



MONTAGUE COMMERCIAL CLASS

Mr. H. Harris, commercial teacher, is photographed with the first commerce graduates from Montague High School. This is the first year for a commerce class at Montague and it has proven to be a popular course. Members of the class include: Janet Adams, Eileen Annear, Susan Bieren, Isobel Dewar, Della Dunn, Sybil Kemp, Margaret MacDonald, Dorothy McHerron, Key MacLean, Peggy MacLeod, Jean Monroe, Hilda Murphy, Laurel Nelson, Elaine Poole, Thelma Stewart.

OTTAWA JOTTINGS

Much Interest Aroused By Budget Presentation

By John A. Macdonald, M.P.

The big news from the Capital last week was of course the presentation of the Budget. It climaxed a job started many months ago by Finance Minister Donald Fleming when he first called together officials of the Department of Finance, of the Bank of Canada and of the Department of Trade and Commerce. After this meeting where statistics and views concerning the economy are presented he begins to formulate his plan of guidance for the nation's business during the coming year.

Many more meetings are held with the same officials as well as with those of various other departments of government. Consultations are held with the Prime Minister and other Ministers of the Crown - including the Minister of National Revenue who collects the taxes.

Out of this series of meetings and the welter of facts, figures - and sometimes fantasies - the Minister must separate and lift the massive data placed before him in his considerations of what he must produce by way of a government policy best suited to our present situation. Paramount questions facing him would be whether taxes should remain unchanged, be raised or be cut. He must decide if he will budget for a deficit, a surplus or a balanced one.

Another problem will be what to do about tariffs. Present and expected social and economic conditions guide him in arriving at the answers which can only be released on Budget Night. This one was of particular interest since it was the first prepared by other than a Liberal Ministry since 1935.

On the day previous to the Budget Presentation the White Paper is issued by the Finance Minister giving a breakdown of federal revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year ending March 31 - subject to a final accounting when the books are closed about mid-August. It was disclosed that the financial picture for the fiscal year 1957-58 will show a deficit of \$39,000,000. In proportion to the size of the figure involved this is considered to be little short of a balanced budget.

Declining revenues - particularly in the corporation taxes and customs duties fields - reflected the mild recession through which we have been passing during the past year along with our neighbours to the South. On the other hand expenditures increased in almost every department of government with a sizeable reduction being made only in the Department of National Defence. This heavy spending department used up 33 per cent of the budget as compared to 37 per cent in the previous one.

OTHER FIGURES

Other interesting figures produced showed that the rise in the cost-of-living had been slight. The number of Canadians with jobs in Canada had increased by 135,000 and those without work by 75,000. Wages increased by 4 per cent and increased consumer prices used up much of the raise. The value of all goods and services produced, which is called the Gross National Product, reached a peak of \$31,443,000,000 for an increase of \$1,361,000,000 over the previous year. Personal income rose by \$1,184,000,000 to reach an all-time high of \$23,142,000,000. The recession compared to the American one was a relatively mild one and economists are pointing to a steady but probably slower return than that experienced after the pause in our expansion which took place in 1954-55.

The experts seemed to have hit the nail on the head in forecasting what the Budget might contain. As the Finance Minister unfolded his briefcase of its packed contents before a secret House and galleries reporters in the Press Gallery compared their guesses and there were many "I told you so's" as the Minister ably covered the field. There were no great changes in taxes or tariffs and there was a deficit as expected. All parties in the House seemed to agree that under the present economic conditions a deficit was to be expected.

OTHER FEATURES

Details of the Budget have been well publicized but attention might be drawn to a few of the features which affect people in our province. Of assistance to agriculture will be anti-dumping measures which will give our farmers better protection against neighboring countries flooding our markets with their surplus farm products. Taxes have been reduced on various articles of farm equipment, conditioners and feeds and on some building supplies. Reduction of taxes on various products such as fire-fighting and goods used for public works projects will be of great assistance to municipalities.

The allowing of a higher exemption for drugs and spectacles will be welcomed by many individuals as well as the deductions for charitable donations which should encourage more funds being directed in those laudable channels. One could go on and on. Having been Opposition Financial Critic in the local Legislature for several years, suffice to say the anticipation and the presentation of the Budget by Finance Minister Fleming for the first time and by the first Conservative government in many years has been a most interesting experience.

PLAN TWO-MONTH STUDY

HANOVER, N. H. (CP) — Two Dartmouth College professors leave July 1 for two months of archaeological research on pre-Christian Eskimo culture in Canada's Northwest Territories. Robert A. McKennan, director of Dartmouth's northern studies program, and Elmer Harp Jr., an anthropologist who specializes in Eskimo culture, will seek further knowledge about the relationships between the prehistoric cultures of the western and eastern sectors of the Arctic.

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Celebrated First Solemn High Mass Last Sunday

Last Sunday morning at the Church of the Little Flower, Morell Village, Rev. Joseph Ernest Rossiter, O.M.I., a former resident of the parish celebrated his first Solemn High Mass. Rev. F.P. Aylward was assistant priest, with Rev. Reginald Phelan and Rev. J.J. Dunphy, as Deacon and Sub-deacon respectively. All three are former members of Morell Parish. The pastor, Rev. Eric Robin acted as Master of Ceremonies. Fellow Oblate, Rev. George MacLennan of Port Hood, N.S. preached the sermon. Assisting in the choir were Rev. Lawrence Landrigan of St. Dunstan's University and Mr. Eugene Rossiter, St. Peter's, a cousin of the celebrant. During Communion Mr. Rossiter sang as solo "Panis Angelicus". Mr. Owen Kelly was organist.



REV. J.E. ROSSITER, O.M.I.

PRESENTED WITH CHALICE

At the end of the Mass, Father Rossiter was presented with a golden chalice by the people of the parish. The presentation was made by Wilfred Hogan, and the accompanying address read by Cecil McCarthy.

After Mass the family and visiting clergy were entertained at a dinner given at the Parochial House, while other relatives and guests from outside the parish dined at the Parish Hall, the meal being provided by the Morell Sub-division of the Catholic Women's League.

Later in the afternoon, hundreds of friends from many sections of the Province paid their respects to the young priest at a reception held at his former home.

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Expect 300 Donors In Eastern Clinics

In an all-out effort to register at least 300 blood donors at the only Red Cross Blood Donor Clinics to be held this week in the eastern section of the province, the Mt. Stewart and Morell Branches of the Canadian Legion have joined forces to insure the success of the project. Mr. Roy Leard is again heading the arrangements for the Mt. Stewart Clinic and is receiving the wholehearted support of the Women's Institute as well as the Canadian Legion members, in soliciting a record number of members for the "Life Saver Club". The Mt. Stewart Clinic is to be held in the Memorial Hall there on Thursday afternoon, June 26th, between 2 and 4. On Thursday evening between 7 and 9, the new Canadian Legion Home at Morell will be transformed into a Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic. This Clinic is being carried on as a thoroughly cooperative effort under the leadership of Rev. Eric Robin with Mr. James Blaxland, President of the Morell Legion Branch in charge of the arrangements. Legion members in both the Morell and St. Peter's Bay areas are conducting a canvass for "Life Saver Club" members throughout this section of the province. As in the past, the ladies of the Morell Sub-division, Catholic Women's League, and the Morell

Legion Names Scout Committee

The June meeting of the Canadian Legion, Georgetown Branch No. 16, was held in the Legion Hall on Tuesday, June 17th., with Branch President, D. A. MacCormack presiding. The meeting opened in the usual impressive manner, with the reading of the opening ceremony from the ritual and the observance of two minutes silence. Comrade Marcellus Gotell, Branch Secretary read the minutes of the past regular and last Executive meetings, which were approved. The secretary also read the correspondence. The treasurer, Comrade A. H. Stewart, pre-

presented a very encouraging financial report, which was approved by the meeting. Comrade W. J. Martell was confirmed as a member of the Branch's Sick Committee. The appointment had previously been made by the executive, and was subject to the approval of a general meeting. The Branch voted the amount of \$20.00 for financial assistance of the Scout Cub Pack. A Committee of three was appointed to work with the Scouts Master and Cub Leader, in an advisory capacity. The members of this committee are: J. W. Lavers; Michael Burke Jr., and Marcellus Gotell. Comrade A. H. Stewart was appointed as a member of the Canteen Committee. It was decided to purchase materials suitable for the making of a sign, for the front of the Legion Hall. Several other items of interest to the branch were discussed.

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LOWER MONTAGUE Regatta Wednesday, July 16th. Send entries to Dan Condon, Lower Montague.

REGULAR MEETING of Ladies Auxiliary, Canadian Legion, Wednesday, June 25th, at Legion Hall, Montague.

NAME OMITTED — In the list of Grade Nine pupils who graduated with certificates in the Montague High School, the name of Fred Nelson was inadvertently omitted.

ST. PETER'S BAY COW—The recently announced R. O. P. records of Holstein-Friesian cows for the month of April includes "Governess Keyes Futurity", a two-year-old owned by R. L. Burge, St. Peter's Bay, who produced 10,768 lbs. of milk containing 446 lbs., of butter fat testing 4.14 percent.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Ralph MacKay, Morell, recently spent a week in Halifax, N. S., visiting relatives and friends.

Miss Jean MacLean, Charlottetown, spent the week end in Montague, guest of her mother, Mrs. William MacLean.

Mrs. R. G. MacDonald, matron of the Kings County Memorial Hospital, Montague, left Saturday for Ottawa where she will attend the National Nurses Association annual meeting.

Her many friends are pleased to hear that Mrs. James King, Milltown Cross, is convalescing nicely following her illness in the King's County Hospital.

Mrs. Gardiner Prime and two daughters, Janice and Linda, of Semerville, Mass., arrived at Milltown last week and will spend the summer months as guests of Mrs. Prime's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. James King.

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