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off thy sadness.

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# FEDERAL GOV'T ANNOUNCES PRICE SUPPORT FOR BEEF

## Six By-Elections Announced For May 26

### Expect \$100 To \$440 Reduction In Car Prices; Budget Reaction Varies

**By The Canadian Press**  
Finance Minister Abbott's 1952-53 budget was alternately praised and criticized Wednesday as Canadians studied the effect of tax changes.  
Motor-car manufacturers described the budget as a "step in the right direction" and predicted immediate price reductions of from \$100 to \$440 on new vehicles.  
In Toronto, Hugh Crombie, president of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, said he welcomes the reductions in taxes on luxury and semi-luxury goods. He regretted continued heavy taxation on personal incomes and corporations.  
In Montreal, R. B. Perrault, president of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, described the budget as "disappointing."  
Retailers in various parts of the country promised to pass on to consumers at once the benefit of

most of the tax reductions.  
In Montreal, E. C. Wood, president of Imperial Tobacco Company, said his company will reduce the retail price by three cents on a package of 20 cigarettes. Some stores in Ottawa reduced the price of a package of 20 cigarettes from 42 to 30 cents.  
In St. Thomas, Ont., K. A. Baendregt, president of the Elgin County Fine-Cured Tobacco Growers' Association, said the producers are greatly disappointed with what they consider the small tax reduction on cigars.

### Soft Drinks Unchanged

Most soft-drink manufacturers confirmed predictions that the slice of taxes on soft drinks won't reach the public because of high production costs, the manufacturers planned to increase their prices by the amount of the tax reduction. Jewelers and furriers welcome the 10-per-cent reduction in the tax on luxury goods. Toronto sporting-goods stores said they will pass on the reductions to their customers. Electrical appliances and camera dealers planned to follow suit.

William A. Wecker, president of General Motors of Canada Limited, said prices of General Motors vehicles will be cut from \$125 to \$440. Ford Motor Company announcing reductions from \$140 and Chrysler of Canada from \$150.

A Toronto dealer predicted that low and medium-priced English cars will drop by \$100 to \$150. While these reductions were being forecast, many Canadians were attempting to figure out how much more they will have to pay in personal income tax.

### Average Wage Hits New High

OTTAWA, April 9—(CP)—Industrial workers' average weekly pay in Canada hit another high of \$53.03 at Feb. 1, the Bureau of Statistics reported today.  
The previous peak was \$52.41 at Dec. 1, 1951. The average slipped to \$50.42 at Jan. 1—a customary year-end holiday drop.  
The \$53.03 figure for Feb. 1 compared with \$47.87 at the same time last year.

### Lengthy Discussion On Estimates In Legislature

Neither the Premier acting as Minister of Education nor the Attorney General in his capacity of Provincial Treasurer are taking the salaries to which the portfolios entitle them, Hon. W. E. Darby said in the Legislature yesterday as the Estimates were under discussion. He said for this reason that what looked like an increase in costs of general Government was only an apparent one and not an actual increase. He did not state the amount the two ministers of the Crown received.

### Small Boy Rescues Two From Brook

Seven-year-old Wayne Matheson, son of Police Officer and Mrs. Elmer Matheson, playing on the front door step at his home on Water St. West, in Summerside, yesterday, heard the cries of two small children coming from the area near the mouth of a brook which leads from the ice pond at the west entrance to Summerside and flows into the harbor.

### Mr. MacNaught On Rules Committee

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### Great Expansion Planned In Fat Cattle Shows Here

Decisions to hold two separate livestock shows next year and to enlarge the Fox Pavilion building at the Exhibition Grounds were made at a meeting of directors of the Fat Stock Show and officials of the Provincial Department of Agriculture held in the Department of Agriculture Office yesterday.  
A separate fat stock show and one for the pure-breds will be on the agenda for next year. It is expected that the fat stock show will be held at approximately the same time as this year's show, and the latter will be held about the second week of May.  
Regulations concerning culling and the limiting of the shows to

### Ex-Mayor Feuds Vigorously Over Ch'town Expenditures

Mr. B. Earle Macdonald, Liberal member for Fife Queen's and former Mayor of Charlottetown, continued his battle in the Legislature with members of the Government yesterday over what he termed unfair treatment of the people of his district.  
Mr. Macdonald was particularly critical of statements made to the effect that approximately \$80,000 was spent on roads in the district last year. He asked how that amount could be spent when the district had only one per cent of the roads of the Province.  
During a sharp exchange with Hon. Keir Clark over the money spent here he termed statements of expenses "childish nonsense" when the speaker added to the amounts spent in this district the cost of maintaining Falconwood Hospital, the Provincial Sanatorium and other Government institutions. Mr. Macdonald said that was money spent on the Province as a whole and not on this district. He vigorously denied the propriety of charging provincial expenses to one district.

### Notes Troublesome Ice Near Bird Rock

"There is a field of loose ice in the vicinity of Bird Rock which is causing ships on the steamer track to be diverted north," Captain Charles A. Shaw, observer of the aerial ice patrol, said last night. "Other than that the ice is widely scattered west of the track," he added.  
Flying on a line from north of Bird Rock to Cape Ray, clear water was evident in the whole region. The George Bay area was also observed as being ice free. Poor visibility prevented them from charting the eastern coast of Cape Breton, but with good weather it is expected they will cover that territory today. Lots of open water was noted east of East Point and the northern part of Prince Edward Island appeared to be relatively free of ice.  
During a five hour hop in the "Canso" they covered roughly 700 miles.

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### 2nd Queen's Road Project

Regarding the road program for the district of Second Queen's Mr. Bell stated he wanted to call attention to the necessity of work being done on the roads leading to the National Park. If the tourist industry is worth \$5 million to the Province as stated previously in the House and we are spending thousands of dollars to promote it then the visitors

### Coming Events

\*\*Don't forget your Easter Beef at the Norwood.

\*\*Highfield W. I. pantry sale, S. A. Macdonald's Saturday.

\*\*Oysters—Fresh Oysters at Edison's General Store, Vernon.

\*\*In stock oil cake and soybean meal, McGulgan & Boyle.

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\*\*Box Social, card and crokinole party, Marshfield Hall, Monday, April 14th. In aid of hall.

\*\*Dancing, Legion Hall, Souris on Saturday, April 12th. Clifford Peters' Orchestra.

\*\*Dance in St. Mary's Parish Hall, Souris, Easter Monday, April 14th. Chaisson's Orchestra.

\*\*Dance, Sunnyside, Saturday night, modern, oldtime, Burns' Orchestra.

\*\*Dance in Emerald Hall, Monday, April 14th. Blue Haven Ramblers Orchestra.

\*\*This Store will be closed all day Good Friday, April 11th. J. F. Morris, Kinkora.

\*\*Choice Easter beef fed by Hayden Bros., at our store, Stirling S. Ings, Cherry Valley.

\*\*Dance, St. Peter's Legion Hall, Easter Monday night. Cloak checking and canteen service.

\*\*For Snapshots that will not lives to Garnham Photo Studios, Charlottetown.

\*\*Dance, Fort Augustus Hall, Easter Monday, April 14th, sponsored by C. W. L. Good music.

\*\*Card Party and Dance in Kelly's Cross School, Easter Monday night.

\*\*Cards and Crokinole in Pownall Hall, Thursday, April 10th, starting at 8. Prizes. Lunches served.

\*\*Farmers, ask about the Shur Gain Feed Finance Plan. For particulars contact your local feed mill.

\*\*We have in stock the choicest Easter beef we could obtain at very reasonable prices. R. L. Dickleson, New Glasgow.

\*\*Just arrived, Floor-Ever, non-porous plastic tiling. See the beautiful shades now in stock. Simpson's Agency.

\*\*Easter Monday evening Dance at Mt. Stewart Canadian Legion Hall. Rollie MacKenzie's Orchestra. Admission 40 cents.

\*\*Our places of business at Crapaud will be closed all day Good Friday. Signed: Parker Canfield, Wm. Waddell, Crapaud Creamery Co.

\*\*We still have a large supply of goods at greatly reduced prices at the big clearance sale of W. O. Myers, Stanley Bridge.

\*\*Dance at South Rustico Hall, Easter Monday night, music by Alex MacLean with Alf MacKearney on the violin. Canteen service.

Tomorrow being Good Friday and a public holiday, the next issue of The Guardian will be Saturday, April 12.

## To Construct 5 New Cabins At National Park This Year

OTTAWA, April 9—(Special)—Five new cabins will be built this year in the Prince Edward Island National Park, it was revealed in the Commons today in reply to a question asked by T. J. Kickham, Liberal member for King's.  
Funds to meet the cost of the new cabins will be provided as inserted in the 1952-53 estimates subject to approval by parliament.  
In answer to further questions by Mr. Kickham, the National Parks Branch disclosed that it had spent \$162,619.94 on the Prince Edward Island National Park in the

fiscal year ended March 31, 1951, and \$150,742.21 in the fiscal year ended March 31, 1952.  
Of the 1951-52 outlay, \$32,317 was spent for labor, \$90,250 for construction and \$28,164 for other needs. Of the 1950-51 expenditure, \$29,192 went for labor, \$66,180 for construction and \$47,243 for other purposes.  
In both years there were three permanent employees of the parks branch at the P. E. I. National Park. Employment was given to 105 temporary employees in 1950-51 and to 64 in 1951-52.

## Legislature Prorogued By Lieutenant Governor Prowse

His Honor Lieutenant Governor T. W. L. Prowse prorogued the second session of the 47th General Assembly, bringing to a close a sitting which saw a total of 63 bills introduced and passed. The Lieutenant Governor gave his assent to a large number yesterday afternoon. Previously he had assented to approximately 20 bills when he visited the House during the second week of the session.

His Honor arrived at the Provincial Building at 4 p.m. accompanied by his aides Lieut. Cmdr. J. J. Trainor, Lieut. Col. A. W. Rogers and Sydn. Ldr. A. Macmillan. Before entering the Chamber he inspected the Guard of Honor of men from the P. E. I. Regiment under command of Capt. Lloyd MacNeven with S.S.M. Warren Farrar as senior non-commissioned officer. His Honor also inspected the Recce Band which was present for the occasion under command of Capt. E. J. Mahar with Bandmaster Thomas McFarlane directing.

"In the name of Her Majesty the Queen" the Lieutenant Governor gave his assent to the various bills handed to him by Clerk (Continued on Page 7 Col. 5)

## News In Brief

QUEBEC, April 9—(CP)—Mrs. Marguerite Ruest Pitre, sentenced to be hanged April 18, today was granted a stay of execution until June 27, pending result of an appeal.

LONDON, April 9—(Reuters)—Prime Minister Churchill announced today that the government will present legislation to end state ownership of the steel industry and road transport during the present session of parliament.

WASHINGTON, April 9—(AP)—The steel industry lost the first round of an historic court battle against the Truman administration today when Judge Alexander Holtzoff refused to grant a temporary injunction barring federal seizure of the steel mills.

OTTAWA, April 9—(CP)—Prime Minister St. Laurent is taking a week-long Easter holiday in Bermuda. Mr. St. Laurent will leave by plane tomorrow. Mrs. St. Laurent is not making the trip. The Commons adjourned today for an Easter recess that will last until April 21.

PARIS, April 9—(AP)—Jean Tharaud, 74, French writer and member of the French Academy, died today. Tharaud published all his books under joint signature with his elder brother, Jerome, 77. Together the brothers turned out a stream of novels, historical books and essays.

OKLAHOMA CITY, April 9—(AP)—One of the strongest earthquakes felt in the Midwest in many years shook parts of seven states today.  
The shock appeared to be strongest in Oklahoma and Kansas, but shook an area extending from Northern Texas to Omaha, Neb., and Des Moines, Ia. It was felt as far east as Central Arkansas.

MCA AIR SERVICE DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY Leave Charlottetown for Moncton 5:30 A.M.; 11:20 A.M.; 4:50 P.M. Ar. Charlottetown from Moncton 7:25 A.M.; 1:35 P.M.; 6:55 P.M. Leave Charlottetown for New Glasgow—Halifax 7:40 A.M. New Glasgow 1:50 P.M. New Glasgow & Halifax Arrive Charlottetown from New Glasgow and Halifax 11:00 A.M. from New Glasgow 6:35 P.M. from New Glasgow and Halifax.

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY ONLY 9:10 A.M. Arrive Sydney from New Glasgow 10:25 A.M. Arrive New Glasgow from Sydney. SUNDAY ONLY Leave Charlottetown for Moncton 11:20 A.M. Arrive Charlottetown from Moncton 5:55 P.M.

BORDEN—CAPE TORMENTINE FERRY SERVICE Daily (Including Sunday) Leave Borden 10:35 A.M. 1:00 P.M. 4:30 P.M. 7:30 P.M. Leave C. T. 10:35 A.M. 2:40 P.M. 6:00 P.M. 9:00 P.M.

HALIFAX, April 9—(CP)—Official forecasts issued tonight by the Dominion Public Weather Office here and valid until midnight Thursday.  
Synopsis: An area of high pressure is drifting southeast across the Maritimes followed by clear skies and rising temperatures: A band of showers over the Great Lakes will reach Eastern Quebec and Northern New Brunswick Friday. However, further south the outlook is for sunny weather.

FORECASTS: Prince Edward Island: Sunny and milder. Light winds. Low and high Thursday at Charlottetown 28 and 45.  
High tide today at Charlottetown at 10:46 A.M. and 11:29 P.M. High tide on the North Shore at 5:38 A.M. and 6:11 P.M. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. Sun rises today at 5:38 A.M. and sets at 6:52 P.M.

More Tea For Britons But Price To Advance

Tea rationing was introduced in Britain in July, 1940, at two ounces weekly per person. For a week in December, 1940, it was raised to four ounces—highest it has ever been—and then dropped back to two. It went up again in December, 1949, to 2 1/2 ounces, but was cut again in the summer of 1950.  
Before the Second World War Britain imported 490,000,000 pounds of tea a year. Last year's imports—mostly from India, Ceylon and British Africa—totalled 410,000,000 pounds.  
A British tea industry spokesman said the trade isn't expecting "an orgy of tea-drinking" when tea is taken off the ration.  
"According to a recent survey the average Briton today drinks about six cups of rationed tea a day," he explained. "If people go back to their pre-war habits when tea comes off the ration, we don't expect the average daily consumption to go much above nine cups a day."

By Ken Botwright LONDON, April 9—(Reuters)—Britons lifted their leucups tonight and gratefully toasted Food Minister Gwilym Lloyd George. In the House of Commons today he announced that he hopes to de-ration tea by the end of the year. And as a step in that direction, he said the present two-ounce weekly ration will be boosted to 2 1/2 ounces a person, beginning Aug. 10.

However, there was also some bad news. Lloyd George added that, though Britons will likely have all the tea they can drink in 10 months time, they soon must pay more for it.  
He said the withdrawal of the government subsidy on tea as forecast in the recent budget will be effective June 15. That means the price of blended quality tea will jump to three shillings, eight pence a pound—three pence more than now.

AN OUNCE OF TODAY IS WORTH A POUND OF TOMORROW!

## 25 Cents Pound For Good Steers At Toronto

OTTAWA, April 9—(CP)—The Federal Government today announced a 25-cent-a-pound price support program for beef. The price is for "good" quality steers at Toronto. The rate will vary for other grades and at other points across the country.  
Robert McCubbin, parliamentary assistant to Agriculture Minister Gardiner, told the Commons that this price will remain in effect until July 1 next when it will be reviewed month by month.

## Provinces To Cooperate

Mr. McCubbin said later in an interview that provinces with livestock embargoes have agreed "to co-operate" and turn over marketing responsibility to the Federal Government. That would mean the end of provincial livestock embargoes.

At Victoria, Agriculture Minister Harry Bowman of British Columbia said the provincial embargo will continue until next week when a special Ottawa conference will be held to discuss market handling. Mr. McCubbin confirmed that the meeting will be held. He said all provinces have been asked to send representatives.

However, he added, there will be government price support for beef of one variety or another until the United States embargo against Canadian cattle is lifted or modified or other markets are found for Canadian beef.

The price support program is expected to stabilize beef prices at approximately current levels along the line from producer to retailer.

Mr. McCubbin also announced that federal-provincial arrangements have been completed to deal with livestock marketing policy.

Two special committees will be set up. One will be a special federal management committee to help the Agricultural Prices Support Board and federal marketing officers in the channelling of beef into Canadian markets.

In addition, an advisory committee will be established to which all provincial governments may appoint representatives.

At Victoria, Harry Bowman, British Columbia's Agriculture Minister, said B. C. will take no action to remove restrictions at least until after a federal-provincial market-handling meeting here Tuesday next.

## Renovation And Building Activities

The Charlottetown Post Office is undergoing a complete facelift by the County Construction Company Limited. The entire exterior of the building is being repointed with masonry and a new roof of asphalt shingling will replace the old one. New copper down spouts and eaves will also be installed. The renovation is expected to be completed in about 6 weeks.

Work is also well underway at the new Canada Packer's building on Grafton Street. County Construction workers are presently constructing the third story of the building. This new addition is being made of re-enforced concrete, and is expected to be completed in August.

## Deserved Fair Deal

He maintained that Fifth Queen's deserved a great deal more than it was getting from the Government and "even if we get \$2 million it would still be O. K." He said he knew from the large number of complaints he received from citizens that there was not nearly enough money being spent here. He did not believe the \$80,000 figure quoted him for roadwork in Fifth Queen's and said it takes a lot of convincing to persuade him that it had actually been spent.

He also told the Legislature that in the Spring Park section the roads are the worst in the Province with the homes full of mud brought in by children playing around.

Mr. Macdonald thought the Cabinet members took too much on themselves and did not contribute enough with the private members. It should not be a case of one-man government, he said, in expressing the opinion that the members should meet with the Government in the Chamber three or four times a year.

The speaker maintained it was a waste of time debating on the estimates as "the money is spent already and maybe a million more (Continued on Page 5 Col. 3)

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