

Federal Budget Speech April 5

OTTAWA (CP)—Canadians will know the night of April 5 how their federal tax bill shapes up for the coming year.

Finance Minister Harris announced Tuesday in the Commons his plans to deliver his 1955-56 budget at 8 p.m. EST that evening. The budget will set tax and tariff rates for the fiscal year starting April 1 and will show the basis of government spending for the year.

In his first budget since he took over the finance portfolio from Hon. D. C. Abbott last summer, the 50-year-old minister also will show how government accounts balance for the current year ending March 31.

EXPECT DEFICIT

This 1954-55 financial statement is expected to produce the government's first deficit in eight years.

Former finance minister Abbott, now a justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, budgeted last

April for a nominal \$4,000,000 surplus. Since then, there has been an easing in the rate of upward surge of the national economy, on which the peacetime high budget spending was based.

Mr. Abbott budgeted for the spending of \$4,400,000,000, just \$4,000,000 less than what he estimated would be taken in through taxes. It was the closest balance in many years.

UNDER PRESSURE

For the coming fiscal year, Mr. Harris has been under pressure from various directions to cut taxes and has — in his initial estimates for the year placed before Parliament Jan. 28 — started cutting expenditures.

It has been reported that some tax cuts are virtually certain in the new budget. But where they will lie and how much they will amount to are anyone's guess.

The budget as planned by Mr. Harris will be delivered the day before the Commons rises April 5 for a 12-day Easter recess.

Soviet Gov't Appoints Successor To Vishinsky

LONDON (AP)—The Soviet government chose Vasily V. Kuznetsov Tuesday to fill Andrei Y. Vishinsky's old job as a first deputy foreign minister.

The announcement, broadcast by the Moscow radio, came four months to the day after Vishinsky, 70, died of a heart attack in New York while heading the Soviet delegation to the United Nations.

Kuznetsov, one-time Ford motor company worker and ex-chief of the U. S. S. R.'s trade unions, had been a deputy foreign minister. His elevation to rank with Andrei Gromyko as a first deputy was one of three high-level promotions in Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov's bid to succeed.

Two other foreign office officials were raised to deputy ministers. Both previously were members of the ministry's governing board — its collegium.

ASIAN SPECIALIST

One, N. O. Fedorenko, has been specializing on Asian affairs. He attended both the Berlin and Geneva conferences of 1954. The other, V. S. Serov, is an authority on Germany. He is an authority on Germany to East Germany and Soviet high commissioner.

The changes followed by 24 hours the announcement of the removal in disgrace of Georgi F. Alexeev as minister of culture. Alexeev was replaced by N. S. Mikhailov, former ambassador to

To Report On Salk Vaccine

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP)—The success or failure of the Salk polio vaccine will be disclosed at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor Tuesday, April 12.

Dr. Harlan Hatcher, president of the university, and Basil O'Connell, president of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Tuesday announced arrangements for releasing the news.

Dr. Thomas Francis Jr., chief of the vaccine evaluation centre at the university, will release the official report on the effectiveness of the vaccine in the light of a field study, involving two million children, made last spring.

Coming Events

*Dance in Millview Hall Easter Monday.
*Buying pigs Frederickton Thursday. Knud Jorgensen.
*Card Game, Mt. Albion Hall tonight.
*Cleaning Timothy Seed and grain daily. Elmer MacDonald, Crapaud.

*Cards and crokinole, Wiltshire hall Thursday, March 24, 8:30 p. m.
*Bingo North Rustico Wednesday 8 p.m. Jackpot \$55. Door prize.
*Rummage Sale, Christian Church Hall, Saturday, March 25th, 2:30 p. m.
*Auction and Dance in Vernon Hall Thursday, March 24th, in aid of hockey team.

*Crapaud rink tonight Crapaud vs. Winsloe 7:30, followed by Argyle Shore vs. Fairview. Skate after.
*Dance, West Royalty Hall Wednesday. Rolie McKenzie's Orchestra. Canteen Service, 9:30 to 12:30.
*A meeting of the Conservative supporters of Southport will be held at Roland Wood's, Wednesday evening at 8. Signed Blake Wood, Chairman.

*Community Bingo at Morell tonight, Wednesday, 30 cash prizes of \$1.00 each, plus Jackpot now worth \$75.00. Door prize \$5.00.
*Auction Sale of household furniture to be held Wednesday, March 23rd, at 1:30 p. m. at Earl Robertson's.

ONTARIO REPORTS WORST STORM SINCE HURRICANE LAST OCTOBER; 70 MPH WINDS

Commons Resumes Debate On Unemployment Issue

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NON-CONFIDENCE MOTIONS

The debate, adjourned last Wednesday, resumed on two motions of non-confidence in the government. A CCF motion demands immediate federal acceptance of responsibility for care of all able-bodied unemployed and action on a long-term program of public investment and economic development to stimulate employment. A Progressive Conservative motion is in more general terms.

Latest unemployment figures released Monday showed 613,439 job applications on file at National Employment Service offices at Feb. 17. The bureau of statistics estimated that at the same time 379,000 persons were without jobs and looking for work.

Mr. Fleming said the federal government had the main responsibility of meeting the problem. Yet it had not even prepared for present conditions. It should have made agreements with the provinces long ago, but it had dilly-dallied and lost precious time in the process.

VARIED FORCES

C. W. Carter (L-Burn-Burgeo) said there are many, varied forces which cause unemployment and the federal government cannot be held responsible for all of them. Its policies could affect only economic forces within the country.

He charged opposition members with making no constructive suggestions to meet the cause of unemployment. However the government had taken action in a dozen fields, including tax reductions, an easy-money policy and increases in unemployment insurance and other social security payments. It had increased public works plans and helped support agriculture, mining and fishing.

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Little Peewee Has Coming Out Party

PERTH, N.B. (CP)—"Peewee" had her coming out party Monday. With the arrival of spring she emerged from an incubator where she had been kept since her birth Dec. 9.

Called Peewee by nurses, Lois Ann Gee now occupies a regular baby basket at Hotel Dieu Hospital. The tiny girl weighed only one pound 10 ounces when born three months prematurely. She has grown to five pounds two ounces. Visitors left coins in a box beside the incubator and the fund reached \$135.

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Rail Carriers Reported Recommended For Better Deal On Agreed Charges

(By John LeBlanc, Canadian Press Staff Writer)
OTTAWA (CP)—The federal royal commission on railway agreed charges, it was learned Tuesday, has recommended that Parliament make it easier for the rail carriers to apply this type of freight rate.

The one-man royal commission of Hon. W. F. A. Turgeon generally has turned down proposals for restricting the railways' use of the agreed charge technique. Main proposals came from competing truckers and from the Alberta government.

The report is expected to be tabled in the Commons in about two weeks.

The investigation of Mr. Justice Turgeon, former Canadian Ambassador to Ireland and now ambassador to Portugal, lasted several months last year. It followed complaints to the federal government that the railways were misusing the agreed charge method of rate setting allowed under the transport act.

SPECIAL RATES
By this system, the railways may give a shipper a special low rate in return for a guaranteed proportion of his annual business.

Instead of tightening up on the railways, Mr. Turgeon is reported instead to have recommended relaxing the present regulations. These now call for the railways to get prior approval from the railway-regulating board of transport commissioners before an agreed charge can go into effect.

The recommendations, which would have to be embodied in an amendment to the transport act to become law, would streamline the procedure for the railways. They would eliminate the requirement of the transport board's ad-

ditional approval and let the railways put agreed charges into effect on 15 days' notice after filing an agreed charge rate list.

Parliament At A Glance
Tuesday
Finance Minister Harris announced he will deliver the 1955-56 federal budget at 8 p. m. EST Tuesday, April 5.

Revenue Minister McCann said the Income Tax Act may be amended to make it clear income tax returns cannot be produced in criminal court cases.

J. W. G. Hunter (L-Toronto Parkdale) suggested the government budget for 1955-56 and pass it on in income tax cuts.

Donald Fleming (PC-Toronto Eglinton) accused the government of irresponsibility in its approach to the unemployment problem.

Joseph W. Noseworthy (CCF-York South) said abolition of substantial gold mine wages should be a condition of federal aid to gold mines.

Senator Muriel M. Fergusson (L-New Brunswick) suggested a commission study of Canada's divorce law.

Wednesday
The Commons continues debate on unemployment. The Senate will sit.

TORONTO (CP)—The Canadian Restaurant Association will hold its 11th annual convention and exhibit on March 28-31. All provinces will be represented and delegates will hear speakers from both Canada and the United States. Highlights of the convention will include a culinary arts competition, a menu contest and an idea centre.

RCMP Commissioner Gives Opinion On Drug Addiction

OTTAWA (CP)—RCMP commissioner L. H. Nicholson says drug addiction in Canada will be stamped out only if addicts are "compulsorily isolated or quarantined" by the government for rehabilitation.

He told a Senate committee studying traffic in narcotics that the menace cannot be eradicated by more rigid police enforcement or by legal provision of drugs to addicts.

Commissioner Nicholson said Tuesday that as long as addicts are left at large "they provide the market for traffickers and by association encourage others suffering from similar personality, character weaknesses or instability to become drug users."

"They also, as a corollary, impose a load upon society through their illegal activities and complete lack of productivity," he said. "I therefore feel—and I think this view is held by many if not most other police officials—that the only hope for the possible rehabilitation of these addicts and for the eradication of

the drug traffic is that they be compulsorily isolated or quarantined."

Addicts should be released only when those qualified to judge them are convinced there is real hope of rehabilitation. "One essential control to my mind," he said, "would be suitable employment in an area far removed from that in which the individual lived whilst addicted."

Commissioner Nicholson said his proposed plan would be expensive. However, the present cost of enforcement, detention and the offences committed by addicts added up to a substantial amount.

He said that addicts should be cause figures prove they are not anxious to be cured.

A study of 2,009 cases showed not one case in which an addict, following his first conviction and sentence, did not return to jail either for a narcotic offence or for a crime usually associated with the attempt of addicts to obtain funds with which to continue their addiction.

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