

Pressure Of Building Program Produces Signs Of Inflation

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Inflation can spell many things to many persons. It may bring despair to elderly folks living on small fixed incomes. It can bring unrest to workers and new spirals to prices.

The experts agree that inflation has slipped into the Canadian economy this year, but most consider it more of a shadowy menace than a thundering giant.

It is a mild, creeping form of inflation, they said. But the threat of economic harm was there. And despite efforts to pin it down, it appears likely, the authorities said, that inflation would continue to creep through the economy in 1957.

That means the federal government's fight against inflation will continue. Finance Minister Harris will likely aim for another large surplus in his 1957-58 budget; that interest rates will remain high and that there will be continual close federal watch over the volume of loans made by the banks, stock exchanges, sales-financing houses and others.

PRICES INCREASE
The inflation of 1956 has appeared on several fronts. Wholesale and retail prices increased. Prices climbed in the scramble for some scarce raw materials. The competition for credit stiffened, and interest rates reached a new high. Federal monetary and fiscal machinery moved in to fight the swell.

By mid-1956, living costs climbed to a record. The consumer price index, based on 1949 prices equaling 100, rose to 118.5 in June, cracking the previous high of 118.2 set in December, 1951.

Wholesale prices kept rising. The wholesale index, based on 1935-39 equalling 100, increased to a record 227 by mid-August. It was the 10th monthly rise since the 220 points of October, 1955.

Earnings more than kept pace with the price rise and so workers found they had a little more purchasing power than a year ago. On the average, labor earnings increased by about 10 per cent; wholesale and retail prices by about three per cent.

FIXED INCOMES
But for those on fixed incomes, the thousands of widows, old age pensioners and others, the price trends could prove disheartening. Food prices rose along with the cost of shelter, medical and hospital care, and transportation costs. One farm authority said it appeared food prices might rise still higher. In some farm production lines, consumption was getting ahead of production.

While earnings increased, Canadians appeared to be getting deeper into debt. By June 30, heavier buying on instalment plans and other pay-later schemes pushed the total consumer debt to a record \$2,392,000,000, an increase of \$369,000,000 over June, 1955.

Heavier consumer purchases undoubtedly caused some of the 1956 price rise but the main root was the big Canadian construction program; the planned record \$8,000,000,000 in capital investment outlays. The program got so big, officials said, that it was more than Canadians could handle.

CONSTRUCTION BOOM
These just were not enough building materials to go around. Builders competed for available supplies and prices jumped. American steel was scarce and a strike in the U.S. made it even tougher to get.

Mills moved quickly to expand production to meet heavier demand. And so in 1957 there will be more steel, cement and other materials to feed the construction program. Builders couldn't get enough materials or credit to com-

plete all their 1956 projects, so there will be a big carryover into 1957.

Trade Minister Howe has estimated that the program in 1957 will be as big as this year's, or even bigger. Canadians may find shelves lined with more goods, but costs may be high.

The economy is volatile and some unforeseen development can change the picture, for Canada is still heavily dependent upon exports for a large percentage of her prosperity. But to the experts, horizons look bright. There is no likelihood, they say, of any sharp drop in exports.

While the threat of inflation remains, the supply of money will be kept tight. There are other reasons why the government will continue to restrain credit expansion. The plan is to prolong the boom, to attempt to iron out the peaks and depressions, to prevent Canadians from getting into a boom-and-bust complex.

BUDGET SURPLUS
Mr. Harris undoubtedly will again budget for a surplus. He aimed at a surplus of \$113,000,000 for 1957-57. But because of the economy's spectacular growth and the prices rises, it may actually reach more than \$300,000,000.

His tax cuts, if any, may be kept small in line with the government policy to tighten up on the country's money supply.

It's a good bet, too, that the Bank of Canada's interest rate on loans to chartered banks and other financial houses will remain high. It was boosted to a record 3½ per cent in October, the sixth increase from the low of 1½ per cent in August, 1955.

These moves influenced rises in general interest rates. The basic prime interest rate of chartered banks moved up to 5½ per cent from 4½ and there was talk of a further increase.

Swamp Birds Nest On Land
REGINA (CP)—A colony of 300 western grebes, birds which usually nest in bullrushes, has been found nesting on dry land on an island in Old Wives Lake, 68 miles east of Regina.

The birds were discovered on the Isle of Bays by a Saskatchewan Museum of Natural History party. A dozen were found swimming in a stagnant pond on the island, accompanied by young grebes, two of which were riding on the backs of adult birds.

The party caught one bird as it dashed across the beach and took photographs of the others, cornered in the pond.

Dr. Robert W. Nero, the museum's assistant director, said "the downy young all seemed about the same age and could not have been more than a day or two old."

When the grebes were finally allowed to leave the pond, they clambered ashore. While they momentarily spread their wings they dropped three or four more young concealed beneath the wings.

The western grebe, a white black and silvery grey bird with bright red eyes, is slightly smaller than a mallard duck. They are rarely seen in the air since they fly only at night and like aircraft can only take off after running across long stretches of water or beach to gain flying speed.

GETS RED APPLE
TOKYO (Reuters)—A Japanese horticulturist has produced an apple that is red inside and out. It took him nine years of experimentation to get both red skin and red flesh.

GEORGETOWN

On Sunday, Nov. 11th, Mr. Jack Lavers, Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Lavers, Miss Corinne Lavers and Miss Beatrice Skinner motored to Souris, where they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert MacKenzie.

L.A.C. Billy Murphy and L.A.C. Charles Martell of the R.C.A.F. stationed in Chatham, N.B. motored to Georgetown, where they spent the weekend at their homes.

Miss Sheila Scully and Miss Mary Lou Henry, students at Notre Dame Academy were week end guests at their homes in Georgetown.

Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Barrett of Halifax, N.S. were recent guests of Mrs. Barretts mother, Mrs. Joseph Murphy.

Mr. Archie MacDonald of Picton, N.S. is visiting in Georgetown as the guest of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Batchelder.

Mr. Joseph Allen and Mr. Claud Pharr of Mitchell River attended the Remembrance Day parade in Georgetown.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert George Sr. motored to Halifax, N.S. over the weekend where they were guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert George Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Llewellyn of Trenton, Ontario, where Mr. Llewellyn is stationed as a member of the R.C.A.F., are honeymooning in Georgetown. They are the guests of Mr. Llewellyn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Llewellyn.

Miss Jean Sampson of Halifax, N.S., was a recent guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sampson.

Friends of little Miss Marlene Solomon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray W. Solomon, are pleased to hear that she has returned to her home after being a patient in the Charlottetown Hospital.

Const. J. W. Lavers of the R.C.M. Police who has been spending his leave in Georgetown, as the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lavers, left on Saturday, November 17th by car for St. Stephen, N.B., where he is stationed.

Mr. John D. Gotell, a business visitor to Charlottetown on Thursday, Nov. 15th.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Solomon motored to the City on Thursday.

Mr. John M. Daly of Commercial Cross was a business visitor to Georgetown on Friday, 16th A.C.

GOOSE RIVER SCHOOL.

The following are the results of September and October examinations of Goose River School:
Grade I. 1. John MacLaren; 2. Gaylene MacLaren; 3. Theresa Steele and Anne McPhee.
Grade II. 1. Anne King.
Grade IV. 1. Augusta MacLaren; 2. Gerard Sutherland; 3. Pad dy Sutherland.
Grade VI. 1. Paula Sutherland; 2. Plus Sutherland.
Grade VII. 1. Frances McKinnon; 2. Wilfred King; 3. Geneva Wilson.
Grade VIII. 1. Charles MacAdam; 2. Ethel Sutherland.
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