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## Four Attempts Needed To Dock As CN Ship Bucks Tricky Winds

### Snowstorms Snarl Cities In Ontario

By The Canadian Press

Heavy snowstorms snarled traffic in parts of eastern Canada today while the frozen Canadian Prairies went into a third week of sub-zero temperatures.

Southern Ontario got up to five inches of snow. Falls in the Toronto and Kitchener areas plugged some roads.

The storm covered almost all of southern Ontario and work crews from all of the province's 11 department of highways stations were busy clearing and sanding roads.

Floods, meanwhile, are threatening in British Columbia's lower mainland, where warmer weather is melting the more than four feet of snow that has fallen in the mountains.

New Westminster feared a record 56-inch snowfall could cause the worst flood in the city's history.

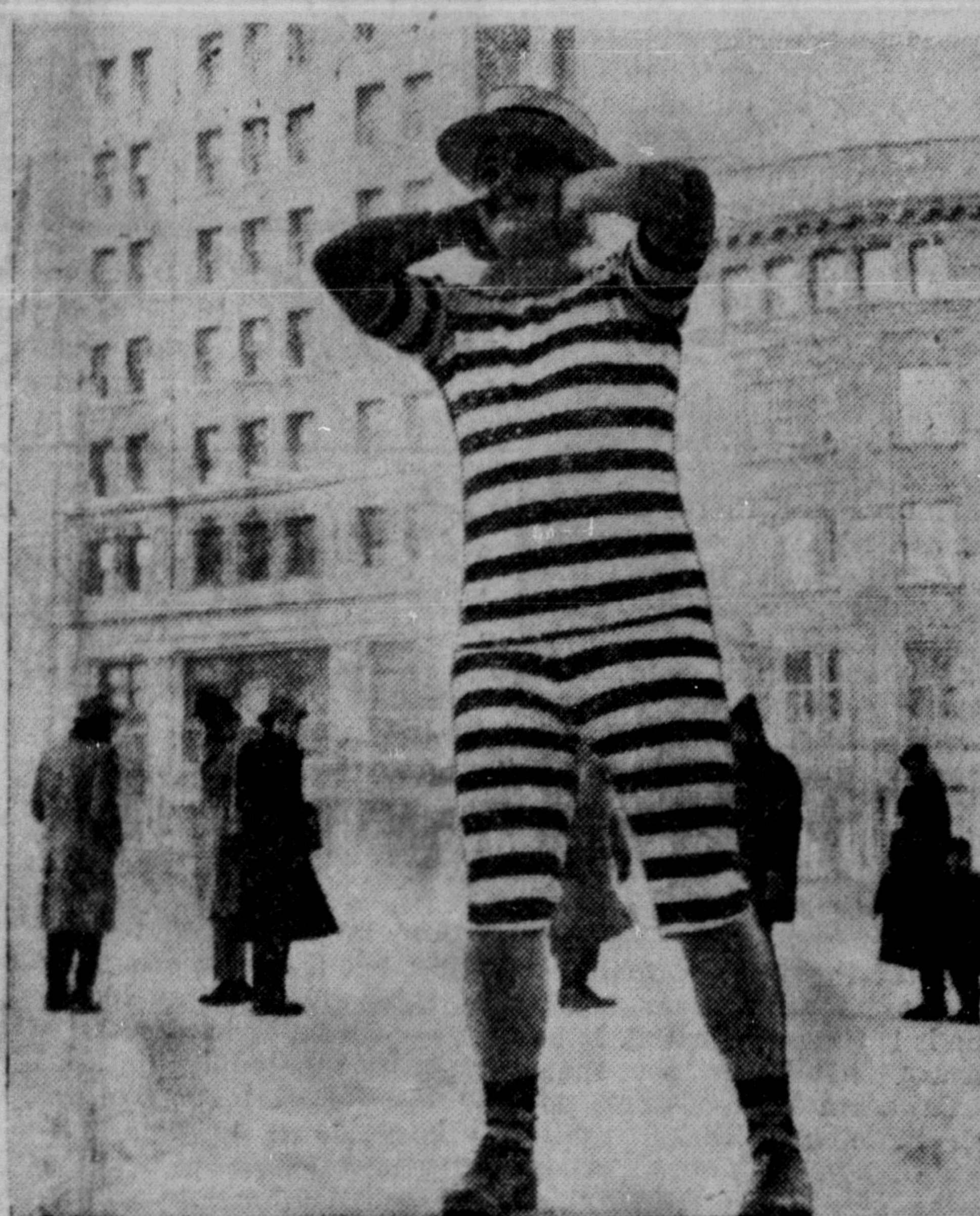
Temperatures at some Canadian centres Tuesday night: Vancouver 31 above zero, Edmonton 27 below zero, Saskatoon -28, Winnipeg -21, Toronto 23, Ottawa and Montreal 16, Saint John 34, Halifax 37.

Fifteen consecutive days of severe cold have claimed 24 lives, directly or indirectly on the prairies and heaped large piles of snow on the west coast.

While Mayo in the Yukon was chilled by a 54-below-zero reading overnight, Victoria and Vancouver were comparatively warm in temperatures of 32 and 31 above, respectively. It was -52 at Embarras in northern Alberta and -51 at Dawson City, in the Yukon.

A blizzard which caused considerable snow drifting in southern and central Saskatchewan blew itself out early today, while Vancouver added another 1½ inches of snowfall to give it a total of 39.7 for the month. Up to 6½ inches fell at several points on Vancouver Island.

The Fraser Canyon highway was closed to all traffic Monday night after a series of slides made the route impassable but was cleared this morning.



THE MERCURY STOOD at 33 degrees below zero on Winnipeg's famed corner of Portage and Main Street when Winnipeg Tribune reporter Leon Kossar donned an old-fashioned bathing suit and straw hat to show shivering citizens in the background that it wasn't really that bad. Said Kossar: "It just takes stamina, courage, fortitude, determination and sheer stupidity."

## House Votes 130-37 To Increase Salaries

OTTAWA (CP)—Increases in Parliamentary salaries and indemnities totalling more than \$1,500,000 a year have won preliminary Commons approval.

Members voted 130 to 37 Tuesday night to support a government proposal to boost the pay of Commons, Senators and cabinet members. Following a day-long debate, two bills giving effect to the raises were introduced.

Liberals, Social Crediters and five CCF members voted approval of the government resolution preliminary to introduction of the bills.

It was opposed by Progressive Conservatives, who want a royal commission to study the question, and 14 members of the CCF party, which wants the Senate abolished. M. J. Coldwell, CCF leader, said most of

### TO DOUBLE INDEMNITIES

The bills provide for a doubling of the \$4,000 taxable sessional indemnity paid members of both houses. It would be the first increase in the indemnity since 1920.

The five CCF members who approved the government resolution were Harold Winch (Vancouver East), Clarie Gillis (Cape Breton South), Joseph Noseworthy (York South), Thomas Barnett (Comox-Alberni) and Erhart Regier (Burnaby-Coquitlan).

Prime Minister St. Laurent said members of Parliament are underpaid. They should receive enough to permit "complete independence and objectivity in dealing with public affairs."

The government accepted responsibility for the increases, but Liberal members could vote as they saw fit individually. Announcement of a free vote means the government would not be overthrown if the proposals were defeated.

## CPA Plane Grounded As Snow Hits City

Gale force winds kept the Canadian National Steamships Prince George from docking for an hour today and a Canadian Pacific Airlines plane was grounded due to lack of visibility as milder weather brought a continuing snow storm.

A capricious wind romped around Prince Rupert harbor before noon and prevented the Prince George from docking for 60 minutes while dozens of stevedores and shivering residents watched the ship's futile efforts to berth.

Several fishboats and two packers stood by to give aid if necessary.

The George arrived in the harbor on time at 11 a.m. but it was 12 noon before the gang-plank was raised.

### THREE PASSES

Skipper Reg Sparkes brought the ship around in three futile passes at the dock before the fourth attempt brought victory over the wind. Each time the ship started to slide in toward the dock, a gust of wind would catch her stern and swing the vessel round to point straight at the dock and disaster. Each time Capt. Sparkes backed her up to try again.

Finally he guided her toward the harbor entrance and out of sight of the watchers, swung her around and headed in again for a perfect berthing.

There was just one flaw. The ship was pointed in the opposite direction to her usual position, preventing unloading of freight.

The fishboats and packers circled out into the harbor after the big ship's third landing attempt failed, and prepared to nudge her into the dock from the port side if the wind tried any more tricks, but their aid wasn't required.

Captain Sparkes, still smiling despite his hour-long battle of wits with the wind, said the landing problem was the last straw after a grim night's trip. The George sailed through snowstorms most of the night.

Canadian Pacific Airlines officials said this afternoon that the plane scheduled to leave here at 10:45 was forced to remain at the Seal Cove air base.

The gale warning continued for the North Coast region with clouds and snow flurries forecast for the remainder of today and tomorrow.

Winds will be west 30 today decreasing to variable 15 by tonight. Low tonight and high tomorrow at Port Hardy, 28 and 35. Sandspit and Prince Rupert 25 and 32.

VANCOUVER (CP)—Red Cross officials have advised B.C. hospitals that they cannot supply blood for transfusions because of snow-blocked highways.

Hospitals in Vancouver were asked to keep transfusions to a minimum.

Dr. B. P. L. Moore, medical director, said blood supplies are decreasing rapidly.

VANCOUVER (CP)—A 15-month-old boy suffering from pneumonia in a storm-isolated farm house at Upper Sunas received life-saving drugs after a two-hour mercy trip by the crew of a B.C. Electric snow plow Monday night.

## Churchill To Retire When Ready

LONDON (CP)—British politicians are just about agreed that when Sir Winston Churchill retires as prime minister it will be in his own good time.

Predicting the prime minister's plans has become one of Parliament's favorite pastimes. Sir Winston smiled and called for his hearing aid because "I don't want to miss anything," when the subject of his rumored retirement came up in the House of Commons Tuesday night.

And he referred to as a "delusion" the rumors that he will step down from office when the Queen returns in May from her Commonwealth tour.

Socialist Eric Fletcher said in the house Tuesday night: "The prime minister knows that there has been some speculation as a result of the speech made by Mr. Osborne... and upon which no doubt we shall be receiving some distinguished enlightenment shortly."

The 79-year-old Sir Winston then murmured: "It is a delusion."

When Fletcher first mentioned his retirement, Churchill grinned and apologized for "not having brought my hearing aid."

He then sent his son-in-law and parliamentary private secretary Christopher Soames, out to get the prime ministerial ear trumpet.

Loud cheers greeted Soames' return with the hearing aid.

Churchill listened with a smile to attempts by Fletcher and Labor member Roy Jenkins to draw him out, but said nothing more.

Only Monday the prime minister went out to a wind-swept range to make a personal try-out of the new Belgian F. N. Rifle which Britain has decided to adopt as the standard infantry weapon. Wearing a heavy overcoat and seated in a chair, Churchill fired two dozen shots, and the range warden said he got "a very good score."

## Pope Cancels Audience

VATICAN CITY (Reuters)—Pope Pius today cancelled a private audience scheduled Friday with Britain's Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery.

The pontiff's condition, however, was reported improved and he worked in his private apartments. His illness was disclosed Tuesday as a form of "nervous stomach" caused by overwork in an announcement cancelling a general audience scheduled for today.

## es Urged Berlin Conference Skip Over Russian Proposal

CP—State Secretary to grips immediately with problems of German unification and European security. Dulles said the Soviet demand for a five-power conference including the Peiping government

## ITAL ISSUES FACING MIC CENTRE ASSOCIATION

agenda and several controversial issues face the Centre Association when it holds its annual meeting at Centre at 8 p.m. Friday.

It has been reported that should the idea of an ice arena for swimming pool in Prince Rupert be given sufficient support by the membership at Friday night's meeting, the Centre would be obligated to start work on one or more projects.

## ents Riot in Madrid Third Successive Day

MADRID (Reuters)—Spanish students clashed with police for the third straight day during demonstration outside the University of Madrid.

At the same time, informed sources said Generalissimo Franco's government is preparing severe measures to suppress the outbreaks.

After gathering outside the university grounds early today, some 1,000 shouting students tried to march on the ministry of information building, but were driven off by police.

The students have been protesting against Spanish press and radio versions of earlier demonstrations demanding the return of British-held Gibraltar to Spain. Queen Elizabeth's scheduled visit to the rock bastion next May had prompted the new outcry against Britain.

The demonstrations began among the students themselves but Tuesday turned against police for trying to curb them.

Police headquarters Tuesday night announced that 18 persons were hurt in Monday's clashes. No casualties were reported Tuesday, and it is understood that all students arrested were released.

## Halibut Fishing Problems Studied

SEATTLE (CP)—The International Halibut Commission, controller of the \$10,000,000 North Pacific Halibut industry, is in session here to recommend dates for the 1954 season.

Henry Dunlop, commission director, said United States and Canadian fishermen landed 60,000,000 pounds of halibut last year and received about \$10,000,000 for their catch.

Harold H. Thom, manager of Atlin Fisheries and Norman Christensen of Canadian Fisheries are local representatives attending the commission sessions.

## Firemen Called On Smoke Scare

No fire was found yesterday afternoon when the Prince Rupert fire department was called out to the 200 block of Third Street. Called when smoke was seen emerging from underneath the buildings below the Northern B.C. Power building, the firemen turned a hose underneath the building as a precaution.



MRS. MARY BELL, 48-year-old widow of a Belleville, Ontario, engineer, is taken from her home after arrest on a charge of murdering her husband. The body of her 52-year-old husband was exhumed seven days after he died. She is shown with Inspector Clair Hayes of Belleville police.

## Fires Raze Two Greenville Homes

Two homes in Greenville were completely destroyed but no one was injured when flames swept the homes of Josuah McKay and Mr. and Mrs. Fred McKay early this morning.

Six adults and two children escaped from Josuah McKay's home and Mr. and Mrs. McKay, two other adults and four children fled the second burning building. A bucket brigade mustered immediately failed to save the houses or any of the belongings.

Friends of both families are rallying around to help and aid will also be forwarded from the Indian Agency in Prince Rupert.

## Aged Clergyman Inherits Title

## Reluctant To Leave B.C. To Claim Title

VANCOUVER (CP)—A 76-year-old retired clergyman, living in a world of books, letters and silence, Tuesday became Lord Heneage.

The title and "substantial" estates in England passed to Rev. Thomas R. Heneage, a bachelor, on the death of his brother, who, at 87, was one of Britain's oldest barons.

Bound by tradition to two lands, the new Lord Heneage said he would be reluctant to leave British Columbia, which gave him back his health, then snatched it away again.

Deaf and partially-crippled by arthritis, the stern-faced peer listens through an old-

fashioned ear trumpet. The questions concerning his private affairs, he refused to answer.

In an interview he traced his history, from his birth in England and his graduation from Cambridge University, to his early work as a young minister among the slums of Lincolnshire.

It was his work in the slums which broke his health, sending him to Canada where he became rector of St. Mark's Anglican church in Victoria from 1909 to 1912.

From 1912 to 1917 he served as chaplain to the Bishop of British Columbia.

Sitting among his books and letters in his modest, four-room west end apartment, Lord Heneage described how he was sent to all the out-of-the-way church outposts.

"I know this province like the palm of my hand," he said. He has not been back to England since 1922 when the original baron, his father, died. He is doubtful if he will ever return. "It has all been so sudden. I haven't really decided yet. In my travels around the province I have made a great number of friends and I really like the country."

It was his wide travelling in rugged country which, like the

slums of Lincolnshire, broke his health again and in 1949 arthritis forced him to retire from his clerical duties.

His new titles and estates, which he would describe only as "substantial," came as a shock. "I had just received a letter from my brother on Monday and he told me he was in the best of health."

Lord Heneage spends his days writing to people he has met all over B.C. and during his term as B.C. commissioner of Boy Scouts and as chaplain of the Fifth Garrison Artillery in Victoria, all duties which he has long since given up.