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Frank Morgan ceases to stammer and stutter, but reaps laughs just the same through the various catastrophes that dog his recalcitrant footsteps in "The Ghost Comes Home," comedy of a man who's given a million to spend, now showing at the Capitol Theatre.

Morgan plays a small town pet shopkeeper, henpecked and browbeaten by his wife and family, who is suddenly appointed to spend a million on the home town. The appointment starts him for Australia but he gets no further than a New York night club, a fight, with a policeman and a term in jail, during which he's reported lost at sea and returns home supposedly dead, with his family gleefully spending the insurance money.

And many hilarious complications he emerges from his status as a ghost to expose the crooked town banker and eventually become the man of the hour.

William Thiele directed the picture with deft skill and human handling of the situations. Billie Burke drops her littery characterizations to play the domineering but loyal wife, and Ann Rutherford is the pretty daughter who disobeys Mamma's behest to marry the town banker's son and marries a jazz band leader instead.

Reginald Owen is amusing as an American tuba player, imitating an English accent to pose as an Australian millionaire. John Shelton, Donald Meek, Nat Pendleton and Frank Albertson are other principals who contribute cleverly-played characters. Photography by Leonard Smith presents a number of striking effects to the romantic comedy.

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"Rebecca" At Prince Edward

An exciting event in the history of motion pictures took place last night at the Prince Edward Theatre where David O. Selznick's production of "Rebecca," based on the best selling Daphne du Maurier novel, was unreeled in all its moving brilliance and dramatic impact. Directed by the brilliant and gifted Alfred Hitchcock, "Rebecca" is one of the most exciting and suspenseful pictures to reach the screen this season. It is not only excellently and thrillingly staged, it is acted by a cast of top-notch actors who were chosen carefully for their special talents.

Heading this line-up are Laurence Olivier and Joan Fontaine, who play the starring roles, while in their support are Judith Anderson, C. Aubrey Smith, George Sanders, Nigel Bruce, Florence Bates and Gladys Cooper. Olivier is cast as Maxim de Winter, a prominent society man who is famous for his vast Tudor estate called Manderley. To this house he brings his second wife, played by Miss Fontaine, a shy and unsophisticated person who can hardly be compared to the glittering and brilliant former mistress of Manderley, Rebecca, now dead. But though Rebecca is dead, her forceful personality and dramatic beauty still continue to dominate Manderley and to haunt the lives of those who wander through its immense rooms.

Judith Anderson, as the sadistically cruel Mrs. Danvers, turns in a screen portrait which is unforgettably brilliant, and the performances of Olivier and Miss Fontaine must be rated as being unsurpassed on the screen this season.

Alfred Hitchcock, the director who brought a new status to screen intrigue and melodrama has directed "Rebecca" with startling impact, with amazing subtlety as to character delineation and with rich dramatic overtones. The picture moves with telling and engrossing swiftness from its initial scene to the final fadeout. Add to this brilliant pictorial backgrounds, an excellent musical score and unusually fine lighting effects, and you get a pretty neat idea of why David O. Selznick's newest picture, "Rebecca," is not to be missed by all those who seek real entertainment.

MUST DO AS TOLD

MANCHESTER, England — (CP) —Denouncing a farmer for failing to comply with an order to plough certain fields on his farm, a magistrate said "You are one of those who fail to realize that in these grave times they must do as they are told."

BIRTHS

MCLEAN — At the P.E.I. Hospital June 24, 1940, to Mr. and Mrs. John McLean, nee Lulu Goss, a daughter, Glenda Jane.

MARRIAGES

MacKENZIE-CAMPBELL—At Trinity United Church Parsonage on July 13, 1940, by the Rev. Hugh Miller, Miss Mary Melinda Campbell, of Charlottetown, to Murchison Rowan Golding MacKenzie of the same place.

ROSS-McDOUGALL.—At St. John's Manse, Belfast, Saturday, July 13th, 1940, by Rev. Wallace Wadland, Grace Ann McDougall, of Belle River, to John Alexander Ross, of Flat River.

MCKENNA - LAMBE — At Summerside on July 14, 1940, by Reverend Monsigneur MacLellan, V. G., Alfred Austin McKenna of Summerfield and Mary Eileen Lambe, R. N., of Summerside.

DEATHS

VAIL.—At the P. E. Island Hospital on Monday July 15, 1940, Brooklyn Vail, in his 74th year. Funeral from St. Paul's Church on Wednesday, July 17th. Service starting at 2 p. m. Funeral leaving at 2.30. Interment Peop'e's cemetery. Owing to illness in the home the late Mr Vail is resting at the MacLean Funeral Home till noon on Wednesday.

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EVIDENCE

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not very probable." A reaction to a wound of that kind is variable in different people, he added.

Mr. Trainor asked the witness about the direction of the wound and he replied that it was "inwards and slightly upwards." The rib was cut across at an angle, he said and with a pocket knife handed to him by the coroner he demonstrated to the jury the manner in which the instrument causing the wound was held when it entered the chest of the deceased.

Dr. G. F. Dewar, Charlottetown, who was associated in the autopsy examination corroborated the statement of Dr. MacGuigan and added that the man "might go quite a little piece as the vessel is large and very elastic and the blood would not drain out quickly." After receiving the wound he might go more than 10 or 15 yards he said.

Questioned he stated an ordinary pocket knife would not be long enough to inflict the wound. He claimed it would have to have a three and one half inch blade. It would have to go through skin, muscle, and lung then into the large vessel. It would have to be a very sharp blade as the rib which is three quarters of an inch in width was cut through. It might be possible if driven with force, he added.

He corroborated Dr. MacGuigan's statement as to the cause of death.

Miss Minnie A. Malone testified that she lived at 217 Fitzroy Street, a double tenement house and the other part was the tenement of Jeremiah Doucette.

She said she was sleeping with her window open on Saturday night and about eleven o'clock heard two men going in the gangway. One man was getting along alright with "a firm steady step" and in her opinion not drinking while she thought the other was. She only heard the footsteps and did not see the men. They were laughing and joking as they passed. She testified that she recognized the voice of Jeremiah Doucette and after he went in I waited to see whether he was drinking. "I heard his voice and his wife's voice and they were talking loud but I did not hear what they were saying," she continued. It was her opinion that Jeremiah Doucette wanted to get out and he rushed to the front door which was locked and he scrambled like an intoxicated man and got out, the witness said.

Witness claimed he did not stay in the house long, probably anywhere from five to fifteen minutes. It seemed to me the other man did not go out with him but probably later, she continued. At 3:30 they came back in the other man's car and I heard them come in the gangway but did not see them. I supposed they went into the kitchen and I heard loud talk between him and his wife and came to the conclusion they were trying to persuade him to stay in. The next I heard was Jeremiah coming out the gangway and then a woman's voice, his wife's, saying, "Come back here you." Then I heard a screech but stayed in bed and did not even raise the curtain. The screams were those of a woman, she added. They were off the premises and appeared to be across the street. Some time later I heard footsteps coming in the gangway. A little after that a child of seven, Jeremiah Doucette's little boy, knocked on my door and said "mama wants to see you." He told me his mother was alone when I asked him if there was anyone there. He said his father had gone out. I told the little girl to go for her aunt and the children did, she said.

Witness said the policemen came along and added "I did not know there was anyone dead in the gangway.

Questioned by a juror she said she did not know if Mrs. Jeremiah Doucette was home all that night but "thought she heard her come in about 10:30, before he did."

Saw Man Chasing Woman

Henry Gauthier, 19-year-old of Charlottetown, testified that he was on his way home about four a. m. and coming up Fitzroy Street he heard footsteps of a girl running but did not pay much attention to it. He kept on and saw the girl running across the street with a man after her. He heard her scream and started to run. When he first heard the footsteps he was coming on the north side of Fitzroy Street between Edward and Cumberland Street, witness said. He was about half way up the block when he heard her scream and he started to run towards them. They were running across the street towards Warren's corner on Fitzroy and Weymouth Streets. The man was about four or five yards behind the woman when he first saw them, witness said. She was running fairly fast but the man caught up to her. I got to the Forum and saw the man coming towards me. I did not know the man but saw him before. He ran towards me and said, "You'll get the same thing," but kept running past me with his head turned opposite me.

Witness stated that he did not note if the man had his hat or shoe on when he passed. Gauthier then told of going across the street to the place where the woman was lying and of the arrival of Mr. James Harper about the same time. The woman told them that her side was sore and the man had hit her, witness continued. She also told them that she lived across the street. When we got to where she lived she wanted to go in by the gangway. When she went in the gangway she pointed to Doucette and said "There he is, is he dead?" We took her into the house. On the way out we looked at the body.

Questioned witness said "Yes I would know the man (Jeremiah Doucette) again if I saw him." He claimed that he had often seen him before as he used to live near Doucette and added that he knew who he was but did not recognize him at the time. It was beginning to break day, he said.

Witness then described the clothing worn by the woman when they picked her up on the street. She had a blue suit, a skirt and short coat, he said. She suggested they go in the back door and told witness to go through the window and open the door but Harper tried the door and found it was open. There were no lights in the kitchen.

Questioned by the Coroner he said that he had talked to Jeremiah Doucette before and supposed he would recognize his voice. He said he did not recognize it at the time.

In answer to another question he said that they had helped Mrs. Doucette to a chair.

At this point of the proceedings Jeremiah Doucette was brought into the room and witness was asked by the coroner if that looked like the man he saw running towards him. Witness answered, "That looks very much like the man." Asked if he could swear to it, witness replied, "I couldn't swear to it but it looks very much like the man who ran towards me on Fitzroy Street."

Witness added that when Mrs. Doucette told him (when he came up to her) who the man was he remembered the voice sounded familiar.

Gertrude Dunn testified that she in company with her mother was up getting some groceries at R. T. White's about dark Saturday night and when returning home about 9:30 saw a car turning into the gangway of her mother's home. She saw one man getting out and going around the gangway and she said to her mother, "That is Mr. Campbell." He went to the house of the witness who lives next door and went in. When she went in home he was talking to her husband and a Mr. Peters. Campbell asked, "Where is Peg," witness said and explained that Peg was his wife. She answered, "home", Campbell asked, "Is she mad," and witness replied, "I don't think so. I was out there yesterday and she said you were in Georgetown on business."

Witness then said that Campbell had asked her husband to go out to Doucette's for some beer but she would not let him go as "he had enough beer and must stay home as he is dirty when drinking. Then Campbell suggested that she come along and witness consented. She told of going to Doucette's and calling at a store on the way for cigarettes and of some difficulty getting into Doucette's as a glass had been broken out of the front door and they had to go to the back door.

Had Knife In Pocket

Witness told of going in and her husband ordering two bottles of beer. Jerry was singing songs and dancing, she said. Campbell liked the first tune but didn't think the second was so good. Jerry and Mr. Campbell were talking French and joking. My grandmother is old and not to be excited and she noticed Jeremiah getting cross and called him out to the porch. I went out and saw him taking a knife out of his pocket. It was an open knife and did not have to be opened. It was not very large. "It was twice as large as that" witness said when shown the pocket knife held by the coroner. Grandmother got around him, she said. They were talking in French. I said "Jerry, Mr. Campbell is drunk."

Witness said Jeremiah came into the kitchen after his grandmother was talking to him and said, "O. K. I won't be dirty." He started to play a ukelele. Isidore, who was also there, had gone to town. He came back as Jeremiah was starting to play and began to step dance. Isidore asked Campbell if he had his car and he said that he had left it home. He (Isidore) wouldn't come with us and we left him there. Isidore and Jeremiah were on great terms.

Questioned about a threat made by Jeremiah in the porch, witness said that she heard him say, "I'll kill the ——" and when questioned as to who he was referring to she said, "Mr. Campbell."

Jane Doucette, 7-year-old daughter of Jeremiah Doucette, told of her father waking her up Saturday night by breaking a glass in the window. He came in and put her in another bed. He was not sober but was drunk, she said. Her mother was down at her sister's home, Mrs. Tierney. Her father stayed in alone and there was no other man with him, witness said.

She said her mother came in about a half hour after her father and she was crying because "father kicked her." Father did not come back in. Mother stayed in and I went to sleep again.

Witness told the coroner that there were two butcher knives in the drawer but none about the bed.

She said her mother had gone out before the children went to bed. I told father where she was and he said, "You'll never see your mother again." "When I asked why? he said, 'She's no good.'"

Gerald Doucette, 8-year-old son of Jeremiah Doucette, told of hearing his father come in and breaking something. Mother came home and father went out and started pounding her. I heard her screeching. Someone took her in and she was sitting at the table with her head down. "I heard them talking about knives," he said.

Had Frequent Quarrels

Mrs. John Tierney told of the two children coming down for her after the trouble was over. She said her sister was sitting at the table when she got there. They did not get along and had frequent family quarrels, she said. She said the reason for this was that he went to his grandmother's quite often and stayed there all night.

She testified that she left Mrs. Jeremiah Doucette at 11 o'clock that night. They had been up town together and Mrs. Doucette was going home to get some money before her husband spent it all.

Sgt. Watson Higgins of the City Police Force testified that at 4.30 a.m. Sunday morning last he received a telephone call to go to Fitzroy Street near the Forum. He called for Constable Dowling. He saw a man standing on the sidewalk in front of 219 Fitzroy St and got out of the patrol and spoke to him. It was Gordon Morris, a member of the jury.

Witness told of seeing a man lying face down in the gangway on the west side of the corner of the house. They turned him over and took him to be a man named Doucette. The front of his shirt was badly stained on the left side.

He told of entering the house behind Constable Dowling and finding Mrs. Doucette sitting on a chair with her head lying on the table. Miss Malone was present giving her first aid. Her condition was bad with shock. The back of her clothing was badly stained with blood. Dowling notified a doctor and the coroner.

Witness told of Mrs. Doucette making the statement that her husband came home with Isidore and began to fight with her. Isidore interfered and Jeremiah struck him on the breast with something which she did not name. He then chased her out of the house and kicked and punched her on the back.

A thorough search for the weapon by the police failed to find any trace of it.

Sgt. Higgins told of going to Jeremiah Doucette's grandmothers on Elm Avenue and arresting him there. This was about 5.30 a.m. He was in his shirt sleeves and stocking feet with a pair of dirty grey pants on.

Witness said Jeremiah talked on the way back in the patrol. He said there had been trouble up at the house and he had lost his head and did not know what he had done. He wanted to know if they were alright.

Witness told of taking Doucette to the station and informing him of what had happened and charged and warned him.

Thumb Cut

Questioned by the Crown Prosecutor, witness said that they examined Jeremiah when he was arrested and found a fresh cut on the right thumb between the nail and knuckle. There was no blood on his clothing. He was intoxicated when arrested, witness said.

Constable Augustus Dowling of the City Police Force corroborated the evidence of Sgt. Higgins. He added that Jeremiah Doucette was not sober but he was not drunk. He also said that the man was met in the hall of his grandmother's house and "looked as though he knew we were after him", and he (Jeremiah) said, "I caught them in the act."

He hadn't identified the body of the dead man he said when questioned and Sgt. Higgins when recalled testified that he had identified the body as that of Isidore Doucette.

Alan Maurice MacKinnon testified that Jeremiah Doucette had called at his house at 8.50 p. m. Saturday evening and asked him to go down town. He assured his wife he would not be long and went with Doucette. On the way down they saw Isidore Doucette's car at a service station across the street from his grandmother's. They stopped and talked to him. Isidore backed the car across the street to his mother's, Jeremiah's grandmother's.

Witness said Jeremiah went over and started talking to Isidore. Later he beckoned for him (witness) to come over and gave him a dollar to get some beer. They went into Jeremiah's grandmother's house. We ordered beer and Jeremiah got it. He told of them carrying on and the arrival of Mr. Campbell, and Mr. and Mrs. Dunn. There were two other men in at the time, a Mr. Cummings and another man he did not know.

Witness told of drinking beer which was passed around and the crowd singing and stepdancing. He also told of Jeremiah getting cross and his grandmother taking him out to the porch. They must have settled things as there was no fight.

Drinking But Not Drunk

He told of Mr. Campbell leaving with Mr. and Mrs. Dunn. He remained and about 11 o'clock Jeremiah and Isidore said they were going home. Isidore was going to drive Jeremiah home so I went with them. He told of going in to get cigarettes for Jeremiah at a store on the way home and later they all went in to his house. They were drinking but not drunk. They left about midnight to go down town for liquor.

Witness said he and his wife went to bed at 12.15 p. m. and they locked the door and when the two came back later they would make out that they had a fight. Mrs. MacKinnon shouted out and asked her husband if it was he who was knocking at the door and Jeremiah answered that he was there. Isidore said he was not but asked her to let them in. She ordered them away, and they left.

Mrs. Katherine Doucette, grandmother of Jeremiah and mother of Isidore, testified that Saturday night the crowd was at her home and Jeremiah was playing the eukelele. Mr. and Mrs. Dunn had to take Mr. Campbell away as he was drunk and insulting Jeremiah all the time and Jeremiah got mad.

Witness said Jeremiah did not threaten to do anything and that he and Isidore were always friends. She said Jeremiah's wife came to her home about 11 o'clock and asked for her husband. When she was told he was not there she said that she would sit on the doorstep until he returned. When Jeremiah came back he found her there. He and Isdore took her home she said. Jerry said he would be back, she added.

Questioned she said that when Jeremiah came back the last time he told her that he had a "little fight" with Isidore.

Willard Dunn corroborated the statement of his wife, Gertrude Dunn and added that he knew there was going to be trouble and got Campbell away from Jeremiah's grandmother's house.

The inquest was adjourned until Friday at 8 p. m. when additional witnesses will be heard.

The Central Guardian

This column is reserved for news of local interest but advertising of a newsy nature may be inserted at 5 cents a word strictly payable in advance.

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ADDRESSES CONVENTIONS—Hon. Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan addressed a Womens' Institute convention last night at Bridgetown on the subject of the Red Cross and War Work. Last week at Malpeque he spoke on the same subject at another institute convention. There was a large crowd at both halls.

INJURED IN ACCIDENT — Mr. John Garrett, Canadian National Railway employee, is in the City Hospital with a broken hip, received in an accident on the street yesterday. He was driving a bicycle, police said, and started to turn off the street to his left. Apparently he had not noticed a car coming up behind him and was struck by the machine and knocked to the street. Mr. Owen Proude was driving the car, police said.

RECRUITS ARE ENTERTAINED—One hundred and twenty young men, recent recruits into the Canadian Active Service Force leave today for mainland camps. Last night they were entertained at the Armouries at a function arranged jointly by the Carry On Canada Corps and the Canadian Legion War services. Mr. Gordon MacDonald, chairman of the entertainment committee of the Corps and Mr. Albert Dinnis, secretary of the local Legion branch were in charge of the details. Last night's program included instrumental music by the "Quints", dancing by Mary Walsh, Peggy Campbell, Teresa Costello, Edith Whitlock, Lloyd Gallant, and Jack Weatherbie. Soloists included Charles Earle, Bill Trainor and Burnadette Gaudet. The boys will be accompanied to the station this morning by the Prince Edward Island Light Horse band. Cigarettes are supplied by the Carry on Canada Corps.

Mr. J. A. McNeil, General Manager of The Canadian Press, Toronto, is making a tour of the Maritimes and spent the wekend in Charlottetown. He leaves today for Pictou where he will be met by Mr. A. D. Merkel, of Halifax, Atlantic Superintendent. They will motor to Sydney.

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Exchange Tax Rates Discussed In Commons

OTTAWA, July 15.—(CP) — Any person who takes advantage of the 10 per cent. war exchange tax on importations to increase prices unduly may have an excise tax up to 10 per cent. imposed on all or any of the goods in which he deals and become subject to other drastic punishments, under an amendment to the budget resolutions presented today in the House of Commons by Finance Minister Ilsley.

The amendment strengthens and amends instructions contained in the resolution as presented in the budget June 24, directing the wartime prices and trade board to prevent any exploitation of consumers by those who would take advantage of the import tax.

In a general way the amendment makes such a person liable to any penalties which the board is empowered to impose under the regulations set up to guide its operations. In addition the government will, on recommendation of the board:

". . . . Impose upon all or any of the goods produced, sold or dealt in by such person an excise tax at a rate not to exceed 10 per cent. of the selling price of such goods, remove or reduce customs duties (and) applicable thereto (fix the prices therefore.)"

The wartime prices and trade board was set up immediately after war was declared with wide powers to prevent price exploitation in respect to necessities of life.

Todays' amendment empowers the board to deal with any person found to be taking advantage of the 10 per cent. war exchange tax in the same manner as if the goods concerned come within the scope of commodities deemed to be necessities of life.

There was considerable criticism of the war exchange tax which Mr. Ilsley agreed had the same effect as a general tariff increase of 10 per cent. Members from farm communities believed it should not apply to farm implements which must be imported.

No progress was made with the resolutions or the amendment, but an earlier amendment easing the automobile tax burden on new cars in hands of dealers when the budget came down, was accepted.

This provides that cars actually in possession of dealers at the time the budget became effective would be subject only to a flat 10 per cent. Those to which title remained in the manufacturers' hands although in transit at the time of the budget, will be taxed the full amount which ranges up to 80 per cent. of the cost price in excess of $1,200.

Registration Resolutions

At the start of today's proceedings Hon. J. G. Gardiner, Minister of National War Services, tabled the complete regulations under which national registration will be carried out next month. He also tabled a list of registrars and deputy registrars appointed in each electoral riding on recommendation of the sitting member.

Canadian Legion Meeting

A general meeting of the Canadian Legion, Charlottetown Branch, will be held in the Legion Home on Thursday, July 18 at 5.00 P. M., for the purpose of electing delegates to the Provincial Convention of the Canadian Legion.

A. C. DINNIS,
Secretary Charlottetown Branch, Canadian Legion, B. E. S. L.

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When a block of 30 divorce bills sent over from the Senate were put through all stages in 12 minutes, protests came from several members against continuing the practice of rushing through divorces without consideration of facts by the Commons.

Under a long standing arrangement the Senate investigates and examines the evidence in connection with divorce bills and the Commons action is purely formal.

Arthur Slaght (Lib. Parry Sound) suggested this "outmoded farce" ought to be ended. Prime Minister Mackenzie King said such discussions arose periodically and had resulted in a widening of the number of provinces in which divorce courts had been set up until now only Quebec and Prince Edward Island residents came to parliament for divorces.

Patronage Rampant

Charges of patronage, which have been brought by Conservative members from time to time since the session opened, were renewed again.

Conservative Leader Hanson, during discussion of budget resolutions.

Mr. Hanson said he knew of many instances in which patronage was operating in the expenditure of public money on airports and other war projects.

"Down in the county of Westmorland (N.B.) no man can get a job in connection with the building of these airports unless he has a letter from the Liberal machine," Mr. Hanson declared.

He mentioned the Dexter Construction Company.

"Shame on a government that will allow that sort of thing to go on in war time!"

Mr. Hanson said the boss on a Moncton railway job being handled by the Patterson Construction Co., told an applicant for work:

"It is a crime, but you cannot get a job here unless you have a letter from Mr. So-and-So, the local dispenser of patronage in Moncton. Does the Minister approve of that sort of thing?"

"No, I do not," Mr. Ilsley said. He made no other answer to the charges.

Mr. Hanson made a special plea for relief from the 10 per cent. war exchange tax on behalf of dealers bringing in caterpillar tractors ordered by customers who negotiated fixed price contracts before the budget became effective June 25th. Mr. Ilsley said he could promise no special consideration.

M. J. Coldwell (C.C.F. Rosetown-Biggar) urged the government to consider relieving agriculture of the 10 per cent. war exchange tax on imported implements.

Stresses Farm Problems

J. G. Diefenbaker (Con. Lake Centre) asserted this tax would be an added $2,000,000 burden on Canadian agriculture.

If the Government were only anxious to conserve exchange, it should pay the farmers an extra three or four cents a bushel for their wheat to store it at the farms, instead of storing 20,000,000 bushels in the United States right now at a cost of $200,000 a month.

The country also was importing huge quantities of American pork, fruits and vegetables, he said. In the week after the new budget applied 28 carloads of American plums were brought into Montreal involving $56,000 of exchange alone, on the purchase price and on freight.

The Finance Minister said this was argument for a selective tax, for the protection of agriculture. The price of a selective tax would have been termination of the trade agreement with the United States, which provided Canada with valuable markets for fish, lumber and so forth.

U. S. Attitude

The United States had understood Canada's necessity in wartime and so was prepared to accept the general 10 per cent. impost. The general tax was the only one possible. Mr. Ilsley added that increased purchases of imported fruits, as cited, might be the result of increased purchasing power which probably would have been larger if it had not been for the tax.

Walter Tucker (Lib. Rosthern) protested against what he termed the protective principle in the new tax. While 10 per cent. might be protective as far as luxuries were concerned, it undoubtedly was where it affected one of the most depressed industries in the country.

An additional 10 per cent. tax on agriculture at the present time might prove a blow from which that industry would reel for years to come. Other industries did not seem to realize the actual state of agriculture.

Net income of agriculture, according to the report of the Royal Commission on Dominion-Provincial relations, was $439,400,000 in 1937 — and this included a substantial amount for "the privilege of living in their own houses." The average of 1931-37 was 65 per cent. below 1926.

RED CROSS NOTES AND COMMENTS

Summer Knitting For Red Cross Workers

Shoulder shawls, which make suitable summer knitting for people on vacation, are required by Canadian soldiers convalescing in hospitals in Britain, according to word received by the Canadian Red Cross Society. They should be about 30 inches square, plain knitting, bright colors and any weight soft wool.

"No huge quantity will be required," Mrs. Wallace Campbell, National Chairman of the Women's War Work Committee said, "We do not think it necessary for Red Cross Branches and groups to stock wool for this particular purpose because it is probable that many people will contribute the shawls, or the Branches may be able to obtain odds and ends of wool locally."

The need of these shawls was made known through the Hospital Visitors' Committee, one of the services provided overseas by the Canadian Red Cross Society for the comfort of Canadian troops. Members of this committee, mostly Canadian women now resident in England, are assigned to hospitals throughout the Old Country to look after the comfort of every Canadian soldier admitted. The Hospital Visitor reports on his needs to the Soldiers' Comforts Committee of the Canadian Red Cross in London and a parcel is despatched immediately. If the patient is unable to do so himself, the Visitor writes to his relatives in Canada, keeping them informed of his progress.

Red Cross To Meet Evacuees

A recent letter from Dr. F. W. Routley, National Commissioner of the Canadian Red Cross Society states that arrangements have been made with the Nova Scotia and Quebec Divisions to meet evacuee children arriving from England of which they may have definite information. The Red Cross in each province should be notified about any evacuted children to be met so that the information can be passed along to either the Nova Scotia or Quebec Divisions.

Blankets Diverted

Blankets contributed to the Canadian Red Cross Society during the recent appeal have not been sent to France, Dr. Fred W. Routley, said yesterday.

"Although these blankets were intended for the suffering refugees and wounded soldiers in France, we couldn't take a chance on their falling into German hands," the national commissioner said. "The first shipment had been authorized before the French armistice, but we were able to divert the blankets to England, where they will be stored until needed. The remainder, about 60,000, will be held in Canada."

Dr. Routley gave assurance that every blanket contributed would be needed in the days to come. Already the Canadian Red Cross has been asked by the Dominion Government to loan a quantity of blankets to equip the colonist trains carrying refugee children from Britain to destinations in Canada.

"We shall have blankets, sheets, pillow cases, towels, and so on, waiting for the children at the port of arrival," Dr. Routley said.

Among the blankets contributed during the Canadian Red Cross appeal were 20,000 from the paper companies of Canada.