Abbott Is Amused By "Worst Budgeter" Taunts

TORONTO, Oct. 23—(CP)—Finance Minister Abbott said tonight he is "somewhat amused" by taunts and charges that he is the "worst budgeter in history" and that he is "engineering a gigantic swindle."

These charges, he said, have been hurled at him because of the size of his budgetary surplus. It was estimated at $500,000,000 at the end of the first five months of the 1951-52 fiscal year. Last March, Mr. Abbott said he was budgeting for a $30,000,000 for the whole of the year.

". . . I am not apologizing for the fact that we are running a surplus which for the moment appears to be very large," Mr. Abbott said in a speech prepared for delivery before the Toronto branch of the Junior Investment Dealers.

It was not always easy for a government to predict what the future would bring — and he quoted the experiences of Ontario and Quebec as examples.

Premier Frost of Ontario, he said, had obtained 16 per cent more revenue than he had forecast for 1950-51.

"A similar error by me would have inflated the Federal surplus by nearly $600,000,000."

Treasurer Gagon of Quebec had obtained 18 per cent more revenue than forecast—"or equivalent to nearly $700,000,000 in the Federal budget."

"Somewhat comparable miscalculations were made on the expenditure side."

Now, Mr. Abbott added, he did not wish to belittle the forecasting abilities of these two gentlemen—"I have the highest regard for both of them, not only as men but as provincial treasurers."

"But I just want to draw your attention to the fact that it isn't always easy for a government to forecast the future, particularly in these troubled and uncertain times."

Most people had not adjusted their thinking to the magnitude of the government's current budget.

"Do you realize," said Mr. Abbott, "that if I am five per cent below the actual figure on the income forecast and five per cent over it on the expenditure forecast, the difference in the size of the surplus would be close to $400,000,000?"

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Former S'side Man Promoted In C.N.E. Service

MONTREAL, Que., Oct. 23—R. A. Gordon, formerly general superintendent at Winnipeg for the western district of Canadian National Express, has been appointed assistant general manager, it was announced here today by T. H. Martin, general manager. Mr. Gordon will have his headquarters at Montreal.

At the same time Mr. Martin announced the appointment of C. E. Potts of Montreal as general superintendent at Winnipeg, and of C. S. Lougheed, also of Montreal, as superintendent of equipment. The latter, formerly equipment supervisor, will maintain his headquarters at Montreal.

Mr. Gordon, a native of Summerside, P. E. I., joined Canadian National Express there in 1924 as clerk and later became agent. In 1937 he was appointed agent at Saint John, N.B., and in 1943 was transferred to Halifax as traffic supervisor. One year later he moved to Moncton as assistant superintendent, holding that post until 1948 when he became superintendent there. In 1950 he was transferred to Winnipeg as general superintendent for the western district.

Comparison Of Egg Prices On October 16

Egg Prices on Oct. 16 This Year And Previous Years

The egg prices quoted below are for Grade A Large. At Montreal and Toronto the prices are those at which graded shipments are selling to wholesalers. At other points quotations are prices to shippers for ungraded eggs.

	1951	1950	1949
Montreal	76-76½	64	60
Toronto	75-76	66	60
Winnipeg	53	47	52
Vancouver	56	52	56
Edmonton	53	43	55
Regina	52	43	53
Ch'town.	57	57	58

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Missing Taxi Driver Found; Case Of Murder

THREE RIVERS, Que., Oct. 23 (CP)—The body of a missing taxi driver was found today with a deep gash in the forehead and police said it was a case of murder.

Maxime Gelinas' body was found in a field at St. Paulin, 35 miles northwest of here.

In his pockets was $25.

The body was discovered in a field by Aime Provost, 22, a Montreal musician playing at a nearby Louiseville hotel.

Gelinas was reported missing Oct. 10 after he failed to return from a trip from his St. Etienne home with two youths who wanted to be driven here. His abandoned cab was found at Yamachiche last Saturday.

Dr. Jean-Marie Roussel, provincial medico-legal expert, was to perform an autopsy tonight and will report his findings to a coroner's inquest tomorrow.

Site where the body was found is 22 miles from Gelinas' home.

Shortly after his disappearance, police detained Leon Pelletier, 18, for questioning. Their plans to release Pelletier later were cancelled when reports came in that Gelinas' neighbors threatened to lynch Pelletier.

Pelletier was held in protective custody and pleaded guilty yesterday to a charge of vagrancy.

Former Islander Dies In Montreal

Many people throughout this Province and in the City of Montreal were saddened by the sudden and untimely death of Mr. Denis L. Macdonald which occurred on September 30th last.

The deceased, a native of Vernon, P.E.I., and a veteran of two wars, was the valued manager of the Catholic Sailors' Club on the waterfront of Canada's largest seaport. Here he laboured indefatigably for the welfare of seamen from all quarters of the globe.

During the open season of navigation his work was particularly arduous. In fair weather or foul he was ever present on the docks to greet ships from far-off lands and to invite the storm-tossed sailors to the cosy Commissioner Street Club, where light and warmth offset the rigors of the sea.

The recreational activities provided by the late Mr. Macdonald for the men were many and varied: bowling, concerts, dances and a well-stocked reading room helped to cater to their enjoyment while in port, and for their spiritual needs men of all faiths were directed to their respective churches for the worship of God.

Truly, his was a life of service to those who went down to the sea in ships, and it is not to be wondered that the thanks of countless thousands who manned the ocean or lake vessels to the great Port of Montreal bore witness to his untiring labours for their welfare.

In an editorial a few days after his death the Montreal Star wrote "Many careers were open to him but he choose the one that led to service."

To his bereaved wife and young son, to his brothers and sisters the sympathy of a grateful community is being extended.

Will Conduct C.G.I.T. Rallies

Miss Marjorie MacBride, Girls' Work Secretary of the Maritime Religious Education Council, will arrive on the Island this week to conduct C.G.I.T. Rallies and Conferences throughout the Province.

The first of these Rallies will be held at Bedeque United Church Oct. 26-28. Registration of girls from the western section of Prince Edward Island will begin at 7.30 Friday night.

Activities for the week-end will be many and varied. Included on the program will be discussions on "Girls and the Church", interest groups in handicraft, music and drama, worship and recreation periods, and showing of camp slides.

The highlights of Saturday's program will be a banquet sponsored by the ladies of Bedeque United Church.

The conference will conclude on Sunday evening with a Church service conducted by the C.G.I.T. girls with Miss MacBride as guest speaker.

Next week Miss MacBride expects to meet with various committees to make further plans for the promotion of youth work in this Province.

Also included in her itinerary is a C.G.I.T. Rally at Hunter River United Church on November 3rd. Miss MacBride will also be guest speaker at a C.G.I.T. service in the Charlottetown Baptist Church on Sunday evening, November 4.

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Wren's Commander Has Varied Career

WINNIPEG, Oct. 23—(CP) — Manitoba's senior woman naval officer has tried her hand at everything from fencing to a newspaper career but she still professes one secret ambition.

Lieut. Joan Brackenbridge — a woman with a wide grin and close-cropped hair — is in command of H.M.C.S. Chippawa's women reservists at Winnipeg. Once a week she leaves her husband at Gretna, Man., and drives 75 miles to look after her 35 wrens.

She's responsible for their administration, discipline and morale. Wrens take their training courses with the men.

Mrs. Brackenridge's secret ambition comes from three years' experience in the newspaper business. She was once assistant music critic on the Vancouver Province and later wrote music reviews for the Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph.

"I've always wanted to write an advice-to-the-lovelorn column," she says.

Mrs. Brackenbridge is also a handy woman with a golf club and a fencing foil. She once held the British Columbia fencing championship and was a runner-up in a Dominion final. When music doesn't interfere she raises prize dogs.

During the second World War she served more than three years as a lieutenant with Navy Intelligence. She met her husband at Halifax while he was serving as chief engineer in the Royal fleet auxiliary, a branch of the Royal Navy.

Mrs. Brackenbridge now runs a landlocked household at Gretna where her husband is chief engineer of a pipeline station.

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