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Federal Expenditures

The main estimates for the coming fiscal year, tabled in the House of Commons on Thursday, are considerably higher than Finance Minister Fleming's original forecast.

It is important to note that the major expenditure boosts for the new year are for the purpose of meeting higher welfare costs, including increased federal charges under the national hospital insurance scheme, and higher debt charges arising out of increased rates and expansion of government borrowings.

For this Province the Government plans generously for an expenditure of \$11,000,000 during the year. The details, listed in yesterday's Guardian, show that the appropriations are for needed public works and are in line with the pledges given by Conservative candidates during the election campaign.

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brought in dogs to hunt them and the dogs also became wild. The result has been a decimation of the islands' natural fauna by wild pigs—which root out reptile eggs—as well as by the dogs and goats.

It is believed that a Darwin Biological Station could serve a dual purpose. With the unique fauna of the Galapagos, it would be an ideal laboratory for biologists. Then, too, since fishing is of extreme economic importance to the region, it is extremely well-situated for studying the cool Humboldt Current which teems with fish of all kinds.

Seaway Tolls Again

An Ottawa dispatch quotes a Transport Department spokesman as saying that the Canadian and United States Governments have reached "common ground" on St. Lawrence Seaway tolls.

Meanwhile, it is reported that some opposition to tolls may be expected when the subject comes up in Parliament. The CCF Party is on record as opposing the imposition of tolls of any kind, anywhere on the route.

But, as we have said before in these columns, the Seaway is bound to have an adverse affect on Maritime ports in any event. Without tolls, these ports would hardly be in any position at all to compete with the Seaway.

EDITORIAL NOTES

A report from Torquay, Eng. says that the mysterious playing of an organ in the parish church is attributed to an organist who died 75 years ago. It's time for him to retire.

An indication of the cost of the cold war is found in an Ottawa report which says that this year the Canadian Government will spend more money than was spent in 1943-44 at the height of the Second World War.

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Where Caution Should Be Used

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D. RECENTLY I told you about certain diseases such as measles, mumps, chicken pox and the common cold, which present a threat to your children's hearing.

Now, a Yale Medical School professor comes up with another potential danger—improperly used nose drops!

Dr. Norton Canfield goes so far as to say that indiscriminate use of nose drops presents a definite threat to hearing.

What happens if you use a considerable quantity of nose drops? They relieve the stuffiness temporarily and you can breathe more easily.

This, says Dr. Canfield, may make the cold last longer than it normally would by opening up the channels which nature has carefully closed to prevent the sinuses and ears from becoming infected.

HEARING AFFECTED If the ears become infected, hearing is diminished. This is usually a temporary situation, but antibiotic treatment may be necessary to clear up the infection.

Your ears are probably healthy and strong enough to recover from a few such infections. But permanent damage may take place when infections occur frequently.

I would like to add one more possible danger of nose remedies. If a child begins using them improperly early in life, he may become dependent on them every time a cold strikes in later years.

QUESTION AND ANSWER J. A.: What are the symptoms of neurocirculatory asthenia? Answer: Neurocirculatory asthenia is sometimes called a "Soldier's Heart". Symptoms are breathlessness, giddiness, mental and physical fatigue, pain in the heart region and palpitation.

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From The Guardian Files)

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

(Feb. 7, 1934)

Another branch of the Carnegie Library was opened in the Province yesterday at Kensington. The Premier, Hon. Dr. MacMillan was present and gave an eloquent address.

The Mock Trial put on by the Summerside Board of Trade to assist in providing funds to advertise the Town of Summerside was successfully staged Tuesday night at the Capitol Theatre.

TEN YEARS AGO

(Feb. 7, 1949)

The local Junior Chamber of Commerce was reorganized last night at a well attended meeting held in the City Hall, presided over by Mr. Earl Nicholson.

It is good news to hear from Paul Martin's mouth that he is not planning to retire from public life; that he proposes to pursue the elusive and sometimes cruel vampire of politics, rather than the fat and uninspiring hog of commerce.

Franco's Regime Weakening?

By David Rowntree Canadian Press Staff Writer

Politics has been a dangerous subject to discuss in Spain for 20 years and in Portugal for longer than that. Most of the talk has been in secret, the speakers fearing discovery by the police.

Recently there have been signs that opposition by Spaniards to dictator Francisco Franco is becoming more active and more outspoken.

The Franco regime appears to be letting the critics have their say, watching until a danger of real action arises and then moving in. So far, those who have urged the overthrow of the government have been few.

We cannot prosper as a nation if every province, or every group in industry or labour seeks its own welfare regardless of the welfare of the country; we are only sabotaging or undermining the economy of the country as a whole.

As expected, the opposition candidate, Gen. Humberto Delgado, lost to the government nominee, Delgado criticized Salazar and his policies and promised reforms. Six months after the election he lost his job as director of civil aviation and prepared to seek asylum in Brazil.

In Madrid last week, at a polite and formal banquet, rare

NOTES BY THE WAY

There is nothing more annoying than to ask somebody how he feels and then have him tell you.—St. Thomas Times-Journal

Maybe we shouldn't worry too much about Communism being taught in some schools. Spelling is taught, too, but few learn it.—Brandon Sun

The trouble with women in business," says a Detroitite, "is if you treat 'em like men, they cry; and if you treat 'em like women, darned if they don't get the best of you."—Arlington, Tex. Citizen

In Tokyo, the police force is recruiting a special section of widowed mothers which will specialize in battling juvenile delinquency; believing apparently that the hand that rocks the cradle can rule the delinquents.—Ottawa Journal

In the Commons, Miss Margaret Aitken contends that lipstick is not a luxury, which is a tenable point provided it is not slapped on apparently with a trowel.—Ottawa Journal

"The percentage of single men who run afoul of the law is almost three times that of married men," says a statistician. It seems to be a human weakness to abuse freedom.—Kitchener-Waterloo Record

When United States unions support Canadian strikes, do they do so, we wonder, with tongue in cheek, knowing that Canada's loss of business through work stoppages is their own country's gain?—Ottawa Journal

Naturally, there is a lot of confusion about outer space, since the only people who really understand it are about ten years old and busy with school, cub scouts and piano lessons.—Winnipeg Tribune

The mighty Rhone glacier, one of Switzerland's wonders, is slowly shrinking. Within its recorded history, the frozen river has retreated two miles up the valley. It is now eight miles long.—National Geographic Society News

A famous big-league umpire has remarked that he could never understand how crowds in the grandstand, hundreds of feet from the plate, could see better and judge more accurately than he can, when he is never more than seven feet away. In life, too, we call strikes on a chap when we are too far away to understand.—Portage, Man., Enterprise

Monday night, the former Junior Chamber of Commerce ceased its activities here in 1947 when its members amalgamated with the Senior Board of Trade.

Neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. A.P. Gallant of Richmond who lost home and all their furniture and clothing in a fire on January 30th, are rallying to give what assistance they can towards getting this elderly couple re-established. A collection of clothing and household articles has already been completed.

MAXIMS The test of our religion is whether it fits us to meet emergencies. A man has no more character than he can command in a time of crisis.

What most people have ready for a rainy day is a freshly washed car.—Brandon Sun

There may be a difference between vertical integration and a contract farming, though the objective appears to be the same. Vertical integration probably is different because it is the term that is applied when the farmer or producer makes a contract with a private-enterprise, capitalistic company, under which he operates his farm with the financial assistance of the company.

Turkey farmers have suffered in the past from a psychological handicap—the association of their product almost exclusively with the Christmas season. Obviously a food product that is eaten at only one meal in the year is not that can be produced in great quantities. Individual turkey growers are combating this view and have been steadily working toward the goal of making turkey a food eaten year round, as chicken, is and are having some success.

The Age Old Story As often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till He come.

The Poets Corner CLASSROOMS AT DUSK What shines of loneliness these classrooms are. As final daylight stabs the hour with flames

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