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Budgets For Surplus But Avoids All Reference To Promised Tax Reductions



Hon. William Hughes

MORE N.S. GOLD

HALIFAX, April 11 — (CP) — Gold production in Nova Scotia in 1946 was up more than 1,000 fine ounces over production figures for the previous year, the Department of Mines reported today. Provincial mines output last year was 4,321 fine ounces compared with 3,291 in 1945.

Coming Events

**No fishing on Mallard's Mill Property, Edward Mallard, Souris.

**Dance at K of C Hall, Souris, Tuesday, April 15th.

**Loading Hogs for Canada Packers Ltd., Tuesday until further notice. Dingwell and Rossiter.

**Loading Hogs for Canada Packers Ltd., each Tuesday at Vernon River. G. Lea.

**Just arrived, small shipment Oil Burner Chick Brooders, Also Calf Brooders and Five Inch Pipe in stock. Dillon & Spillitt.

**Now in Stock, Timothy and Clover Seeds, Urban and Ajax Seed Oats, Turnip and Mangie Seeds. Dillon & Spillitt.

**Loading Hogs at Montague Station each Thursday for Canada Packers Ltd. S. C. McLean. Phone

**Loading Hogs at Peakes Station each Thursday for Canada Packers Ltd. Merlin Devine.

**To arrive, choice double re-cleaned Peace River oats. Book. McGuigan & Boyle.

**We-He-Lo Club Rummage Sale, St. Peter's Hall, Saturday, April 12th, 7 P. M.

**Receiving Hogs at Crapaud for Canada Packers Ltd., every Tuesday until 11 A. M. R. N. Dawson.

**Spring Park Women's Institute Bazaar and Pantry Sale, Holmans, April 19th.

**Loading Hogs at Cardigan Station each Thursday for Canada Packers Ltd. Norman McKenzie, Cardigan.

**The New Wiltshire District Scarlet Chapter, will meet at Hunter River, April 16th.

**Loading Hogs for Canada Packers at Vernon Bridge each Tuesday afternoon, while truck road closed. W. Crane.

**Loading Hogs for Canada Packers at St. Peter's each Tuesday until train time, while roads closed to trucks. Signed David Pratt.

**Loading Hogs for Canada Packers at Mt. Stewart each Tuesday until train time, while roads closed to trucks. Signed Earl Jay.

**Unloading cars bulk oats and barley meal, Friday and Saturday. Also car of bulk wheat, Monday and Tuesday, April 14th and 15th. Dillon & Spillitt.

**Just received, limited quantity of Hog Concentrate. Also on hand Chick Starter Grower, Hog and Dairy Feed, Shavings by the bundle, Hay, etc. Livestock Feed Agency.

**Reserve Monday, April 14 for Box Social and Dance in Covehead Community Hall in aid of hall.

An estimated surplus of \$663,914 for next year, but no hint of the reduced taxation promised in this session's Speech from the Throne, was highlighted in the Budget speech delivered in the Legislature yesterday morning by Hon. William Hughes, Provincial Treasurer. Ordinary revenue for the year ending March 31, 1948, was estimated by Mr. Hughes at \$4,679,095, and ordinary expenditure at \$4,015,179. Net capital expenditures were estimated at \$1,752,370, together with "a sum sufficient" to provide for regional high schools. A sum of \$109,000 is provided for tourist cabins loan fund and \$50,000 for assistance to rural schools. Increases in teachers' salaries, hospital grants and municipal grants are indicated, along with capital expenditure of \$1,125,000 on highway construction.

Current Account Surplus

"Some twelve months ago in this House, I budgeted for a deficit of \$619,000," said Mr. Hughes. "Largely as a result of this 'iniquitous' agreement with the Dominion Government, — this thing by which we have 'thrown away our birthright', and that should not have been entered into according to the Opposition—I am now able to state that for the fiscal year just ended we will have a surplus of approximately \$96,000 after providing \$330,000 for debt retirement. I wonder was that an 'iniquitous' agreement after all?"

"The credit of this Province is good," Mr. Hughes continued, "it is excellent. On March 15 last we floated a bond issue of a million dollars at a rate of interest of 2 3/4 percent. We received for those bonds 99.99 cents on the dollar, to yield 2.758. That is selling bonds at par for a fifteen year term. No Province in Canada has done any better; some have not done as well."

"The ordinary revenue of the Province as set forth in the estimates now on the table, for the current year is \$4,679,095."

Butter Production Shows Increase

OTTAWA, April 11 — (CP) — Production of creamy butter totalled 12,076,000 pounds in March compared with 11,839,000 in the same month last year, the Bureau of Statistics reported today.

MORE WHALEMATE FOR BRITAIN

LONDON, April 11 — (Reuters) — Britain will get more whalemeat steaks of the ration next week when 8,000 pounds arrive on a Norwegian ship at North Shields. Since the first bulk introduction made here three months ago, proved so popular with traditional "beef eaters" more is hoped for from Norway.

Seek Cent Gallon Gas Price Boost In N.S.

HALIFAX, April 11 — Imperial Oil Limited, largest wholesaler of gasoline in Nova Scotia, has applied to the Provincial Public Utilities Board for an increase of one cent a gallon in the price of gas to retailers, it was learned tonight. The Board will give public hearing to the application April 24.

The increase would raise the wholesale price of gasoline in the Halifax area from 18 to 19 cents for No. 1 grade and from 16 to 17 cents for No. 2 grade. In provincial areas — where transportation costs result in a differential of one cent a gallon — wholesale prices would be raised from their present levels of 17 and 19 cents a gallon to 18 and 20 cents, respectively.

If Imperial Oil's application were granted, retail prices in the Halifax area, now 33 1/2 and 36 1/2 cents, would be increased automatically unless retailers took a cut in their profit margin. Retail prices include the 13-cent provincial gasoline tax.

Other oil companies in the Province normally take their lead in price adjustments from Imperial Oil, only manufacturer and largest distributor in Nova Scotia of petroleum products.

(No application for a price increase has been made to the P. E. I. Board of Public Utilities, Mr. L. B. MacMillan, the secretary said last night.)

RIGHTS OF SLAVES
Under Islamic law, slaves have these rights: To be clothed and fed, every male slave to be provided with a wife and have their offspring maintained by the master.

New Canadian Maritime Commission

OTTAWA, April 11 — (Special) — In conjunction with former officials of Park Steamships and officers of the Department of Reconstruction and Supply, law officers of the Crown are engaged in the drafting of a bill to create a new Canadian Maritime Commission as forecast in the Speech from the Throne.

George J. McIlraith, K.C., parliamentary assistant to Reconstruction Minister C. D. Howe told The Guardian this afternoon that while the new bill would be sponsored in the Commons by his Minister the Commission would eventually come under the Department of Transport. Rather, it would be an independent commission whose activities would be reported to parliament by the Minister of Transport.

"There is no question of the Maritime Commission coming under the Minister of Reconstruction and Supply," Mr. McIlraith explained. "But the bill arises from the findings and the operation of the Commission."

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Expects Shortage Of Beef To Develop

(By The Canadian Press) — EDMONTON, Apr. 11 — An acute shortage of beef probably will develop across Canada for the next three months, R. J. Dinning of Calgary, president of a packing concern (P. Burns and Company) said today. It will arise because of the necessity of moving many cattle onto pasture after the markedly severe winter that stock in all parts of Canada has endured, Mr. Dinning said. He felt the situation would improve by August.

The meat industry faces a year of "mixed uncertainties." Packers look losses last year because of the advance of the cattle market above beef ceilings.

Sugar Stocks

OTTAWA, April 11 — (CP) — Refinery stocks of raw sugar in Canada on March 28 were considerably heavier than on the corresponding date of last year, but stocks of refined sugar were lighter, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reported today.

Raw sugar stocks were recorded at 108,252,298 pounds compared with 68,003,217 pounds a year ago, and refined sugar 181,303,255 pounds compared with 209,241,612.

During the four weeks ended March 28, raw sugar receipts totalled 44,827,597 pounds against 37,419,124 in the similar period of 1946 while meltings and sales during the period amounted to 47,569,028 pounds against 51,016,935.

Amount of refined sugar manufactured during the four weeks was sharply reduced, totalling 11,529,655 pounds as compared with 51,257,103 a year ago; sales, plus exports, fell to 14,133,816 from 47,708,651.

SANTA BARBARA, Calif., April 11 — (AP) — Charles B. Nordhoff, 60, co-author of South Sea island novels such as "Mutiny on the Bounty" and "The Hurricane," was found dead today at his home, apparently of a heart attack.

Nordhoff and James Norman Hall were pilots in the Lafayette Escadrille during the First World War, later joined the United States Army Flying Service, and sailed for the South Seas in 1919. Nordhoff fell in love and married the daughter of a Tahitian chief.

Books by Nordhoff and Hall, in addition to "Mutiny" and "The Hurricane," included "Pitcairn Island," "The Dark River" and "Men Without Country." They also collaborated on a two-volume history, "Lafayette Escadrille."

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P. E. I. Potatoes Reach U.K. In Good Condition

Two steamers that loaded Island potatoes at St. John have arrived in England with their cargoes in good condition as the following letter, sent by an English cargo inspector to the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, shows:

"T. E. V. 'Beaverlake' arrived London, England, 31st March, 1947. Unloading commenced same day. Potatoes in the upper tween decks were in very good condition, stowage good. A few bags in No. 4 upper tween deck were showing a slight dampness. Ventilation was good, the circulating fan being used, direct and return. Dampness may have been caused by the ship shipping water in through the hatch of No. 4 tween deck. The 'Beaverlake' had a very rough voyage but potatoes did not seem to be damaged in any way. Unloading still continues."

"S.S. 'Trek' arrived London, King George Dock, April 1st. Unloading started following day. Potatoes in very good condition. No dampness showing. Full report will follow when discharging has been completed."

(Sgd.) "A. T. Stirling, Cargo Inspector, London, Eng."

The British Food Mission, Mr. Boulter said, is having some difficulty in securing vessels of suitable tonnage for bringing the potatoes to the Old Country. Most of the vessels which could be chartered are either too small or too big. But the contract is being carried out efficiently and on schedule, Mr. Boulter said. He expressed particular pleasure at the manner in which the potatoes have been bagged and stowed aboard ship.

Three steamers from England will arrive at Island ports within the next three weeks to load potatoes for Great Britain. Mr. J. W. Boulter, secretary of the P. E. I. Island Potato Growers Association, announced last night. Two of those steamers will load at Summerside and the other at Charlottetown.

Mr. Boulter said efforts are being made to have a fourth steamer come to Summerside for a potato cargo before the other three arrive.

In the meantime, loading at Georgetown of the "Borjesson" is proceeding rapidly. Rain stopped loading operations yesterday afternoon but they are expected to be finished tomorrow (Sunday). The "Borjesson" will take away over 113,000 bushels.

Mr. Boulter is chairman of the Potato Export Board and has been largely responsible for the successful manner in which the shipping arrangements have been carried out.

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BRANTFORD, Ont., April 11 — A possible increase in the price of muskrat pelts was forecast today when a survey showed the season's catch was only one-fifth normal. Extension of the season for 12 days by the government is not expected to be of much help. Top prices for skins this year are \$2.75, a drop of 75 cents.

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Convention Votes Against Motion 34-3

ST. JOHN'S NFLD., April 11 — (CP) — The Newfoundland national convention today rejected by a vote of 34-3 a motion to send a delegation to Washington to ascertain under what conditions the Island colony might become a 49th state of the United States.

By this move the national convention, elected to discuss possible future forms of government for Newfoundland, gave a flat "no" to any possible union with the U.S.

Earlier, delegations had been selected to confer with officials in London and Ottawa within the next two months on possibilities of either remaining under a British Commission Government, regaining Dominion status or joining Canada as a 10th province.

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A. B. Butt of St. John's West moved that the matter be deferred because the convention had not the time to consider all details (Continued on Page 5 Col. 4)

W. W. McCarron Is Elected New B.I.S. President

At the first annual meeting to be held in the new B.I.S. Hall on Grafton Street, Mr. W. W. McCarron was last night elected president of the Charlottetown Benevolent Irish Society.

The retiring president is Mr. J. W. Hogan.

Other officers elected included: Vice President, J. J. Connolly; secretary, Frederick Flynn; treasurer, John Callaghan; chief marshal, Leo Dowling (re-elected); secretary, E. W. Hogan; and sergeant-at-arms, Ambrose Smith.

Mr. P. B. McTague was chairman of the committee for the election of officers.

Ch'town Men Retail Lumber Directors

HALIFAX, April 11 — (CP) — Roy Chappell of Sydney, N.S., was elected president tonight at the annual meeting of the Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island Retail Lumber Dealers Association.

He succeeds S. M. Zinck of Halifax who was named honorary president.

Hugh Buchanan of Moncton, N.B. was elected acting secretary. Nova Scotia directors included Harold Bedwin, Turro, Ernest Mingo, New Glasgow, A. Cameron, Glace Bay, Fred Stephens, Sydney, John C. MacMillan, North Sydney.

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Why More Taxes With Half Million Surplus? Asks Dr. MacMillan

The anomalous position of the Jones Government in budgeting for a big surplus on the one hand and imposing increased taxes on the other was scored in the Legislature yesterday by Hon. Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan, leader of the Opposition, who followed Hon. William Hughes, Provincial Treasurer, in the Budget debate and spoke about half an hour before moving the adjournment. The House adjourned shortly before 1 o'clock, to resume at 3 p.m. on Monday.

"My hon. friend the Provincial Treasurer has finally been shamed into making some sort of a Budget speech," said Dr. MacMillan. "For three sessions we have had the farce of a Budget speech being delivered in from seven to twelve minutes, and consequently when we tried to discuss it there was nothing insofar as the Minister was concerned that would throw any light on the matter. Anything that he ever said only added confusion to the confusion that already existed."

Treasurer's Duty

"The proper duty of the Provincial Treasurer in delivering a Budget speech is to deliver it with the record of the Government in the different departments for the year just passed and with the policies of the Government in the different departments for the year that is coming. If you read the transactions either of the Federal House with regard to the Finance Minister, or of the other Provincial Houses with regard to the Provincial Treasurers, you will find that they deal in detail with the different departments.

"That is as it should be, because this Legislature is entitled to the information; all the more so on account of the blundering that this Government is responsible for in changing the date in regard to the fiscal year. That change from Dec. 31 to March 31 has caused continued confusion not only to the members of the House, but to the members of the Government themselves.

"The speech which my hon. friend has just delivered is more or less a eulogy of the present Government from the day it took office down to the present time. He was more concerned with trying to show that this was a wonderful Government than he was with the different departments of Government; because he said that would be left to the Ministers who were in a better position to deal with it than he is. I take exception to that remark. If the other Ministers are better able to deal with the financial standing of the different departments than he is, I submit that one of those Ministers should be Provincial Treasurer, and the Provincial Treasurer should confine himself to one of those departments. Being Provincial Treasurer, he cannot evade his responsibility.

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Oppose Municipal Governments System

OTTAWA, April 11 — (CP) — "Anyways," he said, "I believe that municipalities will be done away with in Nova Scotia the same as has been done in Prince Edward Island."

"They should be done away with. I don't think they are democratic." The C.C.F. leader said the only revenue the municipalities had, in most cases, was through taxation on a man's home and in some parts of the province it was difficult for home-owners to pay.

Health Minister Davis replied upon the suggestion that there would be "very little" for municipal governments to do if the province took over the job of caring for mentally ill now housed in county homes.

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Decentralize Postal Work In Maritimes

SAINT JOHN, N. B., April 11 — (CP) — Under a decentralization program for postal work, W. C. McEachern, formerly acting chief inspector at Ottawa, has been appointed regional director for postal services in the Maritimes with headquarters at Moncton.

Elmer R. Ingraham, formerly district director of postal service, has been appointed district post office inspector for New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and the Magdalen Islands, his headquarters remaining at Saint John.

In Prince Edward Island, where L. E. MacLeod has been district director of postal services at Charlottetown, the new office of postal inspector resident in Prince Edward Island, is to be filled. A post master will also be appointed in Charlottetown. The Prince Edward Island office of resident postal inspector has no parallel in New Brunswick or Nova Scotia, Mr. McEachern said here today.

Nova Scotia will have a division of duties similar to that in New Brunswick. The office of district director of postal services in that province, filled until the present by F. A. Warner, will be split, with the new offices of district post office inspector and postmaster for Halifax being created.

Mr. McEachern said that while Moncton would be his headquarters, as a Maritime official, the postal services for New Brunswick will continue to be directed from Saint John as heretofore.

Forecast, valid until Saturday midnight.

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