

# Speech By Mr. McGowan In Debate On The Budget

Education, agriculture, finances and child and family welfare were dealt with by Mr. Murdock McGowan, Fourth District of Kings, in an address in the Legislature last week, during the Budget debate.

Mr. McGowan noted that the only tax reduction claimed by the Jones Government, in fulfillment of the forecast in the Speech from the Throne, is in the matter of succession duties. The Dominion duties previously were lower than those imposed by the Province, and now the Province has left this field of taxation to the Dominion. On the basis of last year's collections this would mean a reduction to the taxpayer, but the fact is that this year the Dominion rates have been doubled, Mr. McGowan pointed out. Sales tax, excise tax, luxury tax, income, corporation taxes, and all the wartime taxes are still imposed with the exception of the 3 percent Dominion gasoline tax which has now been added to the Provincial tax.



Mr. Murdock McGowan

In dealing with the tax agreement, Mr. McGowan pointed out that the amount received, \$2,100,000 was the minimum that could be awarded any Province.

More money, he believed, should be spent on agricultural education. There had been no fieldmen in King's County for the past two years, and he hoped one would be appointed this year. The lime bonus, he suggested, should be increased, thus enabling the farmers to get more lime at a cheaper rate. There was no doubt that the farmer received the smallest return for his labor of any people in the Province and they are at the disadvantage of having to import a lot of their feeds from Western Canada.

The roads, Mr. McGowan said, are about as bad as they were for many years in this Province. There was plenty of gravel in his district, but most of it is generally hauled into adjoining districts. "We are entitled to more gravel than we are getting," he maintained. "We need more roads widened out, and some paving. We have not any paving in our district at all and I feel that it is time we were getting a square deal in this respect."

"The gasoline tax is now 15

cents," Mr. McGowan continued. "I feel that this Government should not have put that tax on, because it was a wartime tax which the Dominion took off. Fishermen are using cars to transport equipment to the fishing grounds, and they are paying this tax just as well as the people from the city who use the roads just for pleasure."

### Machines Inadequate

"All the machines are entirely too small," he continued. "A lot of bushes are growing up along the roads and the machines are too light and worn out to look after this condition. Now that there has been so much machinery bought I hope that we will get our share in my district."

He noted that the Ministers have increased their own salaries by \$1,000 without touching the small \$400 indemnity received by the ordinary members, who must come here and pay their own expenses. "I think that was a lot worse than the members at Ottawa giving themselves a \$2,000 tax-free increase. Here there were just a few who took the money and left the other members to get along as best they could."

Mr. McGowan called attention

to the difficulty of obtaining veterans' building material. The veterans cannot get cement unless they pay an exorbitant rate to the contractor, at a cost two or three times greater than that at which they could do the work themselves.

The Government claimed they had loosened the liquor regulations because of the demand from war veterans. Apparently the idea was to get back some of the gratuities which the returned men received. It is now apparent that the amendment to the Act has not cut down the sale or consumption of liquor. Mr. McGowan quoted the figures, showing that in 1932 the government liquor profit was only \$39,000, as compared with \$590,000 last year.

### Education

With regard to regional high schools, he believed the Government should be very careful in selecting the experimental places. He would like to see a regional school started in his district, with Montague as the centre, at an early date. He believed this would be an ideal place with which to start.

"In connection with education, I should like to endorse the favourable editorial comment appearing in the Guardian this morning in respect to the recognition by the government of the teachers' claims," Mr. McGowan said. "I should like, also, to say that this government made a definite step in the right direction when it appointed a School Attendance Officer. This appointment has had a definitely favourable effect upon school attendance throughout the province."

"I should also like to commend the government for its increased recognition of hospital claims but I seriously question whether the follow up to these two steps in the right direction, is adequate in view of the current trend exhibited by all democratic nations."

### Child Welfare

"I suggest that the child and family welfare phase is not being adequately provided for and I feel that any money expended in the field of child and family welfare is money well invested and its expenditure will not be questioned by any intelligent person. I personally know a great many cases in this Province where delinquent school attendance results directly from poverty and ignorance on the part of the parents

concerned, and I submit that this government has done little or nothing to alleviate that situation. The result is large families of children in districts where schools and teachers are provided are growing up in ignorance, not only insofar as academic education is concerned but also they are rapidly growing into juvenile delinquents. These juvenile delinquents are already costing this province a considerable sum of money. "I submit that, if a person trained in welfare work were employed by the government to investigate the home conditions in such cases, and to make recommendations as to the possible solution of these conditions and, were the government willing to follow these recommendations, any cost to the government would be money well invested and these children would have an opportunity to become an asset to our province and to make their just contribution to the economy of the province.

"Under present circumstances, as I have said before, they will soon become liabilities to the province. The same fact obtains as regards health.

"In all too many cases, families of five, six, seven or eight children are living under horrible conditions with parents one or both of whom are suffering from communicable diseases, or are handicapped by communicable diseases in such a way as to seriously affect the possibility of the children growing up to be useful citizens.

"I submit that our present government has not, to date, taken any appropriate action in this situation. I submit, that if a qualified welfare worker had been employed by the Government of this Province several years ago and had that welfare worker's recommendations been intelligently interpreted, we should have a much smaller item than \$5,000 earmarked for juvenile delinquency for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1948. I believe that a considerable portion of that \$5,000 is now leaving the Province to be expended on the maintenance of juvenile delinquents presently serving sentences in Mainland Institutions.

### A Good Investment

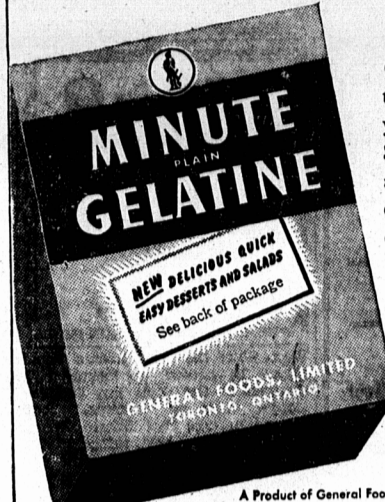
"Even under the set-up which I suggest, should the expenditure on behalf of juvenile delinquents be ten times as large, the money would prove to be a good investment. "We have heard much talk pertaining to making our province a

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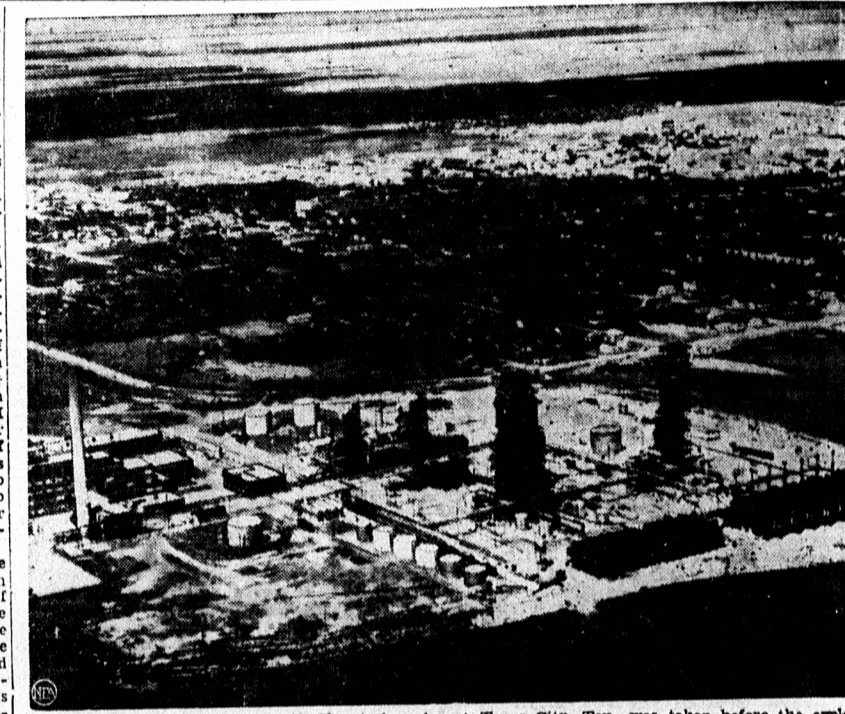
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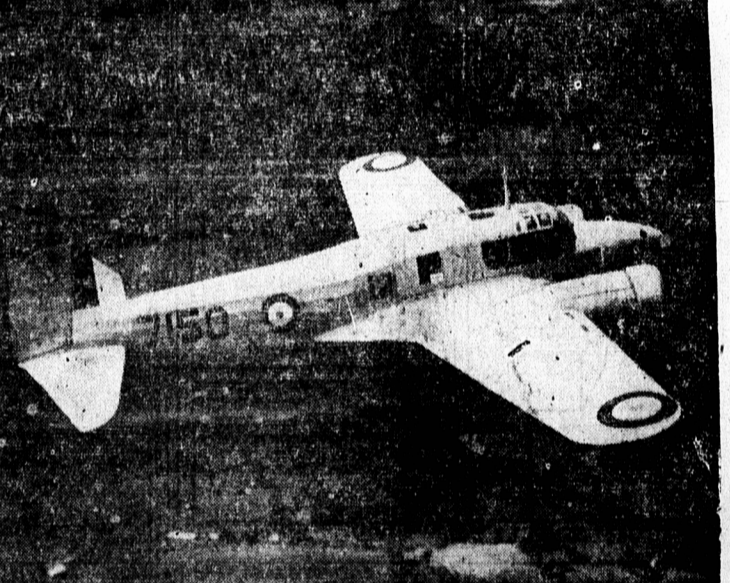
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These Frenchmen Will Remember



In ironic contrast, these pictures also show Frenchmen for whom the end of the war left unforgettably bitter memories and a Jap sailor who was skeptically astonished when told that his country had been defeated. The French youths, left, dressed in prison uniform worn in notorious Buchenwald camp, stand at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Paris. Wartime prisoners, they participated in ceremonies cele-

## THE WAR IS OVER



brating the liberation of the horror camp. The Jap is Superior Seaman Tsuchida, who recently, after much argument and persuasion, admitted the war was over and surrendered to U. S. Marines on the Pacific island of Peleliu. With group that hid out since U. S. took island in 1944, he had never heard of the atom bomb. Cpl. William O. Hall is pictured guarding him.

This Jap Sailor Just Finds Out

disease free area for cattle and certified seed potatoes. This is a commendable legislation. In connection with seed potatoes, it is suggested that farmers be prohibited from planting anything but certified seed stock. I believe a lesson can well be learned from what the Department of Agriculture has accomplished. Agriculture to accomplish, in that regard. That lesson could well be applied in this province to our greatest asset, our children.

"I note in the estimates of expenditure for the current fiscal year the sum of \$1800 ear-marked for a Welfare Officer. I sincerely hope that this Welfare Officer will be a person who is graduated from a recognized school of Social Work and that that person be given every cooperation by the Provincial Department of Health & Welfare. At the present time, I believe that we have a Director of Child Welfare, paid a salary of \$2000. I wonder if this person is qualified to be senior to, or to give instruction to the person who may be named as Welfare Officer whom, I trust, would be a graduate in social work.

"I further submit that if the Social Welfare problems which can readily be found as a result of the work of the School Attendance Officer, and as a result of the work of the Welfare Officer are properly dealt with, that we should soon find our Provincial Sanatorium much larger than our needs and that few, if any, juvenile delinquents would be exported to the Province of Nova Scotia to be paid for by the taxpayers of this province.

### ONCE CASUAL PASTIME PRAIRIE DRAMA BOOMS

SASKATOON, April 20 —(CP)—Drama in Saskatchewan had graduated from a casual pastime to a well-organized undertaking.

Organization of the score of rural and urban drama groups in the province has been undertaken by the Saskatchewan Drama League, a voluntary organization affiliated with the extension department of the University of Saskatchewan. There are about 160 paid-up members and various types of provincial festivals are operated by the parent body.

The senior festival, held throughout the year, is for experienced groups. A class "B" festival also is held for less experienced groups from smaller towns or villages. In addition, there is an intermediate festival for junior groups, under 21 years of age, who have left school.

Local, district, zone and finally northern and southern elimination festivals are held for high school groups, culminating with the northern and southern winners presenting their plays at the festival for provincial honors.

A number of public school festivals are held as well but they are not organized on a provincial basis.

The league owns and operates a large library of plays with more than 2,000 different titles. These are loaned to members free of cost for the purpose of reading and selecting plays.

Types of plays preferred vary a great deal. Junior groups usually prefer comedies and mysteries whereas the senior players attempt fantasies, comedies, dramas and tragedies.

There is usually good audience response, and full houses are the rule rather than the exception. However, biggest problem is lack of suitable halls and stages. Although there has been some talk of building community centres with good hall and stage facilities no concrete action has yet been taken.

### EGGS ARE CANVASSES FOR WESTERN ARTIST

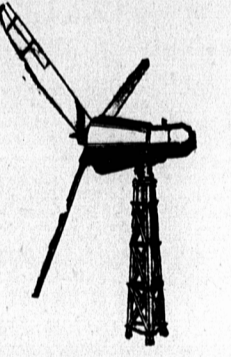
EDMONTON, April 20 —(CP)—Mrs. James Paley of Edmonton is an artist in her own way. Her canvasses are hens' eggs; her equipment beeswax, dyes and a "kiska," a small penlike instrument which she uses in place of

a brush. For Mrs. Paley is a painter of the "Easter Egg" school. Every year during the Easter season she carries on an old Ukrainian custom—painting eggs in gay, spring-like colors. This is the Easter tradition in the Ukraine, whence Mrs. Paley came to Canada in 1938. Each egg is a miniature work of art, sporting intricate designs of vivid yellows, greens and reds. Mrs. Paley thinks up the design herself, but to save time she sometimes copies a needlework pattern. It takes her about two hours to "do" one egg. Careful work is required for the eggs are unbrown. After a time the contents of the eggs dry out, and only the glorified shells remain. Mrs. Paley learned her art when only 10 years old, from her step mother in the Ukraine. She has carried it on ever since, painting the eggs for her family and friends and for the various Ukrainian bazaars.

WOMEN'S LEGION BRANCH EDMONTON, April 21 —(CP)—The first Alberta branch of the Canadian Legion, composed entirely of women has been opened in Edmonton. It has a membership of 300, and is known as Albert branch No. 218. POISON SIGNALS Headaches and dizziness by the presence of carbon monoxide fumes may be signals of poisoning.

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