

Canadian Sales Tax Called Inequitable

By GREG MACDONALD
 TORONTO (CP) — Canada's sales taxes are inequitable and being levied unevenly on different groups of taxpayers and industries, says a Montreal accountant.

Donald R. Huggett of McDonald, Currie and Company, says that in recent months it has been suggested that the federal sales tax in Canada should be extended to the service industries if additional revenue must be raised.

In fact, he says, it has even been rumored that the suggestion is being seriously considered by the government and might be adopted in the next full-scale budget.

"The service industry, which escapes the federal sales tax and, to a large extent, provincial sales taxes is becoming a larger and larger proportion of

business enterprise, as is perhaps inevitable in countries with a high standard of living."

Writing in the Canadian Chartered Accountant, Mr. Huggett says that if it is accepted that all business enterprise should bear a fair share of the tax burden, it is difficult to relate arguments which favor the extension of all sales taxes to service enterprises.

TAX ENTERPRISE

There is little doubt, he writes, that the taxation of the product of enterprise, which can only be measured conveniently in terms of sales, has a place in the tax system of any country which seeks to exploit its revenue fully.

"It is almost impossible to generate sufficient revenue through income and property taxes to adequately cover the revenue needs of most advanced

Security Is Safe In New Book

LONDON (CP) — Prime Minister Macmillan, questioned in the House of Commons concerning a recently published book, "The Quiet Canadian," said he was informed that the book "did not prejudice current security in any way."

He was replying to Lt.-Col. ber of concerns selling goods to the public and the enormous quantity of individual sales.

"While the sales tax authorities appear to have done a praiseworthy job in the establishment of national prices, they and the taxpayers, are virtually hamstringed by a system which has no recourse to higher authority."

"The responsibility of establishing the basis on which tax is levied should never, it is suggested, be solely that of civil servants, nor should taxpayers be denied recourse to the courts."

J. K. Coard, Conservative member for Nottingham Central, who said the book "disclosed most flagrant breaches, by one or more people, of the Official Secrets Act."

The book by Montgomery Hyde tells for the first time the full story of the intelligence operations directed by Sir William Stephenson during the Second World War.

Sir William, a 64-year-old millionaire industrialist born in the North Douglas district of Winnipeg, headed the British security Co-Ordination which was responsible for some of the most sensational cloak-and-dagger activities of the war.

Cordeaux, bringing the matter before the house for the second time, said that "if no action was taken as a result of the publication of the book it would be quite impossible to prevent other secret agents from exploiting their activities for money and even more impossible to prosecute them if they did."

The prime minister said provisions of the Official Secrets Act are adequate for their purpose and, in general, worked satisfactorily.

Reputation Of Caouette Is Suggested

VERDUN, Que. (CP) — Andrew Brewin, New Democratic Party MP for Toronto Greenwood, told a public meeting Tuesday night that the people of Quebec should repudiate Real Caouette, deputy national leader of the Social Credit party, for his statements on Hitler and anti-Semitism.

"There is no room for this sort of radical" in Canada, Mr. Brewin said.

The Toronto MP said Mr. Caouette has on several occasions praised Hitler's economic poli-

tics. He also quoted the Quebec Social Credit leader as telling an interviewer that Hitler exterminated only "useless Jews."

Mr. Brewin added: "Either Mr. Caouette is grossly ignorant of Hitler's economic program or he approves of some of the most infamous pages in the history of civilized man."

He said both the voters of Quebec and the Social Credit party itself should act to repudiate Mr. Caouette for his stand on such matters.

The comments were included in a partial text of his speech issued to the press prior to delivery.

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Forest Fire Losses Down

8,460,000 acres ravaged by 6,438 fires.

Heaviest losses this year were recorded in Quebec, Manitoba, New Brunswick and British Columbia.

Since national forest fire statistics began to be compiled in 1919, the only better year was in 1954 when 266,000 acres were burned out.

DOKS TO LEAVE?

OTTAWA (CP) — Magistrate William Evans of Nelson, B.C., arrived here Wednesday to inquire of various embassy officials if their countries would be willing to accept Sons of Freedom Doukhobers.

The department, issuing its final estimate for the 1962 fire season between April and October, said 6,078 fires burned over about 457,000 acres.

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