

## Prince of Wales 4th Year Graduates

### Ottawa Report

By Patrick Nicholson

During the present fiscal year, the Federal Government will pay out five and one quarter billion dollars, according to the Budget estimate of Mr. D. C. Abbott, Minister of Finance.

Between now and the end of the parliamentary session when the start of the hot weather makes M.P.'s rush for home, these estimates will be hustled through Parliament for rubber-stamp approval. In round figures, the House of Commons will approve the spending of about \$200,000,000 on each sitting day.

The superficial study which Parliament can make in the course of such hurried business is something less than junior would devote to the outlay of a dime. Inevitably there must be considerable waste and extravagance, if not worse, in the spending of our tax money with such inadequate scrutiny.

An example of the impossibility of housekeeping care in the absence of a permanent staff is the disposal of waste when the estimates for the Department of Public Works were being considered.

One item read: "Ottawa, maintenance and operation of public buildings and grounds including repairs and upkeep, rents, furnishings, heating etc. \$14,996,664."

#### Army Of Chars

The details of this item showed that about one-third of the total will go to pay for an army of 3,150 members of the maintenance staff, including engineers, caretakers, greenhousesmen, blacksmiths, chauffeurs, upholsterers, stone carvers, plumbers and one signwriter, one seamstress and 2,071 charwomen.

The remaining ten million dollars was lumped under un-descriptive headings and Parliament might never have known the details had not that Conservative watchman Howard Green (Vancouver-Quadra) asked for details.

For a brief 8-minute question and answer period, Mr. Green then prompted Hon. Robert Winters, Minister of Public Works, to explain where ten million dollars can easily be spent on the upkeep of public buildings in Ottawa.

#### Rats, Drapes & Silver

Item: Control of rats in government buildings, \$14,000.

Item: Venetian blinds, \$25,000.

Item: Governor General's residence, electric burglar and fire protection, \$950; control of rats, \$200; furnishings, \$2,000; rugs and drapes, \$2,500; replacement of furniture, \$25,000, the same as last year; fuel, \$22,000; repairs to kitchen equipment, \$2,000; china and glassware, \$2,000; supplies for greenhouses, \$6,500; new beds and bed linen for household staff, \$2,000; uniforms and caps, \$12,000; painting, \$3,000; repairs to greenhouses, \$2,000; reconstruction of veranda at cottage, \$3,000; repairs to roof, \$2,500; new oven, \$1,000; painting interior, \$4,500.

Item: Prime Minister's house, furnishings, \$2,000; fuel, \$1,900.

Item: House of Commons, rugs, fans etc \$35,000; for, \$8,000; new hall clocks, \$2,000, the same as last year. Senate, rugs, fans etc \$20,000.

There is no committee of the House of Commons specifically constituted to examine the estimates in detail; this is a glaring and easily remedied gap in Parliament's checking of government expenditure.

The Senate's Standing Committee on Finance, under the watchdog chairmanship of the redoubtable Senator Tom Crerar, was authorized to examine the estimates on behalf of our Upper Chamber two years ago, and did a very workmanlike job in querying what it considered examples of waste and extravagance.

But neither last year nor this year was the Crerar committee turned loose in this happy hunting ground. The taxpayer can but deplore this omission, and ask "Why not?" Could it be that Tom Crerar, a Liberal, embarrassed the government by his committee's red flag of warning in its conclusion: "The increasing costs of the whole apparatus of Government in Canada is a matter for concern?"



Norris Mizuno: son of Mr. and Mrs. George Mizuno, Summer-ville, Ontario. Next year Norris will continue his studies at the University of Toronto.



John Gillis: son of Mrs. J. H. Gillis and the late Mr. Gillis of Flat River. Next year John plans to study medicine at Dalhousie University.



Virginia Coffin: daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Coffin, Rollo Bay West. Virginia's plans to further her education are at present time indefinite.



Kent Ellis: son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Ellis, Souris. Kent plans to study medicine at Dalhousie University.

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## FINE WORK SHOWN IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY BUILDING AT FALCONWOOD

The strides made in the use of occupational therapy to aid mental cases is strikingly illustrated in the display now open to the public at Falconwood Hospital.

Some of the work done there by patients is almost amazing in skill and minuteness of detail. This applies particularly to the display of handwork, needlework and rug hooking done by women patients. The occupational therapy building provides inmates of Falconwood with a means of not only filling in their time, but also doing something useful each day. Workers in the psychiatric field believe that this factor means much in aiding patients which even when only partial is still a great improvement.

Housed in the building are the two large workrooms, a gleaming kitchen where those working may have tea and cookies, which they are permitted to make for themselves, each morning and afternoon. There is also a beauty salon with a qualified beautician and hairdresser three times each week to provide the women patients with permanent waves.

The large number of visitors yesterday also saw the recreation where members of the staff served tea and cake. Among the visitors was a large group from the Teacher Training class. They were escorted by two nurses, Miss Mona Clay and Ruth Ross. The room is complete with card tables and comfortable chairs, a pool table and an excellent library.

#### Men's Workroom

In the men's workroom there is a fine display of a wide variety of woodwork. Included are lawn chairs, end tables, magazine racks, cabinets and tool chests. The workmanship is excellent. There is also a small loom for weaving plaid scarves, place mats and similar items. A considerable amount of leather work is also shown from ornate picture frames to key cases.

Several pairs of felt bedroom slippers are shown and the workmen ingeniously placed an inner sole of leather between two layers of felt to stiffen them.

Each day the patients have a special program laid out for them in the auditorium which now serves largely as the main recreation centre. In charge of it is Mr. Jack (Spy) Ready well known city athlete. There is a different program each day ranging from basketball and volleyball to square dancing. Also there are checkers and crokinole, ping pong and regular showings of films.

An innovation was recently introduced by Dr. A. J. Murchison, medical superintendent of Falconwood. He made available an area to offer facilities to the Canadian

National Institute for the Blind. In it is a canteen where patients can obtain candy, fruit and other comforts. Formerly friends and relatives had to carry all these things when they went to visit, but now they can even just mail in whatever amount of money they wish and the patient's needs are taken care of. The money is turned over to the C. N. I. B. and credited to the individual.

## IN MEMORIAM

The community of French River was shocked to learn of the sudden passing of William Layton Delaney, which occurred on April 12, 1954. Mr. Delaney was born in French River on May 19, 1885, the younger son of the late Jonathan and Jane (MacKenzie) Delaney, and lived there practically all his lifetime. Of a quiet and retiring disposition he was much admired for his fine qualities, and will be greatly missed by his neighbors and friends.

He leaves to mourn a son, Eric, with the R.C.A.F. in London, Ont.; a grand-daughter, June; and a brother, John M. in Calgary, Alta. Funeral services were held in Geddie Memorial Church on April 16, and were largely attended. Rev. D. A. Campbell conducted the services. Pall bearers were Messrs. Cecil Harding, Donald Lamont, Andrew Bain, Emerson Delaney, Elmer MacLeod, George Howatt. Interment was in the family plot, beside an infant daughter who predeceased him.

#### FEVER GERMAN TOURISTS

DUESSELDORF, Germany, (AP)—German travel bureaus said Tuesday that recent anti-German propaganda in the Netherlands has caused a noticeable drop in German traffic to Dutch tourist centres. Many German newspapers this week published Amsterdam dispatches reporting anti-German demonstrations and press criticism in the Netherlands.

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FUNERAL HELD PRIVATELY — The funeral of the late Jeanette Ann Darrach, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Darrach, West Royalty, was held privately from the MacLean Funeral Home to Clyde River Cemetery. Service was conducted by Rev. Donald Nicholson.

MT. A. CONCERT TOUR—The itinerary of the annual spring concert tour has been announced by Mount Allison University and for the first time the party will be heard beyond the Maritime Provinces. In the group selected are two sopranos and a pianist. A faculty accompanist will be with them. They are scheduled to be heard in this city Friday of next week, May 14.

LEGION MEETING — The regular monthly meeting of the Vernon River Branch Canadian Legion was held on May 3, at Mt. Allison. Reports of Committee were read and approved. It was decided to hold a smoker in the Branch home on Monday, May 10th. After the general business meeting was finished, the special speakers for the evening were introduced, the first being Major John A. MacDonald, Dominion Representative who gave a very interesting talk on the work done by the Canadian Legions Branches in rural areas and also the work done by the Canadian Legion in general, across Canada. The next speaker was Comrade G. M. Sinclair, Zone Commander for Queens County who

## Liked Charwoman's Role In N.F.B. Film U. S. Dollar Down

OTTAWA, (CP) Mrs. Inez MacDonald of Ottawa, "just loved" the life of a charwoman, but she's glad to be able to sleep at night again.

She spent six hectic days keeping the hours of a charwoman for the National Film Board.

Mrs. MacDonald, director Leonard Forest of Moncton, 14 charwomen and a cameraman, John Roy of Montreal, worked together in the NFB's new short, "The Charwoman," in the Parliament Buildings.

"The filming end of the picture is finished," said Mr. Forest. "But there is still lots of work to be done." Now the films will be developed and "cut" into proper sequence for the finished production—a 10-minute short.

## Personals

The many friends of Gloria Jean Kennedy will be sorry to hear she entered the P. E. I. Hospital Monday night and underwent an emergency appendix operation.

#### OFF TO THE BIG JUMP

DURBAN, South Africa (Reuters)—Leaping Lena, South Africa's first "international" jumping frog, and two others called Nippy Neptune and Dopey Joe, Tuesday began a 13,000-mile hop to California—by plane. They will represent South Africa at an international frog jumping contest there May 22 and 23.

gave a very interesting talk on the Service Bureau work carried on by the Canadian Legion on behalf of the veterans in Canada. He also stated that there would be a Zone Rally to be held in Charlottetown sometime in May and urged that all members of the Vernon River Branch attend. Both speakers were thanked by the chairman for the evening, Vice-President Warren Myers.

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