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Sorry Financial Showing

For the alarmingly large deficit and debt increase incurred by the Campbell Government last year our local contemporary offers an alibi which we hope will not be repeated by the Premier when he makes his Budget speech this morning.

The fact that the Government was less extravagant last year than it was in its election year of 1939, when it established an all-time record for spending and borrowing, does not explain anything.

While the majority of the provinces showed heavy deficits in 1939, this year they are showing large surpluses as a result of wartime economy. It was expected that the Campbell Government would follow suit. It was even intimated from Ottawa that this would be the case.

A frank confession of the causes responsible for this showing, coupled with some assurance that they are being remedied, will be more acceptable to our taxpayers at this time than any amount of political oratory, or alibi based on irrelevant comparisons with other years, which the Premier in his Budget delivery may be tempted to offer.

Where Was Mr. Gardiner?

At a time when our farmers are finding such difficulty in marketing their products, and when the need of conserving foreign exchange is being preached so strenuously, it is difficult to understand why imports of fresh fruits and vegetables into Canada in recent months should amount to some \$21,500,000.

The question of these unnecessary importations was raised this week in the House of Commons. The explanation given by Finance Minister Ilsley indicates the extent to which we are subservient to our American neighbors.

MR. LOCKHART (Lincoln, Ont.): Why were fruits and vegetables shipped out with such despatch when many other things were excluded?

MR. LOCKHART: No. MR. ILSLEY: Then his doubtless has a healthy respect for the fruit and vegetable growers in his constituency, their money, and when they begin making representations, and the great importance of meeting their wishes if he can.

Our farmers will have the same difficulty in understanding the situation. Further light on the matter was thrown by Mr. Graydon (Peel, Ont.) who quoted from the New York Packer of Dec. 7 last, the following statements of Mr. William Garfitt, executive vice-president of the United Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Association in the United States.

"Last week I was able to tell you that, partly through the efforts of your association, the Canadian embargo has been decided to modify almost total embargo on fresh fruit and vegetable imports from the United States, and to exclude only a limited number of perishable commodities. This week I am happy to be able to report that the embargo has been lifted entirely, and that any American fruit or vegetable can enter the Dominion without restriction.

ers, but to wholesalers and commission merchants, who were confronted with what seemed the necessity of finding home markets for close to \$20,000,000 worth of products that would otherwise have been exported to Canada.

"Fortunate" at the expense of our Canadian farmers, be it noted, whose interests the King Government sacrificed in preference to manufacturing interests. Mr. Garfitt proceeded:

"Just what caused the Canadian Minister of Finance to make such an abrupt aboutface will probably never be known. But I believe your association can take some credit for it. When the threat of an embargo became known some two or three weeks ago, I conferred with the Canadian jobbers in Toronto, suggesting to them that they send a delegation to Ottawa to protest that fresh fruits and vegetables should be admitted as a public health measure.

Mr. Garfitt went on to say that immediately following the Toronto conference, his association started a stream of protest flowing through the United States Department of Agriculture, the Treasury Department and the Department of State to the Canadian ministry of finance.

Here is another illuminating excerpt from Mr. Garfitt's statement: "This does not mean, however, that all danger of future embargoes has been disposed of. In its anxiety to conserve every dollar of its liquid resources for war material purchases, the Dominion is likely to revive this so-called economy measure. In that event, we shall be ready to go to bat again."

Could anything be clearer than the fact that high pressure lobbying was responsible for the whole transaction?

Our Provincial public debt will soon exceed \$10,000,000. What then?

Quebec is doing better by her municipalities than this Province, for the Godbout Government has agreed to go 50-50 in the matter of unemployment relief.

A clergyman present at the presentation of Wings to the Upland's class of aircrewsmen, Ottawa, declared he had never felt so thrilled in his life, and said he had got inspiration which would react on his pulpit ministrations.

The Ottawa Citizen having been found guilty of breach of the Defence of Canada regulations, says "Whatever the legal aspects of the magistrate's judgment may be (in the event of an appeal) his finding is surely in the spirit in which the law was framed."

The Ontario Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church has appointed a committee of nine to revise the Westminster Confession of Faith and to bring it more into conformity with present day knowledge and needs.

Not much is heard about the part Glasgow is playing as a raided territory, but returns laid over in the British House of Commons show that in the Nazi raid of March 13 and 14 there were 1,100 killed and 1,000 seriously injured.

According to Quebec, Ontario is now the Federal Government's favoured child, notwithstanding the decidedly unflattering behaviour of Mr. Mitchell Hepburn the Ontario Premier. It seems, says the Gazette, that docility is not the way to cultivate the larger beneficence of the Dominion Government, of which Premier Campbell should make note.

"Remember the enemy you go to fight has no spirit of fair play," Group Capt. McGill told the graduates of No. 2 Service Flying Training School, Uplands, Ottawa, including six Islanders, "He is a coward and a beast who bombs women and children, churches and hospitals without discrimination."

"My staff find it hard to see" Defence Minister Ralston told the House of Commons "why the Minister should be giving information which spies would give their lives to get, and for which other countries would pay millions of dollars."

The exigencies of wartime cooking in Britain have aroused a deep and widespread interest in Mrs. Beeton. Here's one of the famous names in the annals of English literature.

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A THOUGHT A DAY FOR A PEOPLE AT WAR

"If we waste time in production, the period ahead is so rigorous that you may face disaster instead of victory, and if you have disaster you are faced then not with the possibility of adjusting labor conditions, but with a certain long period of economic slavery." — A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, speaking to workers.

Britain's World Trade An Economic Miracle

(Written by Sir Archibald Hurd for the British Ministry of Information)

The Empire continues to trade by sea in spite of the so-called "total blockade" of the enemy.

That is the economic miracle of these times, and it is due to the victorious command of the sea by the Empire's navies and the courage, resource and endurance of the merchant seamen, not only of the Empire but of all the European democracies — Norway, Denmark, Greece, Belgium, Poland, Finland and others.

They have all made their contributions to the largest mercantile fleet which has ever been under a single management — the Ministry of Shipping in London, which unifies the individual management by Government Departments of the Dominions.

These merchant ships are threatening the seas on their last-laid legs. Losses occur, but they have not been so great as seriously to interfere with the business of the great group of trading communities represented by the British Empire.

A powerful and well-balanced fighting organization for duty at sea, on land and in the air has been mobilized.

Supreme at sea, it is rapidly gaining the ascendancy in the air and training and equipping great armies supported by ample supplies of munitions of all descriptions.

The goods which entered the ports of the British Isles last year were of a total value of £1,099,336,000 — 24.3 per cent. larger than in any year since 1924, a boom period. The exports of British manufactures, coal and other goods to the value of no less than £418,084,000, a decline of only 1 per cent. on the previous year's figures. This in spite of the fact that all available manpower had been organized for the prosecution of the war.

So, the goods which entered or left the British Isles were worth upwards of £1,500,000,000 — all of them carried by sea.

Reports from the Dominions, Colonies and Protectorates show that they are profiting from the command of the sea and the courage with which our merchant seamen, undaunted, are standing up to the enemy's attack.

Canada, in spite of all she is doing to assist in the prosecution of the war on land, on sea and in the air, has displaced Germany as the third most important exporting country in the world.

She has in consequence a healthy trade balance. The population has grown and is fully employed. During 1940, approximately 3,770 vessels carrying a deadweight tonnage of 22,260,000 were conveyed from the American side of Atlantic to British ports in face of the so-called "total blockade."

Australian exports have also increased to a greater extent than would be expected from the economic planning. The Commonwealth has never been so busy as it is today.

South Africa also is prospering, her exports having shown a phenomenal development. New Zealand, though far removed from the main currents of world trade and with a population of only about a million and a half, mainly engaged in agriculture, is playing no mean part in supporting the Empire's trade movement.

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On PALM SUNDAY

Afternoon, April 6th, at four o'clock, a special service for MEN will be held in St. Paul's Church. The service will be conducted by the Rector, the Reverend A. LeDrew Gardner. His theme:

"CHRIST'S CALL TO MEN"

In these strenuous days we all need spiritual stimulation.

You are cordially invited to attend this service.

Once more the value of sea command to the British peoples is being proved.

Three hundred years ago, when the British Empire, as we know it, had no existence, Sir Walter Raleigh wrote words which apply even more significantly today than they did then. "Whoever commands the sea commands the trade; whoever commands the trade of the world commands the riches of the world and consequently the world itself."

Within our time man has conquered the air, but so far as international trade is concerned — the carrying of cargoes of heavy raw materials and manufactures — nothing has happened to invalidate Raleigh's testimony to the commercial importance of sea power.

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"Farmers" would forget all about this and would have the appointment to the Senate go to the "best" man. Why did he not immediately use the Hitler term "superman" that seems to be the way he would proceed. Minorities would get no consideration from him; his "best" men, his "supermen," would just tell us all what

was "good" for us, and we would have to take it. What do you think of that for a British method? I am, Sir, etc., F. J. PERRY, Prince County.

LARGER UNITS OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

Sir.—I have been much interested in a series of letters from the P. E. Island Teachers' Federation which appeared during the past winter in the local press, advocating larger

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