

## Farm Interests Affected By Last Year's Economies

OTTAWA (CP) — Farmers and factories took the biggest beating last year in Canada's economic developments. Farmers' net earnings dropped by 30 per cent, corporation profits by seven per cent. But consumers came to the economy's rescue by boosting spending to an all-time high in cash and credit deals.

Workers' pay loomed larger than ever as a major factor in the country's economic health, labor income growing from 58 per cent of the country's total income in 1951 to 65 per cent in 1954—highest in 30 years.

Unemployment increased. Persons without jobs and seeking work rose to an average of 232,000 in 1954 from 137,000 in 1953.

This sum-up of the state of Canada's prosperity in 1954 was outlined in Finance Minister Harris' white paper tabled in the Commons today.

### PRODUCTION VALUE FALLS

Mostly because of the prairie crop failure and production declines in some factories, the gross national product—value of all goods and services produced—fell to \$23,985,000,000 in 1954 from the 1953 peak of \$24,900,000,000.

Labor income rose to a record \$11,900,000,000 from \$11,661,000,000 in 1953, out farmers' net income—hit badly by smaller grain output—dropped to \$3,581,000,000 from \$4,941,000,000. Farmers' net earnings were down for the third straight year, to almost one-half the record \$2,072,000,000 in 1951.

Investment income dropped two per cent to \$3,709,000,000 from \$3,775,000,000. Mr. Harris estimated the major cause was a reduction of seven per cent in corporation profits.

Corporation profits left after taxes dropped to \$1,246,000,000 from \$1,361,000,000 in 1953. The decline in corporation income taxes was one cause of the government's budgetary deficit of \$148,251,000 in the 1954-55 fiscal year.

On the brighter side, consumers—using earnings and some savings—boosted spending to a record \$15,581,000,000, up three per cent from \$15,115,000,000 in 1953.

### SPENDING ABOUT SAME

Government spending, at \$4,360,000,000 in 1954, was virtually unchanged from 1953. Federal defence outlays dropped by \$179,000,000 but this was offset by increases in non-defence spending.

Mr. Harris said the drop in defence expenditures had some impact on the economy.

He observed that the rate of growth in consumer debt was "Mind" was prepared by Mrs. Louis Marshall from the Study Book.

Mrs. Harry MacLauchlan invited members to meet at her home in April. Roll call is to be answered with a verse containing the word "Hope". Mrs. Horace Marshall and Barbara MacMillan will read the stories.

Hymn "God Of Mercy, God Of Grace" and a prayer closed the meeting, after which Mrs. Ellis and the committee served lunch.

One man here has decided to enter the lobster fishing this spring at this late date. He has started the battle of building a new supply of traps but many of the fishers doubt if he can get the necessary hundreds of trap heads knit in time to start the battle in one month.

Some of the teachers from this vicinity were in the city on Tuesday to attend a teachers' meeting.

Friends of Miss Norma Sinnott will be sorry to learn that she is still not enjoying prime health after being in hospital for some time. She took a sudden turn this week and was ordered to bed by her doctor until a complete check up could be made.

Mr. Joe Thistle, reported missing from his hotel in Charlottetown, where he lived in retirement was a former resident here many years ago, along with his brother Barney Thistle; but the missing man has not been seen in this part of the land recently.

ST. ANDREW'S C.W.L.

The March meeting of the St. Andrew's sub-division of the Catholic Women's League was held in the parish hall on March 28, with the president, Mrs. D. L. Mulren presiding. There were 40 members in attendance.

The meeting opened with the recitation of the League Prayer by the Provincial Director, Rev. Father MacCormac. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read. The bingo report was given by the convener, Mr. Bertram MacDonal.

The reports of the smaller W.L. meetings from the different districts proved very successful. Father MacCormac gave a very instructive talk concerning the kind of reading material we should have in our homes. Mrs. Artie MacMillan, Mrs. John Morrison and Mrs. J. J. Macintyre were appointed on the nomination committee for the annual meeting to be held in April.

Correspondence consisted of a letter on national scholarships by Mrs. Earl Duffy and one on our honorary members by Mrs. Galant.

It was moved by Mrs. Bertram MacDonal, seconded by Mrs. Cyrene Macintyre, that \$5 be sent to the National Scholarships. Two of the members agreed to make new surpluses for the altar boys.

A rummage sale was discussed. It was moved by Mrs. Wilfred Affleck, seconded by Mrs. Archie Griffin, that the meeting adjourn.

Meeting closed with prayer. A delicious lunch was then served. Miss Mae MacDonal, Mrs. James Doyle acting as hostesses. Some very interesting films were shown.

STANHOPE W.M.S.

The March meeting of the Stanhope W.M.S. was held at the home of Mrs. Bruce Ellis. It was opened with the theme and call to worship, followed by singing "Come, Holy Ghost" and repeating the Lord's Prayer in unison. Mrs. Bruce Ellis read the scripture, followed by prayer by Mrs. Alvin MacLauchlan.

Mrs. Warren Marshall presented a reading "What Is Our Work" and Mrs. Harry MacLauchlan read "Jacob's Wonderful Dream" in Hurlbut's Bible Stories. A reading on "Struggle For Man's

### HERMITAGE SCHOOL

Report for the month of March:

GRADE IX — 1. Lorraine MacVarish.

GRADE VIII — 1. Noreen Curran and Mary Doran (equal); 2. Henry Hayes.

GRADE VI — 1. Michael Wood; 2. Elizabeth Curran (absent for tests).

GRADE V — 1. Leo Hayes.

GRADE IV — 1. Doreen Murphy.

GRADE III (Sr.) — 1. Gerald Curran; 2. Marie Hayes; 3. Preston Hayes; Sharon Murphy.

GRADE III (Jr.) — 1. Elaine Murphy.

GRADE II — 1. Blair Murphy.

GRADE I — Irene Murphy.

Teacher — Marion Rogerson

and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kenny, Byrnes Road.

Mr. William McCullough, was a visitor to Morell, March 28.

Messrs. Fred Handrahan and Ernest Grant were visitors to Souris, March 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cullen and Mr. and Mrs. Loyla Deighan of Charlottetown and Breadalbane, were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Rogerson.

Miss Georgie Gunn, Mt. Stewart, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Handrahan, March 27.

The many friends of Mrs. Herbert Kenny, Byrnes Road, regret to learn that she is a patient at the Charlottetown Hospital. All join in wishing her an early return to good health.

Mr. James Gillan, Charlottetown, spent the week-end of March 26 with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Gillan.

Mr. Richard Birt, returned recently to Charlottetown, to resume work after having spent the winter months at his home on St. Patrick's Road.

Miss Maxeen McLellan spent the week-end of March 26 with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John D. MacDonal, Montague.

Mr. Ernest Devine, was a lucky winner from this vicinity at the weekly Bingo party at Mt. Stewart, March 27.

Mrs. D. A. MacDonal, visited Mr. and Mrs. Bernard MacMillan, Canavoy, March 30.

The Maritime Electric Co., have now commenced the sinking of poles for an electric power line from Pisiquid to St. Teresa.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold MacDonal, Mt. Stewart, were recent visitors at the home Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Hughes.

Mr. and Mrs. John Refuse and family moved to Souris, March 30 where they will take up residence in the future.

Mr. Harold Dunn was a visitor to Charlottetown April 1. —BU.

## Highlights Of Federal Financing Last Year

OTTAWA (CP)—Highlights of the white paper tabled today in the Commons by Finance Minister Harris preliminary to his Tuesday night budget:

Budget deficit of \$148,251,000 estimated for 1954-55 fiscal year ended March 31, first in nine years. Previous year's surplus was \$45,798,000.

Budget revenues \$4,107,136,000, down from \$4,296,320,000. Expenditures \$4,255,387,000, down from \$4,350,522,000.

Personal income tax for the first time became largest single item in revenue, topping corporation tax.

Federal net debt increased by \$148,251,000 during year to \$11,264,000,000.

Defence spending reduced by

### ELLIOTVALE SCHOOL

Report for the month of March of Elliotvale School:

Grade X — 1. Helen Magennis.

Grade IX — 1. Francis Magennis and Marie Gill, equal.

Grade VIII — 1. Gerard Gill; 2. Clara Gill.

Grade VII — 1. Reta Magennis; 2. Eileen Walsh; 3. Margaret Gill.

Grade VI — 1. Genevieve Carmichael; 2. Leona Gill; 3. Duncan Carmichael.

Grade IV — 1. Joseph Gill.

Grade III — 1. Michael Magennis and Bernice Walsh, equal.

Grade II Sr. — 1. Danny Carmichael.

Grade II Jr. — 1. Anne Walsh; 2. Regina Gill; 3. Maureen MacKenzie.

Grade I Sr. — 1. Marie Walsh; 2. Tommy Gill.

Grade I Jr. — 1. Clarence Ryan; 2. Sheila Gill.

Highest average in Sr. Grades, Genevieve Carmichael, 89.3%; Highest average in Jr. Grades, Anne Walsh, 94.4%; perfect attendance, Michael Magennis and Clarence Ryan.

Teacher — Marion McInnis.

### Peakes

Mr. Everett Fisher, visited Charlottetown, March 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl MacDonal and Mrs. Reginald MacDonal visited Charlottetown, March 31.

Mr. Michael Handrahan, spent a few days of the week of March 27 with his sister Mrs. Wilfred Kiggins, Borden.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rogerson and Mrs. Charles Rogerson, visited Charlottetown, March 28.

Mrs. Lauretta Devine, accompanied by her son Merlin, were visitors to Rustico, March 29.

Miss Helen Trainor, Baldwins Road, spent the week-end of March 26 with her brother-in-law

### LAKEVILLE SCHOOL

Report of Lakeville School for the month of March:

GRADE VI — 1. Aletha Avery.

GRADE IV — Noreen Rose; Anne MacAulay (absent for tests).

GRADE III — Margaret MacAulay (absent for tests).

GRADE II — 1. Robin Rose; 2. Fern Baker; 3. Barbara Avery.

GRADE I — 1. Sylvia MacAulay and Daniel Campbell (absent for tests).

Teacher — Faye MacKinnon.

TROWBRIDGE, England (CP)—A marriage service came to an abrupt halt in this Wiltshire town when part of the church ceiling fell on the organist as he was playing the wedding march.



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