



Hon. Mr. MacDonald Delivers Budget Speech

Hon. B. Earle MacDonald, Provincial Treasurer, tonight delivered his first Budget speech before the Legislature. A large number of spectators crowded the galleries to hear Mr. MacDonald bring down the Budget. Following the delivery of the speech, Dr. L.G. Dewar (P.C.), Second Prince adjourned the debate.

Strong Support Expressed For Causeway Resolution

In the Legislature yesterday Premier Matheson said that he had discussed the Northumberland Strait causeway project with two Cabinet Ministers from New Brunswick along with Premier Flemming. They were very much interested to hear that a resolution was being prepared in the Island House and asked that a copy of the resolution be sent to the New Brunswick Legislature. If it were passed, it would be forwarded to Ottawa.

"That is the kind of co-operation we are getting from our neighboring Province," said the Premier; "but I am sorry to say that we are not getting the full co-operation we should from all of our Island people."

Mr. Matheson said that he would like to correct an impression that he had with his first speech regarding the causeway. He recalled that he had said that it was Mr. Winters who first proposed the causeway. "It was Mr. Winters who first proposed it to me," he explained.

He read a letter from Judge A. E. Arsenault who reminded him that some years ago he discussed the matter with Mr. Hungerford, President of the Canadian National Railways. Mr. Hungerford at that time had asked "What about a causeway?" A survey was instituted by railway engineers, but when it was found out that rock

Coming Events

- St. Patrick's Dance, Legion Hall, Cardigan March 17.
- New Haven Variety concert Lot 5 hall, Sat. March 17th.
- Variety concert in Vernon Hall Monday, March 19.
- Wheatley River, March 16th Community concert and one-act play.
- Dance Belfast Hall Saturday, March 17. Sponsored by North Pointe Women's Institute.
- Dance, West Royalty Hall, Wednesday. Rolfe McKenzie's Orchestra. Canteen service 9:30 to 12:30.
- Annual play, Thanksgiving Hall Wellington, Monday, Tuesday, March 19th and 20th. Starting 8:15. Good specialties.
- Reserve Thursday April 5 to see the Ladies Auxiliary present "Aunt Minnie From Minnesota" at the Legion Hall, Borden.
- St. Mary's Hall, Souris, Charlottetown Little Theatre Guild present "My Three Angels", St. Patrick's Night, March 17th.
- Variety concert in Mt. Stewart Memorial Hall on Tuesday, March 20, at 8:30 Sponsored by the Ladies Aid of Mt. Stewart United Church.
- Springfield variety concert in Fredericton Hall, Friday the 18th Sponsored by South Granville W.I. Sale of candy. Admission 50c and 25c. Time 8:30 p.m.
- Reserve Tuesday, March 20 at 8:15 p.m. for free entertainment at Cornwall Hall sponsored by Rolfe and Hyde, Master Feed dealer.
- Music, movies and lunch by W.I.
- See St. Patrick's play in King George Hall, Kensington, by Indian River Dramatic Club, Friday, March 16th. Matinee 3:30; evening 8:00 o'clock.
- Entry for the Prince Edward Island Drama Festival must be in by March 31st. All drama groups welcome to enter either one act or three act plays or both.
- Hockey at North River rink tonight, Milton Hornets vs. Albany St. Pats in fifth and final game in Intermediate "B" for Island title. Game time 8:30. Skate after. Admission 25 and 50.
- Buying pigs Thursday at Fredericton. Paying \$16 a pair for good pigs over 33 lbs each. Will also buy smaller ones, \$1 extra a pair for delivery of pigs on that day only. Knud Jorgensen.
- Attention Little Theatre Members. Those members interested in a weekly radio workshop for rest of season are invited to meet on Thursday evening top floor of City Hall.

City Reassured On Retaining Of Postal Staff

Surprise was expressed at the City Council last evening regarding the amount of opposition by various areas in the Province to the resolution submitted by the City to the Legislature on the night of March 13. It is apparent that there is far more than was anticipated. The general feeling was that should the Legislature turn the resolution down, the City would be reluctant to pursue the matter any further.

The meeting, which had a full attendance with the exception of His Worship J.D. Stewart, was presided over by the Deputy Mayor, A. Walthen Gaudet. With regard to the previous report that a number of the local postal employees were to be transferred to districts outside the Province, a letter from the Postmaster General was read which assured the Council that no such move had been anticipated. What has actually taken place, the senior Postal Inspector has now been promoted to the position of Area Superintendent.

OLD CEMETERIES

After the reading of a letter from the Board of Trustees of the Protestant Cemetery situated on Elm Avenue, in which financial aid in upkeep was requested, Councillor Elmer MacDonald was asked to arrange to meet with the boards of both this cemetery and the Roman Catholic cemetery on Longworth Avenue to determine what arrangements can be made regarding the future of the two sites.

Councillor Edwin Johnstone, Chairman of the Finance Committee requested that a special meeting be called for Wednesday, March 28, for the purpose of bringing down the City budget.

POLICE REPORT

The Chairman of the Police Committee reported that all parking meters were now repaired and it was hoped to have them replaced in the streets by the end of the month. In the report of Chief of Police C.W. MacArthur, it was noted of a total of seventy-four arrests, fifty-five convictions had been obtained and of the remainder five had been placed in Falconwood and three dismissed. In addition to the cases were before the court by way of summons and convictions had been obtained in all cases.

In the other duties performed by the police sixty-five accidents were investigated and recorded, twenty-seven prisoners were transported.

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Annual Meeting Yesterday Of Central Farmers Institute

Hudson Lowther of Carleton was elected President of the Central Farmers Institute at the annual meeting held yesterday afternoon at the Clover Club. The retiring President, E. A. Darby, who presided, gave a brief verbal report on the activities of the organization.

Mr. S. C. Wright, Deputy Minister of Agriculture gave a comprehensive review of several phases of agriculture including grain, livestock and potatoes. Grain production was down last year with oats indicating a drop in bushels to 3,325,000 from 3,800,000 produced in the previous year. Barley was down to 72,000 from 118,000 and mixed grains fell off to 2,765 from 3,548,000, despite the acreage which was approximately that of the previous year.

The situation in livestock was slightly better, Mr. Wright said. In King's County 21,455 cattle were submitted to the T. B. Tests and the Bangs and Brucella tests to 13,389 (females only). Only four reactors were found. The animals were destroyed and the owners were guaranteed two-thirds of the appraised value of each. The four destroyed animals were from widely separate sections. The tests are being continued in Queen's County.

A TEST AREA

Mr. Wright recalled that P. E. Island had been a test area when the T. B. tests were inaugurated and it was hoped that Ottawa would arrange for the exclusion of any animal from this province unless carrying a Bangs test Certificate. Mr. Wright was gratified at the success achieved by the first insemination unit which started with 290 breeders. By Dec. 31 the total had increased to 356 members with 1,600 cattle. 59 percent of these cattle proved to be in calf following the first insemination and a large percentage of those left over, proved to be in calf after the second insemination.

Enquiries received indicate the probability of units being established at O'Leary, Tyne Valley, Charlottetown, Marshallfield, Cornwall, Montague and Souris. Mr. Wright said he would like to see 1,000 cows in prospect before a unit is started.

Touching briefly on potatoes, Mr. Wright said he doubted if anyone ever experienced a year like this before. The Dominion Department excluding Island shipments to the United States, has estimated that the production of potatoes in 1956 will be approximately 100,000 tons.

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OTTAWA (Special)—Name of the new vehicular ferry to ply between Wood Islands and Caribou is to be the "Lord Selkirk," the Commons was informed Tuesday by Transport Minister Marler. The announcement was made in response to a question asked by T. J. Kichham, Liberal M.P. for Kings.

The vessel is now under construction at Pictou, N.S. and will accommodate some 60 vehicles.

A number of Manitoba members of the Chamber seemed surprised when Mr. Marler announced the name of the new ferry. The name of Lord Selkirk in general has been more widely associated with Manitoba than with Prince Edward Island. After the announcement, J. Watson MacNaught, Liberal M.P. for Prince commented to The Guardian that Lord Selkirk's settlement in Prince Edward Island more than 150 years ago was much more successful than that in Manitoba. While a large number of Scottish settlers of the original "Selkirk Settlement" in Manitoba were forced to move down to Fort Garry, the 700 brought to Prince Edward Island remained on their land and their descendants include a large number of prominent men in Prince Edward Island and other parts of Canada today.

Federal Budget Speech March 20

OTTAWA (CP)—Finance Minister Harris will unveil his 1956-57 budget at 9 p.m. AST March 20 and though the economy is showing signs of continuing a spectacular advance, prospects of major tax cuts grow dimmer by the hour.

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Eisenhower, Kefauver Lead In Early N.H. Primary Returns

MANCHESTER, N. H. (AP)—President Eisenhower and Senator Estes Kefauver of Tennessee were leading in the early returns in returns from New Hampshire's presidential primary.

Eisenhower, only listed candidate in the Republican primary, was pulling away to an impressive lead over scattered write-in opposition from voters favoring Senator William Knowland of California, Senator Styles Bridges of New Hampshire, presidential assistant Sherman Adams and Chief Justice Earl Warren.

In the voting for delegates to the Republican national convention, Kefauver led Eisenhower by 14-10 votes. In the Democratic primary Kefauver led Adlai Stevenson, the 1952 Democratic nominee by a 7-10 margin in the early returns. A single write-in vote for Governor Averell Harriman and two for Eisenhower also showed up in the Democratic count.

In the contest for the eight votes in the Democratic convention, Kefauver pledged to Kefauver led in contests for seven of the votes while Stevenson backers led in the contest for the eighth.

MANY BACK NIXON

A highlight of the Republican voting was a growing write-in total for Vice-President Nixon in the vice-presidential preference poll, in which no candidates were listed. Nixon led by a margin of more than 5 to 1 over his combined opponents, of whom Governor Christian Heintz of Massachusetts and Bridges attracted the most support.

Stevenson took no personal part in the Democratic campaign and his name was not listed in the presidential poll. But a full slate of delegates pledged to him opposed the Kefauver backers in the voting for convention delegates.

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MacDonald's Budget Based On High GNP

The Gross National product soared to over 26 billion in 1955, after dropping to about 24 billion dollars in 1954. "Therefore," stated the Hon. B. Earle MacDonald in his first Budget Speech last night, "from every indication we anticipate receiving next year, under the present agreement, over four and three-quarter million dollars."

He budgeted for a surplus of \$310,909 on ordinary account and a net debt increase of \$1,340,041. The net debt of the Province on March 1, 1957 will be \$21,446,263. "We estimate," he said, "Current Revenues at \$9,395,242, and proposed Expenditures on similar account of \$8,584,333, for an estimated Surplus of \$810,909."

A summary of the total estimated Revenue and Expenditure on both Ordinary and Capital Accounts, is as follows:

Revenue—Ordinary Account \$9,395,242. Capital Account \$1,110,000, totalling \$10,505,242.

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Included in the Expenditures is an amount for Debt Retirement of \$650,250, so that the forecast results of next year's operations will be an increase in Liabilities of \$1,340,041.

It is anticipated, therefore, that the net debt of the Province as at March 31st, 1957 will be \$21,446,263.

ORDINARY REVENUE

The Estimates for 1956-57 show a total Revenue on Ordinary Account of \$9,395,242. \$5,954,011, from the Federal Government and the balance \$4,031,231, from Provincial sources.

For comparative purposes I have summarized these Revenues for the past, present and forthcoming fiscal years:

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Maritime Spring Fat Stock Show

AMHERST (CP)—Maritime beef cattle received high praise from Judge Fred Major at the Maritime spring stock show and sale here Tuesday. There were 128 entries. Mr. Major said the winners could rank with the finest beef cattle in Canada.

Grand champion of the show was a Shorthorn steer owned by Ruth Richards of Aulac, N. B. Reserve grand champion was E. H. Himm Melmans' Hereford entry from Lohave, N. S. Runner-up was John Robinson's entry from Aulac.

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Vancouver	32	44
Edmonton	14	23
Winnipeg	65	9
Toronto	55	30
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Montreal	zero	31
Quebec	39	28
Fredericton	9	33
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Moncton	12	25
Halifax	24	32
Charlottetown	13	26
Sydney	21	29
St. John's	20	26

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Northern Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, eastern N.B. counties, lower St. John river valley; Valuable cloudiness; a few snowflurries; cold; south winds 15. Low-high at New Glasgow 12 and 32, Charlottetown 12 and 32, Moncton and Fredericton 12 and 30, Saint John 15 and 32.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 12:03 p.m. Summerside tides eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

Sun rises today at 6:28 a.m. and sets at 6:18 p.m.