

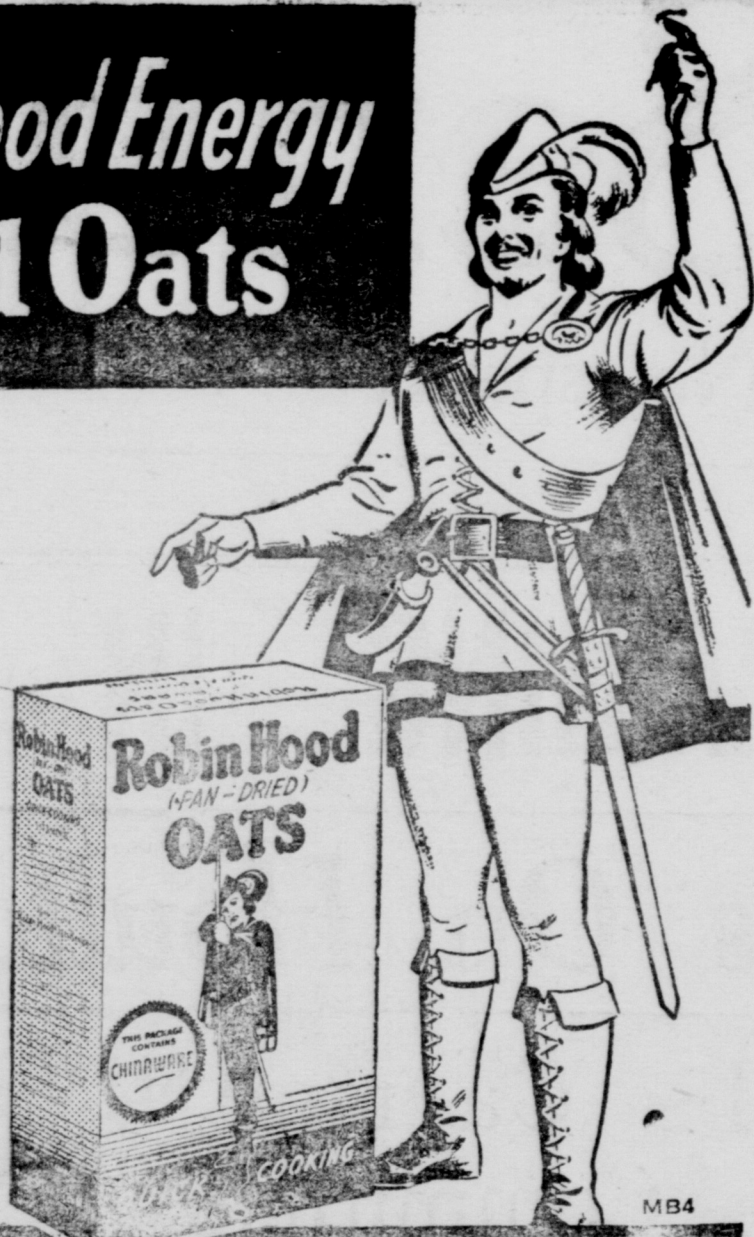
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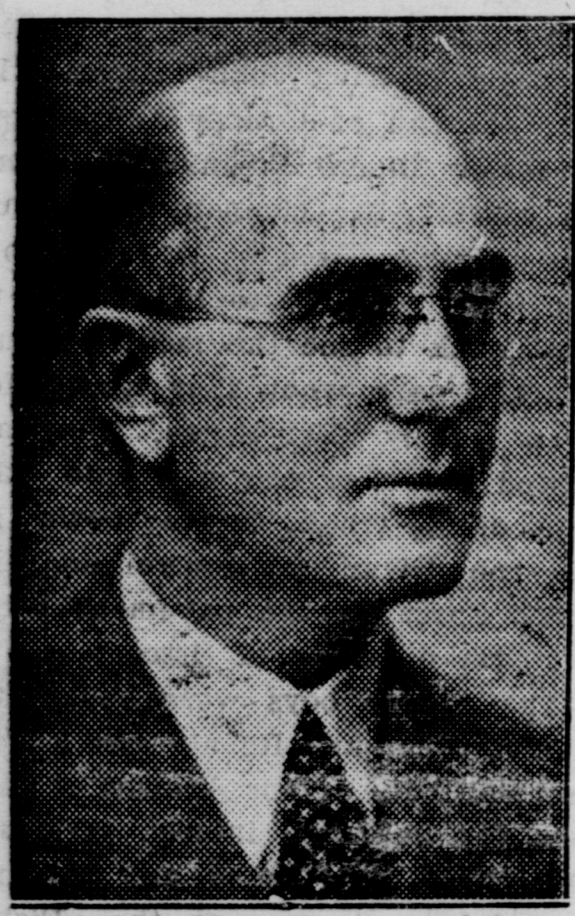
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## Premier J. B. McNair Defends Government in Budget Speech



PREMIER J. B. MCNAIR

Closing his Budget Debate address with a vigorous defence of Federal Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King, New Brunswick's Premier, Hon. J. B. McNair, K. C., wound up the debate, the motion was adopted without division, the House went into supply at yesterday afternoon's sitting of the third Session of the 39th Legislature. Premier McNair charged the Opposition criticism of the Prime Minister was inspired "because he declines to abdicate at the request of the capitalist newspapers in favor of a so-called National Government, and claimed that Conservative Leader, Hugh MacKay on Tuesday had "definitely allied himself with Toronto-born movement."

Premier McNair was frank in expressing what he termed the lack of satisfaction of his colleagues and himself relative to New Brunswick's share of war industries. A fact, he added, of which Ottawa was aware. He pointed to the recent establishment of an advance Training Centre in the Province and spoke of another development of substantial proportions but said that at the moment he was not at liberty to make any fuller announcement. Opposition Leader MacKay's decision not to move a "want-of-confidence motion" on Tuesday, he termed "ano-

ther proof of the sincerity of our common purpose to get on with the real business that confronts the nation."

### The Old Perennials

Claiming that the criticism of the Opposition for the most part centred around the old perennials, the growth of the public debt and the heavy burdens of taxation, Premier McNair said to get a true picture of the comparative growth of the debt for the two administrations two items totalling \$9,778,441.63 should be deducted from the increase shown during the Liberal administrations. This would place the growth of the debt under the Liberal regime at \$30,834,076.50 and that of the ten year Conservative regime at \$30,931,951.16.

### Correction Made

Premier McNair corrected a statement made by Fred Messer (Cons.) relative to the hard surfacing of the St. Croix-Long's Creek highway and informed the members of the House they would be asked to vote \$33,000 to cover cost-of-living bonus to school teachers.

Comparing the percentages of Sinking Funds to the Funded debts of the Provinces, the Premier claimed that the ratio in four other provinces was lower than New Brunswick's and that the province with the lowest ratio obtained the lowest interest rates of all. This supported the submission Provincial Secretary-Treasurer Hon. J. J. Hayes, Doonee, that interest rates do not appear to depend upon the integrity of a province or upon its willingness or preparation to pay, he maintained.

The Premier in part said:

It is not my purpose this afternoon to embark upon a point to point discussion of the many matters which have been raised during this debate. I can assure the House that my colleagues and I welcome helpful suggestions at all times. So far as the points advanced by the various speakers were in the nature of constructive suggestions they will be taken into consideration by the Government or by the Ministers to whose departments they relate. We shall endeavor to weigh and sift

them in their true light.

Any criticism that was offered in commendatory of the administration entered for the most part around the old perennials which bloom again at every passing Session, namely, the growth of the public debt and the heavy burdens of taxation.

The figures quoted by the speakers on the other side of the House purported to show that between 1925 and 1935, under the former regime, the net debt rose from \$32,197,629 to \$53,351,138.53; and that between 1935 and 1941 under the present Government it increased from the said sum of \$53,351,138.53 to \$84,285,215.03.

The figures disclosed an increase, in round figures, in the former case of twenty-one million dollars and in the latter of thirty-one million dollars.

### Important Changes

None of our friends opposite however took sufficient pains to remind the House and the country that when the Saint John and Quebec Railway was taken over by the Dominion no less a sum than \$6,000,000 was written off the figures in the accounts representing the net debt of the Province. Nor did they take the trouble to point out that about the same time the expenditures which had been made for the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission were taken out of the Net Debt Account. By this change another item of \$3,778,441.63 was chopped off the total. These two reductions, amounting to \$9,778,441.63 are reflected for the first time in the Consolidated Balance Sheet of 1939.

To show the increase in the net debt due to the spending programmes of the two administrations concerned, on a true comparative basis, that amount of \$9,778,441.63 should be carried into the figures for the earlier period. That means that for comparative purposes and as a true reflection of the relative spending programmes of the two governments, the figures should be quoted at \$30,931,951.16 for the ten year period 1925 to 1935; and at \$30,931,076.50 for the period which has since elapsed.

It will be noted that the spending programme of this Government as reflected in the net debt has cost the Province just \$2,125.34 more than that of preceding administration.

### Something to Show

We admit that since 1935 the net debt of the Province has increased materially. But what have we to show for those expenditures? A thousand miles of hard surfaced roads and an expanding series of modern bridges which together constitute an up-to-date highway system which will compare favorably with anything found on this Continent.

St. Croix-Long's Creek Road Here I am reminded of an observation made by my Honorable friend from York who spoke in this debate. He was referring to the work done under this Government on the road leading from Saint Croix to Long's Creek, past his own home.

My purpose in referring to the matter is to correct a statement made by my Honorable friend which might prove misleading. It was to the effect, as I recall it, that only seven or eight miles had yet been paved and the work had cost \$673,000. That statement might leave the impression with the unfamiliar with the situation, that the amount mentioned had been required to complete that mileage of paved road. It is true that approximately eight miles of the work undertaken was fully completed by paving. But for the entire distance from St. Croix to the Saint John River, with the exception of about seven miles at the east end, the road was rebuilt to modern standards, and is to-day one of the finest stretches of highway in the Province.

The cost of the sub-grading for the 17.6 miles from St. Croix to

Thomaston Corner was \$315,887.26 or \$17,993 per mile, and for the 14.6 miles from Thomaston Corner eastward was \$232,372.03 or \$15,990 per mile. The cost of the fine grading and hard surfacing for the 8.3 miles at the west and actually paved was \$48,000, or \$12,000 per mile.

Those costs will compare well with the cost of work done under the regime of the Honorable member opposite from the County of Restigouche, whom my Honorable friend for York would nominate to finish the job.

### Sinking Funds

In the course of their discussion of the public debt some honorable gentlemen opposite, as usual criticized this Government for that we, following the practice established by the former administration and permitted under legislation adopted in their day, have continued to fix the annual contribution to sinking funds at one half of one per cent.

They gloss over the fact that on that portion of the funded debt is sued for the purposes of the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission amounting on October 31st, last to \$9,425,500 sinking funds are provided each year by the commission at the rate of 1.5 per cent; nor have they sufficiently acknowledged that on \$5,500,000 included in the funded debt of bonds the annual rate is one per cent.

I suggest that the provision of approximately one million dollars a year to retire a net debt of \$84,285,215.03 presents a much better showing than is indicated by the restricted statements to which we have been forced to listen.

### Price of Bonds

We have heard much about the load of debt and the inadequacy of the sinking funds and the effect of these upon provincial credit. My study of the matter indicates that the ratio of sinking funds to funded debt has very little bearing upon the price at which bonds can be issued.

In support of this may I quote figures taken from a Memorandum entitled "Comparative Statistics of Public Finance 1936-40." This record shows that in four other provinces the ratio of sinking funds to funded debt is lower than ours; it also shows that the province with the lowest ratio, about one-sixth of ours, obtains the lowest interest rates of all. All of which may go to support a submission of my honorable colleague, the provincial Secretary-Treasurer, in his budget address, later criticized by Honorable gentlemen opposite that interest rates do not appear to depend upon the integrity of a province or upon its willingness or preparation to pay.

### Burdens of Taxation

I come now to the second subject which formed the text of much of the debate—the burdens of taxation.

Honorable members opposite all know, and should be fair enough to admit, that the great bulk of our revenues are not derived from taxes at all.

Take for example the profits from the liquor business, which was established by the Parly opposite. No one has to buy liquor. If a person chooses to purchase, is there any reason why he should not pay a price which will net the Commission a reasonable profit? We must all admit that price has a strong bearing as a control measure. If the Opposition want free beer, or liquor at cost, with the resultant increased consumption, they should come out foursquare and advocate such, as a party policy.

Consider again the territorial revenues! These represent the price paid by private interests for Crown property. Other instances of similar revenues could be cited.

In the total such revenues run to a substantial figure. Out of an estimated revenue for the current year of \$10,692,000 about \$3,500,000, or one-third, will come from the sources mentioned.

Again included in our current estimates is an item of approximately \$3,000,000 representing grants and subsidies from the Dominion. Again there is a sum of \$350,000 shown as revenue from institutions maintained by the Province. Those moneys are received for services rendered in accordance with contracts.

They cannot by any stretch of the imagination be described as taxes. The motor vehicle revenues, covering license fees and gasoline tax, fall into a somewhat similar category. The estimate for the current year is around \$3,500,000. No one is compelled in this province to drive a motor vehicle. If a man chooses to do so why should he not expect to pay something to maintain a road system suitable for motor traffic, without which he could not operate his car?

There are to-day only about two taxes of general application, that is taxes which must be paid by all in respect of which the individual has no choice. Neither of them is new. One is succession duties estimated at \$300,000, the other is the wild land tax of about \$60,000. After all is said and done, and in spite of what the Opposition say, I suggest that New Brunswick is not

such a bad place in which to live. (Continued next week.)

## OBITUARY

MRS. ERNEST DYER

Mrs. Ernest Dyer of Bristol died suddenly on Monday, March 16, at her home following an illness of only a few days. Born in 1879 at Carleton Place, she was the daughter of the late Earl Nevers and Martha Orser and has for the past forty years made her home in Bristol.

She is survived by her husband, Ernest, two sons, Floyd, New Britain, Conn., and Claude, of the Canadian Forestry Corps, Overseas, one daughter, Mrs. Jack Bell, Quincy, Mass., two brothers, William and Ernest Nevers, both of Hartland, and two sisters, Mrs. Arthur Melvin, Hartland, and Mrs. Scott Albright, Windsor.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. A. Watfield on Thursday afternoon from the home and the Primitive Baptist Church. Floral tributes were both numerous and beautiful. Interment was made in the family lot in the Primitive Cemetery.

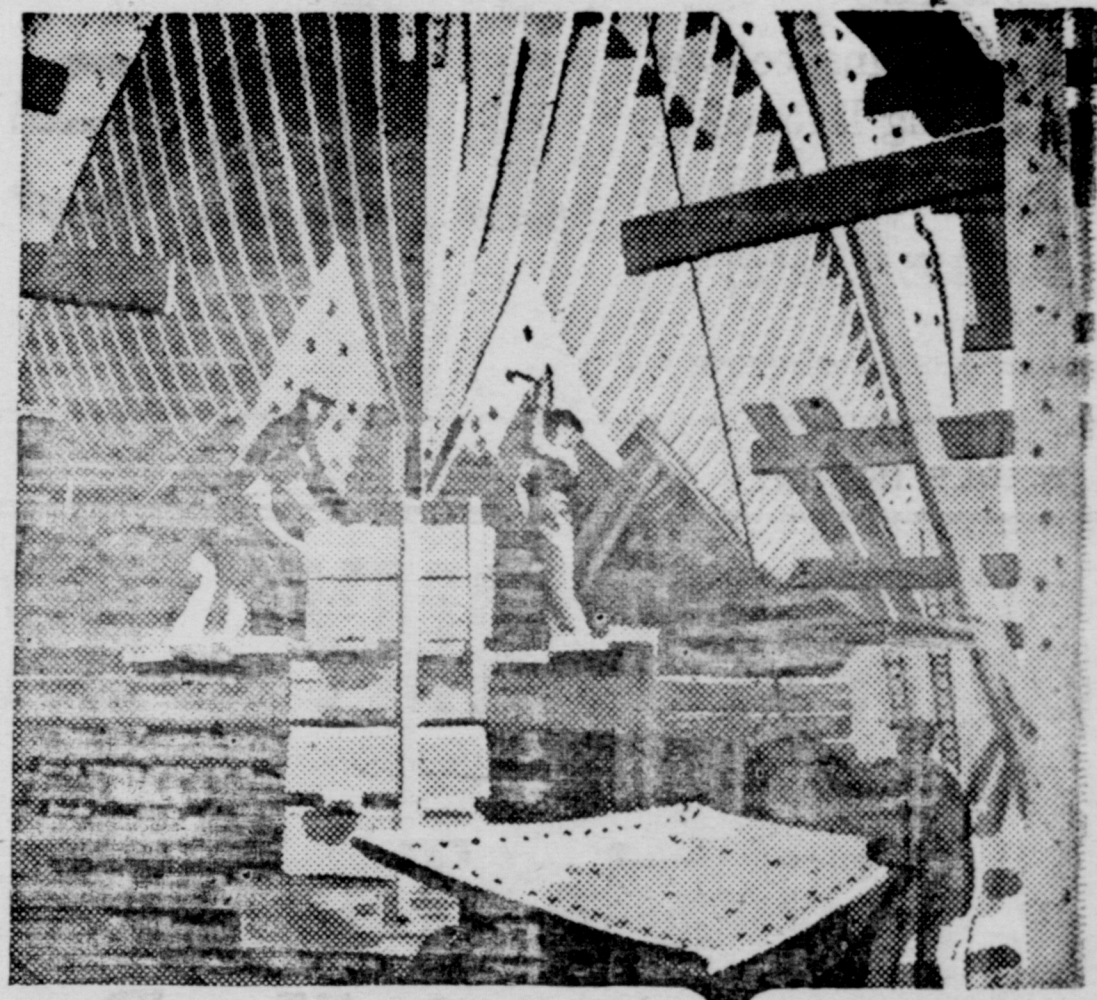
## Bristol

Mrs. Ainsley Lockhart left recently for Montreal owing to the illness of her daughter, Miss Helen Lockhart.

Mr. Floyd Dyer, New Britain, Conn., and Mrs. Jack Bell, Quincy, Mass., were called home this week due to the illness and subsequent death of their mother, Mrs. Ernest Dyer. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Floyd Dyer and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tompkins, New Britain, Conn.

Pte. Oliver Salmon, returned Thursday to Camp Borden, Ont., after spending several days' leave with Mrs. Salmon and family.

Milford DeMerchant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Diten DeMerchant, who has enlisted with the R.C.N.V.R. has left recently for Saint John where he will spend the next few months, before being transferred to Halifax, N. S.



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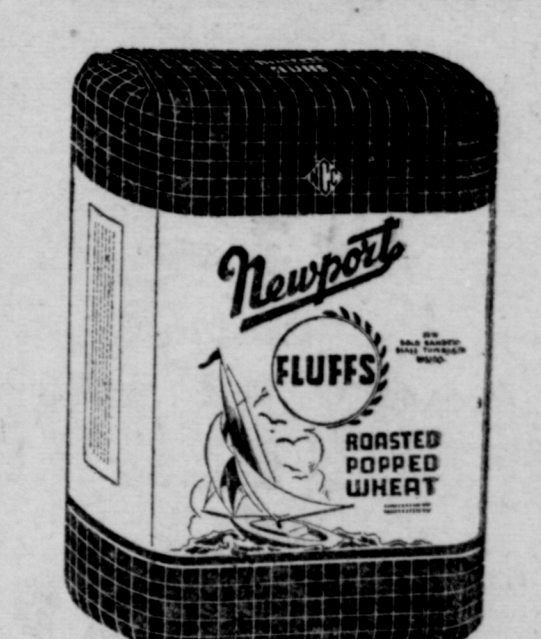
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