

PROPOSED CHANGES

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passed by the federal cabinet. Other recommendations: 1. That all charges be based on the Criminal Code or Canadian statute. At present charges can be laid under the common law of England and under old English statutes.

Every one who is criminally negligent who shows a wanton or reckless disregard for the lives or safety of other persons by doing anything or by omitting to do anything that it is his duty to do. Duty would mean a duty imposed by law or a duty for the breach of which a person could be found liable in civil proceedings.

Cases For Judge And Jury

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Except for December, the cost-of-living index rose every month in 1951. For the year, the increase amounted to 11 per cent, but most of the rise occurred in the first two quarters. Declines in February and March of this year brought it back to August, 1951.

Preliminary estimates placed gross national production at \$21,241,000,000 against \$18,122,000,000 in 1950 and \$16,492,000,000 in 1949. Allowing for the upward movement of prices of about 11 per cent, the government estimated the "real" increase in product was something more than five per cent.

Gross national income was estimated at \$17,229,000,000 against \$14,555,000,000 and \$13,194,000,000 in 1950 and 1949. Personal income was \$15,818,000,000 against \$13,457,000,000 and \$12,241,000,000 in 1950 and 1949.

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At present the code sets out the minimum and maximum penalties which a judge may impose. "Your commissioners consider that all minimum punishments should be abolished and none are contained in the draft bill," said the report.

On the question of criminal negligence, the report said a great deal of confusion has arisen, particularly in motor-manslaughter cases, as to the degree of negligence required to sustain a conviction against an accused person.

Defines Criminal Negligence The definition of criminal negligence in the existing code is too broad, said the report, and the courts have held that to be guilty of negligence an accused must have shown such disregard for lives and safety of others as to amount to a crime against the state.

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Without making a recommendation, the commission said it favors abolition of the grand jury in the interests of uniformity. "It has been abolished in every part of the British Commonwealth except in Canada where it remains in five provinces—Ontario, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland," said the report.

"However, the grand jury forms part of the judicial machinery for the enforcement of the law in those provinces where it has been retained. Moreover it has in the past been abolished only in those provinces that have asked for its abolition.

Fiscal Highlights

OTTAWA, April 7.—(CP)—Highlights of the economic white paper tabled today in the Commons by Finance Minister Abbott:

Estimated budgetary surplus of \$355,737,000 for the 1951-52 fiscal year compared with \$211,294,000 for 1950-51. Revenue for 1951-52 reached an all-time high at \$4,003,111,000, an increase of \$890,575,000.

Expenditures estimated at \$3,647,374,000, an increase of \$746,132,000. Estimated national debt at end of fiscal year \$11,077,600,000, a decrease of \$2,343,800,000 from its peak of \$13,421,400,000 in 1946.

Personal income tax yielded an estimated \$980,000,000 in 1951-52, an increase of \$327,700,000 or 50.2 per cent over the previous year. Corporation income tax, largest source of revenue, yielded \$1,134,000,000, an increase of \$334,800,000 or 42 per cent over the previous year.

Excise duties down by more than \$19,000,000 largely due to a drop in sales of tobacco products and alcoholic beverages. 757,000,000. Personal spending on consumer goods and services was shown at \$13,062,000,000 against \$11,862,000,000 and \$10,963,000,000. Another \$1,016,000,000 of the personal income total went for taxes, compared with \$735,000,000 and \$789,000,000.

The remainder of personal income went into personal savings, which totalled an estimated \$1,740,000,000, compared with \$860,000,000 in 1950 and \$1,005,000,000 in 1949. Labor income was estimated at \$9,640,000,000, 17 per cent above 1950. Annual average earned income per paid worker rose from \$2,316 in 1950 to \$2,551 in 1951.

Average weekly earnings in nine leading non-agricultural industries average \$49.61 against \$44.84. The December figure was \$52.41 for 1951 and \$46.63 in 1950. Hourly earnings in manufacturing were \$1.24 at the end of 1951, compared with \$1.08 a year earlier.

Part of the increase in total labor income was accounted for by higher employment. The number of people employed throughout 1951 averaged 5,175,000, an increase of 129,000 over 1950. The civilian labor force, which includes both employed and unemployed, averaged 5,284,000, up 67,000.

Investment in plant, equipment and housing continued to increase and formed a slightly larger share of gross national expenditure. It totalled \$3,807,000,000 against \$3,216,000,000 in 1950 and \$2,968,000,000 in 1949.

Preliminary estimates indicated new residential construction declined to \$778,000,000 from \$801,000,000 in 1950, while other new construction rose to \$1,215,000,000 from \$1,026,000,004 and investment in new machinery and equipment climbed to \$1,814,000,000 from \$1,389,000,000.

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The Week at S.D.U.

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Advertisement for Firestone tires, featuring a large tire image and the text: 'BUY Firestone TIRES SAVE WITH SAFETY LOW-PRICED CHAMPION Terrific Value!'.

DAILY CROSSWORD puzzle with clues and a grid. Clues include: Across: 1. Rodent (So. Am.), 5. Rendered fat of swine, 9. River (Russ.), 10. Exhorts (premium), 11. Lassic, 12. Corrosion on iron, 13. Foot of two long syllables (Pros.), 14. Born, 15. Obtain, 17. Tiny, 18. Man's nickname, 21. Western state, 23. Unit of work, 25. Sun god, 26. Thin, as fabric, 28. Glossy fabric, 30. Tellurium (sym.), 31. Wet earth, 33. Face of a clock, 34. Openings (anat.), 36. Chart, 38. Upward curving of ship's planking, 39. Pennies, 42. Persian coin, 43. Journey, 45. Poker stake.

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE puzzle with clues and a grid. Clues include: Across: 1. Fencing sword, 47. Fail to hit, 48. Respite, 1. Kind of dog, 2. Beards of rye, 3. Fish, 4. Permit, 5. Pantries, 6. Chills and fever, 7. Ascends, 8. Speck (Pros.), 14. Born, 15. Relish, 16. Anesthetic, 19. Adherent of Arius, 20. Masculine, 22. Border of a garment, 24. Wander about idly, 27. Wrinkles, 28. Thin sheets of paper, 32. Dibble, as bait, 35. Drupelets of fruit, 37. Masculine name, 40. Cereal grains, 41. Thick cord, 42. Male sheep, 44. Soak flax.

Advertisement for the 1952 Morris Oxford car, featuring a woman and the car. Text includes: 'Even I can park the NEW 1952 MORRIS!', '1. SO EASY ON GAS', '2. SO EASY TO PARK', '3. SO EASY ON THE POCKET', and 'MacKAYS GARAGE St. Peters Road Charlottetown Phone 2648-L'.

Advertisement for Toledo Motors Limited, featuring a cartoon illustration of a man and a woman. Text includes: 'OUT OUR WAY By J. R. Williams', 'BORN THIRTY YEARS TOO SOON', and 'YESTERDAY'S CRYPTOQUOTE: WHAT WOULD LIFE BE WITHOUT ARITHMETIC, BUT A SCENE OF HORRORS!—SMITH.'

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