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TAX RATE UNCHANGED

City Council Budgets For Surplus Of \$3,128

Reaffirming the present tax rate of 2.75, City Council last night approved a 1958 budget calling for expenditure of \$1,238,521.62. Revenue was estimated at \$1,241,650.45, thus indicating a projected surplus of \$3,128.83.

Approval however was not unanimous. Objecting to the inclusion in the 1958 revenue forecast of the \$137,832, additional per capita grant requested by the City in a recent brief to the provincial government, Councillor Foster voted against the motion.

Councillor Foster termed this action on the part of the Finance Committee "improper and unrealistic" since the City had "no assurance whatsoever" that the government would accede to this request.

In reply, Councillor A. Walthen Gaudet, chairman of the Finance Committee pointed out that in view of the additional expenditure involved by the building of the new Birchwood School, the only alternative to the inclusion of this expected increase would be a raise in the present tax rate.

Emphasizing the justice of the City's claim for an additional \$25 per capita grant, Councillor Gaudet pointed out that the City's share of the total Ottawa grants to this Province was only 12.1 per cent, despite the fact it held 17.8 per cent of the population.

Should the government approve the present request, the City would then only be getting 2.83 per cent of these grants, he maintained.

"Prime Minister Diefenbaker has stated that one of the prime reasons for these additional grants was to enable greater assistance to municipalities," said Councillor Earle C. Baker, speaking in support of Councillor Gaudet's stand.

Councillor Foster said that he did not wish to see the tax rate raised. "It's high enough now," he wanted to know where the money was to come from should the government disapprove of the municipalities' stand.

most to the erection of the new Birchwood High School plus an increase in the 1958 budget estimated by the City School Board.

Sinking fund payments show an increase of approximately \$36,000, interest on debentures has gone up by \$28,000 while the City School Board except to spend an additional \$31,000, he said.

Several of the grants included in this item were the subject of some discussion by members of the council.

UNFAIR TO HOSPITALS

Councillor Gormley thought it unfair that a hospital grant should be held up merely because the institution owed the City a small amount of money.

The Mayor explained that this policy had been enforced by the City for some time, and he could see no particular reason for making any exceptions to this rule.

Noting that the playgrounds grant had not been increased beyond former figure of \$1,000 Councillor Foster asked if consideration had been given the recent brief submitted by the Commission.

In reply Councillor Gaudet stated that it was the opinion of the Committee that the Commission should be required to continue their usual campaigns for funds and not depend on the City for complete support.

NO FURTHER PAYMENT

In respect to the special grant

for the upkeep of Queen Square, objected to by Councillor Gormley, the chairman of the Finance Committee assured the Council that no further grant would be made to maintain this property while the present "de-sectation" continues.

Other items of general expenditure particularly noted by the Council were: an extraordinary amount of \$8,000 appearing in the Street Committee's estimates, and two items one of \$1,400, and the other of \$4,800 which appeared in the estimates of the Fire Committee.

With reference to the first item, Councillor O'Neill chairman of the Streets Committee stated that this amount was included to cover the possibility of employing an engineer during the coming year.

Such an employee would be required particularly in view of the coming amalgamation with Spring Park, he said.

NEW ALARM SYSTEM

Councillor Baker said that the items noted in the fire Committee's estimates were placed there to cover two necessary expenditures: the installation of a new alarm system, and the purchase of 500 feet of hose for the new fire engine in addition to the regular departmental requirements for the year.

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WELCOME BACK

A hearty welcome was afforded S.S. Hessian, Q.C. (Liberal Fifth Kings) as he took his seat in the House yesterday the first time since the beginning of the present session. Mr. Hessian during the past two months has been seriously ill and his many friends on both sides of the House were glad to see that the member from the Georgetown District was able to be with them again.

INCREMENTS TO COME FASTER

\$500 Maximum Increase Seen For Island Teachers

Liquor Books A Nuisance, Says First Queens Member

Declaring that permit books for the purchase of liquor in Prince Edward Island were a "nuisance and a farce", Frank Myers (P.C. First Queens) yesterday strongly attacked the policy of the Provincial Temperance Commission.

He recalled that in 1927 an election had been run on the basis of "Prohibition or Government Control". He said the Conservative Party at that time favored Government Control and the Liberals, prohibition.

"Now they have dropped the word 'prohibition' and substituted it with 'temperance'. Mr. Myers said the word was "very misleading."

SAW NO DRUNKS

Recalling a trip he made to the States last summer, Mr. Myers said he visited one of the "package stores." He noted that the walls were lined with liquor of all sorts but he saw nobody drunk or under the influence.

He said there were no books used for the purchase of liquor in the neighbouring provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick and could not see why the Island still persisted in using them. He could not foresee any additional consumption in liquor because as he put it, "it is so expensive no one could afford to buy any more than they now are."

He said the price of rum was between five and six dollars a bottle and the only difference he could determine between "light" and "dark" rum was that the light rum was mixed with Island water while the dark rum was mixed with Halifax water all of which was purchased by the Government for 60 cents a quart.

Mr. Myers felt that the Government's action in teaching temperance in the schools was commendable but wondered why they had delayed 31 years in getting



MR. FRANK MYERS

He thought that salaries while they are admittedly behind those of other provinces were not the all important thing. He said a teacher must find great reward in molding the minds of young children.

AGRICULTURE

Turning to agriculture, Mr. Myers complimented the Minister for "finally getting Falconwood farm out of the Red".

"But how did he do it, that is what we would like to know. I see where he has an item of \$273 charged up to potatoes." The member from Crapaud said he was unaware that any potatoes were grown on the farm.

He also noted an item of \$267 for cow spray for one year while an amount of \$67 was shown for the same year.

Hon. Mr. Cullen: "If the Hon. member is suggesting that we are charging for something we did not receive let him say so. If not, Mr. Speaker I suggest that he leave the subject."

Mr. Myers said the reason why low salaries were paid in the Government was that there were too many employees. "If there were fewer of them we would be in a position to pay them more", he said.

POTATO BOARD

Regarding the Potato Marketing Board, Mr. Myers said there had been a great deal of controversy stirred up about this matter and declared it was the Government's fault in appointing the Board.

He felt that if each school district meeting of the Federation of Agriculture were to send a delegate along with representation from the dealers the potato industry could be worked out.

Speaking of the Trans Canada Highway, the Queens member said he was very thankful for this road but noted that Hon. Mr. Pearson in his election speeches promised to build the remaining portion of the TCH in the province on a 90 per cent basis.

Mr. Myers felt this would be an injustice to the Province which already has its TCH program almost completed.

Mr. Myers said he was led to believe that the Minister of Highways stated that the TCH in Prince Edward Island was not up to par with the rest of Canada.

"Premier: 'No, no, no, that is not what he said. He said it was not up to the standards stated by certain truck drivers, that is an all weather road.'

The Minister of Highways was absent from the House at the time of Mr. Myers' remarks.

WEST RIVER BRIDGE

The member from Crapaud inquired about the bridge.

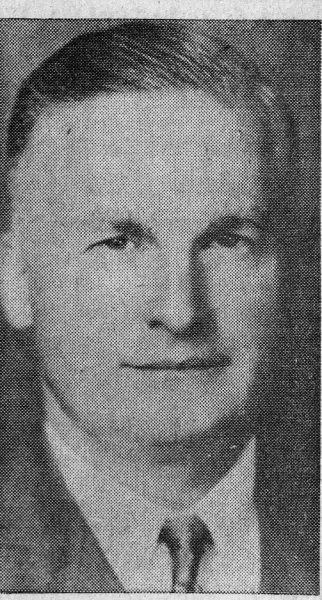
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Minister Of Education Gives Details To The Legislature

The significance of the Government's salary increases and stepped up yearly increments was emphasized yesterday when Hon. Keir Clark, Minister of Education told the Legislature that a first class superior teacher with ten years experience would this year be getting \$500 more than when he reported to the House one year ago.

The new plan of increment payment, he said, now gives the teacher the total increases in pay within a ten year period instead of the 15 years required to reach maximum salary.

Under the old increment payment schedule the teacher received a \$50 increase at the end of the 3rd, 6th, 9th, 12th and 15th year. Now, in an effort to encourage the younger teachers to remain in the profession longer, the increments will come at the end of the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 8th and 10th year.



HON. MR. CLARK

SICK LEAVE

In addition to salary increase. Mr. Clark told the teachers have asked for and will be granted accumulative sick leave with pay. Until now a teacher was allowed 15 days sick leave annually. In future a teacher may accumulate this sick leave over a period of time to a maximum of 100 days.

The Minister in looking across the Chamber noted that the Opposition members' faces were "wreathed in smiles" this year — "a contrast to the look of gloom which prevailed among them in other years," he said.

"I presume they are smiling about the famous Diefenbaker Pie and the Opposition Leader is something like Little Jack Horner who put in his thumb and hopes to pluck out a plum in the form of a judgeship since as I understand, he has already turned down the offer of a seat in the Senate."

opening of the conference that there was not a great deal wrong with education in Canada that a lot of money, properly applied, could not remedy."

"I have often felt the same way about education in this Province. The improvements we need are expensive. The demands of those seeking to improve education are unlimited. Some now advocate to have all teachers university graduates.

"Somewhere I noted, a few days ago, a \$12,000 yearly salary was recommended for secondary school teachers. During the Ottawa conference I heard one speaker put a \$25,000 yearly salary tag on certain educational positions."

PROPHETS OF DOOM

Continuing in lighter vein Mr. Clark recalled that the Opposition were always assuming the role of "prophets of doom", predicting that a depression was about to take place, "and sure enough their prediction at long last came true — we got the depression not long after Mr. Diefenbaker became Prime Minister."

Mr. Clark reminded the House that every pie in addition to its plums has its stones and in this he saw a legacy of some 20 permanent section men of the Canadian National Railways, one of whom, he said, had 28 years service.

Mr. Clark showed from figures compiled by the Canadian Conference of Education, that Prince Edward Island retains a higher percentage of pupils in grade XII than all of Canada — 16 per cent, compared to the Canadian average of 15 per cent. The report also shows that in grade 10, P. E. I. retains 45 per cent of its pupils compared to 35 per cent for the whole of Canada.

"CRISIS IN EDUCATION"

"It may be a long time before such dreams as those can be realized. In the meantime we shall continue to hear the words 'crisis in education' used loosely and extravagantly.

Mr. Clark noted that during the Ottawa conference there was no general condemnation of education in Canada, but this doesn't mean that we need to be satisfied."

"In this province we must therefore continue to try to improve our educational system," said Mr. Clark. "Public interest in education has increased greatly in recent years. The immediate advantage which we may expect from the Ottawa conference is a still further stimulation of this interest."

The Ottawa conference he said, was an indication of the realization of our people of the need of educational expansion to meet modern needs.

MUST MEET CHALLENGE

"Both our schools and our educational requirements must necessarily change to meet new challenges and new advancements in order to fit our young people with an educational background which will serve them in the years to come."

"In noting that Prince Edward Island has a per capita income (Continued on page 2 col. 5)

Paralysis Hits Cuba's Capital

HAVANA, Cuba (AP)—Streets and stores were almost deserted Tuesday as Havana awaited the next move in President Fulgenzio Batista's struggle to retain control of Cuba.

Batista showed no signs of yielding to an ultimatum from rebel leader Fidel Castro or to demands by civic organizations that he resign. He continued to direct his military and police chiefs in an intensified campaign to crush the spreading rebellion.

It seemed clear that Batista is determined to keep the presidency until elections June 1. Political opponents have charged that Batista's candidate, former premier Andres Rivero Aguiar, is certain to be boosted into the presidency by the government if elections are held.

FIGHT TO FINISH

Castro's ultimatum said unless Batista resigns by early April the

rebels will wage "a fight to the finish." Castro warned that Batista would be overthrown by a general strike and an armed uprising.

Within hours after Castro's threat 42 religious, professional, fraternal and other organizations demanded that congress be dissolved and all major factions be allowed to form a provisional government.

The manifesto denounced "repressive forces" exercised by Batista in an attempt to end the revolt and expressed dismay that "the military forces support a regime that the republic repudiates."

In the tense hours following the civic leaders' manifesto and Castro's ultimatum, Havana's business was crippled. Merchants complained that no one was on the streets and no one was buying.

rebels have taken the vital oil centre of Paganbaru and an advance guard of fierce Chinese Moslem warriors has reopened the fight for the port city of Medan in northern Sumatra.

There were indications that rebel operations at Medan beginning Sunday had been diversionary in the hope of laying Paganbaru, 300 miles to the south, open to a counter-attack by revolutionary forces.

A broadcast by the rebel radio in Padang, central Sumatra, said rebel troops attacked Paganbaru Tuesday and government troops either fled or surrendered.

Rebels Say Oil Centre Is Re-Taken

SINGAPORE (AP)—Indonesian rebels said Tuesday night they have retaken the vital oil centre of Paganbaru and an advance guard of fierce Chinese Moslem warriors has reopened the fight for the port city of Medan in northern Sumatra.

Coal Miner Is Fatally Injured

SPRINGHILL, N. S. (CP)—A miner died in hospital here Tuesday night of injuries received earlier when a "bump" occurred in No. 2 mine.

A spokesman at All Saints Hospital said Alfred White, 28, died shortly after midnight Tuesday. Nathan Miller, 45, also injured, was said to be in good condition. White was believed to have suffered chest injuries and was unconscious when admitted.

Potato Prices Were Slightly Easier Tuesday

Potato prices were somewhat softer yesterday, it was reported from dealers in several areas of the Province. Some said the cause was "too many potatoes on track not sold." They added, however, that they felt the price should firm up in a day or so.

The prices varied somewhat from place to place. In Charlottetown the quotation was approximately \$2.00 per 75-pound sack.

At Summerside prices were \$2.00 to \$2.75. At Montserrat they started at \$2.30 but went down to \$1.90.

ARREST "SPIES"

PRAGUE (Reuters) — Czechoslovakia said Tuesday that an official of the state investment bank and a number of other Czechs have been arrested as "American spies." The official Josef Moravec, was alleged to have been recruited by relatives in the West whom he visited recently as a tourist. He was arrested "in the act of handing them information" when they later came to visit him in Czechoslovakia.

Wants Sale Of Margarine Made Legal On The Island

That the sale of margarine be permitted on Prince Edward Island was strongly urged by Hon. E. Earle MacDonald in the Legislature yesterday.

Mr. MacDonald felt it would not affect the dairy industry of the Province, "since there was a floor price on butter anyway, and many people in the lower income brackets would benefit from the sale."

Mr. MacDonald said it was common knowledge that a considerable quantity of margarine was being brought into the province at the present time, and "people should be given the opportunity to buy it legally."

NEW BOAT NEEDED

The Provincial Treasurer said there had been much talk of a causeway but what the Island needed right away was a boat comparable to the Abegweit. He

said the causeway could not be ready for use within ten years even if it were started this summer.

Turning to the tourist industry, Mr. MacDonald said there was a need for additional accommodation but noted that more and more people are vacationing in trailers.

He said there were many requests for tourist loans but reminded the House that the \$300,000 revolving fund was the only source from which the Government could draw in making loans and these are limited by the amount of repayment made.

SLIGHT LOSS

The Provincial Treasurer said there has been some talk about the loss which the Government was sustaining through tourist loans. He assured the members that the loss rate has been less

than five per cent since the fund was set up in 1947. He said every attempt will be made for the recovery of this amount.

The donation of the Cotton Family of park lands was described by Mr. MacDonald as a "splendid gesture" but he did not favor the spending of too much money on their development. Why develop one place more than another "The whole Island is itself a tourist attraction", he stated.

He was not in favor of building too many roadside tables. He contended that short distances of travel here did not call for stopovers for lunch that are prevalent on the mainland.

He termed the layoff of section men on the C.N.R. a serious loss to the Province and felt that it must be the intention of the railway to take up rail after rail and tie after tie until there was no railway left.

IN LEGISLATURE YESTERDAY

Committee Reports On Hospital Insurance Plan

"Under this Hospital Insurance Plan (Bill 320) the patient will be responsible for payment for professional medical services, extra hospital charges for preferred accommodations, private duty nursing services not considered medically necessary, special drugs in hospital and all drugs and appliances required outside of hospital."

The above was contained in the recommendations of the report of the Committee on Hospital Insurance tabled in the Legislature yesterday.

The report also stated that there should be provision for those residents of the Province who are visitors outside the Province as well as for those resi-

dents recommended for treatment outside the Province. It went on to say that adequate reciprocal arrangements for the hospital care of their respective residents will be required between provinces having hospital insurance programs.

The recommendations also added that the committee is unanimously of the opinion that hospitals should retain their present voluntary status and that ownership and administration of hospitals should not become a function of government.

BRIEFS RECEIVED

During the Committee's study of the proposed plan briefs were received from the P. E. I. Sec-

tion of the Maritime Hospital Association; the P. E. I. Division of the Canadian Medical Association; the Association of Nurses of P. E. I.; The Maritime Hospital Services Association; the C. C. F. Standing Committee on Health Insurance; and the Charlottetown and District Labour Council.

The Committee also felt that cost of administration of a hospital insurance plan should be a shared expense; that treatment of mental and tuberculosis patients should not be excluded. It also noted that under this bill certain groups of the population for whose hospital care the Federal Government has assumed responsibility over the years will (Continued on page 5 col. 7)

Would End Nuclear Tests

OTTAWA (CP) — Liberal Leader Lester B. Pearson said Tuesday night Canada should support an immediate end of nuclear weapons tests.

Speaking on the subject he knows best, international affairs, the former external affairs minister said:

"After much thought and in view of recent developments, I believe now that Canada should support an immediate ending of nuclear tests—at least for a substantial period—as a first step in bringing these awful weapons under control."

Father Charged As Grisly Triple Slaying Is Revealed

ELLIOT LAKE, Ont. (CP)—A green-and-white trailer home that stood strangely silent for nearly a week Tuesday yielded the slashed bodies of a young mother and her two small daughters.

Provincial police broke into the locked 35-foot trailer after a report from Detroit that a man who identified himself as Roland Sabourin of Elliot Lake had told police there: "I'm haunted by the feeling I killed my wife and daughters."

Mrs. Lucille Sabourin, 28, Lor-

Tells Students Navy Offers Them Many Opportunities

The navy offers the University graduate every facility to continue his education, stated Cmdr. P. MacDowell, C.D., R.C.N. in addressing members of University Naval Training Division, composed of students of Saint Dunstan's University and Prince of Wales College at Saint Dunstan's University last evening.

He assured them of an academic future as well as a technical

Gaillard Gets Confidence Vote

PARIS (AP)—French deputies Tuesday voted a constitutional reform few of them liked rather than throw out Premier Felix Gaillard at a time of crisis with the Paris police.

They voted 282 to 196—a government majority of 86—for the general principle of Gaillard's plan.

If the legislation goes through all its later stages, together with an electoral reform bill also planned, it will be harder for



COMMANDER P. MacDOWELL, Charlottetown, members of the University Naval Training Division at HMCS Queen Charlotte



Both boys are third year students at Prince of Wales College.