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MacDONALD—At Lorne Valley, March 20th, to Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Macdonald, a daughter.
McINTYRE—At Montague, March 19th to Dr. and Mrs. Preston McIntyre, a son.
BOYLE—At Clyde River, March 18th, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Boyle, a daughter. Stillborn.
CORRIGAN—At Dromore on Feb. 13th to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Corrigan, a daughter. Congratulations.
STORBY—At Brookvale, Lot 30, March 6, to Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Storry, a daughter. (Margaret Edna).
O'CONNOR—At St. Ann's, Hope River, on March 11th, to Mr. and Mrs. John O'Connor a son, Congratulations.
DOIRON—At St. Charles, on Wednesday, March 13, 1929, to Mr. and Mrs. Leo G. Dolron, a daughter. (Alice Sophia Geraldine).
PAINTER—At Laurence Memorial Hospital Medford, Mass., on March 9th, to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Painter (nee Myrtle Profit) a son, Harold, Edward, Congratulations.

MARRIAGES

BREHAUT - DERBY—In this city, March 20, 1929, by Rev. Scott Fulton, Miss Marguerite F. Brehaut, White Sands to Wm. Derby, also of White Sands.
JAMES - ROBBINS—At 52 Upper Hillsborough St., Charlottetown P. E. Island, March 16th, 1929 by Rev. Ewen MacDougall, Lloyd B. James of Midgill P. E. I. to Mary Belle Robbins of the same place.
GILLIS - NICHOLSON—At the Manse, Belfast, P. E. Island on February 27th, 1929, by Rev. Thomas A. Rodger, Alexander Gillis of Newton Cross to Mamie Nicholson of Orwell Cove.

DEATHS

ROBERTSON—At Alexandra, Sunday, March 17, Mrs. H. A. Robertson, in her 55th year.

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By Mr. R. H. Jenkins

Mr. R. H. JENKINS (Queens): Mr. Speaker, the important duty of any government is the administration of the affairs of the country in the most economical and efficient manner possible. The spending of large sums of money does not necessarily mean extravagance, because it resolves itself down to what you really get in return for the money expended. It may be possible to curtail a great many items in the estimates, but it might not be wise to do so. The Minister of Finance (Mr. Robb) receives considerable free advice, and there is a great variety of opinion as to the items which might be reduced or altogether eliminated. Some of our friends would eliminate a large proportion of the estimates of the Minister of National Defence (Mr. Ralston), but there are others in the house who consider the expenditure is not large enough. Differences of opinion exist as to the vote for immigration, and the same applies to nearly every department of the civil government. We believe that the estimates which have been tabled have been very carefully prepared considering the vast country to be served and the needs to be attended to. If in a desire to pay off the debt of the country we neglect public services and allow them to become impaired, we are practising false economy and it would mean disaster in the end. The government is not only attending to the business of the country, but it is also making substantial reductions in the public debt. Some of our newspapers find fault with this policy; they object to the government applying such large sums to debt reduction and state that it might give a little more consideration to the needs of the moment and of the immediate future and let posterity have a chance to carry some of the burden assumed by this generation in the name of posterity. The Financial Post of Toronto states that any government does a fine thing in steadily reducing the burden of the national debt. It further points out that if circumstances arose which made large borrowings essential at any time in the future the task would be made easier by the debt reductions of today.

A large amount of the present expenditure is due to the Great War; that goes without saying. No government can be blamed for this heavy drain upon our revenues. Roughly speaking, about \$160,000,000 is spent each year in paying interest and other charges on this liability. It would therefore appear that it will be necessary to move very cautiously and carefully in the way of reducing taxation. If we keep on eating away at our heavy debt it will only be a question of time before we can appreciably lighten the burden of taxation. Despite the war the growth of our country has been so phenomenal that we may confidently look forward with faith in the future.

Not only have the revenues of our country been buoyant but business in nearly all lines of commercial activity is marching forward. Carefully managed companies which have issued reports for 1928 show a healthy position. I emphasize the word "carefully" because we have heard in speeches in this house of the hard times certain companies are facing. I contend that no matter what government may be in power there will always be corporations and individuals who will find it hard to get along. It is generally their own fault, through inefficiency or lack of service. The Bell Telephone Company shows a substantial increase in the amount invested in plant, an increase of over \$1,000,000 in surplus account; and it has also made larger appropriations for depreciations. In 1927 it employed 14,899 people, and in 1928 that number had risen to 16,240. The power companies operating in the Dominion have in every instance, in the balance sheets which I have had the opportunity to examine, made progress and in nearly every case are issuing new stock to provide for increasing business. The textile companies have had a good year. Penman's Limited, one of the largest operators, show sales of \$7,122,264; quite a substantial increase over the previous year. Stanfield's Limited, the largest company in this line in the maritimes, report an excellent year. In order to show the situation at a glance, I desire to place on Hansard a statement issued by the Financial Post, probably the most influential paper of its kind in Canada. This article reads as follows:

Background of Business
Canada
Commodity prices: Steady at present; may be lower.
Iron and steel: Good business on hand; more in sight.
Building: Off to a good start, should be big year.
Foreign trade: Aggregate greater. Farm products feature exports. Industry importing heavily.
Employment: Best in years. Seasonal adjustment.

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invested in Canada. Of this total at the opening of the present year Canada had \$939,000,000 invested in the United States, \$112,500,000 in the United Kingdom, and \$20,500,000 in other countries. Investments by Canadian insurance companies in diversified foreign securities continue to increase rapidly with the development of both their domestic and foreign business. Direct Canadian investments in branch plants in the United States commercial field and elsewhere are growing steadily. Canadian holdings of New York stocks and of European and South American government bonds have increased enormously. Together the record testifies most eloquently to Canadian prosperity and world progress.

May I say at this point that I think the Minister of Finance (Mr. Robb) is to be complimented on raising the tax a little on those penny mining stocks, because I verily believe many people in Canada to-day are losing a great deal of money by investing in stocks which are absolutely worthless. I do not say that all mining stocks are worthless, but many of the mines listed on our boards at the present time are practically holes in the ground and will never amount to anything. I am only too pleased to see the minister impose an increased rate of taxation on this kind of stock gambling, and, in fact, I would, if anything, rather see it higher.

Only a few years ago, Mr. Speaker, every taxpayer in the country feared that disaster would overtake the Canadian National Railways. It was with a sense of foreboding and increasing fear that heavier burdens were in store for us in the future that the report of the operations of the system was received. Admittedly the operation of this road had placed an enormous burden on the people of Canada and some of the enemies of national ownership predicted disaster. In 1920 the loss in operation was over \$30,000,000. We are apt to forget these things; we sometimes forget the days that are gone by. Today the surplus on operation is over \$58,000,000, an improvement of approximately \$88,000,000. This has been brought about largely through the management of Sir Henry Thornton and his associates. The present Minister of Railways (Mr. Dunning) is also responsible in no small measure for the continued building up of the system. A much better feeling has been created in the minds of the public generally towards the road and the fine cooperation of the employees has added much to the improvement of conditions. Railway progress and especially car loadings constitute one of the best indexes we have of national prosperity, and the great Canadian National Railways is doing much for the advertising of Canada and the increasing stability of the country.

Applications by the Canadian National and Canadian Pacific for branch line extensions totalling approximately 1,800 miles of new road form a most encouraging feature of this year's railway program. The extensions will represent an addition of nearly 5 per cent to the total railway mileage of Canada. This new building program serves to show the importance of the new era of railway building in Canada and is one of the most favorable factors in our economic situation. Not only does it mean extra work for construction companies and companies furnishing raw materials, as well as labourers, but it will do much in the development of the country at large and give added work to those who will be employed on the new lines. By the building and operating of such new lines we hope that population as well as production will materially increase.

duction of the Fordney tariff in the United States. In 1926 exceptionally favorable conditions for fishing enabled fishermen to make unusually large catches and greatly increase production. In that year the value of the fishery production of Canada reached \$56,360,633, so that production for 1928 was only some \$2,300,000 less than for the exceptional year 1926. As compared with 1923 there was increase in the production in 1928 of approximately \$11,400,000.

The sea fisheries of the Atlantic coast—that is, the maritime provinces and Quebec—are estimated to have had a production last year valued at \$20,750,000. The Pacific Coast production reached approximately \$26,250,000 and the value of the production of inland waters was about \$7,000,000. In the case of Prince Edward Island there were increases in several of the catches, as, for instance, lobsters (an increase of 1,674 hundredweight to 64,474 hundredweight); oysters (an increase of 685 barrels to 4,756 barrels); scallops, which increased from 96 barrels in 1927 to 320 barrels, and clams and quahaugs, which totalled 2,552 barrels as compared with 1,174 barrels in 1927. On the other hand, there were decreases in such catches as cod, herring and smelt.

The oyster catch in Canada totalled 21,369 barrels as compared with 21,285 barrels in 1927, but there was a decline in the scallop catch from 38,530 barrels in 1927 to 25,834 barrels last year—a condition attributable chiefly to a lower price level. Exploratory and observational work in connection with scallop and oyster resources were carried on in Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia during the present year by officers of the fisheries branch. At the Halifax experimental station experiments in connection with the rapid freezing process were carried on and the results are such that it is confidently believed that the use of this process will greatly increase the success and prosperity of Atlantic coast fishermen and serve as well the interests of the consumer in the inland areas of Canada.

Departmental broadcasting of weather, ice and bait reports continues to be of great value to the fishermen. Extension of the fish collection service of the branch on certain parts of the Atlantic coast proved very helpful to the fishermen in ensuring them a steady and immediate market for their fish and in enabling them to have more time to devote to the actual process of fishing.

We sincerely hope the government may see its way clear to assist the fishermen in our province in the same way as other parts of the maritimes.

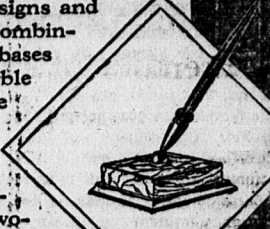
The citizens of my province are deeply grateful to the Postmaster General (Mr. Veniot) and his very efficient associates for the carrying on of an air mail service between Moncton and Charlottetown for some time past. Weather conditions are sometimes very trying. I understand the company operating gives an excellent service.

The Canadian National railway line to Murray Harbour is being standardized this year and in order to complete the necessary work without interfering with traffic, a connecting link will be built from a point on this particular line to another point on what is known as the eastern line. We have been asking for standardization of the road for some years past. It is the only remaining portion of narrow gauge road on the system and we are naturally pleased to see the improvement made. This will not mean any increase in freight rates owing to the longer haul, because the rate will be given on the shortest distance between any given two points. In our province several short branch lines have been asked for and we hope when the system is completely standardized and other necessary work completed that these requests may be given favourable consideration. I shall call this to the attention of the Minister of Railways (Mr. Dunning) when the estimates are up for discussion.

Fox farming, as you are all aware, is a profitable industry in our particular province and brings in a very large revenue. I have not the exact figures for 1928, but the net results would compare favourably, I think, with those of any previous year. Our pelts command the highest prices in the markets of the world, and breeding stock is shipped to many countries. To show the superior value of our silver black foxes one has only to read the last issue of the American magazine containing an

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article on fox ranching, in which it is stated that the injection of new blood from Prince Edward Island ranches has been a very important factor in the building up of a better quality of foxes in the American ranches.

A large amount of money has been brought into the province due to the export of butter, cheese and eggs, and in the latter line we are very fortunate in having a splendid cooperative company in the province, operated by the farmers themselves. This company has had a very successful season and is doing exceptionally fine work increasing not only the quantity but the quality of the product as well.

I would like to refer, Mr. Speaker, to one further matter before I take my seat. There is in our opinion a splendid opening for the building of a new hotel in Charlottetown, the capital of the province. The largest hotel at this particular point was burned early in the year. It is understood that Sir Henry Thornton has asked an expert to go over the situation and bring in a report. We sincerely hope it may be favorable. There is every opportunity to make such a hotel pay because we have the climate which is suitable for tourist business. There is splendid sea and surf bathing, good fishing, plenty of sunshine, no fog—with rare exceptions—and in fact everything conducive to the building up of perfect health. There is no place to be found in the maritimes to excel our province, and we confidently hope and expect to see a Canadian National railway hotel located at this particular point, because we feel it will not only help the province but be profitable to the railway as well.

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