

CIVIC REPORTS REFLECT HEAVY CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

Claxton Outlines Three-Year Defence Program

New Civic Assessment For 1952 Discussed By Mayor

A new civic assessment for the year 1952, now being worked out on a basis of equality which he believed will be 100 percent accurate, and which he hoped will result ultimately in a reduction in the tax rate, was referred to by His Worship Mayor E. Earle MacDonald in his address at the annual meeting of the City Council last night.



Mayor MacDonald

Noting that the net debt increase last year was \$156,637.38, His Worship said this was accounted for largely by capital expenditure. He also stressed that despite the current deficit of \$21,249.85, the City "had a good year financially."

In all the departments of ordinary expenditure, the committees kept within an amount close to their estimates, and tremendous improvements were accomplished as well.

Coming Events

- Mail your Films to Garnhum Photo Studio, Charlottetown.
Buying Live Fowl daily. See or Phone Rex Dawson, Albany.
Skating Sea View rink tonight 8-10.
Cornwall rink tonight, girls hockey practice.
Buying oats and mixed grain, also feed bags daily. Highest prices Fraser and Annear Feed Service.
League game Wiltshire tonight, Y.M.C.A. vs. Wiltshire Miracles.
Buying good feed bags daily. Highest prices, Russell Driscoll, Mt. Herbert.
Buying good straight oats and mixed grain daily. Dillon & Spillet.
Hockey Sea View rink Wednesday, Feb. 7. Malpeque vs. Spring Valley.
Reserve Wednesday, February 8th for Carnival at North River Rink.
At South Melville School, Tuesday, Feb. 6, good music, dance from 8:30 to 12.
Emerald School, Thursday, February 8th, Card Party. Sponsored by Home and School. Lunch served.
Hockey tonight Sandy's Rink, Marshfield. Skate after to music of Sandy's outdoor theatre sound system.
Hockey Stanley Bridge rink tonight, Graham's Road vs. Stanley Bridge. Game time 8:30. Skate after.
Hockey at Long Creek tonight, New Haven Royals vs. Long Creek Beavers. Game time 8:30.
Jimmy Power's variety concert in Winsloe Station Hall, Wednesday, Feb. 7th, starting at 8:30. Sale of lunches. In aid of Women's Institute of Highfield.
Hockey tonight at North River rink, Cornwall Meteors vs. Southport Ramblers. Game time 8:30 sharp.
Hockey tonight Legion rink, North Rustico, Hampshire Bulldogs vs. North Rustico Legionaires. Game starts 8:30. Canteen service. Skate after.
See Ingrid Bergman and Joseph Cotton in Alfred Hitchcock's great technicolor feature "Under Capricorn" at MacDonald Bros. Theatre tonight. Note this is a special feature showing tonight only at 8 P. M. Don't miss it.
Want a play in your community? Then write to Mrs. Frank Blach, Charlottetown R. E. 6, for free Drama Booklet telling how to enter Spring Festival, where to get suitable plays and other information.

Gov't Proposes To Double Air Power

OTTAWA, Feb. 5 — (CP) — The Government proposed tonight to double Canada's air power as the dominant factor in a \$5,000,000,000, three-year defence program dwarfing anything in the country's peacetime history.

Defence Minister Claxton placed before the Commons the 15-point program that would raise from 19 to 40 the number of R.C.A.F. squadrons; send 11 of them to Europe; raise manpower in the regular forces from 63,000 to 115,000; post an army brigade group of about 6,000 men and a three-squadron wing of fighter planes to Europe soon as Canada's initial contribution to Gen. Eisenhower's integrated command.

The navy would double manpower to about 20,000 and have 100 ships or more than three times present fighting strength. The army would remain at about its present fighting strength, roughly the equivalent of a division of 18,000 men, and would go heavily on anti-aircraft strength.

Over the plunge on air power overshadowed everything else in the 75 minute, 7,000-word speech. Mr. Claxton's statement indicated that Canada will become the third ranking air power in the free world and probably the second ranking air power in the world.

U. S. Rail Strike Begins To Be Felt In Canada

By The Canadian Press Fruit and vegetable prices jumped Monday on the Montreal, Toronto and Hamilton wholesale markets under impact of the U.S. railway switchmen's strike. It was being felt in other ways across the country, too.

Halifax Boy Dies In Coasting Accident

HALIFAX, Feb. 5 — (CP) — Warner Casey, 9, died today when his sled shot beneath the wheels of a truck just outside the gates of the Protestant Orphanage on Barrington Street, where he was a boarder. It was Halifax's first coasting fatality of the winter.

Australian Coal Miners Defy Gov't To Strike

SYDNEY, Australia, Feb. 5 — (CP) — Coal and gas cuts were ordered throughout New South Wales today after 17,000 of the country's miners went on strike in defiance of the Federal Government's strike ban.

Gov't Cuts Loans Under National Housing Act

OTTAWA, Feb. 5 — (CP) — In a move to keep house-building activity within the capacity of a Canada gearing for war, the Government today announced withdrawal of second-mortgage assistance to persons wishing to build their own homes.

The Government was aware of the continuing need for housing. He urged builders and home owners to consider carefully the difficulties they are likely to encounter because of the building-supply situation. The Government would continue to attach a high priority to housing to a degree second only to the defence effort.

Yanks Given Details Of New Tax Proposals

(By Francis J. Kelly) WASHINGTON, Feb. 5 — (AP) — Treasury Secretary John Snyder today gave Congress details of a proposed \$10,155,000,000 defence tax increase—stretching clear across the economy of the United States. He called it "rather rugged."

Parking Meter Plans Reviewed

"Some people seem to have the wrong idea regarding the purpose of parking meters," stated C. M. Cox, chairman of the Police Committee, in his report submitted at the annual meeting of the City Council last night.

Advisory Council On Manpower To Be Formed

OTTAWA, Feb. 5 — (CP) — Creation of a National Advisory Council on Manpower, to help the Government make the best use of this resource in the growing labor shortage, was announced today by Labor Minister Gregg.

Carrier's Sailing Again Delayed

HALIFAX, Feb. 5 — (CP) — Departure of the aircraft carrier Magnificent for Caribbean war games has been delayed a second time by sabotage that was discovered in the engines of the big flat-top late last week, a naval spokesman said tonight.

Premier Jones Confers With Ottawa Members

OTTAWA, Ont. 5 — (Special) — Prince Edward Island Premier J. Walter Jones today conferred here in Ottawa with J. Watson MacNaught, Parliamentary assistant to Fisheries Minister Mayhew, and Senators George Barbour and T. V. Grant on Dominion-Provincial matters affecting the Province.

Greater Unity Is Urged At Board Meeting

MONCTON, N. B., Feb. 5 — (CP) — Greater unity and co-operation among individual boards of trade was set forth as an objective in a resolution drawn up today at a meeting of the Maritime Provinces Board of Trade.

Canadians In Korea Enter Final Training

WITH BY BILL BOSS KOREA, Feb. 5 — (CP) — Heavy "enemy" patrols were beaten back last night as they sought to crack the mountain defences of Canadian troops who now are in the final stages of combat training.

\$156,637 Debt Increase & \$21,249 Deficit Shown

A net debt increase of \$156,637.38, due mainly to capital expenditure, and a deficit of \$21,249.85 including \$19,597.51 of extraordinary expenditure on a new tax assessment, were reported by Coun. Lemuel E. Prowse, chairman of the Finance Committee, at last night's annual meeting of the City Council.



Finance Chairman Prowse

Presenting detailed statements prepared by the City Clerk and certified by the auditors, Messrs. H. R. Doane and Company, Coun. Prowse said the total revenue for the year was \$499,739.38 against total expenditure of \$520,989.23.

Allies In Greatest Tank Thrust Of Korean War

TOKYO, Feb. 6 — (Tuesday) — (AP) — The greatest Allied tank thrust of the Korean war jabbed deep into Chinese and Korean Communist positions within five miles of Seoul Monday, killed and wounded droves of Reds, then retreated safely to Allied lines.



TORONTO, Feb. 5 — (CP) — Minimum temperatures observed between 7:30 P.M. and 7:30 A.M. E.S.T.: maximum temperatures between 7:30 A.M. and 7:30 P.M. E.S.T.:

Halifax, Feb. 5 — (CP) — Official forecasts issued by the Dominion Public Weather Office here and valid until midnight Tuesday. Synopsis: There is much colder air over Northern Quebec, temperatures there tonight averaging 30 below. However, winds are light and the cold air will not push very far south.