

Defence Costs Declining Factor In The Economy

OTTAWA (CP)—Defence spending is still a large but at the same time declining factor in the Canadian economy.

In the approaching fiscal year, defence expenditures will account for a smaller share of total government spending and of the gross national product than at any time since before outbreak of the Korean War. Gross national product is the value of all goods and services produced in the country.

Finance Minister Harris last week estimated government expenditures in the 1957-58 fiscal year at \$5,018,000,000 of which \$1,746,000,000 will be for defence,

including defence production and civil defence. He "assumed" a gross national product of \$31,250,000,000 for the 1957 calendar year.

In percentages, that means that defence will account for less than 35 per cent of all government expenditures and about 5.6 per cent of the gross national product.

The peak defence spending year in peacetime—1952-53—defence costs took 46 per cent of the total government budget and 8.5 per cent of the gross national product. Defence expenditures then accounted for \$1,971,000,000 out of total government spending of \$4,337,000,000. The gross national product in 1952 was \$23,255,000,000.

In the year when the Korean War broke out—the budget was planned before June, 1950—defence costs of \$782,000,000 comprised 27 per cent of total expenditures and 4.3 per cent of gross national product.

Since the spring of 1953 defence spending in relation to all government outlays has been declining steadily.

Even though defence costs rose between 1954 and 1956 they took a smaller slice out of total gov-

AMONG THE FARMERS

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THE SHOUTING DIES

Farmers Week 1957 model is over now and in most respects appears to have met with the approval of those in attendance. The meeting of the Central Farmers Institute had the largest attendance for some years and possibly the best discussion in many years. There was a great deal of interest in Mr. Parent's talk in farm economics, farm planning, future trends and the need for efficiency. The attention paid to Mr. MacLaren's remarks on grain varieties indicate that farmers are much interested in production problems.

The open discussion on hay baling established the fact that there is still disagreement on the best techniques. Do you cure, bale and store immediately or do you bale, store and leave in the field for curing? The point was pressed by some persons that the modern way of handling hay is with a forage harvester chopping and blowing into the storage, certainly this is the easy way.

BEEF POSSIBILITIES

On Thursday evening the general meeting of the Federation concerned itself with turnip problems and prospects for the beef industry. With beef it is recognized that we are short over 100 thousand head of cattle in the Maritimes but the question in the minds of many farmers seems to be if we go ahead and produce them what will happen our price. There was general agreement that income from cattle on Island farms may be improved by doing a better finishing job and by feeding the cattle longer. There appeared to be agreement that nearly 300 acres of land and 90 head of cattle would be required for a beef enterprise which would provide a living for a farm family.

Friday was a big day with the dairymen. True the business sessions were a bit crowded due to the necessity of concluding in time for the banquet at 6.30. The dairymen need more time for discussion on problems related to the industry but will quite likely be loathe to give up the banquet and entertainment which drew a large crowd this year and apparently met with the approval of those present.

LAND USE

Yesterday the Canadian Federation of Agriculture met the Senate Committee on land use and presented its views on soil conservation and related matters. The Prince Edward Island Federation of Agriculture was represented at the hearing by Dr. Frank MacKinnon, who is in Ottawa on other business. It is expected that the course of the province will be making a presentation to this particular senate committee and Dr. MacKinnon's observation of yesterday.

Cold-storage Fish Holdings Are Up

OTTAWA (CP)—Cold-storage holdings of fish in Canada at Feb. 28 totalled an estimated 57,725,000 pounds, up 72 per cent or 24,235,000 pounds over 33,490,000 pounds at Feb. 28, 1956.

The bureau of statistics said Wednesday holdings of fresh frozen fish rose 76 per cent to 55,899,000 pounds, from 31,625,000 a year earlier, and that stocks of smoked frozen fish were up 10 per cent at 1,826,000 pounds, compared with 1,655,000 pounds.

FARM FORUM CONCLUDES

The 1956-57 Farm Forum season concludes on Monday the 25th with the forums meeting to finish up their activities and deal with two questionnaires, one relating to topics for the coming season and one of a general nature. The interest of the active groups during the year has been encouraging and we know that we have added materially to the sum total of their knowledge and gained valuable experience, however, this does not dispose of the fact that support of Farm Forum in the province is of a token nature and that we should have at least a hundred more active groups. The value of the project is freely admitted and fully recognized by those connected with it but that does not dispose of the fact that some communities are unwilling to make the rather considerable amount of effort involved in getting together on Monday night, either fine or stormy for the study of farm problems.

HOPES SPRINGS ETERNAL

Now that the days and nights are in balance and we are assured that spring is moving northward at the rate of 15 miles a day, hope begins to develop in the snow-bound, frost chilled inhabitant of these regions that better days are ahead. These bright March mornings with renewed activity on the part of our small feathered friends after a night of sharp frost are encouraging enough to make many overlook the fact that we can look forward to at least six weeks of rain, snow, and mud and the delayed arrival of a season which bears some relationship to summer.

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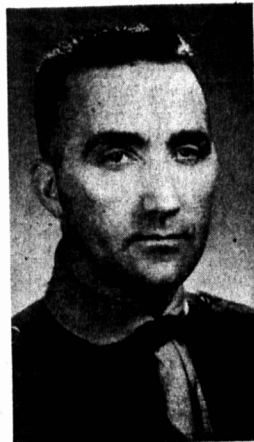
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NOTICE

There will be a meeting of ratepayers for the Village of Spring Park on Saturday, March 23rd at 7:30 p.m. "To vote money for laying of necessary water and sewer lines across Malpeque Road".

Signed,
Commissioners of Village of Spring Park.
Jon L. Roach, Clerk.



TO JAMBOREE

It was announced yesterday by the Boy Scout Jamboree Committee that Frank J. Costello, above Scoutmaster of the 6th Charlottetown and 1st Parkdale Troops, has been chosen as one of the two Leaders to represent this Province at the 9th World Jamboree.

Mr. Costello is Principal of Parkdale School. He has been active in Scouting since 1935 and attended the 2nd Canadian Jamboree, Ottawa, as an Assistant Scoutmaster and the 8th World Jamboree, Niagara-on-the-Lake, as programme Director for more than 1,000 Scouts in Sub-Camp Atlantic. He will leave for England with the Prince Edward Island Contingent on July 18th.

Former Islander Dies in California

Mrs. Harry Matheson received the sad news of the death of her sister, Mrs. Fred G. Lasher of Los Angeles, Cal., U.S.A., on March 18th. She had been in poor health for the past year, due to an injury from a fall, but was improving steadily, until the last two weeks before her death, when she became suddenly ill.

She leaves to mourn her loss, her two sons, Jack and Bob of Cal. also four sisters and two brothers. Her husband predeceased her about thirty years ago.

Mrs. Lasher was the former Miss Laura Rowe of Charlottetown. She was a daughter of the late Mr. J. A. Rowe, chief engineer on the S.S. Northumberland and Empress.

Baha'i Mark Their New Year

The beginning of the year 114 of the Baha'i Calendar was celebrated by the local members of the Baha'i World Faith Wednesday evening March 20th. The New Ruz Festival (Baha'i New Year) opened with a dinner at the Rendezvous Restaurant.

A beautiful illustrated map of the Baha'i Calendar months was displayed by Miss Ellen Simms, who pointed to the fact that the Baha'i Calendar had nineteen months in the year; and that each month was named after an attribute of God; and these nineteen attributes are Splendor, Glory, Beauty, Grandeur, Light, Mercy, Will, Knowledge, Power, Speech, Questions, Honor, Sovereignty, Dominion, Loftiness.

The dinner meeting was followed by a musical evening with friends at the home of Miss Lella Morris 209 Weymouth Street.

OLD HARBOR

St. Peter port in Guernsey, biggest harbor in the Channel Islands, has been known to fishermen for centuries.

Parents' Day At Marian Academy

On Friday of Education Week many parents of Miscouche School District took advantage of "Open Day" at Marian Academy to visit the classes in session.

At 1:30 they went to the Convocation classrooms where the "tiny tots" of Grade I and II were the first to welcome the visitors. They entertained them by singing, reading from flash cards and number work. The pupils of Grade IV and V read the compositions they had prepared for "The Trades Alphabet" and sang for their parents.

A French lesson was presented by the pupils of Grade X, and the winners of the Composition Contest for that grade read their compositions. The Grade XI students presented a history lesson and the Winner of the First Prize in the Composition Contest read her essay.

The visitors then made their way to the school where the pupils of Grade II and III displayed their ability in spelling, French and English reading, and choral reading. In the grades VII, VIII and IX classroom, the Grade IX pupils had an Algebra race on the blackboard, and the prize winners of the composition contest read their composition.

The pupils of Grades VI and VII had a spelling match. Then the visitors went to examine the new carpentry room and the new science laboratory. They were entertained in the laboratory by the Grade XII students who made several experiments, demonstrating to an enthusiastic and interested group the use they made of this modern, up-to-date laboratory.

When the visitors were present in each classroom, prizes were awarded to the winners of the contests: Composition contest, Grades VII to XII; and Drawing contest, Grades I to VI.

The teachers and pupils wish to thank the members of the Home and School for sponsoring the Composition Contest for Grades VII to X and to Reverend Mother Superior for sponsoring the Composition Contest for Grades XI and XII.

COMPOSITION CONTEST

- Grade XII. 1. Elanthe Gallant, 2. Shirley MacArthur, Honorable Mention: Patricia Poirier, Anne Wedge, Peter Steele, Maurice Gaudet.
- Grade XI. 1. Bella Gaudet; 2. Norma Bridges, 3. Joyce Bulger.
- Grade X. 1. Armand DesRoches, 2. Helen MacQuaid; 3. Pauline Gaudet. Honorable Mention: Wilfred Gaudet, Gladys Barlow, Carmella Martin, Anne DesRoches, Dennis Gaudet.
- Grade IX. 1. Rose Mae DesRoches, 2. Anne Steele, 3. Jean Asreault.
- Grade VIII. 1. Joyce Mallet, 2. Sylvia Poirier, 3. Norma Poirier.
- Grade VII. 1. Lois Oakes, 2. Dina Desroches, 3. Julianne DesRoches.
- Grade VII. 1. Richard Thibodeau, 2. Claud Gallant.

DRAWING COMPETITION

- Grade VI. 1. Eddie Gaudet, 2. Nina Walsh, 3. John Gaudet.
- Grade V. 1. Bonita Marie Poirier, 2. M. Claire Richard, 3. Tommy Ballem and Roger DesRoches.
- Grade IV. 1. Kenneth Gaudet, 2. Martin Gaudet; 3. Ivan DesRoches.
- Grade III. 1. Ronald Duguay, 2. Raymond Cormier, 3. Claude DesRoches.
- Grade II. 1. Jackie Peters, 2. Zita DesRoches, 3. Geraldine Doucette.
- Grade I. 1. Milton Ballem, 2. Rose Marie Dalton.
- Grade I. 1. Leo Peters, 2. Pauline DesRoches, 3. Maria Gallant.

Coming Events

- Square Dance, Millview Hall, Friday, March 22nd.
- Pantry Sale, Holman's Friday, 22nd, 2.30. Bunbury Institute.
- Card Party, Stanley Bridge School, March 22. Sponsored by Women's Institute.
- Rummage Sale, L.M. Montgomery Chapter I.O.D.E. Kirk Basement, Friday, 22, 7 p.m.
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- 3 act comedy "Maid of Money" Vernon River Hall Monday, Mar. 25, Roads permitting, Curtain 8.15.
- Anyone wishing to contract for cucumbers, please write Bert Hicken, Alliston, before March 30th.
- Unloading car of pileaks meal, Friday and Saturday \$4.30 Per ton of car. Central Farmers Co-op.
- Shur Gain Amateur Cavalcade Morell Hall, April 11th 1957 send entries to Mrs. Joseph J. Rooney Morell.
- North River Rink tonight, School hockey, North River vs. Winslow 7.30. Bonshaw vs. Wiltshire 8.30. Nine Mile Creek vs. New Haven 9.30.
- Rummage sale in "The Community Centre" Friday, March 22nd, 1:30 p.m. In Aid of "The Japanese Missions. Clothing obtained from other clubs across Canada.

Special Course Planned By Life Underwriters

The monthly meeting of the Life Underwriters Association of P.E.I. held the form of a luncheon meeting yesterday at the Charlottetown Hotel. There was a Representative attendance with the president, V.S. Ling, C.L.U. as chairman.

The Chairman read a communication from Harold Rooke, C.L.U. Regional vice-president, in which he pointed out some of the problems of the Association and outlined plans for the ensuing year. Mr. Rooke, who has jurisdiction over the New Brunswick and P.E.I. Associations, particularly emphasized the coming sales congress which takes place in June and will feature an outstanding speaker, Mr. Hal Nutt of Purdue University.

It was announced that the new Life Underwriters training course will be made available for the life insurance men of Prince Edward Island next fall. This course has had ten years of successful operation in the United States and has the support of all the major life insurance companies. It was the unanimous feeling of the meeting that as the marketing and servicing of life insurance is becoming more complex daily and citizens are becoming better informed on the meaning and uses of life insurance, that there is a definite need for carefully planned and skillfully executed sales and service methods.

It was pointed out that this course does not conflict with, but complements C.L.U. studies, which is the hall mark of the professional life underwriter. The course will be made available for members of the association across Canada and will be directed by Mr. R.L. Kayler, general counsel and director of education of the Association. The chairman announced that Mr. R.L. Kayler, C.L.U., U.S.A., has been selected as chairman for the development and promotion of the course for Prince Edward Island.

Other matters of importance to the Life Underwriters were also discussed, including the approval of a new constitution.

Lean Farmers Grow The Fruit

OTTAWA (CP)—The difference between a cattle farmer and a fruit grower is his stomach, says H. W. Herridge.

You see it at conventions of the two groups, the GCF member from Kootenay West said Monday night in the Commons. The cattle raisers are "fat and paunchy-looking" while 90 per cent of fruit growers are "lean and hungry-looking".

Mr. Herridge, who classed himself in the second group, was protesting the federal government's rejection of a request by British Columbia fruit growers for a subsidy of 25 cents a box on their 1955 crop.

Mr. Herridge said the government is more inclined to help wheat and cattle producers and suggested that was because Agriculture Minister Gardiner's Prairie experiences incited him that way.

Mr. Gardiner said he thinks there could be some improvement on the apple support program undertaken a year ago for 1955 Nova Scotia apples.

Under that program \$181,700 had been spent to ensure an average return of at least one cent a pound for six top types of apples. It was done to provide a market for the best grades and the same aid had been available to growers of other provinces.

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