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but good men; the rest love not
freedom, but licence.

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is a name of dignity and office,
not of person?

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TIME BOMB IS FOUND ABOARD BIG U. S. AIR TRANSPORT

New Freight Rates Hearing Held At Ottawa

Deficit Forecast In N. S. Budget Speech; Sales Tax Hinted At

HALIFAX, April 17 (CP)—Premier Angus L. Macdonald tonight brought down Nova Scotia's 1950 budget, forecasting the first deficit in more than a decade.

He predicted a deficit of \$1,835,297 for the 16 months ending March 31, 1951.

He said, too, the Province may have to resort to a sales tax if revenue is to keep up with mounting expenditure.

Budget Is Surprise

The Premier, who is also Provincial Treasurer, gave no notice that he would introduce his budget tonight. Earlier in the session, he had said that no increases in revenue could be expected without new taxation.

He forecast total expenditures for the fiscal year of \$49,490,906.93 with revenues of \$47,655,609.10.

Revenues for the last fiscal year—the 12 months ending Nov. 30, 1949—were \$36,404,211.03 with expenditures of \$33,387,165.33, leaving a surplus of \$112,855.70.

The estimates were larger because the current fiscal year will run for 16 months, the result of a move to change the fiscal year from Dec. 1-Nov. 30 to April 1-March 31. The current fiscal year will run from Dec. 1, 1949, to March 31, 1951.

Mr. Macdonald said that one deficit "out of 11 years can not, justly, be regarded as alarming."

But "it requires no great mathematical skill to see that if the present relation is maintained between increases in revenue and increases in expenditure, we shall be faced in 1952 and 1953, with even larger deficits than we show for this year."

No new taxes were announced.

Consider Sales Tax

But "we gave very considerable thought to the imposition of a sales tax."

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Commissioners Reserve Judgment

OTTAWA, April 17 (CP)—Acting with unprecedented speed, the railways and seven Provinces tonight fought out the issue of a new freight-rate increase in four hours.

The Board of Transport Commissioners reserved decision after:

1. The railways argued they were entitled to another 3.4-per-cent increase because of a \$7,600,000 "error" made by the Board in its last rate decision March 1.

2. The opposing Provinces—all except Ontario, Quebec and Newfoundland—contended no such error had been made and, anyway, the 16-per-cent boost awarded March 1 was too high. With a relatively-small amount at stake—the \$7,600,000—it was the most-quickly ended scrap in the long series of battles over rate increases.

The only evidence was presented by one railway witness, and the remainder of the four hours taken up by capsule-type arguments delivered by eight lawyers for the Provinces and the railways.

The railway claim for a further increase was based on the fact that in its March 1 judgment the Board had found that the Canadian Pacific Railway—"ardent" line for rates—had a 1949 financial "deficiency" of \$29,971,000 but had awarded an increase only large enough to bring in \$22,361,000 on the basis of 1949 traffic volume.

That increase was 16 per cent, a reduction from the 20-per-cent which was being sought by the carriers in an application filed in 1948. Today, the railways were asking that this increase be boosted to the full requested 20 per cent, which would amount to 3.4 per cent over rates now in effect.

At that, said the railways, this would fall by about \$1,000,000 to meet the "deficiency" which the Board had found.

While the railways contended today the Board was under the duty of setting rates high enough to cover the "deficiency," counsel for the Provinces were unanimous in declaring there was no such obligation.

The so-called deficiency was worked out on a formula laid down by the Board, which sets out what the C.P.R. should have in operation income to meet requirements for fixed charges, dividends and surplus from rail income.

C. F. H. Carson, counsel for the Railway Association of Canada and the C.P.R., said that if the board's "error" were not corrected, the "most grave injustice" would be done the railways.

Wilson E. McLean, Manitoba counsel, argued that the companies actually had got more than they were entitled to in the 16-per cent judgment.



PILOTED MISSING PLANE
Lt. Howard W. Seecah (left) and Lt. John H. Fette were co-pilot and pilot respectively of the U. S. Navy Privateer which is missing in the Baltic area. This plane, carrying a crew of ten, is presumably the one the Russians say fired on a Soviet fighter over Latvia. Lt. Seecah is from Arlington, Va. and Lt. Fette from Connelleville, P.A.

Fire Breaks Out In Suitcase Before Take Off

LOS ANGELES, April 17 (CP)—A time-bomb plot to destroy a United Airlines transport while it was in flight failed today when a baggage attendant dropped a gasoline-filled suitcase and it caught fire just before the takeoff.

"Thirteen passengers and a crew of three were aboard."

As the fire started, John Henry Grant, 32, a laboratory technician, rushed to Los Angeles International Airport ticket window and shouted:

"Don't let that plane take off; I just put a bag on it full of gasoline."

Grant was booked for investigation of attempted murder.

Blames Heavy Debts

Detective Ned G. Logsdon, who arrested Grant, said the man told him he was saddled with heavy debts and had instructed his wife, Betty, to take out \$25,000 in insurance policies at the airport on herself and their children, Marie, 6, and Robert, 5. The three of them were aboard the plane.

"I wanted to end it; this was the only way I knew," police quoted him as saying.

Det. Sgt. Harry Donlan said that Harold Mayer, a baggage attendant, was placing a suitcase in the plane's baggage net when he dropped one end. Flames flared up, singing Mayer's eyebrows and hair.

Armed with extinguishers, attendants quickly doused the flames. In the suitcase was an inner tube filled with five gallons of gasoline, an alarm clock and batteries, Donlan added.

Det. Lieut. C. E. Ream said Grant told him that after the fire was put out, he grabbed the suitcase and ran to a parking lot, where Logsdon arrested him.

Recalls Other Cases

There was a startling similarity between today's case and one of Canada's most macabre crimes. Last Sept. 9 a Canadian Pacific Airlines plane crashed in Quebec, killing 23 persons. Among the dead was the wife of J. Albert Guay, a Quebec jeweller who later was brought to trial and convicted of the murder of his wife, in that he had blown up the airliner.

Less than a week ago another apparent aerial bomb plot failed. A British European Airways plane, over the Channel on the way to the continent, was badly damaged by an explosion in the lavatory. The plane immediately put back to England and a safe landing was made. B.E.A. officials said the incident was definitely a case of

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Sweepstake Sparks Hot Debate At Conservative Meeting

Huge Fire In Pembroke Lumber Yard

OTTAWA, April 17 (CP)—The controversial question of a government-operated sweepstake sparked a hot debate at the Young Progressive Conservative Association annual meeting today.

About a dozen of the 100-odd delegates gave their views before a resolution which would have put the organization on record as favoring establishment of a "Canadian national sweepstake, administered by the Dominion Government." It was finally rejected by an approximate two-thirds majority.

The debate erupted after Leo Gale, earlier elected leader, Balcar (PC-Trois Rivieres) as their new president. At a separate meeting Miss Sybil Bennett of Brampton, Ont., was chosen president of the Women's P. C. Association.

E. R. Williamson of Ottawa, said the resolution meant no more than that the Association was proposing "legalized gambling."

Tom Wells of Toronto noted that countries such as Ireland where "this is already practiced" had not degenerated in standards because of it.

He said \$20,000,000 a year was going from Canada to the Irish Republic for sweepstakes.

"Why can't it be kept in this country?" Mr. Wells asked.

Dalton Camp of Fredericton, said he did not think the fact \$20,000,000 was going to Ireland proved any particular point.

"It's the kind of policy that's going to do us a great deal of harm," he added.

No Short Cut, Drew Says

Further discussion of resolutions brought in by a committee headed by F. H. B. Dewdney of Trail, B.C., was delayed an hour as delegates took time out to elect their new executive and to hear an address by Progressive Conservative leader George Drew.

Mr. Drew said there was no short cut to power. The main thing "is to find the things that should be done and then clearly convey to others things we think may

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PEMBROKE, Ont., April 17 (CP)—A general alarm fire tonight roared through a mile-square pile of timber, levelled two homes and threatened 100 others in the immediate area.

Fanned by a strong west wind, the blaze was still out of control four hours after its discovery at 4:30 p.m. today. The lumber pile, more than 20-feet high, is owned by the Pembroke Shook Mills.

All available firemen and equipment from this Ottawa valley town, Petawawa, Chalk River and Deep River were concentrating their efforts in saving nearby houses, many of them already abandoned. Scores of troops from the Petawawa army camp and hundreds of citizens aided the firefighters.

Early estimates placed damage at many thousands of dollars. The two houses destroyed were at the east end of the lumber pile and about 15 feet from it. All occupants escaped injury.

Volunteers from the mills and nearby plants set off dynamite to blast the tinder-dry lumber piles out of the path of the flames. Others were knocked down by bulldozers.

Resolution Re Lobster Season Being Considered

OTTAWA, April 17 (Special)—Fisheries Minister Mayhew said in the Commons this afternoon that his department is considering a resolution from the Prince Edward Island Fisheries Federation seeking that the opening of the lobster season be advanced from May 1 this year to April 29. The statement was in reply to a question asked by W. Chester S. McLure, Progressive Conservative member for Queen's.

Mr. Mayhew expected to give a definite answer to the question tomorrow or on Wednesday.

During the question period in the House of Commons, Mr. McLure asked Resources and Development Minister Winters if he had received a petition from the residents of Crapaud and vicinity asking for consideration in the location of the Prince Edward Island section of the Trans-Canada highway. Mr. Winters' reply was in the negative.

JEWISH CEMETERY DESECRATED

FRANKFURT, Germany, April 17 (AP)—German police today reported that a Jewish cemetery at Goettingen was desecrated during the week-end. It was the second reported case in three days of vandalism in Jewish cemeteries in West Germany. Jewish gravestones at Frankfurt were overturned last Friday night. Goettingen is a university town in the British zone. Its university is said to have a large number of right-wing students. Goettingen police said 16 gravestones in the Jewish cemetery were overturned and damaged.

Reds Suffer Heavy Loss In Invasion Of Hainan Island; Battle Continues

By Spencer Moosa
TAIPEI, Formosa, April 17 (AP)—A number of Communist troops got ashore on Hainan Island today after losing more than half their force in a night battle at sea, official Chinese Nationalist dispatches stated.

Fighting was still in progress tonight west of Hainan, the island capital, but most of the invaders have been killed, the accounts said.

The Nationalists reported the invasion force of more than 2000 troops was intercepted Sunday night in the 10-mile-wide strait separating the island from the Luchow peninsula of the mainland.

These reports depicted the Luchow peninsula as swarming with troops while the Reds commandeered everything that would float, from small wooden boats to ocean-going ships.

Russian advisers were said to be in a prominent role, but there was no supporting evidence of this.

Labor Ministers Prepare For Snap Vote In House

U. S. Chides Russia With Lack Of Calmness

LONDON, April 17 (Reuters)—Labor Ministers tonight warned their followers in Parliament to be ready to beat a possible attempt by Winston Churchill to bring down the Government when Sir Stafford Cripps introduces his budget in the House of Commons tomorrow.

A high ministerial source said tonight that the Conservative Opposition might force an immediate vote after the Chancellor of the Exchequer has completed his 150-minute budget speech.

His speech is expected to begin at 3.30 p.m. BST (10.30 a.m. AST).

The budget resolutions, which give instant effect to any tax changes proposed, are normally passed without dissent.

Government opponents reserve their criticism of the new measures until they have had time to study them fully.

But this means they cannot attack any particular change until it has come into operation when it is more difficult to alter. Churchill is believed to have become increasingly critical of this procedure.

Expect Government to Survive

Prime Minister Attlee's Labor Government hangs on a precarious majority of four although Opposition absentees may make it nearer seven. If the Conservatives won a vote on the budget Attlee's resignation would be inevitable—and a new election would follow at once.

The fact that Government supporters have visualized the possibility of a "snap" vote tomorrow or less guarantees that Labor will not be caught napping.

Sir Stafford tomorrow faces a supreme test of economic statesmanship. His job is to hold the country to recovery policy based

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Disabled Ship Towed To Halifax

HALIFAX, April 17 (CP)—A chance shift in the wind saved the disabled 2861-ton freighter Federal Trader from possible disaster on the treacherous, shifting sands of Sable Island which have already claimed more than 200 vessels.

"We were only 25 miles from the island and heading for danger when the weather cleared and the wind changed," Capt. Donald Butterwick of Sydney, N.S., told reporters here tonight. His ship was towed into port by the ocean-going tug Foundation Vera after drifting 19-12 hours.

New Drug Cures Many Types Of Cancer In Rats

ATLANTIC CITY, April 17 (AP)—A potent new drug quickly cures many kinds of cancer in rats, two scientists reported today.

The cancers disappear completely in two to four weeks. The drug knocked out 80 to 100 per cent of various types of cancers in tests on 250 rats, said Dr. Kanematsu Sugura and Dr. C. Chester Stock of the Sloan-Kettering Institute for Cancer Research, New York.

The described the new drug, named SK-1137, to the American Association for Cancer Research.

Whether it will work against human cancers is not yet known, they said.

It did not affect breast cancer, growing spontaneously in the animals. It was effective only against certain types of tumors.

Once the cancer was cured, the animal couldn't be given that kind of cancer again. It became immune.

Child Severely Injured By Husky

GOOSE BAY, Labrador, April 17 (CP)—Two-year-old Carolyn Keayes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Keayes, formerly of Fredericton, was reported improving in hospital tonight after being severely bitten about the face and head by a husky dog.

The incident occurred April 14, the same day that Mrs. Keayes gave birth to a son. Mr. Keayes is manager of the Hamilton River Boat Club three miles from here.

Clarie Gillis Uses Fist On Nose Of Communist

OTTAWA, April 17 (CP)—Clarie Gillis, C.C.F. member of Parliament for Cape Breton South, doesn't like Communists.

He gave physical shape to his dislike when he smashed into a Communist sympathizer with both fists here Saturday night in the back-alley of a downtown hotel.

The way Mr. Gillis recalls the chain of events that led to the tussle was when he went into the hotel tavern for a bottle of beer.

At the table next to him sat a young man about 28 years old who hailed an elderly patron to come and have a drink.

"When the older man joined his host, Mr. Gillis could hear him selling the 'old Commie line' to his guest and the older man immediately objected.

The Communist, angered, grabbed his guest by the shirt and called to waiters to throw him out because he was interfering with

the Communist's freedom.

"I quietly got up," said Mr. Gillis, who is 55, "and told the waiters they were throwing out the wrong man. The elderly gentleman had done nothing wrong but refuse to swallow the Communist propaganda."

The Communist then began picking on Mr. Gillis and Mr. Gillis' fist shot out and connected on the nose.

"Thereafter, I told the Communist that if he wanted a battle he had better come outside."

In the alley, Mr. Gillis quietly took off his wristwatch which he did not want damaged and "took" in a couple of rights to the Communist's jaw."

"The Communist sat down rather suddenly," said Mr. Gillis. "I guess he didn't know that I have been digging coal for 26 years and was weterweight champion of the Canadian Corps during the First World War."

Onus Placed On Provinces For Highway Routes

OTTAWA, April 17 (CP)—Formal agreements providing for Federal-provincial participation in the construction of the Trans-Canada Highway probably will be signed here next Monday, it was learned today.

The Provincial Governments have been invited to send representatives to a meeting April 24 with Resources Minister Winters and most of the Provinces have indicated that they will come.

The signing of agreements was authorized by Federal legislation passed last year and by provincial legislation passed by the Legislatures.

The Federal Government has agreed to pay half the cost of a \$300,000,000 hard surfaced two-lane highway stretching from St. John's, Nfld., to Victoria and taking in Prince Edward Island.

The highway route probably will be settled prior to the signing of the agreements. The Federal Government has taken the attitude that the Provinces should select the route and make their findings public.

Seek Identity Of Baby Girl Murdered In Halifax

HALIFAX, April 17 (CP)—Scientific aid swung into action today in the intensive investigation of the death of a yet-identified baby girl, found strangled last night under bushes in Point Pleasant Park in the south-western end of this city.

The baby, believed to be between two and three months old, was found by two boys, fully clothed and with a piece of flannel blanket tied tightly around her neck.

Police Chief Vernon Mitchell said the baby's clothing and the piece of flannel would be scientifically analyzed for possible traces of manufacturer's marks, hairs or fibres or anything that might provide a clue.

T.C.A. Looks For Traffic Increase

TORONTO, April 17 (CP)—Trans-Canada Air Lines expects that more travellers will ride in its planes during fall and winter months of 1950 than during those seasons in past years, G. R. McGregor, T.C.A. president, said today.

He told the Canadian Club that T.C.A.'s management believes recent improvements in the standard of airline service will help overcome seasonal decreases in traffic. Weather now interferes less with flight than it did even two years ago, he said. This has resulted from development of pressurized aircraft cabins, which permit comfortable flying at above-weather altitudes, and general installation of modern electronic aids.



TORONTO, April 17 (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria 40, 53; Edmonton 34, 41; Regina 30, 49; Winnipeg 31, 52; Toronto 43, 65; Ottawa 34, 61; Montreal 40, 54; Quebec 37, 48; Saint John 31, 52; Moncton 27, 57; Halifax 29, 54; Charlottetown 36 53; Sydney 22, 45; Yarmouth 25 52; St. John's 30, 36.

HALIFAX, April 17 (CP)—Official forecasts issued by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax.

Synopsis: Skies were clear in most of the Maritimes tonight, but it was cloudy in the western regions, and scattered showers were falling in the upper Saint John River valley and Western Gaspe. There were thunderstorms in Quebec City, and there was a risk of these spreading to the northwestern regions, but none were forecast.

The showers will move across the district tonight and tomorrow followed by clearing weather. Temperatures will continue above normal.

Regional forecasts valid until midnight Tuesday:

Prince Edward Island: Tuesday cloudy with a few light showers, clearing in the afternoon. Continuing very mild. Winds west 15. Low and high Tuesday at Charlottetown 35 and 54.

High tide today at 11:20 A.M. Sun rises at 5:25 A.M. and sets at 7:01 P.M.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

BORDEN - TORMENTINE FERRY SERVICE WEEK DAYS

Lv. Borden	Lv. Cape Tormentine
8:10 A.M.	2:40 P.M.

SUNDAY SERVICE

Lv. Borden	Lv. Cape Tormentine
9:10 A.M.	10:35 A.M.

Coming Events

- **Mail your Films to Garnham Photo Studio, Charlottetown.
- **Call 1906-J Evenings for Dry Wood Slabs.
- **Farmers now booking Clover Seeds. Rush order. McGuigan & Boyle.
- **Dance every Tuesday night in St. Peter's Legion Hall. Cliff Peters Orchestra.
- **Order your Seeds from your Shur-Gain Feed Mill at Mt. Herbert.
- **Laughs Galore. See Abbott and Costello in "Mexican Hayride" at MacDonald Bros. Theatre tonight, plus Serial and Short.
- **Raynor's Baby Chicks. Order your large type White Leghorn Pullets for May, now 32 cents each. Also New Hampshire Barred Rock Cross. Raynor's Chick Hatchery, Ch'town, R. R. 5.
- **We offer minimum or larger assorted cars of whole and/or ground grain for immediate shipment. It costs nothing to get our prices. The Atlas Grain Company, 505 of Trade Building, Montserrat.

Crippled Boy Remanded On Manslaughter Charge

CORNWALL, Ont., April 17 (CP)—Charged with manslaughter 14-year-old Maurice Leger will appear in court April 24 in connection with the fatal stabbing of his father.

The freckle-faced crippled boy was arraigned today before Juvenile Judge T. C. Bergeron. He was not asked to plead.

The boy walked into a police station about two blocks from his home Saturday night. He told the desk sergeant, David McCracken, that his father had "stabbed his father and had 'stabbed a butcher knife into him."

Police found the father, Morris Leger, 37, dead in an upstairs bedroom. He had been stabbed in the left side with an eight-inch, dagger-type butcher knife, they said.

The boy's mother said the stabbing ended several years of domestic strife. She said the father, who had been drinking wine, struck the boy while he was eating supper. The boy, whose left