

Civic Business Tax By-Law Changes Given 2nd Reading

Several changes in the by-law establishing business tax in this city were made at a special meeting of the City Council held last night.

Coming Events

- Christmas Concert in Stanley Bridge Hall, December 21st.
Victoria School Concert, Monday, December 21st.
Reserve December 22nd for Christmas Concert in York Hall.
Long River School Concert, December 21st.
Anglo-Rustico school concert Tuesday, Dec. 22.
Christmas concert Vernon Hall Wednesday, 23rd.
Christmas Concert, Morell Hall, December 22nd.
Harrington Christmas Concert, Tuesday, December 22nd.
Christmas Concert and Dance, 8 p.m. 55 hall Tuesday, Dec. 22nd.
Unloading car Nut Coal at Milton Station today. Norris Kitchin.
Unloading Old Sydney coal at Milton today and Monday. Vernon Gillespie.
Saturday, Santa Claus will make his last appearance tonight at Waddell Bros. Store, Craupud.
Come to the School Concert, North River School, December 22nd.
Green Bay Christmas Concert, Monday, December 21st. Dance after.
In North River Hall, Monday, Dec. 21, East Wiltshire school concert.
Films and Christmas program at Graham's Road Hall, December 21st, at 8 P. M.
Concert—staged by young and old of Rice Point, Afton Hall, Wednesday, December 23rd.
P. E. I. Protestant Orphanage Christmas Concert, Tuesday evening, December 22nd, at 8 P. M.
Come to Piquid East school concert, Mt. Stewart Legion hall Tuesday, Dec. 22.
Nine Mile Creek School Concert, Afton Hall, December 21st, 8 o'clock. Admission 25 cents.
Annual Meeting, Kingston Telephone Co., December 19th. Edgar Newson, Secretary.
Dance every Tuesday night, Stanley Bridge Rink Hall. Music by Munroe's Orchestra.
Mill running as usual. Grain crushed six days a week 15 cents cwt. Johnston & Son, Suffolk.
Come to Dunstaffnage Christmas concert in Marshfield hall Tuesday, Dec. 22.
Christmas Concert by Tracadie Cross pupils, Tracadie Hall, Monday, December 21st.
Will not be receiving any live poultry, after Monday, December 21st, 1953. Central Egg and Poultry Station.
Travellers Rest Christmas Concert, Monday, December 21st, at 8 o'clock.
Zion Church Choir will present their annual Candlelight Service on Wednesday, December 23rd, at 8 P. M.
Pleasant Valley Christmas concert in Fredericton hall December 21, time 8 o'clock. Admission 25 and 35.
Come to Winsloe North School Christmas concert, Winsloe Road Hall, Monday, December 21.
Our respective places of business will be closed December 25th and 26th. January 1st and 2nd. Waddell Bros., F. E. Cantfield, Craupud Creamery Co.
Auto and Farm Supplies, 203 Great George Street, Sales and Service. Complete line of De Laval Milkers, Separators, Water Pressure Systems, Automobile Parts, Oils, Greases, etc.
We will be taking Cream Thursday mornings December 24th and 25th. Feed Warehouse will be open. Will be closed all day December 25th and 26th. Also January 1st and 2nd. Signed The Wiltshire Dairying Co., Ltd.
Buying pigs Monday at Fredericton. Tuesday: Brookfield 9 a.m., Milton 10; York 1 p.m.; Bedford 2; Tracadie 2:30; Mt. Stewart 3; Piquid 3:30; Fort Augustus 4; Waterville 4:30; Vernon River 5; Pownal 5:30. Wednesday: New Glasgow 9 a.m.; Wheatley River 10; Holmes Corner 11; New Haven 11 p.m.; Bonshaw 1:30; DeSable 2; Kelly's Cross 3; Emerald 4; Clifton 5; Kensington 5:30. Paying \$30.00 a pair for good pigs over 30 lbs. each. Will also buy smaller ones. Knud Jorgensen.

made in Section 5 where two sub-sections were eliminated and five new ones added.

The business tax is based on the rental value of the property and the new sub-sections cover such establishments, with the taxation amount, as gasoline service stations, 50 per cent; barbers, hair dressers and beauticians, 60 per cent, but only 40 per cent if the premises are located in a basement; restaurant operators, 50 per cent; mail order distribution offices, 100 per cent; persons engaged in businesses, trades, arts or professions, not above classified or enumerated, 80 per cent.

At the same time section two of the original by-law was amended to provide that though reasonable costs of heating may be deducted for certain premises the said deductions "shall not aggregate more than 20 per cent of the annual rental."

Another minor change in Section 1 of the By-Law provides that "And if premises be rented or held for the purpose of doing business therein the fact that business is not actually being conducted there-in shall not entitle exemption".

The proposed changes in the by-law received first and second reading last night, and another special meeting of the City Council will be held at 9 o'clock this morning to give third reading and thus bring them into effect.

French Deadlocked For President

VERSAILLES, France. (CP)—With the field of candidates narrowed to two, the French Parliament remained deadlocked on the fourth ballot in its effort to elect a man to succeed Vincent Auriol as president of France. It then decided early today to put off the fifth ballot until later this morning.

The leader in the balloting was Premier Joseph Laniel, wealthy independent who is lukewarm toward the European Army Plan, EDC. He was closely followed by Marcel-Edmond Naegelen, a Socialist who is opposed to EDC. Naegelen in the latest poll got 344 votes and Laniel 408.

Queen And Duke Leave By Air For Visit With Queen Of Tonga

Personal Income Of Canadians At All-Time High

OTTAWA, (CP)—The personal income of Canada's 15,000,000 people rose to an all-time high of \$13,381,000,000 in the first nine months of 1953.

This is a jump of \$806,000,000 from the previous high of \$12,775,000,000 in the nine-month 1952 period, the bureau of statistics reported Friday.

While income rose, so did tax payments and spending on consumer goods. Yet Canadians managed to increase their savings.

Spending on consumer goods and services rose to a high of \$10,561,000,000, a jump of about \$230,000,000 from \$10,291,000,000 last year.

Direct tax payments increased to \$1,033,000,000, from \$986,000,000, while personal savings jumped by 44 per cent to \$1,184,000,000 from \$823,000,000.

Three Killed In Crossing Accident

IRMA, Alta., (CP)—An elderly couple and a 38-year-old man were killed Thursday night when a truck collided with a passenger train at this town 100 miles east of Edmonton.

Dead are Mr. and Mrs. David Glasgow and Bertie Selsted. Police said a half-ton truck driven by Selsted stalled on a crossing and was hit by the east-bound Continental Limited on the CNR mainline.

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Race To Rescue Airmen Down On Greenland Glacier

REYKJAVIK, Iceland, (AP)—The wreck of a United States Navy bomber was sighted on Myrdalsholl glacier Friday and at least three of the nine-man crew were reported alive.

American fliers and Icelandic rescue parties raced to the bleak scene on the mile-high glacier, 110 miles southeast of Reykjavik, in an effort to reach the wrecked plane.

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TORONTO, (CP)—James Houghlin, 26, charged with the murder of Mrs. Sadie Davidson in a Jarvis Street cleaning store Nov. 18, was committed for trial Friday by Magistrate W. W. McKeown.

Mrs. Davidson, a divorcee from Nova Scotia and mother of three children, was found cut and beaten to death in the cleaning store where she worked. Chief Coroner Dr. Smirle Lawson called it "the most gruesome murder I can recall in my 20 years as chief Coroner."

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BOOST CAPACITY

TORONTO, (CP)—Capacity of the 188-mile pipeline from Sarnia, Ont., to London, Hamilton and Toronto will be increased by 40 per cent, Imperial Oil, Ltd., announced Tuesday. The project will cost \$1,000,000 and will raise the through-put of the line to 58,000 barrels a day.

Bank Manager Shot To Death

NOTRE DAME DE STAN-BRIDGE, Que., (CP)—Police have launched a province-wide search for a gunman who shot the manager of the Banque Canadienne Nationale in an abortive holdup attempt Friday and left him to bleed to death.

They were no witnesses to the killing. Oliva Courville, the 53-year-old manager, mumbled an account of the shooting "to his brother before he died."

Federal Budget Surplus Moves Up In November

OTTAWA, (CP)—Government spending increased during November, but revenues more than kept pace, resulting in a \$9,045,000 surplus. This compared with a \$3,920,000 surplus in November last year.

Higher charges against defence and public debt and welfare accounts increased government expenditures to \$329,458,000 for the month, up \$11,251,000 from \$318,207,000 a year ago, the monthly treasury statement showed Friday.

This was more than balanced by higher personal and corporation tax collections and increased customs and excise revenues, boosting total revenues to \$322,646,000, a \$15,230,000 gain from \$307,416,000.

November's surplus increased the total for the first eight months of the 1953-54 fiscal year to \$68,000,000, a rise of \$1,800,000 in the first eight months of the previous year. The government has forecast a year-end surplus of about \$110,000,000 by March 31, 1954, compared to last year's \$24,000,000.

Defence Costs Up

Personal income tax collections during November rose to \$87,073,000 from \$83,636,000 a year ago while the take from corporation income taxes rose to \$96,076,000 from \$91,767,000.

Customs import duties edged up to \$23,983,000 from \$23,964,000 and excise taxes to \$76,569,000 from \$70,785,000. However, revenue from excise duties declined slightly to \$23,950,000 from \$24,729,000.

On the spending side, defence costs continued to be the major headache with the total for the month rising to \$158,258,000 from \$152,514,000. Navy, mutual aid and defence research board expenditures rose, while those for the army and air force declined.

In other spending fields, interest on the national debt rose to \$41,120,000 from \$37,379,000 while charges on another major item—family allowances—increased to \$29,321,000 from \$27,971,000.

For the eight-month period, defence costs climbed by \$102,685,000, to \$2,798,528,000 from \$2,695,843,000, while expenditures jumped by \$119,470,000 to \$2,514,455,000 from \$2,394,985,000.

HEARING SCHEDULED

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Potato Board Chairman Returns From Florida

Mr. Donald A. MacDonald, chairman of the P. E. I. Marketing Board, returned yesterday after a week's trip to Florida, Washington, New York and Montreal.

During the trip to Florida he saw the discharging of several cargoes of P. E. Island seed and table stock, at Jacksonville, and appraised the quality on arrival.

Mr. MacDonald states that the potato markets both in Canada and the United States show no signs of improvement at the present time.

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When acreages were substantially increased during the present year, the additional production should have caused congested market conditions and a very low return to producers. The acreage increase was contrary to advice given growers last year, both in the United States and in Canada. It is to be hoped that the lesson now so evident may achieve the effect of bringing potato acreages next year back in line with consumer requirements. Only by implementation of such a program can producers hope for profitable returns in the future.

Kidnap Killers Leave Behind Ransom Mystery

By AL DOPKING JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., (AP)—The Greenlease kidnap-killers died in Missouri's gas chamber early Friday talking calmly to each other but they left behind the enigma of what happened to half the record \$600,000 ransom.

Right to the end officials had hoped Carl Austin Hall, the 34-year-old wastrel heir to a \$200,000 fortune, would give them a lead to the missing \$300,000—the last remaining mystery of the shocking kidnap-killing of 28-year-old Bobby Greenlease Sept. 28.

Just before the gas chamber door closed, Hall and his 41-year-old alcoholic mistress shook their heads when acting U. S. Marshal William B. Tatum asked if they had any last words.

Dominion Textile Company Facing Partial Shutdown

MONTREAL, (CP)—The Dominion Textile Company announced Friday it will be forced to close down a number of departments and possibly some complete mills temporarily because of depressed business conditions.

The company said the shutdown would extend from Dec. 24 to Jan. 11.

In most mills some limited operations will be carried on to deal with business on hand but many departments will have to be closed and in some plants all departments may be inactive unless new business is developed," a company statement said.

The company has mills here and at Montmorency Falls, Sherbrooke, Magog and Valleyfield, Que. It also has a subsidiary plant in Drummondville, Que., but company officials said it would not be affected as seriously as the others.

Speed Departure Of Ship From Montreal

MONTREAL, (CP)—The Israeli freighter Yaffo was assured Friday of setting a new record for the latest departure from this port as six stevedore crews worked around the clock to get her on her way by Sunday.

The latest previous departure was Dec. 18, 1946.

The Yaffo originally was scheduled to take on a load of grain after she had been emptied of her 9,200-ton cargo of cement. The plans were changed, however, when the weather turned colder and a thin coating of ice began to form in the harbor.

The ship will now go to Quebec to reload.

LOWEST TOWN

Modern Jericho in Jordan is the world's lowest town—840 feet below sea level.

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Retires In Maine

Mr. Donald Crawford Smith retired from the Penobscot Chemical Fibre Company, Old Town, Maine, on October 1, after 31 years in the employment of the company.

Mr. Smith was formerly of Hunter River, P. E. I., the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Smith. He has two brothers, George and Robert in Hunter River, and one sister, (Annie) Mrs. Duncan Nicholson, Clyde Station, P. E. I., also a sister (Marguerite) Mrs. Dawson Milton, Port Elgin, N. B., and three other sisters in the U. S. A.

He came to Great Works in 1922 and started working in the Soda Division Digester Room. In 1924 he was advanced to the position of Digester Cook, a job he held until 1939, at which time he moved ahead to the position of Night Superintendent. He held this post up until the time of his retirement.

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The crash came about 12.18 a.m. Dec. 7, about five hours after the take-off from Ross Bay.

The men stayed at the scene of the crash for three days awaiting rescue. On the fourth day, Mooney spotted a fire tower three miles away and the men decided to head for it. It took them three days to plow through the deep snow and bush to reach the tower.

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MORRISBURG, Ont., (CP)—2nd Lieut. Peter Ernest Robin Balcombe of London, Ont., was committed for trial here Friday on a charge of murder in the knife slaying of pretty 22-year-old Marie Amine Carrier of Bienville, Que., a member of the CWAC reserve.

Balcombe was committed by Magistrate S. M. Cass after a two-day preliminary hearing. Before he was committed, Balcombe denied that he had killed the Carrier girl.

Balcombe will go on trial before the spring assizes of the Ontario Supreme Court which opens in Cornwall next February.

During the hearing, the crown called 21 witnesses, the defence none.

Funeral of Rev. Dr. G. A. Sisco

TORONTO, (CP)—Rev. Dr. Gordon A. Sisco, secretary of the general council of the United Church of Canada for 17 years, was buried Friday.

The 63-year-old churchman died Wednesday after suffering a heart attack the day before. He had been in his office as usual. Monday, a general council secretary, he had conducted the daily administration of the church's national affairs since 1936.

The funeral service, conducted by Rt. Rev. A. A. Scott, Moderator of the United Church of Canada, was held from St. George's United Church in North Toronto. Burial was in York cemetery.

Youngest Canadian To Win Decoration

OTTAWA, (CP)—A 14-year-old boy's heroic rescue of an airplane from a burning plane has won him the coveted George Medal, one of the highest decorations for bravery in the Commonwealth.

Robert Thomas Waters of Comox B. C., becomes the seventh and youngest Canadian to receive the decoration, instituted in 1940 and named for King George VI.

The boy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert M. Waters of Comox, and Albert Richard De Cuyper, 30-year-old farmer, each rescued a man from the burning wreck of a Lancaster bomber. Mr. De Cuyper also was awarded the George medal.

A simple announcement Friday in the Canada Gazette said the Queen has approved the award of the George Medal, listing De Cuyper and Waters. No details of their heroic feat Nov. 24, 1952, accompanied the brief announcement.

Details were given, however, in RCAF citations.

The George Medal is awarded for "acts of great bravery" and is intended primarily as a civilian award although previous winners include two air force officers, an army officer, and a police constable. No Canadian won the George Medal until five years after inception. Then two were awarded in 1948 and two last year.

The Air Force said young Waters saw the Lancaster, on a training flight from the RCAF station at Comox, crash in heavy bush and swamp. He went immediately to the scene after calling Mr. De

Cuyper who was working on a farm nearby.

"On reaching the burning wreckage, young Waters noticed one of the occupants, later identified as the pilot F. O. R. F. Johnson of Springfield, N. S., inside the flaming aircraft," the air force announcement said.

"Despite the intense heat and danger of explosion, he displayed complete disregard for his own safety by entering the wreckage and dragging the dazed and injured occupant to safety."

The official citation says in part that "this young lad's courageous action under most harassing circumstances is highly commendable and was undoubtedly responsible to a large degree in saving the pilot's life."

De Cuyper also had spotted an occupant to the burning plane, F. O. M. J. Wright of Vancouver, trying to free himself and went to his aid. As he reached the wing of the plane, he was hurled into the air by an explosion but escaped serious injury. He then successfully removed F. O. Wright from the plane.

His citation says in part that "Mr. De Cuyper, by his unselfish act of heroism during which he twice hazarded his own life, was undoubtedly responsible for the saving of the second pilot's life and is worthy of the highest recognition."

De Cuyper is married and has an eight-year-old daughter. An army veteran he is employed as a civilian at the Comox station.

Six Airmen Had Streak Of Luck In Wilderness Crash

By BERNARD DUFRESNE Canadian Press Staff Writer SEPT ILES, Que., (CP)—Six men, still finding it hard to believe they were safe, were flown out of the northern Quebec wilderness Friday after being missing for 11 days.

The men miraculously survived a midnight crash-landing of their twin-engine Anson aircraft in snowstorm Dec. 6. The plane crashed into trees; the wings were torn off; the engine fell out; the fuselage missed a large rock and settled in muskeg.

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"I'm opposed to selling Canadian ships, the way every Canadian taxpayer should oppose their sale. Transferring to British registry is not necessary."

Other officials in the shipping industry said the situation still remains obscure. They said the government's offer to "co-operate" in a transfer might lead to long discussion on details.

"One informant said the government's refusal to allow outright sale of the ships must mean it has something up its sleeve."

"There now are less than 40 ships remaining in the merchant marine, compared with about 175 after the Second World War. If registry transfer occurs, it is believed here that only ships operated by the Canadian National Steamships to the West Indies will remain under the Canadian flag."

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