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## Public Accounts Show Increase Of Over Half Million

### For 1931 In Which The Liberals Were In Office For Eight Months. Their Election Year Expenditure Added Over \$500,000 To Liabilities.

Subjoined are the statements of revenue and expenditure of the government for the year ending December 31, 1931. The Liberal Government was in power until the end of August, while the Conservative Government was in office for the last four months. It will be seen that for the year the liabilities have been increased by \$548,920.42. From the statement of estimates and expenditure it will be observed the government exceeded its estimates by no less than \$640,390.77.

#### REVENUE

For the Year ended December 31st, 1931

Dominion Subsidy	\$ 497,181.88
Canadian National Railway—Property Tax	40,000.00
<b>FEES COLLECTED:</b>	
Public Lands	113.01
Provincial Secretary's	1,358.25
Prothonotary	3,201.41
Registry Offices	6,296.49
County Courts	1,450.40
Falconwood Hospital	7,042.24
Private Bills	515.00
Prince of Wales College Seasonal Fees	2,360.00
Prince of Wales College Matriculation Fees	1,053.00
	23,398.80
Fines and Penalties	1,188.24
Succession Duties	11,639.72
Casual Revenue	61,672.65
<b>LICENSES:</b>	
Peddlers	1,005.00
Life Insurance Agents	340.00
Fire Insurance Agents	39.00
Motor Vehicle	136,075.28
	137,459.28

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## 700 Fishermen Adrift On Floe

HELSINGFORS, Finland, March 9.—(A.P.)—An icebreaker put out from Helsingfors late tonight to search for 700 fishermen who were reported to have been driven on to an ice floe somewhere in the eastern part of the Gulf of Finland. The exact whereabouts of the marooned fishermen were unknown. The icebreaker left at 11 p. m. to search for them.

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#### Planes Will Join Search

Aeroplanes are expected to join the search tomorrow from Vipur, for the exact whereabouts of the marooned men was unknown when

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC

"Come to the Bean Supper in French River Hall, Thursday, March 10th. If not fine Friday. 1364-3-9-21

"Don't forget the sale at Summerfield on March 12th. Stock, Farm and Farm Implements. 1363-3-9-41.

"Easter Sale. All kinds artificial flowers, novelties, pictures, etc., 193 Hillboro Street. Jean Finlayson Crockett. 1362-3-10-31.

"Annual meeting Mt. Stewart Shipping Club will be held in the hall on Monday afternoon, March 14th at 1 o'clock. The live stock branch will be represented. D. J. MacDonald, Secy. 1367-3-9-21

"Protection now and always as long as you live can be arranged economically by The Sun Life Assurance Company. Ask J. A. Moore, March 10-41.

"Very important meeting Charlottetown Ladies Auxiliary Protestant Orphanage, Canadian Legion Building, Grafton Street, Friday afternoon, March 11th, at 3.30 P. M. 1374-3-10-31.

## GOVERNMENT LABORATORY IS RAZED

### Damage Estimated at \$80,000 In Its Property Form, But Irreparable In The Loss Of Records, etc.

ST. ANDREWS, N. B., March 9.—(By the Canadian Press)—Damage estimated at \$80,000 in its property form, but irreparable in the loss of records, specimens and equipment, was caused here today when fire destroyed the main laboratory of the Dominion Biological Station, headquarters for Atlantic Fisheries re-

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## BEAUHARNOIS INVESTIGATION

### Senator McDougald Makes Statement Before The Senate Inquiry Committee.

(Canadian Press) OTTAWA, Ont., March 9.—"At no time, directly or indirectly, as chairman of the Montreal Harbor Board, as member of the National Advisory Committee on St. Lawrence waterways, as a Senator of Canada, or as a member of the special committee of the Senate, have I allowed my private interests to interfere with my public duties, nor have I ever, speaking from my place in the Senate, or elsewhere, knowingly made incorrect, or untruthful statements; and I respectfully request this committee so to declare. This was the statement of Senator Wilfred Laurier McDougald, delivered before the Senate committee investigating Beauharnois this afternoon, and was the high light of a session which saw himself and Senator Donat Raymond testifying as to their connection with the col-

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## TWENTY KILLED MANY INJURED IN BLAST

(Special To The Guardian) CAMDEN, N. J., March 9.—Twenty men were reported killed and many others are missing as the result of a terrific blast in the New Jersey public service gas plant here today. The explosion wrecked the building and shattered windows in houses for several blocks. The bodies of sixteen victims recovered were burned practically beyond recognition. All were dead when extricated. A number of workmen taken

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## CHANGCHUN MANCHURIA

Mar. 9.—In Throne Room of the Presidential Palace, Henry Pu Yi, former Emperor of China, and son of Heaven today was formally installed as Chief Executive of the new Independent Manchurian State set up under Japan's tutelage.

## Large Potato Warehouse Is Destroyed

About 2.30 this morning the large potato warehouse at North Wiltshire, owned by Mr. E. Howatt, of Arlington was being razed to the ground by flames and at time of writing the fire was raging unchecked despite valiant efforts of hundreds drawn to the scene of the conflagration. It was understood that no buildings were in danger of catching fire.

## THE WHEAT QUOTA BILL

(By George Hambleton, Canadian Press Staff Writer.)

LONDON, March 9. (Canadian Press Cable)—The House of Commons committee today pursued a placid course through the tortuous ways of the wheat quota bill, the measure which is to give the domestic wheat grower a guaranteed market at a standard price. Many amendments fell by the wayside. Some were defeated and some were withdrawn. The Government majority when the House went to a division was usually around 260. The upshot was to leave the bill much as it was submitted.

Members witnessed the unusual scene of a rejected division. One of the tellers was not present at the entrance to a voting lobby during an entire division. In consequence the chairman of committees declared the division invalid. Another division was called but not pressed; and the House went ahead with the bill. There were a number of pleas the bill should be drafted in language the farmer could understand. Rhys Davies, Labor member for West Houghton, explained to an amused house that better to understand the bill, he translated the whole measure into Welsh. But it was all in vain. Even then he couldn't understand it.

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## LUNENBURG, N. S., March 9.

Dates for the Nova Scotia Fisheries Exhibition this year have been set for September 13, 4, 15, and 16. Mayor W. E. Knock has been re-elected President of the Exhibition.

## Whereabouts Of Lindbergh Baby Said To Be Known

By Francis A. Jamieson Associated Press Staff Writer HOPEWELL, N. J., Mar. 9.—Any hint of police interference with Col. Charles A. Lindbergh's private efforts to recover his kidnapped son was swept away tonight by the simple statement of the head of the State Police that Mrs. Lindbergh's health would not permit it. Secret negotiations being pressed under the direction of the famous flyer are "strictly personal," Col. H. Norman Schwartzkopf said, and "the condition of the health of Mrs. Anne Lindbergh is such that we cannot interfere in these matters."

NEW YORK, N. Y., March 9.—The New York Post said today, Col. Charles A. Lindbergh has known for several days where his kidnapped son is hidden, and opened negotiations with the abductors Sunday night. The Post said it was informed by a person in touch with the Lindberghs. The child is being kept a captive on a boat, according to the informant.

## MONCTON TO BE PREVENTIVE HEADQUARTERS

### Customs Service Will Be Taken Over By Royal Canadian Mounted Police On April 1.

FREDERICTON, N. B., March 9.—(By the Canadian Press)—Moncton will be headquarters for the Maritime Provinces when the Customs Preventive service is taken over by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police on April 1, it was announced today by Major-General J. H. MacBrien, R. C. M. P. Commissioner, who left for Ottawa this afternoon. Superintendent Christian Junget will be in charge of the Maritime Branch. General MacBrien intimated the New Brunswick Provincial Police might be amalgamated with the R. C. M. P. A similar change was being considered in Nova Scotia, he added. This system already is in effect in Alberta and Saskatchewan, and will apply to Manitoba and British Columbia shortly.

## PROV. ORANGE LODGES HOLD ANNUAL MEET

The 71st session of the Right Worshipful Grand Orange Lodge of Prince Edward Island opened in the Boyne Lodge room with all Grand Lodge officers present. Owing to the storm the representation was not as large as usual, but sixty per cent of the lodges in the Province were represented. The Grand Lodge was duly honored during the afternoon session.

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## Easter Recess

OTTAWA, Ont., March 9.—(By the Canadian Press)—The House of Commons will adjourn from Wednesday evening, March 23, until the following Tuesday. In the House this afternoon Premier Bennett indicated that this was the Easter recess proposed by the Government. W. L. Mackenzie King, Opposition leader, said he thought this would be satisfactory to his followers.

## External Audit Shows Over Million Increase

### The Liberal Government Went Behind To The Extent Of Over \$1,100,000 During Term Of Office, Or At Rate Of About \$300,000 Per Annum

Under date of November 6, 1931, Mr. Paul F. Blanchet, C.A., St. John submitted the following report to the Government as External Auditor

"In accordance with the authority of Order-in-Council dated September 30th, 1931, in which I was appointed External Auditor to examine into and report upon the Financial position of the Province of Prince Edward Island as at August 29th, 1931, I have examined the books and accounts recording the financial transactions of the Province and have the honour to report as follows:

1. The total liabilities of the Province as at August 29, 1931, amounted to \$ 3,337,405.98
2. The total liability accrued due and payable at August 29, 1931, amounted to 1,520,491.74
3. The total liability not accrued due and not payable at August 29, 1931 amounted to 1,816,914.24
4. The total liability accrued on contracts at August 29, 1931, amounted to 1,800.00
5. The total tax arrears and other revenue assets as at August 29, 1931, amounted to 382,550.39

#### GENERAL REMARKS

"The following statement shows the increase in total liabilities since 1923, the figures for the first two periods being taken from the published reports.

Sept. 5, 1923. Total liabilities	\$ 1,731,405.73
Aug. 12, 1927. Total liabilities	2,159,504.04
Aug. 29, 1931. Total liabilities	3,337,405.98

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## House Discusses Rebuilding Plans

### Interesting Debate On Bill To Authorize Debenture Issues To Pay Bank Overdraft And Rebuild P. W. C. And Falconwood.

The intentions of the Government, amount of any draft or overdrafts standing against the Government in any bank or banks or now existing in the Bank of Montreal, and for the purpose of repaying all or any part or parts of amounts received by the Government from any person or persons under authority of the provisions of the Act 57, Vic. Cap 6, intitled, "An Act to enable the Government of Prince Edward Island to Receive Temporary Loans" and amendments; or the Act 14, George V. Cap 6, or under both said Acts to raise and provide funds for the purpose of paying off the

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## THE COMING CONFERENCE

LONDON, March 9.—(Canadian Press Cable)—So much importance is attached to the Imperial Economic Conference to be held at Ottawa in July by the National Government that it would cause no surprise if Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald or Stanley Baldwin, Lord President of the Council, headed the United Kingdom delegation. Mr. Baldwin's name is being mentioned more particularly at the present time in connection with the

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## Appointed Field Secy.

TORONTO, Ont., March 9.—(By the Canadian Press)—The Lord's Day Alliance of Canada has announced the appointment of Rev. W. N. Byers, of Oak Bay, N. S., as Field Secretary in the Maritime Provinces. Mrs. Byers graduated from Pine Hill Theological Seminary, Halifax, N. S., in 1925 and has held pastoral charges in Alberta and Saskatchewan. He will take over his new duties April 1, and reside in Truro, N. S.

## DE VALERA TAKES CHARGE OF IRISH GOVT.

### Was Elected President Of Free State Yesterday By A Vote Of 81 to 68.

(By Michael Rooney, Associated Press Staff Correspondent) DUBLIN, March 9.—(A.P.)—Eamon De Valera was elected President of the Irish Free State today by a vote in the Dail Eireann of 81 to 68. The new chief executive this evening took actual charge of the Dail and presented the names of his Ministers. The Ministry is wholly Fianna Fail—the De Valera party which, translated, means soldiers of destiny—and Labor, whose handful of votes will be needed to keep the De Valera Government alive, was not represented. The Ministerial announcement

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## THE GYPSUM QUEEN INQUIRY

OTTAWA, Ont., March 9.—(By the Canadian Press)—The Harvey Commission investigating the Gypsum Queen reparations claim, concluded late this afternoon a second full day's session devoted to the evidence of handwriting experts. Elbridge W. Stein, New York, a professional handwriting expert and a co-worker with the American authority, Albert S. Osborne, was on the stand through the day. He was called by counsel for Senator Hance Logan, and his conclusion was that the disputed signature of John S. Henderson, shipping master

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## Rly. Act Gets First Reading

(Canadian Press) OTTAWA, Ont., March 9.—A private bill amending the Railway Act, and sponsored by G. B. Nicholson, (Cons. Algoma East) was given first reading in the House of Commons today. The chief features of the measure provided compensation for employees moved from one place to another when railways change divisional points and the giving of thirty days' notice to employees in the event of any such changes in location.

## Record & Forecast of the Weather

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, Toronto, Ont., March 9.—Minimum and maximum temperatures.

Dawson 15B-4B	
Vancouver 31-46	
Edmonton 21B-10	
Banff 15B-22	
Winnipeg 12B-6	
Toronto 9-23	
Ottawa 12-24	
Montreal 14-20	
Quebec 16-22	
Saint John 22-28	
Halifax 26-32	
Charlottetown 24-26	

FORECASTS  
Lower St. Lawrence Valley: Strong northwesterly winds, clearing and colder.  
Ottawa and Upper St. Lawrence Valleys: Fresh to strong northwest winds, clearing and cold.  
Gulf and North Shore: Northwest winds increasing to strong; becoming colder with snowflurries.  
Maritime Provinces: Strong west to northwest winds; partly cloudy and somewhat colder; local snowflurries.  
High tide this afternoon at 12:44 and tomorrow morning at 1:11.  
Sun sets this afternoon at 5:59 and rises tomorrow morning at 6:21.  
First quarter moon Tuesday, March 15, 8:41 a. m.  
Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

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CAR FERRY SCHEDULE  
Week days—leaves Borden daily 8:15 a.m. and 11:40 a.m.  
Leaves Tormentine daily: 10:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.