

SOME PRICE BOOSTS MAY FOLLOW LIFTING CONTROLS

DEEP CONCERN EXPRESSED OVER FISH MARKETS

\$700,000 Damage In Furniture Factory And Lumber Yard Blaze

Huge Surplus In Nova Scotia

(By The Canadian Press)
HALIFAX, March 23—Premier Angus L. Macdonald gave the Nova Scotia Legislature a glowing review of the Province's financial history today as he tabled the public accounts.

The accounts, covering the fiscal year ending Nov. 30, 1948, showed a surplus of \$4,875,233, second highest in the history of the Province. Highest was the \$9,507,000 surplus for the previous year.

At the same time, the Premier warned that such surpluses could not be expected to continue.

"Such surpluses in this Province have been produced by unusual circumstances, and one cannot rely on the unusual," he said. Provincial revenue for the year, estimated at \$30,119,425, had actually amounted to \$33,502,015. Expenditures, estimated to be \$27,473,309 had been \$27,335,601, about \$137,000 less.

HALIFAX, March 23—(CP)—A net profit of \$8,172,746 on liquor sales during 1948 was reported in the public accounts tabled today by Premier Macdonald in the Nova Scotia Legislature. Sales totalled more than \$21,400,000, a slight drop from 1947.

Alexanders To Holiday In N.B.

OTTAWA, March 23—(CP)—Viscount Alexander and his family are planning a three-week holiday in St. Andrews, N.B., next August, Government House announced tonight.

The Governor-General, accompanied by Viscountess Alexander and their three children, Shane, Brian and Rose, likely will arrive in St. Andrews Aug. 1, and leave Aug. 21.

Natural Gas Well On Fire In Alberta

CALGARY, March 23—(CP)—Oil well experts mustered their forces today to combat a flaming natural gas well in the remote Lac la Biche area of Northern Alberta.

Central Lac la Biche No. 1, a "wildcat" well about 116 miles northeast of Edmonton, blew wild yesterday and immediately caught fire. It is just six miles northwest of Stanolind Lac la Biche No. 1, which has been running wild for the last 10 days. The Stanolind well is not on fire.

Coming Events

*Mail your Films to Garnum Photo Studio, Charlottetown, March 26th.

*Crockinole Party in Ugg Hall, March 26th.

*Dance at Blue Haven tonight, three miles from Charlottetown on Malpeque Road. Door prize.

*Free Film Forum tonight at the Art Centre, 8:30 P. M. Bring your friends.

*Crockinole party at Andrew Stevenson's, Friday, March 26th.

*Handling Purina Feeds for Dillon & Spilleti. For feed call on Enoch Newson, Westmoreland.

*Taking orders for the next ten days for feed, oats, barley and wheat. Hazelbrook Dairying Co.

*Soybean Oilcake Meal 41 p. c. protein, now \$3.95. McGuigan & Boyle.

*Concert and Pie Social in New Friday Hall, Tuesday, March 29th, at 8:00 o'clock. Sponsored by Lower Montague Ladies' Aid.

*Loading hogs for Canada Packers March 24th, at Fredericton, until 11 A. M. and Colville until 11:30. D. L. MacDowell.

*Show—Morell, 8 P. M. every Friday only. Good Pictures. Coming Friday only. Edmund O'Brien, Ella Raines, William Bendix, Vincent Price in "The Web." If you see this picture you'll like it. It's a thriller.

QUEBEC, March 23—(CP)—Damage was estimated at \$700,000 in a spectacular fire which tonight blazed through a furniture factory, a saw mill, a lumber yard, two residences and a barn in suburban Beauport.

At least one man was under medical care as a result of the fire. He was watchman Sylvio Parent who was reported suffering from nervous shock and acute indigestion.

The man was so startled by the sight of the flames which surged up in a few minutes that he fainted. He was taken to hospital. Other ambulances were on the site of the fire.

At 10:50 P.M. firemen were still working hard to keep the wind-fanned flames in check. Snow blowers roared through the area gushing tons of snow all around the flaming lumber and buildings.

The nearby home of Phileas Grenier, secretary of the Municipal Council of Beauport, was razed shortly after the fire broke out and adjoining offices of the Caisse Populaire (Credit Bank) of the locality was a complete loss. A barn and its contents also were destroyed.

Firemen were concentrating on saving five homes located in the immediate vicinity of the fire. All traffic into the eastern part of Quebec was stopped.

Seven broke out shortly before seven o'clock in the lumber mill of Joseph Grenier, Co. Ltd., on Royal Avenue and in a few minutes the eastern section of Quebec was aglow with high-leaping flames.

Forecasts 10th. Surplus In N.B.

FREDERICTON, March 23—(CP)—A 10th consecutive surplus—this time \$119,278—was estimated by Hon. J. J. Hayes Doone, provincial secretary-treasurer, when he brought down his 10th budget in the New Brunswick Legislature today.

No new taxation and no changes in existing taxation were announced. There had been speculation that a retail sales tax might be imposed. For the fiscal year ending next Oct. 31, Mr. Doone estimated revenue at \$26,126,677 and expenditure at \$26,007,399. This would mean a reduction of \$944,613 from the previous year's actual revenue and an increase of \$988,528 in expenditure. The 1948 surplus was \$2,022,416.

Mr. Doone predicted higher expenditure by most government departments, especially health and social services, education and labor.

On the revenue side, income from the Dominion Government was estimated at \$10,055,521 as compared with \$9,984,467 last year. Estimated revenue of \$6,000,000 from liquor sales would mean a reduction of \$608,291 in this item.

Mr. Doone reviewed a "relative measure of prosperity" during the past year, with record high revenue and expenditure.

ON BIG GAME HUNT

NAIROBI, Kenya, March 23—(Reuters)—Film actress Janet Gaynor and her Hollywood dress designer husband, Adrian, arrived here by plane today. They will hunt big game with a camera.

By FRANK BRUTO

VATICAN CITY, March 23—(AP)—Pope Pius today called for a return to Christian teachings in the home and a greater emphasis on hell's fire preaching in the church.

The preaching of hell, he said, "is more than ever urgent today" and the duty of the church, "before God and men, is to teach it... as Christ revealed it."

The Pontiff spoke in his annual audience with the pastors and laymen preachers of Rome.

"Desire for heaven," he said, "is a more perfect motive than fear of eternal punishment, but from this it does not follow that it is the most effective motive to hold them (people) far from sin and convert them to God."

The Pope criticized films, magazines and newspapers as contrib-

Churchill Arrives At New York

By John Dauphine
NEW YORK, March 23—(CP)—Winston Churchill, puffing his big cigar and obviously enjoying himself, arrived today in the United States and said he gives "whole-hearted support" to the Atlantic pact.

He made it plain, too, that he thinks the Western world at last is taking the save-ourselves-from-Russia path he recommended about three years ago.

Churchill's press conference was held in the big theatre aboard the Queen Elizabeth as she steamed slowly up the North River to her

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Forty-Six Bills Given Lt-Governor's Assent

Budget Hailed With Delight In Newfoundland

By JOE MacSWEENEY
ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., March 23—(CP)—Canada's budget was hailed with delight today by Newfoundlanders whose island will become the Dominion's 10th province March 31.

Although there was no immediate comment from business sources, competent authorities said reaction to Finance Minister Abbott's budget, brought down last night was "most favorable."

In the matter of personal income-tax, the gap was closed between exemption regulations in the two countries—Newfoundland already had given exemption to single men up to \$1,000 a year and married men for \$2,000, as provided for in the Canadian budget.

Slightly more than 10,000 Newfoundland income-tax payers, with an income of nearly \$32,000,000, paid nearly \$3,000,000 last year. Of that number about 4,500 were married men.

Observers here said hundreds of fishermen, especially those in northern communities and such persons as store clerks, would escape income-tax under the new budget. The tax issue was one of the most serious anti-confederate bogeys during the campaigns that led

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Parliament At-A-Glance

By The Canadian Press
The Commons voted 146 to 57 to give final reading to a bill to keep the Foreign Exchange Control Board operating until 1951.

Veterans Minister Gregg said the government does not intend to accord veterans status to former Ferry Command pilots.

Prime Minister St. Laurent announced royal assent had been given acts to cement union of Canada and Newfoundland.

Thursday
The Commons will consider government control measures. The Senate will sit.

Will Speed Income Tax Refund Cheques

OTTAWA, March 23—(CP)—Three quarters of a million Canadians—wiped off the list of income taxpayers by the budget—were probably wondering today when they'd get the money they have already paid.

The Department of National Revenue couldn't tell them the exact date because it depends on the employers. However, the cheques should start rolling in a few weeks and the refunds be cleaned up by the start of summer.

A notice was sent today to employers asking them to list all employees, who, under the new regulations, cease to be income taxpayers. The sooner those lists get back to the government, the sooner the Treasury Department will be able to send the cheques back. They'll be sent to the employer who will distribute them.

For the rest of the taxpayers, whose levy has been reduced, the revised scale of weekly deductions at the source should be available soon.

Sudden Death Yesterday Of Mr. J. LeRoy Holman

\$15,500 For New Health Work Here

OTTAWA, March 23—(CP)—Approximately \$15,500 has been set aside out of Federal health grants for a variety of new projects in Prince Edward Island, the Health Department announced tonight.

The new developments, in which the Province puts up equal amounts, include a grant of \$5,000 for crippled children's work, \$3,400 for professional training and \$5,400 for advances against mental illness.

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Forty-Six Bills Given Lt-Governor's Assent

Forty-six bills were assented to in the Legislature yesterday by His Honour Lieutenant Governor Bernard. They included the amendments to the Trade Union Act, the Workers' Compensation and Mothers' Allowances Acts, the Hospital Act, the Nurses Association Act, amendments to the Pharmacy Act and Town Planning Act, the Fisheries Act, Land Expropriation Act, Accountants' Act and amendments to the Agricultural Products Marketing Act.

The Industrial Corporation Bill passed third reading after an opposition motion to apply the "six months hold" was defeated on a standing vote, 11-4.

Mr. William Hughes, former Provincial Treasurer in the Jones Government, who had moved to kill the bill in committee on Tuesday, voted with the Opposition. Otherwise the vote was on straight party lines, and the bill passed on the same division.

The vote was taken when the special committee appointed to go over a bill establishing motor vehicle liability insurance was in session outside the House. This committee included two members of the Opposition, Messrs. R. Bell and R. L. Bury, as well as Mr. Keir Clark who had voted with the Opposition twice in protest against certain sections of the Corporation Bill.

Mr. McParlane, Liberal member for Fifth Prince who had done likewise, was not present when yesterday's vote on third reading took place.

Third reading was also given yesterday to the Public Schools member for Queens.

The replies as tabled in the Commons revealed that:

1. The hour fixed by the Department of Fisheries for lobster fishermen to run their lines and place traps for the open lobster seasons in Prince Edward Island waters is five A.M. Standard Time.

2. A total of 21 properties in Charlottetown are involved in the area designated as the site of a new Federal Government building there. All of the 21 have been appraised, but none as yet, have been paid for by the crown.

3. The Provincial Government of Prince Edward Island is responsible for repairs and maintenance of the beach road from Cavendish leading down to the national parks beach, but the Federal Government is responsible for the upkeep of the entire stretch of road inside the national park boundaries.

4. Public Works Department dredging projects for 1949 include the removal of 9,600 cubic yards in Rustico Bay, the work to be performed on the schedule for dredge D.P.W. No. 17.

5. No arrangement has yet been concluded between the Dominion and Prince Edward Island Governments for the hardsurfacing of the Mayfield highway leading from New Glasgow to the national parks beach at Cavendish.

Romanian Gov't Hits At Moneyed Classes

BUCHAREST, March 23—(AP)—The Romanian Government clamped on new ration restrictions today bearing heavily on the moneyed classes. Ration cards will be denied to doctors, lawyers, members of other free professions, owners of more than three acres of land, shopkeepers and employers generally. All these will have to buy in state shops and the free market at the official prices which are three to five times higher than prices of rationed goods.

Shortage Of Dollars Cuts Foreign Sales

Fisheries Council Decides on Campaign to boost domestic sales.

OTTAWA, March 23—(CP)—Deep concern over the loss of Canada's foreign fish markets was expressed today as the Fisheries Council of Canada completed its fourth annual convention.

Almost 100 delegates from all parts of Canada, along with representatives of the Newfoundland fishing industry and Federal Cabinet Ministers, attended the two-day session.

The Council which represents Canada's commercial fishermen, said it was worried over difficulties in disposing of stocks of fish which have now accumulated and which have normal output of the 1949 fishing season.

"This applied particularly to east

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Bad Fire In Montreal Church

MONTREAL, March 24—(Thursday)—(CP)—An explosion rocked Centenary United Church shortly after a fire broke out in the stone structure early today, and first reports said five firemen had been injured. Authorities at St. Luke Hospital said two firemen brought there were in "bad shape."

Nature or extent of their injuries was not known.

Firemen from 12 stations battled the flames which burst through the roof of the building about 1 A.M., shortly after a third alarm had been turned in.

The church is located in suburban Pointe St. Charles.

Answers Tabled To Questions By Mr. McLure

Escaped Prisoners Back In Custody

The second of two prisoners who escaped from the Prince County Jail, Summerside, early Tuesday night, gave himself up to the R. C. M. P. at Kensington about 8:30 last evening. George McDonald, Summerside, and Leonard Thibeau of Kensington, who sawed a bar in two and broke out of custody are now "back behind bars. McDonald was captured about midnight in a barn near Traversers Rest station. Thibeau managed to get as far as Kensington, but apparently thought better of it yesterday and decided to surrender.—S

ROMAN DENTURES

The wearing of false teeth was common among the Romans.

Home Building Costs Measured By New Index

OTTAWA, March 23—(CP)—The Bureau of Statistics today announced a new index—designed to all the need of the home-builder.

Pointing back over past figures and segregating them carefully, it has developed what will be called the residential building materials price index, on a base of 1935-36 equals 100—the same base as is used normally in the cost-of-living index.

The new index will deal with costs of only those materials used in residential construction. For some years the bureau has maintained a general building materials price index.

The new composite index, the bureau said in its first report, reached a peak annual average of 217.5 for 1948, compared with 180.7 in 1947 and 154.5 in 1946. At the same time the index number of wages in the construction trades advanced to 182.2 from 160.2 in 1947 and 148.7 in 1946.

The figures will be published monthly.

Work On Land Starts In Ontario

(By The Canadian Press)
CHATHAM, Ont., March 23—Believed to be the season opener in Western Canada, Derwin Lalonde started spring plowing today with a tractor on his Orford township farm.

Lalonde said the land is in good shape for plowing. If favorable conditions continue, he expects to plant potatoes within a week.

News In Brief

WASHINGTON, March 23—(CP)—The international wheat agreement was signed today. Under it 42 countries agreed on a four-year plan for exchange of wheat at fixed prices.

LAKE SUCCESS, N.Y., March 23—(CP)—The United Nations Security Council tonight approved a Canadian proposal to end the four-year conflict between the Netherlands and the Indonesian Republic.

OTTAWA, March 23—(CP)—Postmaster-General Bertrand announced today in the Commons the government plans to merge the special wartime bonus payments to rural mail carriers into the individual contracts as they come up for renewal.

TEL AVIV, March 23—(AP)—Israel and the smallest of her active Arab foes, the republic of Lebanon, signed armistice terms today. One of the terms is that Israel will withdraw her troops from 14 captured villages in Lebanon within the next 10 days.

Organized Labor's Reaction To Budget

OTTAWA, March 23—(CP)—The 1949 Federal budget, while a step in the right direction, falls short of meeting the needs of Canadian workers, Pat Conroy, secretary-treasurer of the Canadian Congress of Labor, said today.

"The Congress has for some time urged the government to establish exemptions of \$1,500 for single persons and \$2,500 for married persons.

"These figures are a conservative estimate of the amount required to maintain a decent standard of living, and certainly taxes should not be imposed at a level where they force down living standards," Mr. Conroy said in a statement.

(Tax cuts in the budget raised income tax exemptions to \$1,000 for single persons and \$2,000 for married workers.)

"Despite the apparently rosy picture presented by the new income tax tables, the full effect of the budget will not be known until price changes resulting from the removal of ceilings and subsidies comes into effect.

"Certainly the generally predicted increase in the price of bread as a result of the budget provisions is a serious matter to the average family in the lower wage and salary brackets."

WINNIPEG, March 23—(CP)—The Manitoba Department of Education is distributing to provincial schools a 28-page historical record of Newfoundland to commemorate entry into confederation of Canada's 10th province.

The booklet covers history of Newfoundland from 1497 to 1949.

TORONTO, March 23—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures: Vancouver 32, 55; Edmonton 22, 46; Winnipeg 16, 30; Toronto 38, 41; Ottawa 34, 43; Montreal 35, 49; Quebec 33, 44; Saint John 22, 47; Moncton 26, 49; Yarmouth 35, 50.

HALIFAX, March 23—(CP)—Official inland forecasts issued tonight by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax and valid until midnight Thursday.

Synopsis:
A current of mild air is flowing into the district from the south. Temperatures are near 50 over Nova Scotia, and even along the north shore of the St. Lawrence the thermometer is reading in the "middle 30s."

A disturbance over Central Quebec is moving northward and a band of rain was crossing the district tonight. Thursday the weather will clear and temperatures will remain steady or slowly fall.

Regional forecasts:
Prince Edward Island: Intermittent rain tonight. Thursday overcast clearing in the afternoon. Extremely mild tonight. Colder on Thursday. South winds 15 tonight. Thursday west 15, low and high Thursday at Charlottetown 38 and 40.

High tide today at 7:46 A. M. and 6:08 P. M.
Sun rises this morning at 5:51 and sets at 6:17.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

WEEK DAYS
Leaves Borden 8:10 A. M. and arrives at Cape Tormentine at 10:15 A. M.
Leaves Cape Tormentine 2:40 P. M. and arrives at Borden 3:35 P. M.
No Sunday schedule in effect.

Increased Flour, Bread Prices Seen Probable

Other price declines in wake of "good news" budget.

(By The Canadian Press)
The "good news" of the budget was felt across Canada yesterday in reduced income taxes and lower prices for a considerable line of goods and services.

Possible "bad news," especially the probability of an increase in the price of bread and flour, may come a little later.

Flour in some places was reported up \$2 a barrel, and estimates of the bread increase run from one to three cents a loaf. Bread dealers claim they already were operating under great difficulties and needed an increase before the budget took the subsidy away.

In any event, Finance Minister Abbott's figures state, Canadians will pay \$270,000,000 less in income taxes and about \$100,000,000 less in other taxes which went into their pockets.

Income tax reductions received the biggest welcome, though there was some criticism that they did not yet give enough relief to low-wage groups.

Price drops showed immediately at store counters. The five-cent soft drink and five-cent gum are back, down two and one cent respectively. The eight-cent candy bar is down to seven, and at least some chains out their candy prices 10 cents a pound, from 90 to 80 cents.

The 15 per cent tax is off railway fares, berths, telegrams, which meant that travel which cost \$115 Tuesday, cost only \$100 yesterday. It may be a temporary bargain, if an off-setting increase in regular rates should be asked for and granted. Also off was the 15 per cent tax on long-distance telephone calls.

Perhaps the most attractive bargain, because it is in part temporary, was in jewellery and luxuries. Until yesterday for every dollar's worth of these items you bought, you paid the merchant, an unwilling tax collector, another 25 cents. Yesterday that was no longer.

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THE LAST WAR WAS FOUGHT TO END ALL WARS; THE NEXT WILL BE TO END ALL DEBTS.

