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# GOV'T URGED TO WIDEN FARM-IMPROVEMENT LOAN HELP

## Brier Pipes Become U.S. Tariff Test Case

### Current Year Ended With Seventh Surplus In A Row

OTTAWA, (CP)—Canada will end the current fiscal year with a surplus, the seventh in a row and the smallest.

Finance Minister Abbott, in an 86-page white paper tabled today in the Commons, estimated the surplus for the year ending March 31 at \$47,816,000. The white paper is an economic review of the year's activities and precedes Mr. Abbott's budget speech Thursday night outlining taxation policies.

The surplus, subject to revision when final accounts are tabulated, compares with \$248,034,000 last year and a record of \$676,100,000 in 1948.

A surplus of \$376,600,000 in 1947 broke a string of 17 consecutive deficits during the last war and the depression of the 1930s.

### New Atlantic Flight of Sabre Jets Planned

OTTAWA, (CP)—The third mass flight of P-88 Sabre jet fighter planes to help bolster Europe's defenses will take place early next month, air force headquarters announced Wednesday.

The operation will involve squadrons from Bagotville, Que., St. Hubert, near Montreal, and Upland, near Ottawa.

They will be based at Zweibrücken, Germany, where they will form No. 3 R.C.A.F. fighter wing, the third quarter of a 12-squadron air division which is Canada's air contribution to the defenses of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

### British Cut Civil Service Payrolls

LONDON, (AP)—The government says it removed 19,899 persons from the civil service payroll during 1952. The number of government employees Jan. 1 was 668,563, lowest since April 1, 1952.

### Britain Ready For Defence Talks With Egypt

LONDON, (Reuters)—Diplomatic quarters here confirmed Wednesday that Britain is ready to tackle its next big problem with Egypt—withdrawal of British troops from the Suez Canal zone.

### Predicts Bumper Tourist Crop

OTTAWA, (CP)—Foreign vehicles entering Canada on traveller's permits in January totalled 47,400, or 24 per cent more than January, 1952, the Bureau of Statistics reports.

The figures were a record high for January and prompted Canadian government travel bureau officials to predict a bumper crop of tourists for Canada in 1953.

### Priest Favors Annulment In Unusual Marriage

MONTREAL, (CP)—A Montreal Roman Catholic priest said Wednesday he favored annulment action in an arranged marriage between an American girl and an Italian immigrant who were introduced only two days before the ceremony.

Rev. George Nincheri, pastor of Notre Dame Della Difesa Church, said he had approved annulment proceedings of Mary Thompson Dinardo of New Haven, Conn., and Francesco Dinardo, 33-year-old Italian immigrant, who were introduced in the United States. The annulment may take six months since it must be disposed of at the Vatican.

Father Nincheri said that since he performed a marriage ceremony in Montreal for the couple last June 30, they have not lived together as man and wife.

The priest said the day after the ceremony Mrs. Dinardo told him "it won't work."

Dinardo was arrested Feb. 4 at Rouses Point, N.Y., charged with illegally attempting to enter the United States from Canada.

Father Nincheri said Dinardo speaks no English. The marriage was arranged by relatives. He said Mrs. Dinardo said at New Haven last week that she no longer considers herself married to Dinardo and awaits permission from the Archbishop of Montreal to begin annulment proceedings.

A spokesman for Paul-Emile Cardinal Leger, Archbishop of Montreal, said an annulment proceeding would be handled by Dinardo some months ago. Dinardo had not returned to the Archbishop's residence to give further information regarding his petition.

### B. C. Gov't Takes Slap At Ottawa In Budget

VICTORIA, (CP)—British Columbia's fledgling Social Credit government took another slap at the federal government Wednesday in its first budget.

Finance Minister Einar Gunderson announced in his budget speech in the legislature that the government will impose new taxes on the profits of logging and mining companies.

This will hit at the Dominion-provincial taxation agreement. The province has the right to impose the new taxes but companies affected will be able to deduct them when figuring federal income tax. This means Ottawa will collect less from these companies.

Car License Fees Cut

At the same time, Mr. Gunderson announced that car license fees will be cut 10 per cent in 1954 and

### Eisenhower Decides Against Duty Increase

WASHINGTON, (AP)—President Eisenhower has decided against increasing import duties on low-price brier pipes at this time.

His ruling, announced Wednesday, is an interim one. A final decision will depend upon additional information he has requested from the tariff commission.

Brier pipe imports, running to about \$400,000 last year, are only a fraction of United States import trade. But the President said they typically one of the tariff problems the new administration must solve in its relations with foreign countries.

### Eisenhower Statement

In a message to Congress Feb. 2, Eisenhower said, "our foreign policy will recognize the importance of profitable and equitable world trade." At the same time he said there must be "legitimate safeguarding" of U.S. producers.

Thus the question of brier pipe imports became a sort of pilot case, closely watched by U.S. industry and those foreign manufacturers who hope to increase their trade with the U.S.

Probably the most significant part of the statement is its rejection, temporarily, at least, of the tariff commission's recommendation that duties be increased to protect U.S. pipe makers.

### Asks Information

Eisenhower asked for information about comparative labor and other costs in the manufacture of U.S. and foreign pipes, and a statement on whether imports "may have consisted of pipes of a quality and price range not generally produced by domestic industry."

Eisenhower inherited the pipe case from the Truman administration. The tariff commission reported last Dec. 22 that foreign makers, even after paying tariffs ranging up to 76 per cent, are making things too tough for the 30-odd U.S. manufacturers. Most foreign pipes come from Britain, France and Italy.

### Aid Education Of Immigrants

OTTAWA, (CP)—Immigration Minister Harris announced Wednesday that the Federal Government has decided to make grants to the provinces for the education of immigrants settling in Canada.

He told the Commons the Federal Government will make grants equivalent to one-half the grants the provinces make to the education of new citizens.

Mr. Harris said about 45,000 immigrants are attending citizenship classes.

In most cases the classes were operated by local school boards.

### Develop New "Immersion Suit"

TORONTO, (CP)—A new two-toned "immersion suit" of rubber-coated nylon to give R.C.A.F. plane crews who crash at sea a better chance of survival has been developed by the Institute of Aviation Medicine.

The suit can be donned quickly over other clothing. It fits snugly over hands and feet and prevents escape of air so that its wearers stay afloat.

### British Firm Challenges Claims In Lung Cancer

LONDON, (Reuters)—A leading British tobacco company has set aside "not proved" the case against cigarette-smoking as a cause of lung cancer.

Sir Robert John Sinclair, chairman of the Imperial Tobacco Company, said Wednesday that available evidence is "far from conclusive" and does not constitute proof that smoking could be a contributory cause of lung cancer.

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"But if it should ever be proved that there exists something harmful in tobacco," he added, "even in the minutest quantities, which could conceivably make smoking one of the causes of this disease, we should, I hope be the first to take steps to eliminate it."

Controversy In Britain

There has been considerable controversy in Britain recently on the question, in medical journals, in the press and in Parliament.

Some critics say the government

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### Sign Eight Million Contract On TV

NEW YORK, (AP)—Lucille Ball and her husband, Desi Arnaz, have signed a new \$8,000,000 contract with Philip Morris and Company and CBS television for 2 1/2 more years of "I Love Lucy." CBS announced Wednesday.

The contract was called the largest ever signed in television. CBS said it was a "no option" document, meaning it is not subject to the cancellation privileges often contained in TV contracts.

### Fast Teamwork In Remedying Kensington Postoffice Plans

OTTAWA, Feb. 18—(Special)—In a swift political triple-play as seen in Ottawa this session, J. Watson MacNaught, Liberal member for Prince and Parliamentary Assistant to Fisheries Minister Sinclair today changed the plans for the location of the new post office building at Kensington.

Excavation had just started for the new building when the Mayor of Kensington and a number of leading citizens noticed the power machinery was operating too near the corner on which the building is to be erected. The Mayor immediately telephoned Mr. MacNaught at Ottawa and voiced complaints that a building where the shovels were biting would make a "blind corner" on the main Summerside-Charlottetown road.

Catching the long-distance pitch, Mr. MacNaught promptly threw the ball to Works Minister Fournier, asking him to permit the new structure to be set 20 feet further back on the site. In consultation with his departmental architects, Mr. Fournier decided to permit the change.

In its new location, the Post Office will not interfere with highway visibility and will permit greater parking facilities in the vicinity of the building.

### Queen's M. P. Urges More Use Of Farm Improvement Funds

OTTAWA, Feb. 18—(Special)—More use should be made of funds available under the Farm Improvement Loans Act for actual improvement of farm buildings, J. Angus McLean, Progressive Conservative member for Queen's, told the Commons this afternoon.

Mr. MacLean pointed out that only four per cent of the total amount of Federal farm loans had been applied to improvement of farm buildings and fences, drainage, plumbing, heating and sewage disposal units. Of the grand total, 92 per cent of the money borrowed went for farm machinery and four per cent for purchase of livestock.

It was as important or more important for a farmer today to have proper buildings, running water and sewage connections than to own a small truck, he said.

The Queen's member also felt that Federal farm loans should be extended to cover loans for the purchase of lime to counteract an acid condition of the soil. Farm loans made under the Veterans Act include those for lime and he felt this provision should apply equally to other federal loans.

Mr. MacLean observed that more use of the farm loans has been made in Prince Edward Island than in any but the Prairie Provinces.

Mr. Lesage, parliamentary assistant to Finance Minister Abbott, said the department would have to be satisfied that application of the lime to the land was a permanent improvement. He said he would give the suggestion and other helpful suggestions full consideration.

### Potato Trophy

The council also decided to award a trophy and cash prize of at least \$1000 for the world champion potato grower at the Royal Winter Fair at Toronto this fall. The prize will go to the best exhibit of 30 seed potatoes.

Thomas Wilkinson of Kelowna, B.C., was elected president to succeed B. M. Wallace of Simcoe, Ont. Vice-presidents chosen were W. R. Shaw, Charlottetown, and T. L. Meek, Kentville, N.S.

Mr. Shaw was appointed chairman of the all Canada potato committee for the fourth successive term.

### Report Iodine Aids Rheumatoid Arthritis

LONDON, (AP)—Two British doctors say iodine seems to be effective in the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis. Writing in the magazine Medical World, Dr. Charles Hagenbach and Dr. Lane Walmsley said Wednesday that intravenous injections of colloidal iodine has arrested the disease in 85 per cent of the 35 cases they have investigated.

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### Fighter-Bombers Hit Communists In North Korea

SEOUL, (AP)—About 400 air force and marine fighter-bombers turned a sprawling Communist tank and infantry training center near the Korean Red capital of Pyongyang Wednesday into a mass of fire in the second greatest all-jet strike of the Korean war.

At least 38 Communist Mig fighters, based in Manchuria, at the moment of the attack, but headquarters reported five Red jets shot down and two more were manoeuvred into crashes.

The air blow by 379 planes shattered 130 buildings and touched off fires and explosions at Kangso, 15 miles west of Pyongyang.

The jet battles produced the 26th United States ace of the war, Capt. Manuel Fernandez, Jr. He downed two Mig's, his fifth and sixth.

Shooting stars, Thunderjets and Panther jets hit first in the morning.

The target contained numerous buildings, ranging from small brick billeting structures to a factory-size tank and vehicle repair shop.

It was the second big raid in four days. Last Sunday more than 200 fighter-bombers smashed at a Red troop and supply area at Kyompo, less than 20 miles south of Kangso, the target hit Wednesday.

### Opposition Members Make Suggestions

OTTAWA, (CP)—Opposition members of the Commons asked the government Wednesday to widen farm-improvement loan help.

Some Liberals, while approving provisions of the Farm Improvement Loan Act, also said steps could be taken through publicity to let more farmers take advantage of it.

The suggestions were made during preliminary to a government bill to change the existing loan period and to boost the total of maximum loans that banks may make under the current legislation. The bill eventually was introduced and given first reading.

### New Loan Period

Under its provisions, the current loan period will end next March 31, instead of Feb. 28, 1954, and a new three-year period will be established. The ceiling of maximum guaranteed bank loans will be increased to \$300,000,000 from the present \$200,000,000.

Against members' proposals for increasing the ceiling on individual loans and extending the repayment time, Jean Lesage, parliamentary assistant to Finance Minister Abbott, indicated no change is proposed from current policy.

Mr. Lesage was piloting the measure in the absence of Mr. Abbott, engaged in putting final touches to the budget speech.

### C.C.F. Proposals

Most sweeping changes in the legislation were suggested by Ross Thatcher, (C.C.F.—Moose Jaw).

He proposed:

1. That the ceiling on loans to individual farmers be increased to \$6,000 from \$3,000.
2. That down payments on farm implements be lowered.
3. That the repayment period of seven years be extended to 10 years.

G. W. Montgomery (PC—Victoria-Carleton) thought the act was well advertised. He had had no requests to increase the maximum loan.

### Wants Publicity

A. M. Robichaud (PC—Gloucester) wanted more publicity spread among farmers on the benefits of the Farm Act, and Mr. Lesage promised to send him all the material he wanted to distribute among his constituents. Mr. Robichaud had said he would be willing to take on this job in his big rural constituency with few banks in it.

W. J. Browne (PC—St. John's West) urged more publicity so that farmers would know in Newfoundland that they are entitled to benefits. He said farmers in that new province had obtained loans amounting only to \$40,000 in 1951.

Mr. Lesage replied that was not surprising, since Newfoundland only had 300 farms that sold produce amounting to more than \$2,500, according to the last census.

### Strike Threatens Hugs Austin Plant

BIRMINGHAM, Eng. (CP)—A strike in the huge Austin automobile plant here made 4,500 men idle Wednesday and threatened to bring a complete shutdown, with 21,000 out of work—all over one man. The man is a union shop steward who claims he lost his job because of union activities. The Amalgamated Engineering Union pledged moral support for the strikers, members of the National Union of Vehicle Builders.

### First Accident

CLEVELAND, (AP)—Edson Sampson at the age of 90 and at the suggestion of a judge, reluctantly agreed Wednesday to give up driving. Sampson hit a parked car Feb. 5 for his first accident in 40 years of driving.

### N. Z. Paper Says U.S. Farmers Battling Shadow

AUOKLAND, (CP)—The New Zealand Herald says United States farmers protesting the sale of New Zealand beef in the U.S. are battling a shadow.

The paper says: "Can the charge of treating American farm interests be leveled against a country whose total annual beef export would feed the whole United States for less than three days, and whose food production almost entirely is committed to Britain?"

The Herald says that only by sale of wool, dairy products, hides and meat can an agricultural

### Electoral Reform Hearing By Legislative Committee Opens

That there should be changes in the election system of this Province was generally agreed by those appearing before the Select Standing Committee of the Legislature on Electoral Reform yesterday afternoon in the Court House. However, there was a wide divergence of opinion as to what should be done.

Appearing to present briefs on the subject were Mr. J. Lincoln Dewar, representing the P. E. I. Federation of Agriculture; Mr. Douglas MacFarlane, representing the Co-Operative Commonwealth Federation (C.C.F. Party); and Mr. Arthur Wright, who appeared as an individual to express his views.

Members of the committee present were Mr. J. George MacKay, chairman, Hon. A. W. Matheson, Hon. W. E. Darby, Hon. Eugene Cullen, Malcolm John A. MacDonald, J. W. D. Campbell and J. O. C. Campbell, secretary to the committee.

In opening the first public hearing on the subject Mr. MacKay said it was being held to give all the people a chance to express opinions, whether they were those of organizations, groups or individuals. He said there were many who felt the present Act, as old as it is, is still working satisfactorily and there were many others who felt the time had come for a change. Mr. Campbell, the secretary, then read from an extract from the Journals of the Legislative Assembly setting up the committee.

### Federation Brief

The first brief presented was that of the Federation of Agriculture. Mr. Dewar told the committee that the Federation did not attempt to develop policies for its members, it simply endeavours to reflect their thinking and opinions. He noted that society does not long remain in a static condition and that parliaments must continually provide changing legislation to meet new conditions. For this reason he said it appeared reasonable that the machinery by which parliaments and legislatures are elected might require replacement by more modern

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### French Unlikely To Ratify EDC Treaty Before June

PARIS, (AP)—Influential members of Parliament say the French National Assembly probably will not act on ratification of the European Defence Community Treaty until next June, a year after the treaty was signed.

This would mean a further sharp setback to supporters of the six-country defence project, which provides for uniforming 500,000 West Germans in a 2,000,000-man European army.

### Stressed Dangers

President Eisenhower, a chief backer of the scheme, sent State Dept. officials to Paris last week to Europe last month to stress United States concern over delays to its passage and the possibility that these might affect congressional action on future aid for Europe.

Though it was originally envisaged that the treaty would be approved not later than last November, none of the six signatories, France, Belgium, The Netherlands, West Germany, Italy and Luxembourg, has ratified it.

The June date was advanced tentatively by members of the assembly's foreign affairs and defence committees after Foreign Minister Georges Bidault had explained new French protocols which have placed the fate of the treaty in some doubt.

They said that, for technical and political reasons, June would be the earliest possible time for its consideration.

### Proposed Amendments

The protocols, proposed amendments, have not yet been published. They are aimed at permitting France to withdraw troops from the integrated European force in case of peril to her overseas holdings while at the same time maintaining her voting influence in the alliance.

First reactions in West Germany have been bitter and pessimistic. In Bonn Wednesday night, the powerful Socialist party said a crisis had developed over the European army as a result. It charged that France is seeking materially to alter the treaty itself.



Mr. J. George MacKay, M.L.A., for Fourth Prince, who presided at yesterday's public hearing of the Electoral Reform Committee.

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### Bachelor Fined For Excessive Noise

LONDON, (AP)—A 45-year-old bachelor accused of making too much noise in the middle of the night has been ordered by a court to pay £105 damages to the couple in the flat below.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Mason complained that Roy Smith deliberately tortured them late at night by running a vacuum cleaner, banging a garbage pail, moving furniture, stamping on the floor, playing the radio too loud and letting his telephone ring.



TORONTO, (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	16b	2b
Victoria	35	47
Edmonton	16	19
Calgary	4	24
Regina	5	16
Winnipeg	2b	16
Toronto	21	30
Ottawa	1	23
Montreal	7	16
Quebec	8	16
Saint John	14	—
Monroton	13	22
Halifax	22	31
Charlottetown	22	31
Sydney	28	25
Yarmouth	28	25
St. John's, Nfld.	32	35

HALIFAX, (CP)—Weather over the Maritimes will be fine Thursday until the evening, when snow will begin in the southern part of the district, the Weather Bureau says.

Regional forecasts:

Prince Edward Island—Clear, clouding over Thursday evening; little change in temperature with light winds; low-high at Charlottetown 15 and 25.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 2:30 A. M. and 2:33 P. M. High tide on the North Shore at 9:20 A. M. and 10:27 P. M. Sun rises today at 7:10 A. M. and sets at 5:45 P. M.