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P.E. Island Items In Main Estimates

OTTAWA, (Special)—Prince Edward Island members of the Commons Friday looked over the main parliamentary estimates tabled in the Chamber by Finance Minister Harris and decided that except for one or two weak points, the Island Province is being fairly well looked after in the matter of federal public spending.

In the realm of public works, proposed outlays for buildings for the fiscal year 1955-56 is \$1.4 million compared with only half a million in 1954-55. Much of this difference is due to the vote of \$1.25 million for the Federal Building in Charlottetown. It was emphasized by Finance Department officials here that the works department this year will endeavor to spend to the limit of the estimates on construction projects and eliminate the disappointing "re-voles".

Another matter of gratification to all four Island members is the vote of \$1.25 million for construction of the autop ferry from Wood Islands to Caribou, N. S. Overall cost of this new 60-car ferry is placed at \$9 million. Island MP's intimated that when it is built and placed in service, it will be necessary to increase the subsidy now paid Northumberland Ferries Limited for operation of this Wood Islands - Caribou service. At present the subsidy remains at \$158,000 a year.

2 City Families Homeless After Fire Last Night

Fire last night at a double tenement house at 11 Sydney Street caused two families and several roomers to find other living accommodation after the house was badly gutted in the third story. The alarm was turned in shortly before ten o'clock and City firemen fought flames and thick smoke until almost midnight before it was brought under control.

Living in one end of the house were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hughes and their three girls ages 4-7. In another apartment were Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence MacLaren who have a two-month old child. Although the fire was contained in the attic of the building, the amount of water required to quench the blaze made the remainder of the house uninhabitable. In addition to the two families there were at least three roomers occupying individual rooms.

The house which is a well preserved structure is owned by Mr. Victor Purdie. It was built in 1838 and has been in the Purdie family for three generations.

Mr. J. Gordon MacDonald, chairman of the Provincial Red Cross Relief Committee along with Mrs.

More Money For CBC Next Year

OTTAWA (CP)—The government promises to hand the publicly-owned CBC \$3,000,000 more in the 1955-56 fiscal year than a year ago from the excise taxes paid by buyers of radio and television sets.

Estimates tabled Friday in the Commons provide for expected payments of \$18,000,000 in the coming fiscal year from these taxes compared with \$15,000,000 in the year ending March 31.

These payments represent a net of the whole increase to \$6,957,825 from \$2,714,844 in the total estimated expenditures for CBC radio and television operations.

The CBC also receives an annual grant from Parliament of \$6,250,000 for sound broadcasting.

New Regulations For Quebec Trucks

QUEBEC, (CP)—The Quebec government Friday set new regulations regarding size and weight of trucks using provincial highways.

Maximum length was fixed at 50 feet; width eight feet and height 12 1/2 feet.

Maximum weight, including load was set at 50,000 pounds.

The length maximum applies to automobiles with trailers and trailer-trucks. Without trailers they are restricted to 35 feet.

Only exception in the new regulations provides that trucks loaded with pulp or stone wood may be 4 1/2 feet longer if there is a rear-view mirror.

The order-in-council was adopted Wednesday night and released Friday. The regulations go into effect Monday following publication of the details this week-end in the Quebec official Gazette.

Coming Events

- **Regular Saturday night Dance, St. Peter's Hall, Messer's Orchestra.
- **Auction and dance, Vernon River hall, Tuesday, February 1st.
- **Regular skate Crapaud Rink to night 8 to 10.
- **Auction and Dance, Vernon Hall, January 31st.
- **L. O. B. A. Rummage Sale, Richmond Street, Saturday, January 29th, 2.30.
- **Miller Brothers Ltd. will be closed all day Monday for stock-taking.
- **Shur-Gain Amateur Cavalcade coming to Brookfield Hall. Please send entries to Mrs. Wilbert Stetson.
- **Kings County L. O. L. Annual Meeting, Iris Hall, February 1st, 10 a. m. Joseph H. Cook, Secretary.
- **Queen's County Lodge, meetings in King William Lodge Room, Kingston, Tuesday, February 1st, at 2.30.
- **Cake Sale at S. A. MacDonald's Store, 2 o'clock this afternoon, Kings Daughters Group 4.
- **Dance, West Royal Hall, Wednesday. Rollie MacKenzie's Orchestra. Ganteen Service 9.30 to 12.30.
- **Showing at Mt. Stewart Friday and Saturday—The Farmer Takes A Wife, with Betty Grable and Dale Robertson.
- **Hockey at North River Rink tonight, Glasgow Road Maple Leafs versus Cornwall Meadors. League game. Game time 8.15. Skate after.
- **Buying pigs and feeder calves Monday at Fredericton; Tuesday, Brookfield 9.30, Milton 10, Charlottetown Market Square 11, York 1 p. m., Bedford 2, Tracadie 2.30, Mt. Stewart 3, Pownal 4.30, Vernon River 5. Paving \$28 a pair for good pigs over 35 lbs. Each will also buy smaller ones. Knud Jorgensen.

ESTIMATES INDICATE GOV'T PLANS SPENDING CUT FOR NEW FISCAL YEAR

OTTAWA (CP)—The federal government's first reduction in annual spending in seven years was indicated Friday in its main 1955-56 estimates tabled in the Commons.

It does not necessarily mean tax cuts. Taxation changes will be disclosed in the budget later in the parliamentary session.

Finance Minister Harris' main estimates—the basic expenditure program for the year starting April 1—are down \$153,000,000 from the amount authorized to date in the current fiscal year. The reduction is about 3.3 per cent.

The coming year's estimates, which undoubtedly will be boosted later by customary supplementary estimates, were placed at \$4,360,266,000. Authorizations to date this fiscal year, also subject to supplementary increases before March 31, are \$4,513,800,000.

The reduction is accounted for mainly by a \$133,000,000 decrease in the amount allocated to the defence department, bringing it to \$1,775,000,000. The seven-per-cent reduction was the second defence cut in as many years.

By services, here are the main spending factors contained in the estimates:

NAVY
The amount for aircraft and aircraft engines is up \$2,500,000 to \$2,000,000, indicating deliveries will start soon on two new types of planes, the anti-submarine S2F and the Banshee jet fighter.

The appropriation for ships is up \$20,000,000 to \$73,000,000. This reflects completion of the conversion of the fleet.

CIVILIAN COSTS CUT
For the first time in some years—departmental officials were unable to say how many—the estimates show a decrease in proposed spending for the civilian department. It is a tiny one of \$4,500,000, bringing the total defence spending to \$2,381,466,000.

The estimate figures are the so-called budgetary ones. They do not include \$367,000,000 for old age security pensions, which come out of a special fund made up of earmarked taxes and special parliamentary votes, and \$99,033,000 for loans and investments, which the government expects to get back.

Included in the loans is an initial \$50,000,000 for Parliament's St. Lawrence Seaway Authority to start its \$190,000,000 navigation construction job on the river.

In the estimates last February their finance minister Douglas Abbott asked Parliament for \$4,491,751,000, a percentage high. Subsequently, supplementary estimates brought the figure up to \$4,513,800,000.

The estimates do not accurately reflect actual spending—there is usually a carryover of funds from one year to another—appears in his budget for the current year. Mr. Abbott forecast spending of \$4,460,000,000 against revenues of about \$4,000,000 more, virtually a balance.

COSTS PRUNED
Now faced with a possible 1954-55 budget deficit in his first term, it would be the government's first in eight years. Mr. Harris presented figures reflecting widespread use of the pruning knife on departmental appropriations.

The cuts ran from the multi-

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Monday

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Princess Delighted With Prospect Of Royal Tour
By FERN RICH
LONDON, (Reuters)—Princess Margaret leaves London airport Monday on her most important royal assignment—a tour of British Columbia and Alberta.

Aboard the Stralocruiser Canopus she will fly to Trinidad. In the following five weeks she will visit Grenada, Barbados, Antigua, Jamaica and the Bahamas. The royal yacht Britannia will ferry her between the islands.

More than 100 engagements have been arranged for Margaret during her tour.

She will have only her own good sense and taste to guide her. There will be no team of advisers going along. This will be Margaret's first serious assignment abroad—her first solo trip to a part of the British Commonwealth.

Princess Delighted With Prospect Of Royal Tour
She is delighted with the whole idea. Her tour of the West Indies was prompted by the brief, but highly successful visit of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh to Jamaica during their 1953 Commonwealth tour. The islanders wanted to see more of their royal family.

Other than her personal servants, Margaret's modest retinue will include her regular lady-in-waiting, 30-year-old Miss Iris Peake; another lady-in-waiting, Lady Elizabeth Cavendish, 28, sister of the Duke of Devonshire; Sir Norman Gwynne, assistant controller of the Lord Chamberlain's office; and Captain Oliver Dawson, the Queen Mother's private secretary.

The Canopus is scheduled to take off from London airport at 3 p. m. GMT (10 a. m. EST) Monday, and arrive in Trinidad the next day. It will stop over for an hour at Gander, Nfld. en route.

BALANCED WARDROBE
During five days in Trinidad the Princess will open a new road, a new hospital, drive in state through the capital, attend civic receptions and children's rallies, a state dinner and a garden party.

The princess has selected a glamorous but light and cool wardrobe. The royal dressmakers, Norman Hartnell and Victor Stiebel, have created gorgeous gowns for tiara affairs and suits of hand-embroidered linen for less formal occasions. Small off-the-face hats will match each outfit.

Margaret has balanced these expensive clothes with off-the-peg informal cotton dresses, grey and pretty, and manufactured by the thousands by a well-known English factory.

MARINES TRAIN HERE
LONDON (Reuters)—Members of the Royal Marines, Britain's crack sea-borne soldiers, will go to Canada and Norway this year for snow warfare training. It was announced Friday. Officers and non-commissioned officers will be trained in living, moving and fighting in low temperatures and deep snow in difficult country.

Federal Gov't Feed Grain Subsidies To Be Reduced
OTTAWA, (CP)—The government has decided to cut its feed grain subsidies in the next fiscal year by \$1,500,000 to \$15,800,000.

The reduction was contained in the 1955-56 estimates tabled in the Commons Friday. A detailed explanation of the cut is expected to be made later by Agriculture Minister Gardiner.

However, it was understood that the reduction would affect prairie feed grain shipments at least to the central provinces and to British Columbia and perhaps also to the Maritimes.

On shipments of prairie feed grain from the lakehead to the Montreal traffic area the subsidy may be cut to \$4.50 a ton from \$6.

Under the subsidy plan, the government has been encouraging western feed grain movements to other provinces by paying \$6 of the \$11-on freight charge from the lakehead to Montreal and the charges in excess of \$4 a ton on shipments to the Maritimes.

It has been paying all of the freight charges on shipments from the prairies to H. E. points.

21-Cent Cut On Hospital Butter
OTTAWA, (CP)—Hospitals, orphanages and similar institutions will be able to get butter at a cut of about 21 cents a pound under the government's disposal program, Agriculture Minister Gardiner said Friday.

He told the Commons the actual method of supplying the butter to the various institutions has not yet been worked out, but the reduction will be about 21 cents a pound below the price which the institution now is paying to its supplier for the same grade of butter.

Plan To Set Fire To Oil On Sea
COPENHAGEN, Denmark (CP)—Flame-throwers will be used to set fire to a huge pool of raw oil 50 miles long and five miles wide which is drifting slowly toward the west Jutland coast. Tens of thousands of dead sea birds which perished in the oil are being washed ashore by every tide. The 6,000 tons of oil were pumped out of a ship in distress.

Estimates Show Changing Trend
OTTAWA (CP)—The growing concern Canada's defence planners have with North American defence was underlined Friday in the 1955-56 estimates of government spending.

In brief, the estimates gave this picture: more money for home defence; less for arms for Canada's European allies.

The defence appropriations for 1955-56 are \$1,775,000,000, a decrease of \$133,000,000 from the 1954-55 estimate.

However, actual expenditures in the current fiscal year now are forecast at \$1,705,000,000. This means the defence department

Growing Concern For Home Defence
became almost equally important to the other NATO nations as it has always been to ourselves.

"This arises, of course, from the emergence of an improved Russian nuclear weapon delivery capability against North America."

"Under such circumstances it becomes essential that greater efforts be put forth immediately in strengthening the defences of this continent because North America is the base—the only great base from which operations for the defence of Europe can be supported and also because of the necessity of protecting the tremendous retaliatory capacity of the United States—which provides at the present time probably the greatest single deterrent to war."

REDUCE MANPOWER
Mr. Campney said there will be reduction of Canada's manpower commitment in Europe—an infantry brigade group and an air division.

He added that the government plans in 1956 to equip four of the 12 RCAF squadrons in Europe with the all-weather CP-100 interceptor in place of the Sabre jet fighters.

This will be done after all fighter squadrons in Canada have been equipped with CP-100s.

All three armed services took a cut in appropriations but the air force's was by far the largest.

Queen, Duke To Visit Norway
OSLO, (Reuters)—Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh will pay an official visit to King Haakon of Norway in Oslo from June 24 to June 26. It was announced Friday.

They will travel to Norway in the royal yacht Britannia.

Cold Snap In Most Of Canada
By The Canadian Press
A mid-winter cold snap has clamped an icy grip on most of Canada.

A Canadian Press survey showed below-zero temperatures Friday in Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan, although the east and west coasts and Alberta enjoyed milder weather.

It was 85 below zero at Prince Albert, 18 below in Regina, 20 below in Winnipeg, 41 below in White River—Ontario's traditional cold spot—seven below at London, five above in Toronto, 21 below in Ottawa, and 10 below in Montreal.

Air from the Pacific kept temperatures just above freezing in Vancouver while Chinook winds blew warmth into Alberta, bathing the province in a autumn-like weather. Calgary reported 41 degrees, Edmonton 38.

The weatherman promised relief for Manitoba and Saskatchewan as the cold air started to move back to the Arctic. But for Ontario and Quebec, continuing cold was forecast.

Ready For War
TAIPEH, Formosa, (AP)—U.S. air and naval craft today stood ready for war in the Far East, should it come, but the American ambassador to Formosa said he saw no immediate "great danger" of an imminent conflict.

Ambassador Karl L. Rankin told a press conference here he felt sure the Chinese Communists intend to try to get Formosa some time but "I don't expect any trouble in the foreseeable future."

Predicts Atomic Navy Shortly
WASHINGTON (AP)—Navy Secretary Charles S. Thomas said Friday the time is approaching "very fast" when various navy ships will be run on atomic power. Describing as "outstanding" the results to be seen in trials of the first atomic submarine, Nautilus, Thomas said the day when A-power will be used for other vessels will come "much faster than we thought of in the past."

U. N. Security Council To Meet Monday
UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP)—The United Nations Security Council will meet Monday to open debate on a cease-fire in the islands along the Red China coast opposite Nationalist Formosa.

The first decision will be on whether to invite Red China to sit here on this question. The action was pressed Friday by New Zealand and quickly joined by Britain and the United States.

Defence Minister Comments On Carrier Drinking Spree
OTTAWA, (CP)—Disciplinary action will be taken where appropriate in the case of the 47 sailors who drank duplicating fluid aboard the Canadian aircraft carrier Magnificent at Halifax, Defence Minister Campney said Friday.

All the sailors involved have survived methyl alcohol poisoning but medical officers have said that some of the men may go blind.

Mr. Campney told the Commons that three cans of duplicating fluid used in the ship's duplicating machines, were taken from a locked storeroom by one member of the Magnificent's company. All the cans were clearly marked "poison."

CULPRIT HAD KEY
The crew member who took the cans had access to the storeroom key in the course of his normal duties.

The cans were passed to several groups of sailors on the night of Jan. 31 and they surreptitiously drank the liquid mixed with soft drinks or grapefruit juice.

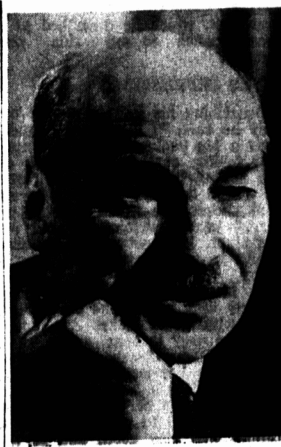
Mr. Campney said small groups of two to five men drank the mixture in widely-separated places throughout the ship. There had been no large party.

There was no outward evidence of drunkenness on board and officers made little indication to officers making the rounds that anything was wrong.

First evidence that anything was wrong was the sudden severe illness of a number of men.

"It is evident... that a considerable number of them did not know what they had been drinking," Mr. Campney said.

PRaises Medical Staff
He added that great credit



To Tour Canada
British Labor leader Clement Attlee will leave London early in April for a tour of Canada. Details of the two or three week visit, sponsored by the GCF party, have not yet been ironed out.

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Senate Backs Eisenhower

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The Senate Friday night overwhelmingly passed the resolution authorizing President Eisenhower to order a fight, if necessary, for defence of Formosa and "related" areas.

The vote was 85 to 3. The three voting against were Senators William Langer (Rep.-N. D.), Herbert Lehman (Dem. Lib., N. Y.) and Wayne Morse (Ind.-Or.).

The action came three days after the House of Representatives approved the administration measure, 408 to 3.



A COLD IN THE FEET IS BETTER THAN ONE IN THE HEAD!

MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM TEMPERATURES

City	Min.	Max.
Dawson	8	22
Vancouver	31	29
Victoria	36	41
Edmonton	21	39
Calgary	17	45
Regina	15	27
Winnipeg	20	6b
Toronto	5	18
Ottawa	21b	1
Montreal	10	4
Quebec	14b	6b
Fredericton	1	9
Saint John	1	8
Moncton	4	8
Halifax	18	22
Charlottetown	9	13
Sydney	18	20
Yarmouth	17	20
St. John's	—	11

HALIFAX (CP)—The weather office here says a weak disturbance south of the Great Lakes will approach the Maritimes slowly; skies are forecast to become cloudy on Saturday and a few snowflurries are expected on Sunday.

Forecast:
Prince Edward Island, upper St. John river valley, Bay of Chaleur: Clear, clouding over in afternoon; continuing cold; light winds. Low-high at Charlottetown zero and 10, Edmundston 20 below and five above, Campbellton 15 below and five above.

Outlook for Sunday: A few snowflurries.

Eastern N. B. counties, lower St. John river valley: Clear, clouding over during the morning; continuing cold; light winds. Low-high at Moncton five below and five above, Fredericton 10 below and five above, Saint John five below and 10 above.

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Bay of Fundy: Light winds; variable cloudiness; visibility 10 miles, not much change in temperature.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 2.04 a. m. and 2.24 p. m. Summertime tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

Sun rises today at 7.37 a. m. and sets at 8.15 p. m.