

Family Allowances Are Praised By U.S. Senator

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WASHINGTON (CP)—Canada's family allowances program was cited by a United States senator Tuesday as a "great social experiment" for the U.S. to study and to copy.

Senator Richard L. Neuberger (Dem. Ore.) introduced in the Senate a resolution calling for the establishment of a five-man committee to investigate the Canadian system and report on the feasibility of instituting family allowances in the U.S.

Neuberger, a frequent visitor to Canada who often expresses praise for things Canadian, told a press conference earlier he expected the committee, if set up, would visit Canada to interview federal and provincial officials and families receiving the payments.

He introduced the resolution with the backing of five other Senators. A family allowance program in the U.S., based on the Canadian model, would cost \$3,500,000,000 to \$4,000,000,000, compared with Canada's total of \$500,000,000 for its smaller population.

social experiment across our northern boundary." He detailed the operation of the Canadian plan and said abundant evidence indicated it had produced a "favorable impact" on such vital problems as juvenile delinquency, child health, infant mortality and general education. It also had broadened the market for children's shoes and clothing. Consumption of milk and baby goods had rocketed.

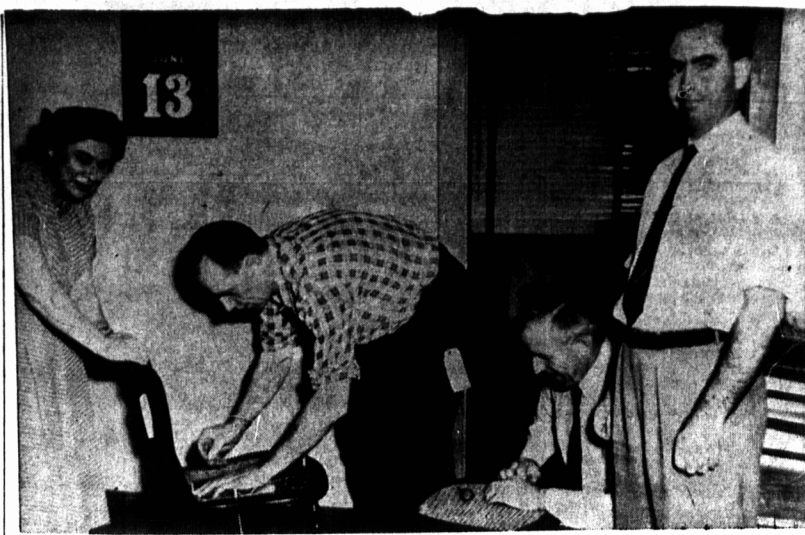
In Canada, family allowances are paid at the rate of \$5 a month for each child up to six years of age, \$6 for children 6 to 10, \$7 for children 10 to 13 and \$8 for each child over 13 to age 16. The federal program started in the 1946-47 fiscal year when payments totalled \$245,140,531. In the fiscal year ended last March 31 payments totalled \$350,113,902. At that date there were 5,184,948 children on family allowance rolls.

Moncton's New Tax Rate Is Withdrawn

MONCTON, (CP)—Moncton's new assessment and tax rate, announced last week, will be withdrawn and the 1954 rate will be continued through 1955, H. S. Bissett, chairman of the Moncton board of assessors, said Tuesday.

This means that the assessed value of taxable city real estate will drop again from \$62,639,805 to \$28,200,325 and the tax rate will go back to \$3.70 on \$100 from the \$2.40 set last week.

Asked for a reason for the decision, Mr. Bissett said the whole of the city had not been re-assessed.



Blind Receive Special Instruction In Charlottetown

Above are shown two blind students, George Haines and Peter McGarry being instructed by Miss Mary Sutherland, Halifax, in chair-caning, one of the skills taught by the home-teaching school of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, whose center is in Toronto. Right is P. C. Bower, field secretary for the C.N.I.B.

The Institute was started in Toronto 37 years ago, and now has branches all across the country. The Maritime central office is in Halifax, from where instructors for the blind are sent out to other parts of the three provinces to aid and supervise work being done.

An example of this is Miss Mary Sutherland, who came here six weeks ago from Halifax, having lost her own sight in the Halifax explosion of 1917, she graduated from the Halifax School for the Blind and then from the Toronto home-training school. Now she travels about the Maritime, showing the correct methods of instruction in such skills as braille-reading, typing, leather-craft, chair-cleaning and home

economics. This enables blind people to be self-supporting, she says, both in making a livelihood and in their recreation hours.

There are now on the Island 170 blind persons, 47 of whom are in Charlottetown. From here teachers are trained to go to various parts of the province to instruct people in their own homes. Now that her work here is nearly finished, Miss Sutherland will soon return to Halifax, with much cause for satisfaction in the results she has achieved. Barter's Film Lab.

N. B. As Producer Of Base Metals Nearing Reality

FREDERICTON (CP)—The idea of New Brunswick as a producer of base metals is hardening into reality after many months of promotional speculation.

Prospectors have long been roaming the northern and west-central countries in search of everything from zinc to uranium. Mining companies have been leasing vast areas for ore-testing. The provincial government has been waxing more and more enthusiastic.

June brought two developments that showed it all hasn't been mere window-dressing.

At Bathurst, where pulp and paper have been the commercial mainstay for many years, Keymet Mines announced that stockpiles of lead and zinc concentrates would be moving to Belgium for smelting immediately.

FIRST CARGO IN JUNE

Mine manager Holland Smith said the first ore boat would put in at Bathurst in June and load the first cargo of an estimated 75,000 tons of concentrates destined for export this summer.

Keymet is the first base metals in the Bathurst district to enter actual production. But it is only one of a whole batch of similar enterprises at various stages of development in Restigouche and Gloucester counties.

The Bathurst mill has a daily capacity of 200 tons and currently is turning out about 195 tons of lead and zinc concentrates a day.

At Fredericton, a two-year-old development program will pay off this summer with the first shipment of tungsten concentrates from the mine at Burnt Hill. The

site is 65 miles northeast of the capital.

Mine manager F. L. Smith said, however, that the directors had given permission for expanding the capacity of the 150-ton concentrator and equipment to boost the figure to 300 tons would be moved into the remote region before the end of 1955.

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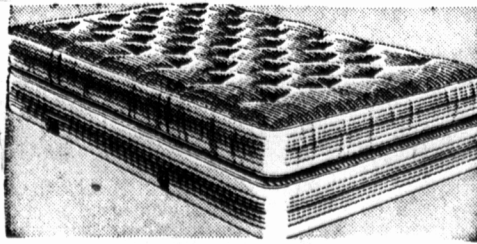
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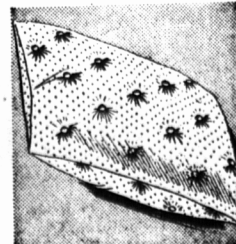
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