

City's Financial Picture Seen Bright In Report

\$3,374 Surplus Is Announced

A healthy financial picture of the City with a surplus of \$3,374 for the year just ended was painted last night when H. E. Hyndman, chairman of the finance committee, presented his annual report to City Council. Real estate produced \$1,175,653, while personal property and business occupancy brought in \$464,467. The educational tax gave the city \$104,542. Producing a healthy addition to city revenue were the police court and parking meters which between them gave approximately \$28,000. Among other larger items was the one of \$3,535 returned over to the city by the Commissioners of Sewers and Water Supply. Licenses issued gave the city \$6,194. On the expenditure side the servicing of the debt proved the largest single item as debt charges absorbed \$750,019. Other costs were education, \$55,530; public works, \$354,877; protection to persons and property \$318,927; general government of the city, \$179,711; recreation and community services, \$67,646; health and welfare, \$40,215; other costs \$27,358. Capital funds balance sheet shows Charlottetown with total assets of \$11,008,340 while its liabilities are only \$9,270,523 leaving a comfortable capital surplus of \$2,337,817. Because the surplus in 1963 was \$2,211,906 the above figures indicate a capital gain in value of \$125,911.

Showdown Talks Called In PC Leadership Crisis

By MICHAEL GILLAN
OTTAWA (CP)—A weekend showdown over John Diefenbaker's leadership of the Progressive Conservative party was called Monday by national president Dalton K. Camp.

A brief announcement from party headquarters said the 130-member national executive is being summoned to a Saturday meeting in Ottawa that must decide whether to call a leadership convention.

Mr. Camp's decision, taken after a poll of the executive, meets the demand of the 10-member Quebec caucus for a meeting prior to Parliament's Feb. 16 resumption to decide this question.

Quebec Leader Leon Balcer has said the Conservatives cannot continue as a great national party under Mr. Diefenbaker.

The calling of the executive meeting brings to a head the third test of Mr. Diefenbaker's leadership in two years, and could produce a face-to-face confrontation between the opposition leader and Mr. Balcer. Both are executive members.

The announcement came as Mr. Diefenbaker was flying back to Canada from Sir Winston Churchill's funeral in London. A spokesman said he left Canada presuming a meeting would be called but had no indication of what.

The spokesman said Mr. Diefenbaker and Mr. Camp have not been in touch since Mr. Balcer sparked the latest controversy. Both have said they expect to meet, and the spokesman said they would probably get together before Saturday's meeting.

Last week the opposition leader launched his counter-offensive by calling a two-day meeting, for Feb. 11 and 12, of the parliamentary caucus where he enjoys majority support.

In the public controversy that followed the Quebec caucus request only a handful of English-speaking Conservatives agreed with the French-speaking members who criticized Mr. Diefenbaker.

Mr. Balcer, Quebec lieutenant and Commons deskmate to Mr. Diefenbaker for a year, has said the party cannot go on with the present leader.

In a letter to Mr. Camp, in turn attached to the Camp letter to the executive, Mr. Balcer said "it is our firm conviction, reached after the most careful consideration, the Conservative party can no longer carry on as a great national party under its present leadership and the policies which that leadership have engendered."

Although the request for an executive meeting was endorsed unanimously by the Quebec group, it is understood only a minority agree Mr. Diefenbaker must go.

For these reasons, sources close to Mr. Diefenbaker say he is confident the executive will not take the unprecedented step of calling a leadership convention while the office is occupied.

Mr. Diefenbaker, 68, survived a cabinet revolt over the nuclear weapons issue two years ago when prime minister. Last year an attempt to hold a secret vote on his leadership at the annual meeting failed and the delegates gave him an overwhelming vote of confidence.

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Queen Is Wildly Cheered As Ethiopian Tour Starts

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Crowds packed the five-mile route from the airport to the capital and wildly cheered the royal visitors as they began an eight-day state visit.

This is the first time a reigning British monarch has paid a visit to this colorful ancient kingdom, the oldest Christian country in Africa.

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Until that time, he said on his return from Sir Winston Churchill's funeral in London, he would have nothing to say.

"I am a member of the executive," he said, "being a member of the executive I will naturally express my views."

Mr. Diefenbaker arrived by air from London with Mrs. Diefenbaker after attending the Churchill funeral. He spoke briefly with reporters before catching a connecting flight to Ottawa.

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Fewer Babies Born In U.S.

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Work As Usual For Former PM

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Beaverpine Wins Cane

QUEBEC (CP)—The Canadian Pacific freighter Beaverpine arrived from London Monday to claim the gold-headed cane as the port of Quebec's first arrival for the second year in a row.

Captain J. A. N. Bezan, is expected to receive the symbolic cane late this week after his 6,000-ton vessel unloads its cargo of steel and general merchandise.

The Beaverpine was the second vessel to arrive this year from overseas with Quebec as its final destination, but won the cane when the first arrival was disqualified. The Canadian freighter Sir John Crosbie docked here Friday, but couldn't qualify for the annual award because it was not returning overseas from here.

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