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Opposition Amendment Is Voted Down In The House

An Opposition amendment to a Government motion to appoint a select standing committee of the House on Education was defeated in the Legislature when only the two Opposition members present voted for it.

The amendment, moved by Dr. Dewar and seconded by Leo J. Rossiter, asked that instead of a Legislative committee, the Government appoint a Royal Commission to enquire into the present educational system and to make recommendations for its improvement.

The Legislative Chamber could not contain the large crowd which gathered to hear the debate. After the motion was passed, Premier Matheson named the committee which is as follows: F.A. Large (chairman), Prosper Arsenault, Morley M. Bell, H.P. Smith, A.A. MacIsaac, William Acorn, Dr. L. G. Dewar, L.J. Rossiter. The Minister of Education and the Attorney General are to be ex-officio members of the committee.

Speaking on behalf of the motion, Hon. Eugene Cullen, Minister of Agriculture said that in recent months an agreement had been worked out between the Department of Education and St. Dunstan's University which provides that students of the University who have received certain training will be accepted as teachers and granted a license to teach in the Public Schools of the Province.

Mr. Cullen noted that many people throughout the Province have voiced objection to the Department's move and in particular by Mr. Large and his representatives.

Strong support of the Department of Agriculture policy in dealing with violations of the Plant Disease and Potato Protection Act was voiced in the Legislature yesterday by Mr. Harold Smith, Liberal Fourth Queens who spoke on the Draft Address.

Mr. Smith said potatoes represented the largest cash crop on the Island and he was surprised to hear that farmers were not cooperating with the Department in trying to curb the spread of disease.

"I would back up the Minister one hundred per cent in prosecuting the guilty parties," said Mr. Smith.

The Pownal member said he heartily agreed with Mr. Douglas when he proposed a \$1.00 per bushel floor price on potatoes. "It is a splendid idea if it could be carried out. However, I think the first concern is to get the United States tariffs equalized," he said.

Mr. Smith said that Federal scientists had made in the control of root maggot. He said this year's crop was almost free of the pest which now made P.E.I. turnips the best on any market.

He was not happy however over the fact that only three or four hundred carloads of turnips had been shipped from the Island this year compared to 1,200 last year. He said the Ontario growers were Continued on page 15, Col. 3

Debt of Federal Government Amounts To \$670 Per Capita

OTTAWA (CP)—Net debt of the federal government will be the estimated \$10,997,900,000 by the March 31 end of the current fiscal year, equivalent to some \$670 for each of Canada's 16,400,000 persons.

The net debt figure, reported in the budget white paper tabled in the Commons today by Finance Minister Harris, is a decline from \$11,280,400,000 at last March 31. The decline equals the estimated \$282,500,000 surplus for the year.

Warm Wave Hits Europe

LONDON (Reuters)—A winter heat wave shattered seasonal temperature records in Europe Wednesday as men in shirtsleeves and women in cotton dresses thronged sunny streets and parks.

It was warmer in Paris than at any time during the month of July last year. The balmy weather is due to a low pressure area centred over Europe which is bringing in warm air from the Mediterranean.

Temperatures in London hit 68 degrees before clouds moved in during the afternoon to drop the thermometer back to a more seasonal 58. But the mild weather, with clear skies generally, will continue for a couple of days.

Murder Hearing Begins In N. B.

DALHOUSIE, N.B. (CP)—The father of a slain girl testified Wednesday he had a 15-year acquaintance with the man who is charged with murdering her.

John De LaPerelle was the first witness called at the preliminary hearing of Joseph Richard, 30, a Charlo River laborer and father of two children. His arrest followed the death of Katherine De LaPerelle, 13, whose body was found near her home at Charlo Station Feb. 10.

The other witnesses heard before court adjournment described discovery of the snow-covered body and the results of medical examination. A pathologist said the girl had been strangled and "criminally assaulted." One cloth had been knotted around her throat and another used as a gag. Her face was bruised and lacerated.

Indications were the hearing would continue at least two more days. Richard, handcuffed to a policeman, sat motionless in the prisoner's box and kept his head bowed much of the time.

Found in the girl's room, disarranged clothing was a bag of peanuts she had bought at a canteen while walking home from a visit to a neighboring girl friend. The latter, Donna Vincent, 12, said she and others had noticed a man "looking at the house" a few minutes before Katherine left.

When walking to school, Donna said she and Katherine passed the Richard house. Mr. De LaPerelle told of fruitless searching for Katherine the night she disappeared and seeing her body shortly after three boys found it the next day.

Plans Leisurely Trip To Bermuda

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower said Wednesday he will take a leisurely trip on a U.S. Navy cruiser to the Bermuda conference in hopes of clearing up his head cold and ear infection.

Eisenhower told his press conference he had been thinking of going to Florida for several days but added that he now has decided to go by ship to Bermuda, where he will meet Prime Minister Macmillan of Britain March 21.

Eisenhower said he hopes to sail Thursday night from Norfolk, Va. Undersecretary Ralph Bunche had a 90-minute conference with President Bragg and a 45-minute talk with Brig.-Gen. Salah Gohar, director of the Palestine department, Maj.-Gen. E. L. M. Burns commander, sat in on the talk between Bunche and Gohar.

The official said Egyptian plans to move its Gaza administration to the disputed strip "very soon," possibly within two days. UN sources in Cairo said privately that Egypt has given assurances it will not move into Gaza until everything is "cleaned up diplomatically" and at such a time that the entry will not create a new crisis.

DOUBLE ESTIMATE

March 31 Will See Fourth Largest Budget Surplus

Admits "Large Errors" In Census Sampling In P. E. I.

OTTAWA (Special)—John H. Dickey, parliamentary assistant to Trade Minister Howe and Senior Liberal M.P. for Halifax, admitted in the Commons Wednesday to large errors in census sampling of certain areas in Canada, including specifically with the Island province, he said.

"In an area of relatively small population such as Prince Edward Island, this (small sampling) can give rise to relatively large errors," he said.

Asked for the years from 1952 to 1955. Mr. Dickey's explanation was that "for reasons of economy" a small sample is used in all parts of Canada for estimating population and population growth.

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All-Time High Revenues Reported In White Paper

By JOHN LEBLANC Canadian Press Staff Writer OTTAWA (CP)—The federal government has announced the fourth highest budget surplus since Confederation for the fiscal year that ends March 31.

More than doubling Finance Minister Harris' estimate of a year ago, the \$282,500,000 surplus could have been \$100,000,000 higher if the government had not decided to tuck away some of its treasury revenue into different treasury accounts.

And what remains of the surplus after these transfers goes to reduce the national debt, so it will not be directly available for any tax cuts in the minister's tax-setting budget Thursday night for the coming year.

The annual white paper presented the budget—and outlining the government's present financial position—showed all-time high revenues for the current year of \$5,149,100,000 and peacetime record spending of \$4,866,600,000, both far in excess of the government's original budget forecasts.

CLOSE TO MARK The figures are subject to a final tally when the 1956-57 accounts are cleaned up about mid-August, but customarily the white paper totals are fairly close to the mark.

Originally, Mr. Harris budgeted last March for a \$113,000,000 surplus but the bounding Canadian economy pushed his revenue estimate up about \$400,000,000 and budget spending went more than \$200,000,000 over the forecast.

The resulting surplus was exceeded only by those of the fiscal years ending in 1947, 1948 and 1949. The top of \$978,000,000 was produced in the 1947-48 year by Finance Minister Douglas Abbott, dug a justice of the Supreme Court of Canada.

The budget spending does not include payment of universal old age pensions, amounting to \$379,000,000. These came mainly out of special taxation which this year was estimated to yield \$373,000,000. The remaining surplus after this is \$500,000,000 in the current year of budget revenues to cover the deficiency.

FOR PENSION FUND Another \$50,000,000 was lifted from budget revenues to meet a 1955-56 deficit in the pension fund, a regular procedure since the pensions started.

Two other \$50,000,000 transfers from budget revenues—and these not so normal—served to haul down the size of round surpluses to jack up the government's fund to the payment of pensions to retiring civil servants, to bring it towards a sounder actuarial basis. This was in addition to a normal contribution of \$72,000,000 to the fund.

A further \$50,000,000 went into a reserve which the government keeps as an insurance against losses in cashing in on assets. The remaining surplus after this is \$1,185,000,000. She paid \$15,000,000 in the current year against the principal.

The white paper also showed that 1956-57 expenses of the immigration department jumped by 50 per cent from the previous year, mainly because of the cost of bringing Hungarian refugees to Canada.

Dredging Contracts For PEI Waters Are Awarded

OTTAWA (Special)—Two dredging contracts in Prince Edward Island waters have just been awarded by the Public Works Department to the Diamond Construction Company of Fredericton, N.B. It was learned here Wednesday by J. Watson MacNaught, Liberal M.P. for Prince and parliamentary assistant to the Minister of Fisheries.

One of the awards is for dredging the harbor at Summerside and the price was \$1.22 per cubic yard. Total amount of the contract is estimated at \$53,000. The second contract is for dredging at Georgetown where the price is \$1.35 per cubic yard. Value of this contract is placed at \$35,000.

Ralph Ford of Northam, Prince County, has been awarded the contract for improvements at French River south for \$28,500. Tenders have been called by the works department for the dredging of the inner basin of Howard's Cove where last year large contracts were awarded for the construction of breakwaters. Prior to construction of the breakwaters, fishermen of the area were forced to haul up their boats every night and in storm conditions had often to go out at night to make them fast. The basin enclosed by the breakwaters will now be dredged to depth of five feet at an estimated cost of \$39,000. Tenders close on April 10 and the work is expected to be completed within six months.

GREAT POTENTIAL

Says Fishing Industry Can Forestall Further Exodus

The future developments of the fisheries in Prince Edward Island was seen as one of the factors in forestalling the exodus of farm population by Hon. Dougald MacKinnon, Minister of Fisheries who spoke on the Draft Address in the Legislature yesterday.

Mr. MacKinnon pointed out that the waters surrounding the coast of the Island held one of the greatest potentials of fish production of any place in the world and said that with further development many of the Island's population who are now leaving the farms to go to other provinces could well be diverted to the fishing industries.

The Minister pointed out that Prince Edward Island was not the only place in Canada where this exodus from the farms was evident. He showed by figures that the Island was actually much less than in other provinces but said the situation in other provinces was different since the people who leave the farms do not necessarily leave the province but are absorbed in other industries.

NATURAL RESOURCES He thought there was little hope for establishing any large industries in the Province and felt that the smaller industries established, should be concerned with the natural resources of the Province. Referring to the dragger fishing at Souris, the Minister said the catch had risen from 3,400,000 lbs. in 1952 to over 9,000,000 lbs. in 1956. He also noted that the net cash share of each crew member was \$1,985 while that of the boat owners was \$4,818.

COLD DEEPS Depths of more than 9,000 feet had been recorded in the Atlantic between Norway and Iceland. He said that over a period of years these men who operated the boats could build up capital so that he fully owns his own boat which in most cases was worth about \$25,000.

The advent of unemployment insurance benefits paid to fishermen was foreseen by the Minister as a great aid to those engaged in the industry. LOBSTERS Speaking of lobster, Mr. MacKinnon told of some interesting experiments now taking place in regard to the freezing of live lobsters. He said he had tried some of these frozen live lobsters and they seemed to possess as good a flavour as the fresh lobster. He cautioned that the live frozen lobster had to be cooked longer to allow for the frost in it.

Isreal Watching Developments

NEW YORK (AP)—Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion of Israel is quoted as saying today in discussion of the Gaza situation: "What happened once can happen again. . . we shall see what develops."

A dispatch to the New York Post from Jerusalem says it is heard Ben-Gurion would consider that an Egyptian return to Gaza would threaten Israel's security under the terms of the United Nations charter that permits a threatened nation to use armed forces in self-defence.

The Post reports Ben-Gurion has the air of a man who knows that in the long run Israel may be obliged to rely on its own defence forces rather than on the UN.

FAMED PRODUCER Russia's Serge Diaghilev, who died in 1929, produced more than 40 ballets and operas.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACCOUNTS

Immigration costs jump 50 per cent, mainly due to Hungarian refugee influx. Budget surplus for year ended \$282,500,000, compared with year.

Budget surplus is applied against net public debt, which budgeted down to \$10,997,900,000. Canadian living standards make greatest gain in post-war history during calendar year 1956 as gross national income reaches record \$29,866,000,000.

Russia wipes out post-war debt with final \$1,000,000 payment. Expenditures in addition to budget include \$379,000,000 for universal old age pensions, mainly financed by special taxes.



HON. MR. CULLEN

School syllabus wherein it was shown that credits would be given in the Province of Prince Edward Island for teachers attending these courses.

"It will be noted," said Mr. Cullen, "that the Government concerned in these agreements has offered substantial assistance to students attending these teachers' courses. The training of students at Saint Dunstan's is not costing this Province one cent."

SEPARATE SCHOOLS

"In regard to Mr. Large's statement regarding separate schools, Mr. Cullen said, 'I would like to say that when I was a little boy (Continued on page 2 col. 2)



HAROLD P. SMITH

New Crisis Seen If Egypt Moves

CAIRO (AP)—Egypt apparently has decided to restore her rule in the Gaza Strip within the next two days.

Another full-blown Middle East crisis may be precipitated. Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion told the Israeli Parliament in Jerusalem his country "reserves freedom of action in case Egyptian return to the strip."

In New York it was announced UN Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld is flying to Cairo Saturday. The Egyptian intention was reported by an official of the Palestine department in Cairo after UN.

PARLIAMENT YESTERDAY

By THE CANADIAN PRESS Wednesday, March 13, 1957 Finance Minister Harris tabled the annual budget-proceeding white paper showing record 1956-57 revenues of \$5,149,100,000.

The white paper also showed government spending in the year ending March 31 at a peacetime record of \$4,866,600,000.

CNR Has Second Highest Surplus In Its History

OTTAWA (CP)—The CNR Wednesday announced a 1956 surplus of \$26,076,000—second-highest in its 33-year existence—and presented Parliament with a budget calling for a \$7,700,000 surplus for this year.

Both figures were based on successive record revenues, with the expected 1957 figure of \$300,000,000 against the previous high of \$296,800,000 in 1953 and the 1955 total of \$269,300,000. Operating expenses of \$703,300,000 were up from the 1953 top of \$658,000,000 and from 1955's \$635,300,000.

The publicly-owned company's surplus for last year will go to the federal treasury. It is not quite enough to cover what the CNR owes annually on preference stock held by the government.

Sees Tense Relations Between Canada And Egypt Improving

By JACK BRAYLEY Canadian Press Staff Writer CAIRO (CP)—Tense relations between Canada and Egypt over incidents in the Gaza Strip appeared to be easing Wednesday and the Canadian ambassador here dropped an encouraging statement.

Ambassador E. H. Norman, emerging from a meeting with officials of the United Nations Emergency Force, told this reporter: "I am aware of rumors of difficulties concerning the arrival in Egypt of the remainder of the Canadian contingent for the UNEF."

He assured me that there is no basis for concern on this point. TROOPS HELD AT NAPLES Egyptian troops fired on Arabs in the Gaza Strip Sunday during a wild demonstration.