

Suggests Pattern Of Australia In Tax Rental Plan

Discussing the new tax rental agreement in the Legislature yesterday Mr. William Hughes, former Provincial Treasurer who completed the first such agreement with the Dominion, said that he felt it should be patterned after the Australian system.

In that part of the British Commonwealth, he said, the lower income states received an amount to bring their overall income to parity with the wealthier states, but they were the only ones to receive anything. It was not an agreement with all states.

Mr. Hughes thought such agreements in Canada should be based on the income of the Provinces and payments made to them on that basis. He noted that the average income, per capita, in Prince Edward Island was only \$396 while the general average income in Canada was \$691. Only two Provinces had per capita incomes higher than that of the Dominion, they are British Columbia with \$846 and Ontario with \$860. He thought the future tax agreements should be grounded on a basic tax from the provinces to Canada.

In his opinion using only the year previous to the tax rental payment year as a foundation year for the increasing or lowering of the amounts over the guaranteed minimum was a "win or lose" proposition for the Provinces.

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GOSPEL HALL — Upper Prince Street — G. F. Heldman and G. A. Ramsay will continue gospel meetings the remaining nights of this week at 8 P.M. Saturday included. Lord's Day at 7:30 P.M. All heartily invited.

PENNY AUCTION — A very successful penny auction was held Tuesday evening at the Charlottetown Hospital by the Junior League. Door prizes donated by Clarke Fruit Co. a basket of fruit and vegetables, was won by Mrs. J. F. Moore. A spice shelf, donated by Chandler Bros., was won by Mrs. Edith Tanton.

FUNERAL SERVICES — The funeral of the late Miss Rita Nicholson was held from the MacLean Funeral Home. Services were conducted by Rev. Donald Nicholson. Interment was in Hartsville Cemetery. The pallbearers were James Thompson, Morrison MacLean, E. L. Howatt, Bruce Younker, Douglas Sims, Randolph Nicholson.

FUNERAL YESTERDAY — The funeral of the late Donald Gordon Lewis, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon B. Lewis, of St. Avaris, was held privately from the MacLean Funeral Home yesterday afternoon. Services were conducted by Rev. H. E. D. Ashford. Interment was in the People's Cemetery.

FUNERAL YESTERDAY — The funeral of the late Alvin Anderson was held yesterday from the Cutcliffe Funeral Home. The service at the home and grave was conducted by Rev. E. C. Evans. Pallbearers were Addison MacKenzie, Percy Robins, Russell Webster, Roderick Pratt, George McEwen and Stirling MacSwain. Interment was in Midgill Cemetery.

Most Members Take Part In Draft Debate

When the debate on the Draft Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne was concluded yesterday it marked the end of the two-weeks discussion which saw almost all members of the Legislature taking part.

Included in those speaking were the mover, Mr. E. P. Foley, the seconder, Dr. Lorne Bonnell, Premier J. Walter Jones, Mr. R. R. Bell, Leader of the Opposition, Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan, Mr. George Saville, Mr. W. F. A. Stewart, Hon. A. W. Matheson, Minister of Health and Welfare, Hon. Eugene Cullen, Minister of Industry and Natural Resources, Hon. W. E. Darby, Attorney General and Provincial Treasurer, Hon. C. C. Bakes, Minister of Agriculture.

Other speakers included Mr. John A. MacDonald, Mr. Hubert Gaudet, Mr. Harvey Douglas, Mr. B. Earle MacDonald, Mr. J. G. MacKay, Mr. Frank Myers, Hon. J. B. St. John, Mr. W. A. Acorn, Mr. William Hughes, Hon. Keir Clark.

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Major MacGillivray, the Charlottetown chairman of the general canvass said he felt confident that all the canvassers, team captains and division commanders would keep at it until they had satisfactorily completed the work they had undertaken.

The Provincial chairman, Mr. Edwin C. Johnstone, stated last night that most of the districts in the three counties were fairly well organized under Mr. R. T. Henthorne, Prince, Mr. Gordon MacMillan, Queens, Messrs. H. M. Smith, Montague, and Melvin J. McQuaid, Souris. He intimated that returns would probably be slow coming in because of the condition of the roads at the present time. However, he felt encouraged by the fact that several districts in Queens County had already completed the canvass and sent in returns showing considerable gains over the amounts collected last year.

Working round the clock the car-ferry Abegweit has returned approximately 300 refrigerator cars and loads of freight from Tormentine to Borden in the past 72 hours, it was learned yesterday.

Earlier this month ice conditions in the Northumberland Strait seriously hampered operations by the Abegweit. This resulted in a serious tie-up of freight and reefer cars at Tormentine that were badly needed by Island producers for export purposes.

Clearing Up Reefer Car Situation

Special emphasis is now being placed on getting as many reefers to this Province as possible. If the good weather continues there is every indication of rapid movement, and the situation should be cleared up in the next few days, officials of the Department of Transport stated.

Climb In Gross National Product Important To P.E.I.

A rise or drop of \$1 billion in the value of the gross national product of Canada would mean an increase or decrease of approximately \$175,000 to this Province under the new tax rental agreement. The statement was made in the Legislature yesterday by Hon. W. E. Darby, Provincial Treasurer, in explaining the manner of gearing the annual payments to Prince Edward Island to the wealth of Canada and the population of this Province.

Despite the possibility of a drop in the national product value Mr. Darby felt that the agreement favored this Province because the preceding year only is taken as a base for payment. Instead of the former method of averaging a three year period. This will result in an extra \$300,000 in the first year of the five year arrangement.

Mr. Darby quoted figures to show that the value of the gross national product was climbing steadily and had made sharp advances since 1947. In that year the value was placed at over 13 billion dollars and the following year stood at nearly 16 billion. However, in 1951 it had jumped to over 21 billion dollars.

The population of the Province is used as the base with the figure being multiplied by the percentage of increase in the gross national product from year to year over the amount which is set as the minimum guaranteed payment.

Mr. Darby thought it was a pretty good agreement as a tax settlement but said he would be the first to agree that it would not be satisfactory if it were to be considered as a final settlement.

In relation to the agreement he

was asked by Mr. Frank Myers what the Government of Canada was receiving from the people here in corporation and income taxes. Mr. Darby said that the figure was reasonably constant at approximately \$3 million a year.

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Committee Readings In The Legislature

Following the conclusion of the debate on the Draft Address yesterday in the Legislature members got down to serious work on the large number of bills which are before the House for consideration at this session. Several were introduced and late in the afternoon the House resolved itself into a committee and gave second reading to several which had been presented previously.

Among those introduced yesterday were an Act to amend an Act to incorporate the Maritime Hospital Service Association, an Act to amend the Probate Act, an Act to amend the Mechanics Lien Act, an Act to Amend the Appeals Act, an Act to amend an Act to amend the Divorce Court Act.

During the late afternoon Hon. Mr. A. W. Matheson, Minister of Health and Welfare and Acting Premier in the absence of Premier J. Walter Jones, stated that it was necessary to get on with the bills and suggested that perhaps the members might be detained past the traditional six p.m. adjourning hour. However, though several bills went through the committee stage and received second reading the House rose at the usual time.

Given second reading yesterday were an Act to amend the Interpretation Act, an Act to amend the Evidence Act, an Act to amend the Garnishment Act, an Act to amend the Habeas Corpus and Certiorari Act, an Act to amend the Judgment and Execution Act, an Act to Amend the Judicature Act and an Act to amend the Trustee Act.

In connection with the Judicature Act Attorney General Walter E. Darby, who piloted the bills through committee, said that the minor change in the holding of a session of the Supreme Court in Georgetown from the second Tuesday in November to the first Tuesday in that month was made because it was possible that the second Tuesday might be a holiday or might create a situation where both the Grand and Petit Juries would be in the court on the same day instead of on successive days.

Maritimer Gives Success Formula

MONTREAL, March 26 — (CP) — A Maritimer tonight told a group of Maritimers just what makes Maritimers successful.

Murray R. Chipman, Montreal director of Maclean-Hunter Publishing Company, told the Maritime Women's Club of Montreal there are four reasons for the success story.

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High Tribute Paid To HMCS "Cayuga"

H.M.C.S. Cayuga under the command of Lt. Commander Peter Cosh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allan B. Cosh of this city has recently been termed as the best United Nations ship fighting North Korean and Chinese Communists by the South Koreans.

The destroyer Cayuga with her fleet number 218 painted in gold numerals on her side, is called "Two eighteen, number one ship," by the South Koreans.

United Nations liaison men informed the ship's officers that it's protective work along with helping to clothe South Koreans had made the "Cayuga" a fairy godmother to all the forces and inhabitants of the U.N. held islands off the west coast of North Korea.

Officers and men of the Cayuga recently collected clothes for poorly-clad Koreans on one of the islands. Aid has also been rendered to poverty stricken inhabitants.

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Centennial Y's Men's Club Elects Officers

Mr. Harold Forsythe was elected president of the Centennial Y's Men's Club during the weekly supper meeting held here at the Y. M. C. A. last night. Retiring president Mr. George MacDougall presided. Other incoming officers are as follows: Vice-President, Mr. George Anderson; Secretary, Mr. Fred Norton; Treasurer, Mr. Ralph Carr. During the meeting one new member, Mr. Forrest Clow, was voted and welcomed in by members of the group.

A sing-song was led by Mr. Lorimer Cudmore accompanied on the piano by Mr. Ivo Robinson who later rendered a solo to the group. Misses Nancy MacEwen and Barbara Rupert charmed those present with a duet, after which the election of officers took place.

Warns Of Heavily Increasing Debt

Severely critical of the debt of the Province Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan yesterday said in the Legislature that by the time the new tax rental agreement with the Government of Canada expires the debt will have risen to \$30,000,000. According to an answer tabled yesterday by the Provincial Treasurer the present total debt is over \$19,000,000.

He stated that he was not criticizing the Government here or members of past Governments who had worked on other agreements entered into between the Province and the Government of Canada. Dr. MacMillan agreed with other speakers who had previously mentioned that payments to this Province by the Dominion should not be geared to a population basis. Because this is the smallest Province in Canada he felt it was a grave injustice.

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The former leader of the Opposition expressed sympathy for the Minister of Public Works and Highways, Hon. Dougald MacKinnon, because all speakers in the debate on the draft address had asked for work to be done on the roads in their districts. He thought if the Minister tried to satisfy all of them that the expenditures of his department would be more than double the present amount.

Regarding the tax rental agreement itself he thought the national gross product value would have to go to \$100 million before it would be of real benefit to this Province and help us out. He thought that we should have gotten a guaranteed minimum of at least \$5 million and said the whole history of Confederation since Prince Edward Island entered it was a history of injustice to the Maritime Provinces.

The speaker stated that he did not favor the tax rental agreement in principle because it put the individual provinces in the position of being beneficiaries. He said that there had never been

paid members of the Government by comparison with the salaries received by men in similar positions in other provinces. He suggested a national subsidy fund to take provinces out of debt.

LEGION MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Charlottetown Branch, Canadian Legion, B. E. S. L. will be held in the Branch Home at 7:30 P.M. Thursday, March 27th inst.

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