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WEATHER
Decreasing northwest winds, cloudy and colder tonight; Thursday, mostly fair and cold.

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The Budget Brought Down in Legislature by Hon. Mr. Leger Today

A Vigorous Use Has Been Made of the Pruning Knife—A Deficit of \$153,842 Is Estimated; Substantial Increase in Appropriation For Agriculture.

In bringing down his ninth successive budget in the Legislative Assembly this afternoon, Hon. A. J. Leger, Provincial Secretary-Treasurer, forecast a revenue for the ensuing year of \$5,634,971, and expenditures of \$5,788,813, which will leave an estimated deficit of \$153,842. It is plain from the estimates than Hon. Mr. Leger submitted to the House, by direction of the Lieutenant-Governor, that vigorous use has been made of the pruning knife in practically all Departments except the Public Works and Agriculture Departments. In the latter Department there is an increased appropriation of \$59,909,77, as compared with last year.

Expects More Revenue

The total revenue of this Province is estimated at \$5,634,971, as compared with \$5,169,416.40 last year, increase of \$465,554.60. The estimated expenditure is placed at \$5,788,813, an increase of \$189,880, as compared with 1933.

Increased Revenue

Motor vehicle license and the tax on gasoline are expected as usual to provide the largest item of revenue. The estimate from these sources is \$1,710,000, an increase of \$147,371.75 over last year's actual receipts. Last year the Department of Lands and Mines yielded the sum of \$485,998.35, while the estimate for the ensuing year is \$761,100, an increase of \$275,102.65. The Liquor Control Board, which yielded \$545,252.97 last year, is expected to turn in \$600,000 during 1934. Interest and sinking funds are set down at \$1,822,650, compared with \$1,788,672.52 in 1933.

The appropriation for the Department of Lands and Mines is reduced by \$30,750. The Public Works estimate is increased by \$22,127, the addition being for ordinary roads and bridges and road patrol. The appropriation for the Department of the Attorney-General is reduced by \$6,747.26, and that for the Department of Health by \$812.22. There is an increase in the Department of the Provincial Secretary-Treasurer of \$22,400.21, being largely accounted for by an extra appropriation for school books. The appropriation for the Motor Vehicle Law is \$1,250,000, against \$1,147,171.78 last year, an increase of \$102,828.22.

Hon. Mr. Leger will announce no new taxes, but it is understood that legislation will be provided during the Session increasing the tax on gasoline from seven to eight cents per gallon. A revenue from this source of \$900,000 is estimated, as against \$804,178.46 last year. The tax on motor vehicles has already been reduced, but the government estimates a revenue from them of \$810,000, as compared with \$758,449.69 last year.

The endowment to the University of New Brunswick will be reduced from \$40,000 to \$35,000, but the educational appropriation is increased by \$3,062.41.

MEMORIAL CEREMONY

On Sunday next a memorial tablet to the memory of the late Robert Currie, District Club Master will be unveiled in St. Mary's Anglican church hall, North Devon. Rev. C. Le-Roi Mooers will conduct the dedication ceremonies assisted by Prof. Robert Pugh.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Grant of Halifax are visiting friends and relatives in the city.

REPORT OF THE LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD TABLED

Reduced Sales Reported For Last Year—Repeal In the United States Presents a Problem.

"With the repeal of prohibition in the United States and a low tax on liquor in that country, enabling it to be sold much cheaper than is possible in New Brunswick, we will have the United States border to deal with—in fact already a quantity of alcohol has been making its appearance, and it will require continued vigilance upon the part of the police if these goods are to be kept out of the country."

Thus does the report of the New Brunswick Liquor Control Board tabled in the Legislature yesterday by Hon. A. J. Leger, provincial secretary-treasurer, refer to difficulties which the board has encountered in connection with the illegal entry and sale of liquor in New Brunswick. The report covers the fiscal year ending October 31, last.

The report makes reference as well to the problem of the "kitchen bar" and declares that a continued effort must be made by the police to stamp out this evil. The report commends highly the work of the R. C. M. P. in enforcing the liquor laws of the province.

Smaller Profits

A net decrease in sales by the board of \$617,576 is reported, during 1933 and the net profits, the lowest since the New Brunswick Liquor Control Board was formed, are placed at \$545,252.

"In addition to decrease in sales of \$617,576, the profits of your board have been materially affected by a reduction in prices," the report states. "This reduction, made because of a conviction general throughout the province that prices were too high, produced a falling off in net profit, as a study of the balance sheet will indicate."

"On purchases of stock amounting to \$760,455 your board paid customs and excise taxes of \$429,427, which amount must be added to the cost of the goods before they are in the hands of your board for retail sale."

Control Element

"Continuing the principle which has motivated your board from its inception, careful supervision has been given the sales of liquor stocks. We have been influenced by the belief that while we are to supervise the sale of liquor in the province, we are not at any time to forget the element of control. In the exercise of this latter authority, various individuals have been interdicted, thus preventing them from legally buying liquor anywhere throughout the province. Others have been placed under restriction which means they can only have liquor in their possession by a special permit of the board, and in limited quantities. By exercising its power of interdiction, your board has been able to obtain desirable results in temperance and sobriety in individuals who, unfortunately, are not able to control their appetites. By the prerogative of restriction we have been able to close a number of 'kitchen bars' and other places where 'after hour' sale was carried on."

"As in the year previous, have have sought to co-operate with relief officers by refusing the sale of liquor to those on relief, when a list of the names has been furnished for the use of our store managers."

WAS KILLED WHILE AT WORK IN A SAWMILL

Perth, Victoria Co., Feb. 20—A shocking accident occurred today at Tilley, near here, when Roy Brayall, was killed instantly while at work in a sawmill. Trouble was experienced with the engine and Brayall's brother had fixed it and started it up, when the drive shaft pulley, in two parts, separated, one part hitting him in the face and passing through the back of his head.

Brayall, who was 42 years of age, is survived by his wife and six children, Melvin, Vernon, Cyretha, Lorrain, Ervil and Lorna all of Tilley; his aged mother; one brother, Wilfred, Tilley, and three sisters Mrs. Charles Smith, The Willows; Mrs. Beatrice Nickerson, Houlton, Me., and Mrs. Lyman Smith, Houlton.

EXECUTION WAS DELAYED BY THE STORM

Boston, Feb. 20—The execution of three young men scheduled for after midnight tonight at the state prison were postponed until tomorrow night by Warden James L. Hogsett because Robert Elliott, the executioner, is now snow-bound somewhere between New York and Boston.

Apparently resigned to their fate, the men are Herman Snyder of Boston and John A. Donnellon of Los Angeles, convicted for the killing of James A. Kiley, Somerville gasoline station employee, and Harry C. Bull of Brooklyn, N. Y., who killed Harry C. Jordan, Greenfield policeman.

Both killing were committed during holdups of gasoline stations.

HORSES IN DEMAND

A car load of western horses consigned to Ford Messer arrived from Montreal today and are quartered at the Grand Hotel stables. Already a number of them have been sold. This will make the fourth carload Mr. Messer has imported since Christmas.

BUSINESS IS SHACKLED BY TOO MANY TAXES

Sir Henry Drayton Was Outspoken in Talk At Saskatoon

PACE SLOWED UP
Strings Must Be Unfastened by Public Opinion

Saskatoon, February 21—Sir Henry Drayton, chairman of the committee on sound public finance of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, who arrived here yesterday, said that business was "shackled by the three-ply cord of taxation with its municipal, provincial and Federal strands, which slows up our pace and makes us as a nation drag along."

He asserted that Canadian businessmen were expected to scale the heights of prosperity when they were burdened down with a heavy load of taxation. Every family had to put aside \$30 a month to pay the combined household levy, he declared.

"If these things of taxation are not unfastened by the fingers of public opinion," said Sir Henry, "if the per capita tax burden on the individual is not cut, if the increasing incidence of taxation on farmers, corporations and business is not reduced, we shall not readily climb the route which leads to the tablelands of prosperity."

"END OF WORLD" SUBJECT OF TALK BY DR. PRIESTMAN

Subject Considered from the "Extent of Space" Viewpoint In An Excellent Manner.

The first of a course of two lectures on "The End of the World", forming part of a series of popular lectures sponsored by the University of New Brunswick Scientific Society, was given in the Memorial Hall of the University by Dr. B. Priestman of the Department of Physics.

After a short survey of the universe known to astronomers, the lecturer pointed out that since the world exists both in space and in time, the problem of the end of the world involves two questions,—where does it end? and When will it end?

The lecture was concerned mainly with the problem of the extent of space, leaving over until next week the question of the extent of time.

According to the view presented, the problem of the extent of space was essentially solved by Einstein about 1917. In the course of framing his Law of Gravitation, which was designed to explain certain discrepancies in Newton's Law, Einstein stumbled, so to speak, upon the problem of the extent of space, and in his final formulation (Continued from Page 5)

BREAD PRICES

Washington, D.C., Feb. 21—Dr. Howe is urging the women of the United States to take a leaf out of the book of the housewives of Baltimore, who have sharply protested against a recent increase in the price of bread. He claims that there is no justification of an increased price to the consumer at the present time. He thought that the time has arrived when housewives knew what they were buying.

Sales Compared

The following comparatively table of sales is contained in the report:
Alcohol \$ 18,759 \$ 39,668 \$ 20,909
Spirits .. 1,717,876 1,321,736 x396,139
Wine .. 182,410 186,034 3,623
Beer ... 874,762 628,892 x245,869
x—Decrease.

Bill to Amend Act Relating to Mounted Police

Hon. Mr. Guthrie Proposes a Resolution in the House of Commons—Staff To Be Increased—Pensions To Widows of Officers Killed In Active Service To Be Provided.

OTTAWA, Feb. 21—Appointments of additional personnel to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police were proposed in a resolution to amend the R.C.M.P. Act placed on the House of Commons order paper yesterday by Hon. Hugh Guthrie, Minister of Justice. The resolution also provided for pensions. The resolution follows:

"It is expedient to amend the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Act to provide for the appointment of detective inspectors, sub-inspectors and assistant veterinary surgeons, and the personnel of the marine section, and to provide for pensions to widows and allowances to children of officers and constables who may be killed while in the performance of duty, and to make further provisions respecting the counting of service of officers and constables with any provincial police force for purposes of pension, and in regard to the duties and offences of the members of the force."

NO DECISION YET IN REGARD TO PAY CUT

Ottawa, Feb. 20—The government has not decided whether to continue another year the 10 per cent salary cut for Dominion employees, Prime Minister R. B. Bennett told the House of Commons tonight. Although the financial estimates for the year were based on its continuation "there might be conditions that might warrant the restoration of the 10 per cent which, of course, would be done by appropriate measures."

Finance Minister E. N. Rhodes also said the government had not made up its mind on the salary cut. Personally he would be delighted if the national treasury could stand the extra \$8,000,000 but "it will be some time before it will be determined as to what action will be taken."

THE DUCHESS FAVORS SHORTS

London, Eng., Feb. 21—Shorts for women tennis players today received royal approval.

The Duchess of York, visiting the British Industries Fair, watched a fashion parade which included mannequins dressed for tennis, one wearing a skirt and another shorts. Asked to vote on which was more suitable, the Duchess replied:

"I am going to vote for shorts because they are far more sensible."

THE LATE KING

Brussels, Feb. 21—Thousands of people yesterday with heads bowed filed past the bier of the late Albert I, King of the Belgians. When darkness came on at least fifty thousand remained waiting outside of the palace gates. King Leopold III will be proclaimed on Friday.

MADE FAST TIME

Oklahoma, Feb. 21—United States army planes carrying the mails yesterday showed a speed of four miles a minute. One large plane made an average speed of 240 miles an hour.

WILL PROBE CONDITIONS OF LABOR FIRST

Committee of Parliament Met and Organized For Huge Task Before It.

Ottawa, Feb. 20—General labor conditions in Canadian industry will be the first major topic investigated by the Stevens committee of the House of Commons, established to probe mass buying by chain and department stores, distribution methods and general business practices in Canada. At an organization meeting tonight the committee appointed Norman Sommerville, of Toronto, counsel, and drafted a tentative agenda.

Minimum wage law officials of Ontario and Quebec will appear before the committee next Tuesday, and questionnaires will be sent to the more distant provinces, seeking information on the operation of minimum wage laws. The committee will then switch to labor organizations and representatives of employers to determine the effect of the various industrial codes in effect across the country. Sweatshops will be one subject probed.

In the meantime, another questionnaire will be sent to chain and department stores, seeking information on buying practices. Taking a step in another direction, the various departments of the government will be searched for data on price spreads. This will govern the appointment of investigators to examine the books of individual industries.

R. H. Coates, Dominion statistician, will be a witness at a committee meeting Thursday, giving information on price spread records in possession of the bureau of statistics and the department of trade and commerce.

J. L. Hsley (Lib., Hants-Kings) intimated today he would seek appointment of investigators to probe price spreads in the fishing and coal industries of the Maritimes.

SEEDS ON DISPLAY

Seed merchants are beginning to display their seed wares but it can't be spring until the boys begin to play marbles.