

More Deficit Financing

Budget speeches are, of necessity, becoming more and more complicated, and the task of preparing and delivering last night's speech in the Legislature was perhaps the most formidable to be undertaken by any provincial treasurer in our Island's history.

Mr. Farmer is to be commended on the efforts he put forth, particularly on the details of the report he gave of federal-provincial relations and of our government's financial operations over the past four years, from the start of its first full fiscal year in office.

Again we are in for deficit budgeting. Last year the increase in liabilities was \$136,926; for the year ending March 31 this year the forecast is for a further increase of \$2,897,470. For the coming year the estimate is \$2,566,649, which will probably loom larger when the next Public Accounts are tabled and the revised forecast is made.

It was maintained by the speaker that despite a present debt of \$39,195,723 the province is in a very solvent position, so much so that only recently it was able to sell a debenture issue at a cost comparable to the richer provinces. Nevertheless, it is a serious burden for a province of our limited resources, and it will be heavier next year.

It is creditable to the Government that it has been able to finance out of current revenue so much of our physical assets. This is an investment which will go on paying dividends. But it will be conceded on both sides of the House, we believe, that unless we get some better fiscal arrangement with Ottawa, for a more equitable share of federal revenues on the basis of fiscal need, the prospects are by no means reassuring.

May Merge Services

The Glasseo Royal Commission on government operations warned that the day might be approaching rapidly when the traditional three-service concept which has prevailed in Canada's armed forces would have to be abandoned in the interests of economy, efficiency and utility. It is just around the corner, and that the government "white paper" on defense, to be made public within a few days, will propose that the three services be unified.

Defense Minister Hellyer is not satisfied with the piecemeal approach to the problems of integration which, after more than a decade, has achieved the unification of a few auxiliary services. He has before him, it is understood, blueprints for the establishment of a single Canadian defense force under a single commander-in-chief.

During the last session, the special Commons defense committee recommended that the Government give more thought to the possibility of unification, and singled out the United States Marine Corps for special mention as a force available for service anywhere which had served with distinction. The plan now reportedly under consideration would go much further. It would make Canada unique in the Western world in the combination of its land, sea and air arms.

According to Arthur Blakely, Ottawa correspondent for the Montreal Gazette, the armed forces have already shown concern over some of Mr. Hellyer's earlier cutbacks in service establishments and programs. They may be expected to view with graver suspicion and mis-

gives a plan to disturb the entire structure of the present organization. But the minister may feel that he has little to lose by siding with the taxpayers on an issue of this kind.

It is recognized that the traditional three-service concept has meant enormous waste, duplication and overlap in service, supply and headquarters staff. Sweeping changes in the defense structure might make it possible for the Government to hold defense expenditures close to the present level while getting in return a more efficient fighting force, with better arms. That is at least a good objective to aim at.

A Poor Showing

We hold no brief for Mr. Guy Pouliot, Quebec separatist leader, who like former Ralliement Libéral Marcel Chaput has been forecasting possible danger to Queen Elizabeth should she make a scheduled visit to Quebec this fall. We can understand why his line of talk was obnoxious to the students of Sir George Williams University, a Montreal English-language institution, when he addressed the student body in French on separatist principles. But the boorish treatment to which he was subjected, and the tearing down of a Quebec fleur-de-lis flag in a student demonstration, was a poor way of showing respect either for Her Majesty or for the traditions of law and order she represents.

Mr. Pouliot, it seems, had been invited to speak there, in French, as part of the university's bicentennial week activities. The issued invitation was those who responded which indeed have very little to do with biculturalism as the majority of French Canadians interpret it.

Similarly, when Dr. Chaput addressed a service club in Toronto and shocked the nation with his statements on the same subject, it was by invitation that he spoke. His views were known in advance, and there was every reason to expect that he would speak the way he did. These men are fanatics, and will abuse freedom of speech every time they get the chance. But to give them that opportunity—to speak—to them on a platter, so to speak—and then to react as though they had committed an outrage on the sensitive feelings of their audiences—that seems to us a very silly reaction indeed. If we can't fight separatism with better weapons than this, it would be safer to ignore it.

Not Very Definite

In reply to questions placed on the Commons order paper by Mr. Heath Macquarrie, junior member for Queens, Works Minister Deschêtales has stated that his plans for a tunnel to serve as a part of the Strait causeway are being considered, and while a lower cost figure is one of the main considerations in the current study of the project, this does not imply that rail traffic will not be provided for.

What precisely does this mean? Does it mean that rail traffic will be provided for? Not quite; the statement didn't go that far. It ended on a note of ambiguity—like Prime Minister Mackenzie King's promise during the war years of "conscription if necessary, but not necessarily conscription."

What we had hoped for from the minister, in view of rumors to the contrary, was a firm assurance that provision for rail traffic will definitely be incorporated in the causeway design, whether it be in connection with tunneling, bridge-work or road building. That the plans, in short, will be based on this essential requirement as well as on the equally necessary provision for vehicular traffic, and that the cost factor, however important in itself, will be secondary to these considerations.

Our Yesterdays

(From the Guardian Files)  
TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (March 6, 1939)  
The mainland train arrived in the city two hours late. Most of the delay was caused by ice conditions in the Northumberland Strait. The ferry for St. Charles experienced considerable difficulties from heavy ice formation.

Messrs. D.F. Archibald, C.A. of this city and W.A. Merrill, C.A. of Amherst, N.S., began their work making a survey of the Charlottetown Junior Chamber of Commerce's finances. The two chartered accounts have been accompanied by the City Council.



LOOKING THE STABLE DOOR

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Parliament's Backbench Bachelor Girl

Parliament Hill's only backbench bachelor girl, Pauline Jewett, is an intriguing d a l personality. As "Dr. Jewett and Miss Deschêtales" with twenty years of Jewett and professorship behind her at Queens, Oxford and Carleton Universities and elsewhere. "Dr. Jewett" matches Labour Minister Allan Maclean as Parliament Hill's Maclean, she has earned a reputation in the House of Commons as a leading M.P. in the field of political economy and in which she holds a doctorate—not an honorary flattery so common among top politicians, but hard-earned degree of great rarity among politicians' full names. But contrastingly, her full apprenticeship in the theory of politics had made her exceedingly derivative towards the politics now practised on Parliament Hill.

The U.N. Vote On China

By Harold Morrison  
Canadian Press  
The United States is fairly confident that despite French President de Gaulle's support of Communist China, the motion to seat the Chinese mainland in the United Nations this year will be beaten down, with some votes to spare.

This confidence, it is stated, is based on the historical performance of the UN, along with a continuous close examination of the opinions of many of the member countries following de Gaulle's entry into the Peking government. Yet there is apprehension in American quarters, and the UN is not the only place where the UN's recent moves may be, and Paris reports that de Gaulle's intention is not only to push for Communist China's entry into the UN, but to set the mainland a seat on the powerful 11-country Security Council.

FINANCES WEAKEST  
Financially, the UN is in an unhealthy state. It requires yearly compulsory contributions, partly from the U.S. treasury. In fact, it is difficult to see how the UN can function without the American presence. But every time Congress meets in Ottawa, the UN treaty is languish by a number of congressmen.

Suggests Conscription

London Free Press  
Ever since 1917 conscription has been regarded as a bad word in Canada. There is a strong case on the order paper of the House of Commons a resolution in the name of Gerald Lalan, Liberal M.P. for Beauharnois-Salaberry, a resolution calling for a compulsory militia service for Canada's young men. This is not intended as a move to militarize but as a method of training, including courses in trades and various forms of vocational training. It would be intended to promote militarism, light discipline and reduce unemployment.

Many Origins Of Cataract

By Dr. Theodore R. VanDellen  
Most cataracts develop in the elderly, but this does not mean young persons are immune. Babies have been born blind because the lens is too cloudy for adequate vision. The mothers of these infants usually had an attack of German measles before the first three months of pregnancy. In others, cataracts occur before age 40 because of an inherent weakness of the lens, inherited from one generation to another. Degeneration comes more rapidly than usual under stress conditions such as poor health, overexposure to light, or malnutrition.

Injury is another cause when the capsule surrounding the lens is punctured. This allows the fluid of the eye to come into contact with the fibres that make up the lens. A direct blow to the eye may induce cataract, and changes in opacity are indicated within a few hours after the accident. A foreign body, such as a splinter, if it enters the lens, may do the same. The lens may congeal because of totally absorbing one to high-voltage electricity. A hot, dry climate is another factor in the development of cataracts, and this may explain why glass blowers are more susceptible. Intense light, welding and sunlight treatments.

Cataracts may follow poisoning by certain chemicals such as naphthalene, thallium, and distropine. The latter was a usual several years ago as a result of a recent Saturday. The cause of the ailment is MER-29, a product that lowers the level of cholesterol in the blood. It has been removed from the market.

Glaucoma disorders may play a role, as in diabetes and cretinism. The cause of the ailment is a variety of cataract that is not known, but the onset is very rapid because they become less active at the time when the eye disturbances begin.

EXERCISE WON'T HELP  
Dr. H. writes: There are a few exercises that will help various veins.  
No, except for a hike in your physician's office. Elastic bandage and stockings give temporary relief. Corrective surgery is the best remedy, although small varicosities can be eliminated via the injection technique.

GIRLDES AND ULCERS  
Mrs. J. writes: Does wearing a tight girdle during the day disturb the circulation at all?  
REPLY  
No, but this type of pressure might disturb the circulation during the day. Stomach ulcers in women were more common in the 1930s than they are today and the tight corsets of the era were blamed.

Today's Health—  
Find the reason for chronic fatigue.  
Dr. VanDellen is also addressed to Dr. Theodore VanDellen, Chicago, Illinois.

Notes: All correspondence to Dr. VanDellen should be addressed to Dr. Theodore VanDellen, Chicago, Illinois. The opposite would be true if Red China came in.

TO THE U.S. CONGRESS  
The U.S. can count on the Formosan regime for full support of the UN Security Council veto. The opposite would be true if Red China came in.

MORE VOTES NEEDED  
The U.S. concludes that even if de Gaulle should get the support of the 14 former French colonies in the UN, it would not be enough votes to allow Red China to enter.

But the U.S. also aware that world opinion in favor of the UN is in Africa. By chance, de Gaulle could be the spark to ignite a fire. Other countries would be likely to follow if de Gaulle can successfully set away with so many transactions.

WRECKED STATION  
PARENT, QUE. (CP) — Fire Wednesday night destroyed the CNR station, a two-story building which also housed several CNR employees. The village 20 miles northwest of Trois-Rivières. Origin of the fire is unknown.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Never kiss a dollar bill goodbye. It could be unhygienic as well as a sorrowful parting. Wrong ways a golf ball can be put. Woodstock Sentinal Review.  
At the same moment, three drivers near Maidenhead, saw a black cat run across the road. Therefore animal lovers, they wish to avoid hitting the cat. The first car hit a bridge, the second hit a wall, and the third hit the cat. The driver of the first car, who accomplished this mission, the cat, save and a dog, promptly disappeared.—London Evening Standard.

Employment Opportunities

Civil Service of Canada  
LEGAL OFFICERS, membership in the Bar and five years' legal experience, to draft formal contracts and provide legal advice on procurement matters, claims, legislation, terms of contracts and access matters. Industry and Defence Production Office, 8769-510. Competition 64-855.

CO-ORDINATORS, VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION PROGRAMS, six to ten years' experience, depending on education, knowledge of French required. Food and Drug Directorate. The expansion of a Canadian Vocational Rehabilitation Program, Ottawa, 4789-8119. Competition 64-812.

ASSISTANT TO CHIEF—DIVISION OF OLDER WORKERS five to ten years' related experience, depending on education, to plan and promote program activities, co-operate with other agencies and research needs, Labour, Ottawa, 4789-8094. Competition 64-820.

COST ESTIMATOR, many years of experience in estimating, cost control and cost analysis in building construction, maintenance and service. Northern Affairs and National Resources, Ottawa, 8673-5749. Competition 64-863.

WORKERS—MEDICAL, at least Bachelor's degree in medicine and service. Northern Affairs and National Resources, Ottawa, 8673-5749. Competition 64-865.

DISTRICT ELECTRICAL SUPERVISOR, four years' progressive training in electrical installation and maintenance and many years' journeyman experience, several at supervisory level. Northern Affairs and National Resources, Fort Smith, N.W.T., 8630-8586. plus isolation allowance. Competition 64-862.

DISTRICT PLUMBING AND HEATING SUPERVISOR, four years' progressive training in plumbing trade and many years' journeyman experience, several at supervisory level. Northern Affairs and National Resources, Fort Smith, N.W.T., 8630-8586. plus isolation allowance. Competition 64-862.

INFORMATION RETRIEVAL SPECIALIST, university graduate with courses in one of the biological sciences, and four years' related experience; fluent knowledge of English and reading knowledge of French required. Food and Drug Directorate. National Health and Welfare, Ottawa, 8530-8586. Competition 64-839.

ASSISTANT CURATOR OF PRINTS AND DRAWINGS, post-graduate studies in history of art or related field, especially the graphic arts, and two years' curatorial experience; sufficient knowledge of English and French. National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa, 8590-5710. Competition 64-588.

COMPUTER SYSTEMS PROGRAMMERS, career opportunities for experienced programmers; for some positions training in mathematics beyond high school level required; various Government Departments. Up to \$896. Circular 64-854.

SENIOR ASSISTANT EDUCATION OFFICER, BILINGUAL, university graduation in history of art and two years' relevant experience, or graduation from a school of art with four years' relevant experience. National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa, 8590-5710. Circular 64-858.

REFERENCE ASSISTANT, university graduate with two years' related experience or a comparable standard of training and experience, to assist Senior Consultants in keeping up with developments in health insurance and hospital administration. National Health and Welfare, Ottawa, 8730-8450. Competition 64-887.

TRANSLATORS (English into French), university graduates, or non-graduates with two years' experience, Translation Bureau, Ottawa and Montreal. \$4500-\$6000, depending on qualifications. Competition 64-790.

FOREIGN SERVICE STENOGRAPHERS, for rotation service in Ottawa and offices abroad. Female Canadian citizens, age 21 to 40, with ten years' residence in Canada, External Affairs and Trade and Commerce. Starting salaries \$3150 and \$2750 plus living and rental allowances while abroad. Competition 64-773.

Further details and application forms available at Post Office in major centres, National Employment Offices and Civil Service Commission, Ottawa 4. Quote competition or circular number as indicated.

Travel bargains  
Charlottetown to:  
Sackville \$2.20  
Moncton \$2.90  
Truro \$3.70  
Saint John \$4.30  
Halifax \$4.80  
Antigonish \$5.20  
Sydney \$9.50  
Quebec \$12.15  
Montreal \$13.00  
Ottawa \$15.70  
Winnipeg \$35.00  
Edmonton \$47.00