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# ABBOTT ANNOUNCES CUT IN CIGARET, LUXURY TAXES

## U. S. Government Seizes Steel Industry

### Claxton In Reply To Opposition Claims In Lengthy Defence Debate

OTTAWA, April 8—(CP)—Defence Minister Claxton admitted today that the early high hopes for unusually swift production of an all-Canada jet fighter and engine have been dashed.

He added, however, that both the CF-100 Canuck fighter and the Orenda engine should be in regular use by the R. C. A. F. within a time any country would consider normal for production of such new equipment.

He also told the Commons the Orenda engine should be mated with Canada's second fighter, the F-86E Sabre, by 1953, a union that should allow the U. S.-designed Sabre to crack its own world speed record.

Mr. Claxton made a point-by-point reply to opposition statements in a prolonged defence debate after Maj. E. D. Fulton (PC-Kamloops) contended that Canada's defence position is "desperate" when the billions of dollars spent are compared with what Canada has to show for them.

### Budget Highlights

Personal income taxes drop an average of six per cent July 1 next, but social-security tax more than eliminates benefit.

Present 20-per-cent defence surtax incorporated in new personal income tax schedule; basic exemptions unchanged.

Ceilings on amount of deductible medical expenses raised, but four-per-cent floor remains.

Cigaret tax reduced by three cents on package of 20—back to rate before last budget—effective immediately.

Tax on raw leaf tobacco cut by three-quarters of a cent an ounce—back to previous rate—effective immediately.

Special 25-per-cent tax on motor cars and other luxuries cut to 15 per cent—effective immediately.

Special 15-per-cent excise tax on household washing machines, stoves and refrigerators repealed—effective immediately.

Excise tax of 15 per cent levied on dry-powdered drinks competitive with soft drinks—effective immediately.

Surplus for 1952-53 expected to be \$9,000,000 compared with \$355,737,000 for 1951-52.

Revenues in 1952-53 estimated at \$4,279,000,000 compared with \$4,063,111,000 in 1951-52, an all-time record.

Expenditures for 1952-53 estimated at \$3,847,374,000 in 1951-52.

Corporation tax on companies generating electricity, steam or gas limited to maximum 43 per cent, compared with general company-tax maximum of 50 per cent.

Crown companies in competition with private industry, previously tax-exempt, to pay normal corporation tax.

Tax deductions for exploration costs of petroleum, natural gas and mining industries extended an additional year.

Three-year tax exemption for mines extended to mines starting production in 1955.

Tariff amendments provide some reductions, some modifications and some additions, effective immediately.

### Accuses Claxton

Maj. Fulton accused Mr. Claxton of "outrageous and perverted" thinking in the latter's recent statement that a tribe of hindsight critics is beginning to emerge and said the Minister seeks to hide glaring deficiencies behind security cloaks.

Nothing but "inefficiency and waste" could explain the little Canada had to show for its money. The navy had an obsolete aircraft carrier ready to fill its main role in the North Atlantic. The army had no modern tanks, three isolated brigades, two of them not yet trained to

### Coming Events

- Come to show Fredericton Hall tonight 8:15.
- Show in Morell Hall on Friday only at 8 P. M.
- Highfield W. I. pantry sale at S. A. Macdonald's Saturday.
- Dance in Tracadie Hall, Easter Monday night, Byrnes Orchestra.
- All private lockers must be vacated by May 1st, 1952. Eastern Cold Storage, Souris.
- Dance in Emerald Hall, Monday, April 14th, Blue Haven Ramblers Orchestra.
- This Store will be closed all day Good Friday, April 11th. J. F. Morris, Kinkora.
- Choice Easter beef fed by Hayden Bros., at our store, Stirling S. Ings, Cherry Valley.
- For Snapshots that will not fade, mail your films and negatives to Garnham Photo Studios, Charlottetown.
- We have in stock the choicest Easter beef we could obtain at very reasonable prices. R. L. Dickleson, New Glasgow.
- We still have a large supply of goods at greatly reduced prices at the big clearance sale of W. O. Myers, Stanley Bridge.
- Easter Monday evening Dance at Mt. Stewart Canadian Legion Hall, Rolfe MacGennies Orchestra. Admission 40 cents.
- Reserve Saturday, April 19th, 2 P. M. White Elephant and Rummage Sale, Holy Redeemer Community Centre, sponsored by Altar Society.
- Starting at Crapaud Wednesday, April 2nd, the Seed Cleaning Plant for Grain and Timothy Seed for the season. Elmer MacDonald's Mill the same site.
- Will be leading hogs at the following points each Thursday: Elmer Wigmore, Bradballe, until 11:30 A.M. Borden Bagnall, Hunter River, until noon. Summerside until 1:30 P. M. and Kensington until 3:00 P. M. MacEwen and Caseley.
- In stock—two cars Brantford shingles, siding and paper. Unloading car cedar shingles. To arrive, two cars cement. Early booking assures special prices. Am buying potatoes and turnips daily. P. J. Noy and Co.
- There will be a Meeting of the Board of Managers of the Harts-ville Section of the Brookfield Congregation Wednesday, April 9th, in Hartsville Church, at 8 o'clock. All members requested to attend. Nell Nicholson, Chairman.

### Steelworkers Immediately Call Off Strike

PITTSBURGH, April 8—(AP)—The Federal Government seized the steel industry under a history-making presidential order tonight and the C.I.O. United Steelworkers immediately called off their midnight strike.

President Truman announced his seizure decision over radio and television from the White House just 90 minutes before the strike deadline. Philip Murray, president of the C.I.O. Steelworkers of America, followed it up with his "back-to-work" order.

Truman's announcement followed by only 30 minutes a break-off in negotiations in New York between management and union leaders with Nathan Feinsinger, chairman of the Wage Stabilization Board.

Industry leaders declared emphatically their intention of fighting the seizure. They argue it is illegal.

### A. E. Stone Elected Mayor of Moncton

MONCTON, N.B., April 8—(CP)—Arthur E. Stone, veteran alderman-at-large, was elected Mayor of Moncton today. He succeeded T. Ebbitt Parlee, who retired after two years in office.

The new mayor defeated alderman J. A. Keefe, his only opponent, 2,318 to 1,839.

### To Announce Livestock Plan In Few Days

REGINA, April 8—(CP)—Agriculture Minister Gardiner said here today a plan for livestock floor prices and the killing and shipment of stock across the country likely will be announced in a few days.

The plan was drawn up during a conference of Federal and Provincial agriculture officials in Ottawa last week.

Certain proposals were made at that conference the Federal Minister said. Four provincial representatives said they wished to report to their governments before a commitment could be made.

### To Visit Montreal

NEW YORK, April 8—(CP)—The Duke of Windsor plans to make a short visit to Montreal late this month, it was learned today.

The Duke's secretary said it will be a "business" visit, probably lasting only one day. She said the date is indefinite as yet.

### Details Of New Income Tax Rates Announced

OTTAWA, April 8—(CP)—Text of income-tax resolution contained in Finance Minister Abbott's budget:

Resolved that it is expedient to introduce a measure to amend the Income Tax Act and to provide, among other things:

1. That for the 1953 and subsequent taxation years there be substituted for the graduated rates of tax and the defence surtax that are at present applicable to the income of individuals, the following graduated rates of tax:

(A) 17 per cent of the amount taxable if the amount taxable does not exceed \$900.

(B) \$170 plus 19 per cent of the amount by which the amount taxable exceeds \$1,000 if the amount taxable exceeds \$1,000 and does not exceed \$2,000.

(C) \$360 plus 22 per cent of the amount by which the amount taxable exceeds \$2,000 if the amount taxable exceeds \$2,000 and does not exceed \$4,000.

(D) \$800 plus 25 per cent of the amount by which the amount taxable exceeds \$4,000 if the amount taxable exceeds \$4,000 and does not exceed \$6,000.

(E) \$1,300 plus 30 per cent of the amount by which the amount taxable exceeds \$6,000 if the amount taxable exceeds \$6,000 and does not exceed \$8,000.

(F) \$1,900 plus 35 per cent of the amount by which the amount taxable exceeds \$8,000 if the amount taxable exceeds \$8,000 and does not exceed \$10,000.

(G) \$2,600 plus 40 per cent of the amount by which the amount taxable exceeds \$10,000 if the amount taxable exceeds \$10,000 and does not exceed \$12,000.

(H) \$3,400 plus 45 per cent of the amount by which the amount taxable exceeds \$12,000 if the amount taxable exceeds \$12,000 and does not exceed \$15,000.

(I) \$4,750 plus 50 per cent of the amount by which the amount taxable exceeds \$15,000 if the amount taxable exceeds \$15,000 and does not exceed \$18,000.

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### Lancashire Deserts Conservatives For Labor

LONDON, April 8—(Reuters)—The textile county of Lancashire, struggling in the throes of a slump, today deserted the Conservative Party for the first time and returned a Labor majority to the County Council.

The upset posted a warning for Churchill's national government already harassed by a minor revolt within its own party over measures to curb the mill-country recession.

Traditionally the stronghold of the middle-class Tory business man, the Lancashire County Council today shows a 10-seat Labor majority over anti-socialists.

Though the swing-over reflects the pro-labor trend evident in the country's local elections—Labor has gained 300 seats so far—it also points an accusing finger at the Conservatives for refusing to decrease measures claimed necessary to end the slump.

Labor now has 64 seats in the Lancashire Council with 50 for Conservatives and six for Inde-

### Minister Foresees Reduction In Expenditures For Defense

OTTAWA, April 8—(CP)—Finance Minister Abbott tonight predicted in his budget speech that within a couple of years it may be possible to reduce heavy expenditures.

Describing 1951 as a year of "solid achievement", Mr. Abbott said:

"We have passed through one critical period, but equally serious dangers still lie ahead. Although we and our friends of the free world now are somewhat better prepared to meet them, there is no room for complacency. We will have the most costly part of our defence program immediately ahead of us.

"However, if we are equally resolute, energetic and fortunate during this year and the next, there

### New Federal Combines Commission Recommended

OTTAWA, April 8—(CP)—The MacQuarrie committee has recommended that the powers of the federal combines commissioner be cut and that a new board be created to take over some authority.

Under the proposed anti-combines set-up, both the Combines Investigation Commission and the alleged offender would bring argument before the special three-man board which would be the judge on what recommendations should be sent to the Justice Minister.

The Combines Commissioner, T. C. MacDonald, would still have power to make investigations into alleged breaches of anti-combines legislation, but would have no power to search an office or subpoena a witness without the board's authority.

A 60,000-word report of the committee was tabled today in the Commons by Justice Minister Garson. It represented 20 months' study into Canada's anti-combines laws.

The report also recommended that the Justice Department study the possibility of a right of appeal to a court injunction to smash illegal combines once they have been proven a detriment to public interest.

The committee observed that currently "it is unsettled whether there are constitutional or other obstacles" preventing such a

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### N. S. To Cut Capital Spending

HALIFAX, April 8—(CP)—Premier Macdonald tabled capital estimates totalling \$11,811,000, a slash of about 50 per cent from last year, in the Nova Scotia Legislature today.

About \$5,000,000 will be used to retire debentures maturing this year and the remainder on capital expenditure, including construction of highways, bridges and public buildings.

In addition the government has about \$9,000,000 left over from last year, money which was voted but not spent.

The Liberal Premier noted that the figures he tabled today did not include estimates toward construction of the Canso causeway, Hantsland ferry bridge or New England ferry. Money for these projects already has been provided for.

Attorney-General Patterson, replying to Michael McDonald (CFC—Cape Breton Centre), said he had referred to Ottawa the question of obscene literature being sold at news-stands.

Mr. McDonald said the matter was "a very serious one and is causing considerable concern."

He understood that "unless news stands accept a certain quota of obscene junk they will not be supplied with the more respectable periodicals."

### Prorogation Of Legislature Today

The Legislature is scheduled to close at 4 o'clock this afternoon, and a Guard of Honor will be formed from the Prince Edward Island Regiment (17th Recce) for the closing ceremony. It is expected that Capt. L. MacNeven will be in charge with S.S.M. Warren Farrar heading the Non-Commissioned Officers. In attendance will be the band of the Regiment under command of Capt. Reginald Mahar with Bandmaster Thomas MacFarlane in charge.

### Mr. J. G. MacKay To Head Electoral Reform Committee

Mr. J. George MacKay, Fourth Prince, was named chairman of a committee to be named to study the problem of electoral reform in the Province. The committee will report to the House at the next, or any special session.

A possibility of a special session being called was seen in the naming of a Transportation Committee to look into the matter of issuing a bus franchise to the Canadian National Railway. The committee is to study the whole problem and as Premier J. Walter Jones said, report to the Legislature at the next session "or a special session" if it is felt necessary to call one.

### Biggest Airlift Of Flowers To Begin

VICTORIA, B. C., April 8—(CP)—Canada's biggest airlift of flowers is scheduled to get under way here at midnight. The first of thousands of boxes containing more than 2,000,000 Vancouver Island-grown daffodils were packed today aboard two Trans-Canada Air Lines North Stars for Toronto and other points in Eastern Canada.

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HALIFAX, April 8—(CP)—Official forecasts issued tonight by the Dominion Public Weather Office here and valid until midnight Wednesday.

Synopsis: An area of high pressure centred over the Gaspé Peninsula is moving slowly southward accompanied by fine weather. Wednesday and Thursday will be sunny and mild.

Prince Edward Island—Cloudy with a few sunny intervals. Little change in temperature. Light winds. Low and high Wednesday at Charlottetown 30 and 38.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 10:15 A.M. and 10:43 P.M. Sun rises today at 5:40 A.M. and sets at 6:50 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 7:40 P.M. New Glasgow & Halifax

Arrive Charlottetown from New Glasgow and Halifax 11:00 A.M. from New Glasgow and Halifax 4:35 P.M. from New Glasgow and Halifax.

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY ONLY

9:10 A.M. Arrive Sydney from New Glasgow

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SUNDAY ONLY

Leave Charlottetown for Moncton 11:20 A.M.

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BORDEN — CAPE TORMENTINE FERRY SERVICE Daily (Including Sunday)

Leave Borden 9:10 A.M. 1:00 P.M. 4:30 P.M. 7:30 P.M.

Leave C. T. 10:35 A.M. 2:40 P.M. 6:00 P.M. 9:00 P.M.



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