in Italy have captured the vil-

DISALLOWED

National War Labor Board

Board Regarding Fishery

BOMBING DAY

light attack on Germany. Snow,

ent. Bombers flying from Brit

through heavy overcast.

Modifies Findings of Regional

OTTAWA, Jan. 4 (P)-The Na-

LONDON, Jan. 4 (CP) — While the battle for Budapest raged today, Moscow radio predicted a new Soviet winter campaign on a larger scale than any of the previous ones which have proven so successful for the Russians and so disastrous for the Germans. The radio said: "There is now no doubt

that the greatest offensive yet launched on the eastern front is in sight. It will exceed all earlier drives in power and im-

Mobile warfare raged between Budapest and Vienna as a huge German tank and infantry force, mounting the first counter-offensive on the eastern front since October, sought to break through the Russian lines to relieve the surrounded garrison

The board, acting on an appeal by the companies, confirmed the regional board's decision establishing a nine-hour day on fish led \$477,090; and the issue for processing for both monthly and Wage increases for certain classifications, including an increase from 78 to 791/2c in the ransport tive plant at Fairview Bay, and rate raid for special after-hour

Vancouver, Victoria and New Westminster May Have to Walk

VANCOUVER, Jan. 4 (CP) -Three British Columbia cities will be without street car and bus service beginning next Tuesday unless a complete revision of the National War La-T. E. Dalzell, Seal Cove Circle, reports of Allied bombers coming from Italy today heralded bor Board's findings is handed W. Sheardown, 3rd Avenue, re- the thirteenth straight daydown. Spokesmen for the street railwaymen's union say about M. E. Rowe, 9th Avenue East, rain and leaden skies had pre-4,200 workers in Vancouver, vented operations Wednesday by New Westminster and Victoria will strike in protest against the board's decision refusing Hans Antonsen, 8th Avenue ain had to drop explosives wage increases and improved working conditions. The union's publicity committee says only a new government decision can avert a tie-up of lower mainland transportation.

> Hon. G. S. Pearson, provincial minister of labor, has issued a statement declaring that the strike would be illegal.

> Mayor J. W. Cornett announces he will ask the federal government for a commission.

Percy Bengough, president of the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, has wired the Department of Labor at Ottawa asking for a review.

American Federation of Labor and Canadian Congress of Labor have asked Ottawa for a Com-

Three Thousand Holdings to be Made Available

OTTAWA, Jan. 4 (P) - About 3000 small land holdings across the Dominion will be made available this year for veterans already discharged from the armed services. An announcement by Veterans Minister Mackenzie says it is planned, if possible, to construct new homes on these holdings during the year and a limited number of full-time farming units will be released to meet the needs of exceptional

So far there has been no attempt at large-scale settlement inder the Veterans Land Act. This has been party because of the lack of seasoned lumber and the farm machinery supply situation. Also, there has been the desire to protect the interests of men who will be eligible for benefits under the act but who still are overseas.

A large part of the acreage acquired for soldier settlement will be held in reserve for those not yet returned to civilian life.

inal attack.

WEST VANCOUVER, Jan. 4 (P)

Local Temperature Maximum .

Good Raid On Nagoya WASHINGTON-The War Department in Washington has NEW DELHI, ,- The superb revealed some details of yesterday's superfortress raid against health of the West African troops the Japanese city of Nagoya. Good results were obtained in Force numerical strength is fighting in Burma has been the attacks on unspecified targets, and large fires were started. praised by Brig. G. M. Findlay There are indications that up to one hundred superfortresses of the Army Medical Service, who participated in the raid. Tokyo estimates the number at recently inspected medical arninety. rangements in India.