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\$1,397,397 DEBT INCREASE SHOWN IN PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

100 Killed, Over 200 Injured By Tornadoes

Duplessis Rejects New Tax Agreement Plan; Suggests Clarification

QUEBEC, Mar. 21—(CP)—Premier Duplessis today again called for delimitation of respective federal, provincial and municipal taxation fields and said the federal authority's share leaves the provinces and municipalities with about one quarter of the country's tax revenues.

At the same time he gave newspaper men attending his regular press conference copies of his reply, in a letter to Finance Minister Abbott March 19, to tax-agreement proposals sent to all provinces by the Federal Government in January.

In his 1,600-word letter, Premier Duplessis says the federal proposal is to replace by federal subsidies three "very important" provincial sources of revenue: Income tax, tax on corporations and inheritance taxes.

"We are deeply convinced that in the field of direct taxation—and the three taxes in question are in that category—the provinces have a priority which flows out of the constitution itself and which is the necessary consequence of the rights conferred on them and the obligations imposed on them," he writes.

Retracting Quebec's answer to previous tax-agreement proposals from the Federal Government, Premier Duplessis writes that there are "three adequate means to settle definitely these problems."

The first consists in delimitation and clarification of federal, provincial, municipal and school taxation rights... the second, in simplification of tax collection methods to diminish costs and inconveniences... and third in

3 U. S. States Hard Hit; Heavy Property Damage

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 21—(AP)—More than 100 persons were killed by tornadoes which cut a long swath through Arkansas and hit neighboring sections of Tennessee and Missouri today.

More than 200 were reported injured. Property damage was tremendous.

The Arkansas Power and Light Company reported at least 21 persons had been killed by a twister at Searcy, in extreme Northwest Arkansas, but the report could not be confirmed. All communications into that area were knocked out.

The whirling winds, lifting houses from their foundations, swept across Arkansas from the southwest to the northeast. The twisters bounced across the Mississippi River into West Tennessee and hit six communities.

Searcy, with a population of 6,000, was the largest town hit in Arkansas. At least 13 other Arkansas communities were hit by the big winds.

The Tennessee storms were concentrated in Dyer County, in West Tennessee about 70 miles north of Memphis.

Two of the dead and 26 of the injured were reported in Tennessee. The other casualties were scattered across Arkansas.

The Tennessee twisters were accompanied by severe electrical and hail storms. At least 23 were reported injured at Bonicord, Rodeo, Burceville, La Plata and Edgewood.

About 25 persons were reported injured at England. Six to eight were hurt at Dierks.

Property damage was extensive at Dierks and England.

Windstorms not described as tornadoes also hit the Mayflower and Carlisle communities, near Little Rock in the central section. One person was hurt at Mayflower. There was property damage at both places.

The storm dipped into England at the edge of the business district on the west, veered off to the north through the residential section and destroyed virtually everything in its path.

At Dierks, the tornado missed the business district and the schoolhouse, the latter by only three blocks.

Tenders Now Called For Rustico Harbor Landing

OTTAWA, March 21—(Special)—Tenders were called today by the Public Works Department for construction of a landing at Rustico Harbor, and will be opened at Ottawa on April 2. Cost of the boat landing is estimated at \$33,000. This sum was voted by Parliament for the project last year and while some material was assembled, it was later removed and the job not proceeded with.

Now that the sum has been re-allocated it is expected that a contract will be let and work begin with the onset of fine weather. For some time past, W. Chester S. McLaure, Progressive Conservative member for Queens has pressed for the boat landing at Rustico, on grounds that it was an essential work for the protection of the large fleet of lobster craft using it as a base.

He pointed out to the authorities, it was when urging a protective breakwater that Rustico is an important centre for the sorting of Irish moss.



Premier Joseph Smallwood of Newfoundland, who staked his political career on all-out economic development, will continue his drive, concentrating on mineral development including potential oil fields on Newfoundland's west coast. The Throne Speech disclosed that his government will sell its new brick, cement and gypsum mills, erected at a cost of \$9,000,000. Profits will be used in the construction of further industries.

Surplus On Ordinary Account Of \$219,722 Is Also Revealed

An overall debt increase of \$1,397,397 and a surplus on ordinary account of \$219,722 are shown in the Public Accounts of the Province for the year ending March 31, 1951, as tabled in the Legislature yesterday by Hon. W.E. Darby, Provincial Treasurer.

The Accounts show total expenditures of \$9,377,726, with ordinary expenditures totalling \$6,884,890 against \$7,064,613 of ordinary revenue.

Total liabilities as at March 31, 1951, were \$15,554,569. The gross funded debt, less sinking fund assets, amounted to \$13,774,745.

Following is the general statement of revenue and expenditure:

Ordinary Revenue

Federal Government:

Subsidies. Less: Hillsborough Bridge account, \$647,181.88; payment in lieu of taxes, \$1,443,068.00; additional payment based on gross national product, \$776,817.72.

Old age pensions, \$945,051.64; blind pensions, \$43,342.92; limestone, \$23,174.62; physical fitness, \$1,858.50; youth training and students' aid, \$5,887.68; Vocational School assistance, \$25,216.95; health grants, \$126,494.56.

Taxes: Real property tax, \$659,211; income tax arrears, \$13,058.15; gasoline tax, \$1,184,836.05; amusement tax, \$11,807.63; succession duties, \$3,360.52; public health tax, \$336,561.14.

Licenses, permits and fees: Motor vehicle licenses, \$352,994.16; pedlars licenses, \$502.95; court fees, \$4,831.04; land titles and Registry Office fees, \$9,679.11; letters patent, \$867.50; Co-operative incorporation fees, \$20.00; Prince of Wales College fees, \$14,169.95; brokers and salesmen, \$500.00; insurance registrations, etc., \$618.50; marriage licenses, \$1,228.50; private bills, \$197.50; Probate Court, \$15,128.39; vital statistics, \$2,133.30; commissions, etc., \$35.00; fees, \$837.10; Falconwood Hospital and Infirmary, \$26,940.79; Beach Grove, \$28,267.19; fish and game licenses, \$10,386.35; electrical inspection, \$7,437.52; auctioneer's licenses, \$100.00; Corporation Securities Registration Act fees, \$133,000.

Corporation licenses, \$30,782.50.

P. E. Temperance Commission—\$747,690.70.

Fines and penalties—\$20,025.49.

Rental and sale of sundry commodities, \$21,473.25.

Other revenues and refunds, \$80,634.32.

Total ordinary revenue—\$7,064,613.32.

Capital And Other Extraordinary Revenue

Fixed assets sold: Crown assets sold, \$315,000; sale of Government land, \$31,508.95; cottages at Dalway, \$5,000.00.

Refunds of loans: Potato warehouse fees, \$3,859.17; seed grain loans, \$162.00; normal training—students' loans, \$4,742.25; summer schools—loans, \$325.00; Summer-schools—loans, \$4,742.25; Curling Club—on a/c, \$2,000.00; M. V. Thomas J. Carroll mortgage—on a/c, \$15,000.00.

Contributions from Dominion Government: Potato warehouses \$45,356.25; Vocational Schools assistance, \$10,000.00; farm labour, \$387.94; general hospitals construction, \$87,215.58; highway projects, \$134,135.43.

Total capital and other extraordinary revenue—\$339,757.57.

Interest received on Sinking Fund investments, \$47,481.71.

Total revenue, \$7,451,852.60.

Amount added to Sinking Fund: Appropriation from ordinary revenue, \$480,995.00; interest received on Sinking Fund investments, \$47,481.71.

Increase in liabilities, \$1,397,397.30.

Ordinary Expenditure

Debt charges: Interest on debt \$565,405.60; sinking fund provision, \$480,995.00.

Health and Welfare: Administration—\$1,397,397.30.

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Swindler Gets \$50,000 From Montreal Parties

MONTREAL, March 21—(CP)—Police today sought a man they say swindled a jeweller and several other persons out of \$50,000.

Det.-Lieut. Felix Prysky said his man will "go anywhere" to bring back the accused, identified as Bill Vasil Fedorka, alias Bill Cramer, 25.

The accused allegedly swindled a jeweller of \$15,700 in cash and another party of \$23,000 in cash, and a third of \$3,000 in cash. At least three other persons claimed they were cheated out of sums ranging from \$2,000 to \$5,000 but refused to sign complaints.

Fedorka allegedly swindled his victims through offers of a partnership in a dry cleaning establishment and through bogus real estate deals.

Police said Fedorka has fled with his wife, a Newfoundland, and his two-year-old daughter. He has been missing since March 15.

Coming Events

- Bedouin Flour Mills will clip-per-clean your grain.
- Rummage Sale today, 2.30. Trinity Social Hall.
- Bellevue Concert, Dance and Basket Social, Grandview Hall, March 26th, or first fine night.
- Rummage Sale at Y. Euston Street entrance to-day, 2.30 P. M. Ladies Auxiliary Y. M. C. A.
- Cleaning Timothy until March 31st. Cleaning Grain till May 10th. Arnold Beer, Clyde River.
- Come in and talk over our Purina Finance Plan for your hogs and chicks. Dillon and Splitt.
- Farmers, ask about the Shur Gain Feed Finance Plan. For particulars contact your local feed mill.
- For Snapshots that will not fade, mail your Films and Negatives to Garnham Photo Studios, Charlottetown.
- Car each oilcake meal and soybean meal received our Kinkora and Summerside Mills. P. L. Morris Feed Service Mills.
- Loading Hogs for Swift's each Tuesday at Fredericton and Breadalbane. Paying 50 cents per hog for delivery. George Smith.
- We have a full line of clover, mangold, corn and registered Laurusian turnip seed. Order now. All seeds cash. J. Russell Driscoll, Mt. Herbert.
- Now in stock. Registered No. 1 Laurentian Turnip Seed, Oil Cake, Fish Meal, Cod Oil, Bell's Salt Licks and Holders. Dillon and Splitt.
- Victoria Rink, Saturday night, third game of finals in South Queen's League, Appin Road Bulldogs vs. Tryon Arrows. Game 8.30 sharp.
- Walter MacQuarrie will be trucking hogs for Swift Canadian Company Limited, on Covehead Road, and Brackley Road, by appointment from Monday till Thursday noon. For trucking service Phone 1583-33 or 1487.
- Collecting Hogs for Canada Packers Ltd., each Tuesday at Crapaud and Carleton. When roads are impassable farmers are asked to deliver hogs to our trucks at Crapaud, and Carleton, up until 11 A. M. each Tuesday, under the same arrangement as last year. R. N. Dawson, Phone No. 12-11 or 17.
- Buying pigs, all kinds and sizes, also sows heavy with pigs, and feeder cubs, Monday at Fredericton. Buying young pigs Tuesday 9 a.m., Brookfield; 10, Milton; 11, Charlottetown Market Square; 1 p.m., York; 2, Bedford; 3, Mount Stewart. Paying twenty dollars a pair for good pigs over 40 pounds each. Will also buy smaller ones. Knud Jorgensen.

Father, Fiancee Of Traffic Victim Awarded \$19,000

CALGARY, March 21—(CP)—The father and fiancee of a traffic accident victim who died after lying unconscious for more than a year were awarded \$19,000 damages yesterday in an action against two Lethbridge men.

Marvin Osbaldeston, 22, of Vermillion died last June. He and his fiancee, Agnes Harvie, 21, of Lethbridge were severely injured in June, 1950.

Damages of \$13,000 to Osbaldeston's father, Albert Osbaldeston, who acted for his son's estate, and of \$6,000 to Miss Harvie were assessed against Otto Mehew, owner of Methew's Transport and John Gibson, a driver.

Additional damages of \$10,000 were awarded to Donald Berchloff of Lethbridge, driver of the car in which Osbaldeston and Miss Harvie were riding. He also was severely injured.

Poaching Off Newfoundland Coast To Be Investigated

OTTAWA, March 21—(Special)—The Fisheries Department has ordered the Canadian Government ship "Eastern Explorer" to the Newfoundland coast to investigate reports that foreign druggers are dragging in Newfoundland territorial waters. Today or tomorrow the fisheries patrol boat "Cygnus" will leave Halifax and also conduct an investigation into rumors of foreign druggers poaching in Canadian territorial waters.

This was revealed to the House of Commons this afternoon by J. Watson MacNaught, Parliamentary assistant to Fisheries Minister Mayhew. For some months past, the Department has been on the alert and ready to act against foreign craft invading Canadian home fisheries. Some of the foreign druggers and other types, notably Spanish vessels fishing in pairs, are stated to be causing serious depletion of the Atlantic fisheries.

Some years ago when Government-subsidized trawlers from France, Spain and Portugal damaged Canadian fishing gear off Nova Scotia, the R. C. A. F. was called out to investigate and photograph the ships concerned so that formal protests could be made to the countries involved. It is understood that this year, the Department will not hesitate to take similar action using both armed cutters manned by R.C.M.P. personnel and aircraft.

B.C. Tightens Up Livestock Embargo

VICTORIA, B. C., March 21—(CP)—British Columbia today tightened up once again on its meat and livestock embargo relaxed only two days ago.

The Agriculture Department ruled that only live animals—cattle, sheep and swine—can be imported into the province. They must be slaughtered on arrival.

No more permits will be issued for importation of carcasses and shipments of all dressed and cut meats will be prohibited.

But what brought a real protest from Alberta cattlemen and packers was a ruling that the animals will be shipped only through Edmonton.

"All it does is attempt to split Alberta into two separate parts," said Alberta Agriculture Minister David Ure.

It was reported that livestock men in Calgary have urged Mr. Ure to establish an Alberta "blockade," which would halt all shipments of cattle to B. C.

Hon. Mr. Darby Critical Of Educational System

Attacking the educational system of the Province, particularly as it applies to rural schools, Hon. Mr. Darby, Attorney General and Provincial Treasurer, yesterday resumed his part in the debate in the Draft Address in the Legislature.

Mr. Darby was especially critical of the operation of Grade 11 which he said should be made a two year study comparable to the first two years at Prince of Wales College.

"If we do that we would make a considerable improvement in the educational system."

He did not think it was practical to bring the present Grade 11 to rural schools as it imposed too much strain on the pupils. At the same time he did not think the modern schooling system was turning out as good a student as in past years. He said he had had many of them come to him "and they could not spell, read or write," and that was after finishing Grade 11 or even Grade 12. He was not impressed with a system showing such results. "There is something wrong if that is the product we are getting for our money."

Dedicated Teachers

What we have to get, he stated, quoting from a speech by Dr. J. W. Tait, Director of Teacher Training for Saskatchewan, is "sincere, and dedicated school teachers" who can work wonders. "When I went to Prince of Wales College we got some normal training in the first year and some in the second and then we went out to teach. On the whole we made a good job of it."

He thought the time had pretty nearly come in this Province when we should return to our former methods.

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Sharp Cut In Rate On Grain Shipments

MONTREAL, March 21—(CP)—Shipowners today were faced with a critical problem—decreased freight rates, particularly in grain—with the opening of the shipping season only a month away.

Shipping officials reported rates for shipping grain to Europe have dropped from \$14 a ton last year to \$8 this year.

"We doubt if the bottom has been reached even yet," one shipowner said.

Surplus ship tonnage in world fleets, brought about by talk of an early peace in Korea and import cuts by England, New Zealand and Australia, are two causes for the low rates, they said.

Montreal Woman Reported Murdered

MONTREAL, March 21—(CP)—Police reported tonight a 45-year-old woman was beaten to death late today with a chair in her northeast-end Rosemount home.

Police said that a roomer, who they did not immediately identify, hit Mrs. Marcel Veilleux over the head with the chair.

They added that a small child, in the home at the time, also was injured and was taken to hospital. Extent of her injuries could not be learned at once.

Police said they had no further details other than that the murder was discovered by the husband when he came home from work.

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Says Knows Who Killed Mrs. Lemay

MIAMI, Fla., March 21—(AP)—Deputy-Sheriff James O. Barker said today he believes he knows who killed Mrs. Huguette Lemay, the Canadian beauty who vanished in the Florida Keys Jan. 4.

"I have an opinion of who did it and that only one person was involved in the act of violence," he said in Miami, a day after presenting evidence to the Monroe County grand jury in Key West.

Barker said he had given the grand jury some "new evidence" but could not reveal what it was.

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Three Provinces Without 65-70 Pension Agreements

OTTAWA, Mar. 21—(CP)—Only three provinces—Manitoba, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland—still must complete formal agreements to share with the Federal Government the cost of \$40-a-month pensions to needy Canadians between 65 and 70.

The Health Department announced yesterday that the latest Provinces to conclude agreements were Ontario and Nova Scotia. Agreements were completed earlier with British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Quebec and New Brunswick.

An arrangement also has been made with the administration of the Northwest Territories to cover payment of the pensions to needy persons there.

Under the pension program, the Federal Government pays the full cost of \$40-a-month pensions to all Canadians 70 and over regardless of means. It has agreed to share on a 50-50 basis with the Provinces the cost of pensions to the needy in the 65-to-70 age group.

All Provinces except Manitoba, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island have concluded new agreements covering the payment of \$40 a month to needy blind persons 21 and over.

The Federal Government pays 75 per cent of the cost and the Provinces the remainder.

Howe's Assistant Quits To Take Job In West

OTTAWA, March 21—(CP)—Max W. Mackenzie, C.D. Howe's right-hand man is leaving government service to take part in a huge \$100,000,000 chemical-industry development to be founded on Alberta's gigantic oil and natural-gas resources.

The 44-year-old deputy minister of defence production, a brilliant economist and a top government adviser, will be succeeded by Reginald M. Brophy, 49-year-old Montreal-born radio industrialist who came to the department last October as Production Minister Howe's production co-ordinator.

The shift, announced by Prime Minister St. Laurent, becomes effective May 1 next and will see Mr. Mackenzie, a native of Victoria, B. C., step into one of the biggest industrial jobs in the country.

Though no announcement was made of his new job it was understood he will become executive vice-president-in effect head man—of the Canadian Chemical and Cellulose Corporation, a holding company controlling other companies developing basic chemicals in Alberta and even newspaper in Southern British Columbia.



A GUY WHO WAITS FOR OPPORTUNITY IS STILL WAITING.

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HALIFAX, March 21—(CP)—Official forecasts issued tonight by the Dominion Public Weather Office here and valid until midnight Saturday, with an outlook for Sunday.

Synopsis

Very cold air, which covers Central Canada is pushing southeast and will spread across the Maritimes on Saturday. There will be little change in the weather on Saturday, but present indications are that a storm over the Southwestern United States will bring snow to much of the Maritimes on Sunday.

Regional forecasts:

Prince Edward Island—Cloudy, snowflurries beginning in afternoon. Much colder by evening. Light winds becoming north 15 about noon. Low and high Saturday at Charlottetown 30 and 38. Outlook for Sunday—Snow.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 8:12 A. M. and 7:23 P. M. High tide on the North Shore at 8:24 A. M. and 2:58 P. M. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. Sun rises today at 6:13 A. M. and sets at 6:28 P. M.

MCA AIR SERVICE DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY

Leave Charlottetown for Moncton 5:30 A.M.; 11:20 A.M.; 4:50 P.M. Ar. Charlottetown from Moncton 7:25 A.M.; 1:35 P.M.; 6:55 P.M.

Leave Charlottetown for New Glasgow—Halifax 7:40 A.M. New Glasgow 1:50 P.M. New Glasgow & Halifax Arrive Charlottetown from New Glasgow and Halifax 11:00 A.M. from New Glasgow 4:35 P.M. from New Glasgow and Halifax.

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Cost-of-Living In U. S. Down Slightly

WASHINGTON, March 21—(AP)—The cost of living in the United States as measured by the government, dropped 0.6 per cent in February, in the first decline since last June, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today.

Borne downward by a 2-1/2-per cent sag in retail food prices, the retail price index showed the largest decline since December, 1949.

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