

Scores Inefficient Control Over Government Spending

OTTAWA (CP)—Parliament has lost control of the government's purse, says Ross Thatcher.

The outspoken independent Commons member for Moose Jaw-Lake Centre said in the Commons Tuesday night that Parliament's method of scrutinizing government spending has changed little since Confederation. Meanwhile federal budgets had multiplied 650 times in size and expanded in complexity.

He said one of the main duties of members is to ensure that money they vote to the government is properly spent.

The method of examination "is so inefficient and so unbusinesslike as to be almost unbelievable."

Mr. Thatcher said every dollar of proposed government spending should first be examined by one of the many committees of Commons before coming under the traditional method of review—by the whole house sitting in committee.

TO CONTINUE DEBATE

He spoke during debate on a government motion to re-establish for the second year a committee on estimates, which will study the spending estimates of our departments. The debate continues to day.

Progressive Conservatives made an unsuccessful attempt to enlarge the committee's powers of investigation. A vote of 134 to 67 defeated a motion by David Fulton (PC—Kamloops) that it be allowed to call witnesses.

Earlier the Commons gave final passage to the government's controversial bill to ratify treasury guarantees of bank loans on farm-stored Prairie grain. The loans, a maximum \$1,500 at five-per-cent interest, have been available since Nov. 15.

With that measure passed, the house gave speedy and uncontented final reading to another bill which will mean payment of \$32,000,000 in the current crop year toward wheat storage charges of the Canadian Wheat Board, normally borne by wheat growers. The bill would finance storage charges of board wheat stocks exceeding 170,000,000 bushels at the start of each crop year.

The house also debated a bill sponsored by John Diefenbaker (PC—Prince Albert) to outlaw pollution of interprovincial rivers. He proposed fines up to \$25,000 for the first offence and \$50,000 for subsequent offences.

CHARGES CLUMSINESS

Mr. Thatcher said the present committee of the whole house which studies estimates is unwieldy, clumsy, hurried and hopelessly large.

Individual members were drowned in the morass of 600 pages of detailed figures in the government's blue book of estimates. Passage of estimates was left to the last part of the session.

In the closing weeks of the last three sessions, the Commons had voted \$666,000,000, \$2,715,000,000 and \$56,000,000 respectively, in estimates. It was obvious no proper examination was given.

Mr. Fulton, arguing for committee power to call witnesses, said the minister of the department under study decides which officials shall appear. It was impossible to get opinions which did not reflect government views.

The committee was an experiment in helping Parliament to accomplish its duty of reviewing expenditures. It would not succeed unless it had effective powers. If it did not succeed "it will be a sorry day for Parliament."

Nuclear Materials For Potato Storage Suggested

TORONTO (CP)—A nuclear expert said Wednesday many important uses of nuclear materials are being overlooked in Canadian industry.

Dr. P. J. Stewart, director of radiography at Isotope Products Ltd., Toronto, told the Toronto Electric Club a widespread idea that atomic power is the only major peacetime use of fissionable materials is false and perhaps harmful.

Nuclear materials could and would be put to dozens of uses ranging from potato storage to ice-cream manufacture.

Dr. Stewart, designer of Canada's Chalk River and Britain's Harwell atomic developments, said the possibilities of nuclear materials have only been touched by private industry. He urged others to enter the field.

An especially promising branch of nuclear research was gamma radiation.

"The possibilities in the sterilization and preservation of food are tremendous in themselves. For instance, treating with gamma rays can prevent potatoes from sprouting in storage—an important problem to people who store potatoes. This has already been accomplished and proved feasible."

A United States ice-cream factory would soon use an atomic device to gauge the air content in its product. Said Dr. Stewart:

"Perhaps this shouldn't be mentioned outside the business but the company is using the gauge to make sure they put in as much air as the law allows."

Science Shrinks Piles New Way Without Surgery

Finds Healing Substance That Does Both—Relieves Pain—Shrinks Hemorrhoids

Toronto, Ont. (Special)—For the first time science has found a new healing substance with the astonishing ability to shrink hemorrhoids and to relieve pain. Thousands have been relieved—without resort to surgery.

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This aerial view shows all that remains of a five-room brick house blown apart in Toronto in an explosion that severely burned the five occupants. Police said the explosion blew out the brick walls of the \$14,000 house and lifted the roof skyward. Firemen said they suspected gas had seeped into the under the house and exploded. (CP Photo).

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HAMPTON PASTORAL CHARGE.—Services Sunday, March 4th, Bonshaw 11 a. m. De Sable 3 p. m. Hampton 7.30 p. m. (Rev.) R. H. Baxter, Minister.

Friends of Mr. John Lockhart, Upper Hillside St., will be sorry to learn that he has had to enter the P. E. I. Hospital for treatment.

ORWELL — VERNON United Church. Rev. John M. Sheen, Minister. Vernon 11 a. m., Eldon 2.30 p. m., Orwell 7.30 p. m. Special music at the evening service at Orwell.

CROSS ROADS, Alexandra, Hazelbrook. Services for March 4th. Cross Roads 11 a. m., Alexandra 3 p. m., Hazelbrook 7.30 p. m. All are welcome to these services. Rev. C. E. Armstrong, Minister.

CHILDREN starting school in September who have not been vaccinated against smallpox should be vaccinated now before polio inoculations commence. See your family doctor or attend the clinic at the Health Centre, 188 Prince St., held every Friday afternoon from 2-4.

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TRYON BAPTIST PASTORATE.—Dr. E. J. Barrass, Minister. Services for Sunday, March 4th, Tryon at 11.00 a. m. (Communion), Westmoreland at 7.30 p. m. Sunday School at Tryon at 9.45 a. m.

COME to the Vocational School Ice Sports at the Sports Arena, Friday, March 2nd, 7:00 to 10:00 p. m. Hockey game between Vocational School and Queen Charlotte High School. One hour skate after game.

CRAPAUD AND SPRINGFIELD PARISHES.—Services for Sunday, March 4th, 1956. Third Sunday in Lent. St. John's Church, Crapaud, 11.00 a. m. Morning Prayer. St. Elizabeth's Church, Springfield, 3.00 p. m. Evening Prayer. Rev. George R. F. Ebsary, Rector.

HUNTER RIVER PASTORAL CHARGE.—The United Church of Canada Services on Sunday, March 4th, as follows: North Wiltshire 11 a. m. Wheatley River 3 p. m. Hunter River 7.30 p. m. Hunter River Sunday School 10.30 a. m. Rev. C. R. Moase, B.A., B. D., Minister.

Minister Replies Re Potato Yield

On a question of privilege in the Legislature on Wednesday, Hon. Eugene Cullen said that the Canadian production of potatoes last year was 54,344,000 bushels compared to Maine's production of 68,750,000. The average Canadian production for the last five years was 56,018,000 bushels. The average for Maine during the past five years was 55,590,000 bushels.

Mr. Cullen said he was quoting from the Canadian Tariff Board report and from the agricultural estimates of the United States. On the previous day, the Minister took exception to a statement by Dr. Dewar (PC) Second Prince, when Dr. Dewar said that the State of Maine produced twice as many potatoes as the whole of Canada.

Long Creek Busy Bee Mission Band

The Long Creek Busy Bee Mission Band held its regular meeting in the church, Friday afternoon, Feb. 17th. Meeting opened by singing "Jesus Loves Me", followed by all repeating Mission Band Purpose. Scripture read by the president, Elizabeth MacNeill; prayer by the leader.

Twenty-six members responded to roll call. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Several members placed money in "Birthday Box". It was decided to have a special offering at Easter for Missionary work.

Mrs. Robinson read a Missionary story, followed by all repeating the Lord's Prayer in unison. Program by children consisted of a Bible story, Laura MacPhee; Scripture reading, Arnold MacLeod; prayer by Freeman MacKenzie. Program for next meeting and roll will consist of a "Bible contest".

Lesson by leader Mrs. Donald MacEachern, was on orphanage work, done by Miss Flora Clarke, and Miss Edith Mann, in Viziana. Meeting closed by all repeating the Mizpah Benediction.

POINT DE ROCHE

Mr. and Mrs. John McInnis and family were business visitors to Charlottetown on February 15th.

Some thirty friends and neighbours of Mr. Allison Jay gathered at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Jay, St. Stewart on Thursday evening to bid him goodbye prior to his leaving for Regina Sask. where he will take his preliminary training as a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. The music was by Doreen Jay, Allison Jay, Roland Jay, Donald Ross, and Harold Coffin. During the evening the honored guest was presented with a purse, the presentation made by Glendon Jay.

Mrs. George McCormac, teacher of Point de Roche school, was a business visitor to Charlottetown on February 14th.

A card party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Mor-

terioration in the agriculture of the Province is bound to effect the level of business and the welfare of many of our citizens not in agriculture. The farmer's problems are varied and complex. He requires all the encouragement that can be made available if he is to do his part in developing Island Agriculture.

MARCH THOUGHTS

To farm people March is a month of some peculiar qualities. It is not altogether winter and it is certainly not spring although it has some of the qualities of both. Hours of sunlight compare with September which is one of the most pleasant months. In March the sun acquires new strength and pools of snow water appear in sheltered places about the farmer's buildings. The sun together with the wind produce a new crop of freckles for the schoolchildren and a deep copper tan for the farmer.

The sunrise and sunset take on a new quality with a business seemingly an air of expectation on the part of livestock that better things are in the offing. All in all, March as a month has much to recommend it, bringing as it does some of the pleasanter aspects of winter and the better aspects of spring and renewed enthusiasm on the part of man in the joy of living.

YORK

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Watts, York spend Wednesday in Charlottetown February 16th.

The many friends of Mr. Archie Vessey are sorry to hear of his illness at his home in York.

A joint meeting of the WMS and the Evening Auxiliary, was held at the home of Mrs. Louis Vessey on Tuesday evening, Feb. 14th.

Mrs. Heber Proffitt and two children are at the home of her parents.

Mr. Gordon Carr, Charlottetown is spending a few days in York, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Proud.

Mr. Arthur Wyatt, York, has returned to his home after being a patient in the P.E. Island Hospital.

A shower was held in York hall on Friday evening in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Newson who were recently married.

Mrs. Elmer Brown and Mrs. Will Cook were recent visitors to Charlottetown.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Vessey and two children, Lowell and Gordon, York spent Sunday in Covehead.

Mr. and Mrs. John McInnis and family of Point de Roche were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Reuben McInnis of Little Harbour.

Mr. Benny McCormac spent the weekend in Point de Roche at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ruel McCormac.

Mr. Leonard Kelly has returned to his home in Saint Andrews after spending a few days in St. John, New Brunswick.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Connick, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond MacIvor and Mrs. George Hennessey and Mr. Ernest McGuigan all of Bedford were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George McCormac on February 18th.

A large crowd gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ruel McCormac on February 16 for the first card party of the season. Prize winners are as follows, Mrs. John McInnis, John McCormac, Earl Doyle and Nora Doyle. Lunch was served by the hostess.

Mr. Morris Kelly of Blooming-Point was guest at the home of Miss Nora Doyle, Point de Roche on February 19th.

Mr. and Mrs. Kimble McDonald, Parkdale were Sunday visitors at the home of Mrs. McDonald's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Feehan, Point de Roche on February 19th.

The many friends of Mr. Joseph McKay of Savage Harbour regret to learn of his present illness.

Mr. Frank Kelly of St. Andrews was a business visitor to Charlottetown on February 17th.

Mr. Edward Donnelly of Charlottetown was a visitor to Point de Roche at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Doyle.

Miss Helen O'Hanley of Charlottetown was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Feehan, DH.

STANHOPE

The teacher of Stanhope School Miss Hennessey, was a weekend guest of her mother in Charlottetown.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. MacMillan and Rhodes Warren spent Tuesday afternoon in Charlottetown.

Mr. Lea Misener and Junior Youland, spent Tuesday in Charlottetown due to the severe storm.

Misses Hilda and Gladys Chappell, spent the weekend with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Marshall.

Mrs. Joseph Robinson is progressing after her recent illness.

The many friends of Mr. Wall Marshall, Covehead, wish him a speedy recovery in his recent illness.

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Bert Misner that their son, John, has been transferred to Whitehorse, Yukon.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Campbell, were the guests of their daughter, Mrs. Harry Lawson, Stanhope, for the weekend.

the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hebrew Hughes.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Dennis, Royalty, spend Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Brown, York.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Auld and family were visitors to York on Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Crockett.

Miss Carol Hardy was a weekend guest at her home in York.

Miss Elaine Cooke spent the weekend at her home in York, the guest of her mother, Mrs. W.D. Cooke.

Mr. Herbert Sproule spent the weekend at the home of Mr. Blair West, Charlottetown.

Mrs. Ramsay Auld, Charlottetown was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Crockett.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mutart, Marshfield, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Crockett on Sunday.

Miss Aletha Brown, Charlottetown, spent the weekend at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leith Brown, York.

Mr. Merrel MacDonald, Charlottetown, spent the weekend at his home in York.

Kingston Church Has World Day of Prayer

On Friday, Feb. 17 the World Day of Prayer was observed in the United Church at Kingston by the W. M. S. members of that church. The theme was "One Flock, One Shepherd" with the W. M. S. members of the Baptist Church and Hampshire United Church taking part.

A brief address was given by Mrs. Dixon which was enjoyed by all present. Meeting closed with the benediction, after which lunch was served and a social hour spent.

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Federation of Agriculture Newsletter

GOOD OR BAD

Quite understandably opinions upon the state and condition of agriculture will vary. Urban people purchasing food will in many cases relate their costs to the farmer's income and fail to realize that the percentage of the food dollar which is returned to the farmer is not large and has been steadily declining for some years. Governments both Federal and Provincial will naturally tend to emphasize the brighter parts of the picture and may perhaps be unduly sensitive with respect to certain conditions over which they may not have a great deal of control. The past is history, the present we are aware of and can to part make some adjustments for. It requires vision and study to evaluate the future and it may be that Governments are most vulnerable to criticism on the score of failing to appraise developing trends and for reluctance to apply remedies before the aches and pains of agriculture become chronic and difficult to cure.

REMEDY OR REMEDIES

There is, of course, no one remedy and likely never will be, that can be applied to cure the troubles of the farming industry. There is possibly no one remedy that will have any marked effect but there are a number of things that can be done, which together will over a period of years make a real difference. On a National basis, Governments have been assisting through such policies as freight assistance on Western grains, floor and support prices, credit policies, reduction of import duties, application of import quotas and duties, and agricultural research and marketing legislation.

To keep Canadian agriculture in a stable position it will likely be necessary for the Federal authority to give consideration to the following:

- Extension and liberalization to the Price Support Policy.
- Credit facilities, tailored to suit present day agricultural conditions. For example, longer terms, lower rates of interest and special policies for establishing young farmers. At the National level farmers will themselves be moving in the direction of co-ordinated marketing as between "Provincers" and towards setting up of stabilization funds to assist in leveling off the peaks and valleys of market prices. There will be a tendency for controls and regulations to be applied to the end that market returns will become more of a reality and two-piece systems be applied.

NOT PROMISING

At the moment the prospects for Canadian agriculture for the next few years are not very promising.

Any Provinces that have a variety of resources in their economy will remain in a healthy condition, but nevertheless in a Province such as ours where agriculture is a very high percentage of the total production, the prospect is one which serious minded people must view with concern. Acts of Providence or wishful thinking will not produce farm prosperity but attention to and concerted effort in the following matters should be worthy of consideration.

- Greater attention to methods of marketing and to increasing the Maritime farmers share of the Atlantic Region market.
- Organization of community or joint ownership of certain mechanized equipment.
- Intensification of production and improvement in quality.
- Strict attention to efficiency in marketing, otherwise increased production will do little to increase income.
- Increased attention on the part of extension programs to organization, processing, storage and marketing, rather than on production.
- Development of interest in vocational education for young farmers.
- Greater use of both the revenue producing aspects and cost reducing possibilities of the wood lot in a mixed farm programme.
- The provision of all-weather roads and cheaper power will improve net income.
- Farm establishment policies designed to assist young farmers in obtaining necessary credits.

CREDIT POLICIES

The suggestion that farmers should have cheaper credit and loans for longer periods will meet with mixed reaction. It will be stated that the farmer is always in debt and that is his problem, but even granting the desirability of operating on a strictly cash basis, few business enterprises and no Governments are apparently able to operate without credit in agriculture. It is always easier for the well established farmer to obtain credit and herein lies the danger that that class of farmer will increase his holdings and operations to the exclusion of the younger man who maybe long on energy and enthusiasm but short on cash and credit.

The administration of farm credit policies by Governments either Federal or Provincial has not been costly and in no cases have losses been in total of great importance.

In this Province, there is everything to be gained by united effort on the part of Governments and all citizens in promoting agriculture and in encouraging the establishment of farms. Any de-