

Budget at Ottawa Will be Delayed Until After Easter

The Government and Finance Minister Rhodes Have Been Busy With Banking Legislation--An Appreciable Gain In Revenue In Past Eleven Months--Fiscal Year Ends on March 31st. . .

OTTAWA, March 14—This year's budget is not coming down until after Easter, it was quite definitely indicated at the Finance Department today.

The reason assigned is that the Minister of Finance and the Government have been much occupied with the banking legislation and that the attendance of the Minister before the banking committee will be necessary for some time yet.

With the budget coming after Easter, there will be a certain advantage in the fact that the fiscal year will be ended and the financial survey will not need to be partially based on estimates.

The revenue statement, issued yesterday, shows the appreciable gain of \$9,000,000 in 11 months. Current figures disclose that this increase will be maintained in this month, the remaining month of the fiscal year.

Under the circumstances it becomes problematical if there will be much adjustment in taxation, but the cabinet really has not discussed this subject in any final form.

MOST THOROUGH BANK ENQUIRY IS PROMISED

Sir Herbert Holt and Sir Charles Gordon, Bank Presidents To Be Called As Witnesses.

Ottawa, March 13—Canadian banks and bankers will be subjects of a wide open inquiry by the House banking committee it was decided today. Sir Herbert Holt, president of the Royal Bank of Canada, and Sir Charles Gordon, president of the Bank of Montreal, will be among the witnesses called to give evidence on the general relationship of the banks to the country as a whole.

It was believed improbable the first witness would be called before next Tuesday although a sub-committee of five members was selected to determine points of procedure and to report to the committee Thursday.

Welcomes it
"The government welcomes the most thorough investigation," Finance Minister E. N. Rhodes told the banking committee today in accepting a principle of a motion sponsored a week ago by Major C. G. Power (Lib., Quebec South), instead of following the Power plan of holding the inquiry before reviewing the bill extending bank charters for another 10 years, the government proposed to combine the two. On relevant clauses of the bill, bankers will be called to give evidence and, as the finance minister said: "Speaking for the government, I wish to say it is our desire there should be no suggestion of narrowing the inquiry."

Specific Topics
The specific topics mentioned in the Power motion, which will form the basis of the probe, were as follows: Interlocking directorates between banks, trust companies and industrial concerns; the general policies of the bank in combating the depression, especially to what extent they were responsible for deflation; the circumstances that led up to a Dominion order-in-council permitting banks to list investment securities at valuations other than market quotations; relations of the banks to the western wheat pools and the pulp and paper industry; relation of the banks to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, especially the \$60,000,000 Dominion-guaranteed loan.

Once again the committee today passed non-contentious clauses of the bill, leaving aside those showing signs of strife.

A Salary Probe
Salaries for junior bank clerks will be one topic under discussion when bank officials come before the committee. Hon. Raymond Morand (Cons., Essex East), gave notice today that he would insert a clause in the bill compelling banks to pay fair wages and William Irvine (U.F.A., Wetaaskiw) announced he would seek information from bank officials on all salaries from messengers to presidents.

IN THE HOUSE
Henry Diotte of Restigouche will continue the debate on the budget in the Legislature this afternoon. He will likely be followed by Mr. Anderson of Northumberland and other speakers. It is doubtful now if the debate on the opposition amendment will be finished this week.

When a woman makes you promise not to tell a soul, it's because she wants the fun of doing it herself.

WATERWAYS TREATY MAY NOT BE RATIFIED

Democrats May Not Be Able To Master the Needed Votes

MAY TAKE A VOTE TOMORROW
Only Master Stroke from White House Can Save Pact

Washington, D. C., March 14—Opponents hammered at the St. Lawrence Waterway Treaty yesterday as Administration leaders, facing defeat in efforts to obtain ratification, fought to rally additional votes to their cause.

Senator Bennett Champ Clark, D., Mo., speaking against the treaty, charged that those sponsoring it had attempted to cover the weakness of their case by accusing the treaty's opponents of "narrow-minded nationalism" and subservency to powerful financial interests.

The Senate met an hour earlier than usual with a limitation of debate to be imposed at noon in preparation for a vote on the proposed treaty this evening.

Taking stock of the situation, Democratic leaders found themselves in a discouraging predicament. They did not have the votes necessary to obtain ratification. The information was taken to President Roosevelt by Majority Leader Joseph T. Robinson. The leaders believed that only some master stroke from the White House could bring a favorable treaty vote.

The indications are that the pro-treaty forces will accept a reservation affirming the sovereignty of the United States over Lake Michigan and the sovereignty of Canada over Georgian Bay, with a limitation on diversion from Georgian Bay equal to the limitation on diversion from Lake Michigan. But the advocates of the treaty say that this represents the utmost in the way of reservations that they will accept.

THE SEARCH FOR BOY'S BODY IS BEING KEPT UP

No Trace Yet of Victim of Sad Drowning Accident at Woodstock on Monday.

for the body of six-year-old Curtis Swim, son of Mr. and Mrs. Holly Swim, Woodstock, drowned in the Meduxnakeag river here yesterday afternoon, was continued here today without avail. Late tonight no trace of the body had been discovered.

Organized crews were at work today just above the Main street bridge. Ice cutting equipment was obtained and a cut about three feet wide was made across the stream from bank to bank. A wire netting was stretched in the opening from shore to shore and the workers were confident that if the body came down to that point it could not fail to be intercepted.

Tomorrow it is intended to open up the section of the stream where the drowning occurred, which is about one-quarter of a mile above the bridge. Many persons familiar with the currents believe the child's body is caught under the ice, within a few yards of the airhole through which the little fellow disappeared.

The child's father arrived home today from Indian Brook, near Millville, where he was working with the lumber crew of J. H. Hay & Son when the accident took place.

What is so exasperating to a taxpayer as the indifference to taxation in citizens who think they pay none.

Regards Alaska A Dangerous Point In Event of War

Senator Robinson of the United States Foreign Relations Committee Regards War With Japan as a Dangerous Probability—Says the Navy Should Vessel Alaskan Waters.

NEW YORK, March 14—Alaska with its 600,000 square miles of territory, vast natural resources and the possibility of untold future development, would be dangerously vulnerable to attack from the west in the event of war with Japan, declares Senator Arthur R. Robinson, of the Foreign Relations Committee, writing in Liberty magazine.

Not only does Senator Robinson consider Alaska as vulnerable, should war come between the United States and Japan, but he regards that war as a dangerous probability. And, he points out, Yokohama is only 1,800 miles from the western end of the Aleutian Islands, while Seattle is more than 2,400 miles from the same point.

Japanese sailors navigated the hitherto unknown seas of the region, while United States sailors have had little experience in Alaskan waters, the Senator points out, adding that the United States navy, "which may be called upon at any time to defend Alaska, should make regular trips to those waters and spend far more time there than it has ever done in the past."

I.O.D.E. MUSICALE AND TEA PROVED VERY SUCCESSFUL

The Governor Carleton Chapter I.O.D.E. Entertained at the Home of Mrs. S. S. Miller—An Excellent Musical Program.

The Governor Carleton Chapter I. O. D. E., staged a very successful musical and tea at the home of Mrs. S. S. Miller, York Street. A delightful musical program was arranged and refreshments were much enjoyed. The convener of the tea was Mrs. J. B. Crocker. Mrs. J. Harry Robertson, Mrs. Havelock Coy, and Mrs. W. J. Osborne assisted Mrs. Miller in receiving. Tickets were taken by Mrs. D. J. Shea and little Kaye Rouse officiated at the door. Mrs. Bedford Phillips ushered the guests to the dining room and those who poured were Mrs. Howard Richards, Mrs. James Scott, and Miss Rita Gerow. Mrs. Charles Parker assisted by Mrs. Belding took charge of the refreshments. Those who replenished were Mrs. Frank Smith, and Mrs. A. E. Hanson and those who waited on tables were as follows: Mrs. J. Bebbington, Miss Lena Fenwick, Mrs. R. D. Hanson, Mrs. John Armstrong, Mrs. H. Jewett, Mrs. Clara Wood, Mrs. C. C. Camp, and Mrs. R. B. Rouse.

After tea a pleasing presentation was made to Mrs. J. Bebbington the occasion being her birthday. Mrs. Bebbington was the recipient of the best wishes of her many friends on this occasion.

The musical program was presented during the course of the tea. Prof. Wade gave piano solos at the commencement and end of the social. Mrs. Cedric Cooper sang two pleasing vocal solos, Mrs. H. S. Wright read a poem by Kipling "The Glory of the Garden", and Mrs. A. B. Belding sang two numbers very beautifully. A reading from Drummond was given by Mrs. Leroi Mooers, which was well received.

MEMBERS WERE ENTERTAINED AT THE CITY CLUB

Last Night's Smoker Largely Attended and Enjoyed—W. F. Cram of Bangor Won Silver Cup.

The members of the Provincial Legislature were the guests of the city club at a most enjoyable smoker at their rooms in Queen street last evening. In all about seventy were in attendance including besides members of the House, W. O. Wright, general passenger agent of the Boston and Maine Railway, W. F. Cram, treasurer of the Bangor and Arctostook Railway and C. C. Kirby of Saint John. The guests were received and made to feel at home by A. A. Shute, president of the club, assisted by J. D. Palmer. The Committee on arrangements was composed of F. S. Mundle, J. D. Palmer and H. A. Smith.

Bridge and Auction forty-fives were the principal amusements, there being in all twelve tables. A prize of a beautiful silver cup for the highest bridge score, donated some years ago by Mrs. F. S. Mundle, was won after an exciting contest by W. F. Cram of Bangor, one of the visitors. His score was 5200 points. The runner up was Fred Tweedie, M.L.A. who had a score of 4400 points. Mr. Cram was overwhelmed with congratulations on his great victory. He certainly astonished the natives by his skill and intricate knowledge of the game. He will carry his prize home in triumph to Bangor this evening.

At eleven o'clock the pasteboards were laid aside and light refreshments served by the club's most capable culinary staff. The club officials and members proved themselves ideal hosts and the guests greatly appreciated and enjoyed the evening's entertainment provided for them.

J. S. MacKinnon of Saint John, is in the city a guest at Barker House.

FISH AND GAME RESOURCES ARE CONSIDERED

Men's Club of Cathedral In Mock Session, Consider Matters of Vital Interest to the Kingdom.

Crowds thronged the galleries for the fourth session of the parliament of the Kingdom of Russiagornis. A Bill entitled "An Act to Further Aid the Conservation of the Fish and Game Resources of the Kingdom", was introduced and discussed. Bringing to bear the very latest knowledge in this connection the government imported an authority on the subject, F. Cedric Cooper. Mr. Cooper delivered a masterly oration on the aims and objects of the Fish and Game Protective Association of which he is provincial secretary and easily held the interest of his audience. The one hundred per cent efficiency of the administration was again evidenced last evening arrangements having been successfully completed for the showing of moving pictures of the game in the kingdom. These pictures of the animals in their native haunts were produced by B. S. Moore, the well known sportsman and naturalist and are in demand all over the continent. They were arranged for by the Fredericton Branch of the Fish and Game Protective Association and were of engrossing interest to those privileged to see them. A demonstration of the educational work going on in the Kingdom was also part of the program and consisted of a Pack of Cubs under the able direction of District Cub Commissioner Pugh.

When the lights came on after the showing of the pictures it was soon evident that the crafty and able leader of the opposition had been busy. A bombardment of pertinent questions was levelled at the Government benches by the Opposition leader the Hon. H. W. Woods. A number of private bills and a government measure "To Foster Friendly Relations with Greece" were then tabled the latter

ILLUSTRATED ADDRESS DREW A LARGE CROWD

"The Cities of Italy," by Signor E. F. Croizat, Sponsored by National Council of Education, Presented in Normal School Auditorium.

The National Council of Education presented another interesting entertainment last night when Signor Eugenio F. Croizat gave an illustrated talk on "The Cities of Italy". Brigadier General F. W. Hill as chairman, gave the speaker an appropriate introduction. The address was illustrated throughout with lantern slides, and began in Southern Italy. The beautiful scenery of Italy, its wonderful architecture and art were shown to the delight of a large audience. Lesser known scenic spots and the world famous masters of the past were shown and anecdotes in connection with the lives of many of these men were related. Eighteen years of the life of Michael Angelo the renowned artist were spent lying on his back painting portion of the ceiling of the Vatican in Rome. At the end of that time so much paint had fallen in his eyes that he was practically blind. Sculpture, too, was illustrated and the attention of the audience was focused by Signor Croizat on the finer points of the art. At the close of the lecture J. J. F. Winslow on behalf of the audience extended a vote of thanks to the speaker which was seconded by Prof. Malcolm MacPherson. "The King" closed a very entertaining and educational program.

Those newest autogriffs can do except roast on a barbed wire fence and lay an egg.

being move the order of the day for Tuesday next.

And then (11:00 P.M.) the House adjourned and so ended another enjoyable evening by the Cathedral Men's Club.