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Weather: Gales, cloudy and colder;
Tuesday, decreasing winds, colder.

BALANCED BUDGET FOR CANADA HERALDED BY INCREASED REVENUE SAYS MINISTER

R. C. Church in this Diocese Had Over Million Dollar Debt

Startling Statement at St. Dunstan's Church Yesterday Causes Sensation

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Carney Made Audit of Finances

Faulty System of Handling Business --- People Will Liquidate the Obligation

That the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saint John, of which Fredericton is a part, is over one million dollars in debt, was the startling statement given to St. Dunstan's congregation yesterday morning by Rt. Rev. Msgr. P. L. Carney.

Msgr. Carney stated that during the months that he had acted as administrator of the diocese following the death of the late Bishop E. A. LeBlanc, that he had made a thorough audit of the accounts of the diocese with the result that he had discovered that the amount of debt which the diocese owed was \$1,100,000. This was the report made by Msgr. Carney to the new bishop Rt. Rev. Bishop Bray. Bishop Bray has since checked up these figures and found them to be correct.

Of this large amount it is understood that about \$500,000 will be absorbed by the new Archdiocese of Moncton. The balance of six hundred thousand dollars will have to be assumed by the Saint John diocese. Whilst the church in this city is in no way responsible for the large debt and while St. Dunstan's congregation has a large credit balance in the bank and in investments, it has been decided that for the honor of the diocese that the Church here will contribute its share in clearing off the debt.

The principal cause of this debt is due to the fact that the little Church of Stella Maris at East Saint John, through bad business management, ran up a debt on account of building, of two hundred thousand dollars. The Saint John Cathedral has a debt of nearly 300,000 dollars, included in which is a large amount incurred in connection with the building of a large and expensive school building. During the life time of the late Bishop LeBlanc it appears that no effort was made to reduce this very heavy debt, an effort only being made to try to pay interest charges. According to the statement made by Monsignor Carney yesterday worry over the heavy burden of debt for which he was responsible was in a large measure the cause of the late Bishop's death. The Bishop did not seek counsel or advice in regard to the situation and it was only very shortly before his death that he in-

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A Faulty System

THE announcement by Rt. Rev. Msgr. Carney at St. Dunstan's Church on Sunday morning that the late Bishop LeBlanc had died leaving the Roman Catholic diocese of Saint John over one million dollars in debt, was a startling one. This announcement will be learned with surprise all over the Province.

The late Bishop LeBlanc was a sincere, holy man and an ideal leader in matters spiritual. The results prove, however, that whilst he was a good administrator in spiritual affairs, he was unfortunately a poor business manager. He was also the victim of a faulty system.

The "Roman Catholic Bishop of Saint John" as an incorporated body, owns all the church property of the Roman Catholic Church in the diocese. Every parish church, school building and parish hall is vested in this corporation, not in any particular bishop as an individual. Whoever the particular bishop may happen to be for the time is merely ex-officio administrator of the corporation. In the parishes the priest is the agent of the bishop in handling church property. The Roman Catholic Bishop as such corporation has at the present time several million dollars in church property within the diocese, so that the creditors are amply protected in regard to the large indebtedness which has been announced. In addition to this it is announced that the Roman Catholic people have pledged themselves through their different parishes to start at once and pay off every cent of the debt. This they feel is the only honest thing to do. They have already assumed this heavy obligation.

To the ordinary observer, however, the system which allows any one man, no matter how holy he may be, to handle such a vast business proposition, involving millions of dollars, is far from being a practical one. A man may be an excellent churchman—as was Bishop LeBlanc—and at the same time possess no qualifications whatever as a business administrator. This applies not only to the larger affairs of the diocese but to the smaller parish units as well. This is amply demonstrated by the situation which has arisen. The training of a clergyman is naturally along spiritual lines and away from things commercial and business. And yet in most cases the clergyman has a free hand and members of the different congregations let things drift and even do not know what is going on. The Cathedral parish at Saint John contains many leading business and professional men who, had they been consulted, might have helped to save the situation, and yet their particular church is in debt to the extent of three hundred thousand dollars and not one member of the congregation knew what was going on. Now other churches throughout the diocese have to chip in and help wipe out their debt.

Another strange situation is that the little parish of Stella Maris, situated in a small suburban district in East Saint John, should have been allowed to erect expensive buildings and incur a debt of two hundred thousand dollars. If, as is the case in other parts of Canada, the temporal business affairs of the church were in the hands of church trustees or wardens, or call them what you will, this might have been avoided. This might not always be practical in the smaller districts. It should be practical in the larger places like the Cathedral parish at Saint John. Surely in a place like Saint John there are trained business executives who would willingly give their services for their church, and they should be invited to do so. Many sincere Catholics who thoroughly believe in their church do not agree with the system of handling the business affairs.

Once in a while a good solid business man is found amongst the clergy. We have an instance right here in St. Dunstan's church in the person of Rt. Rev. Msgr. Carney. Due to Msgr. Carney's wonderful business and financial ability, St. Dunstan's church is many thousands of dollars on the right side of the ledger and is able to help bear the burden of helping their Saint John brethren out of their difficulties. Whilst we believe that Msgr. Carney is a good business man, and had he been in charge of the financial affairs of the diocese, the present state of affairs would not have cropped up, this does not alter the fact, however, that a system which allows any man to run the church into debt for over a million dollars or any smaller amount, is a dangerous one and one which should, in the interests of all concerned, be abolished. The present pastor of St. Dunstan's Church is ideal as a financier and as a business man, but he might have a successor who would be a frost as a business man and yet the people's money would be in his hands. Perhaps the disclosures mentioned will have the effect of changing the system.

Spanish Government Fleet is Now Moving to Gibraltar

(Special to The Daily Mail)
MADRID, Nov. 23—The Spanish government has started moving its fleet towards the Straits of Gibraltar. The government has lifted all import duties in order to facilitate entry of all necessities.

British Government Issues Embargo on Arms to Spain

(Special to The Daily Mail)
LONDON, Nov. 23—The British government has issued a communication to all British citizens saying it is illegal for any British ship from any British port to carry arms to Spain.

EDUCATIONIST PLEADS CAUSE OF RURAL SCHOOLS

Give Child Chance and Farms Will Care for Themselves, Says Dr. McArthur.

TORONTO, Nov. 23—"Until country people realize it is far better to live five miles from a good school than one mile from a poor school, we are not going to get in our education." Dr. Duncan McArthur, Deputy Minister of Education, told more than 700 delegates to the Central Ontario Women's Institutes' convention Thursday at the Royal York Hotel.

That there are several hundred schools in Ontario with an attendance of less than ten pupils is a severe handicap in that such tiny units cannot enter into an educational scheme that would provide much needed training in practical household science for girls, and agriculture for boys, was one of the points made by the speaker, who also emphasized that in these small groups training in co-operation and healthy competition not in the school so much as on the playground is impossible.

He pointed to this as one of the (Continued on Page Five)

Britain Has Not Extended Any Belligerent Rights

(Special to The Daily Mail)
LONDON, Nov. 23—Sir Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, today stated that the British government had not extended belligerent rights to either side in the Spanish Civil War and His Majesty's ships will protect merchant ships outside the three mile limit.

DEBATE TOMORROW

"Should Canada Increase Her Armaments?" is the resolution to be debated at a debate tomorrow evening at the Normal School auditorium between the Saint John Law school and the University of New Brunswick team here. Starts at eight o'clock.

Recognition Burgos Gov't Considered Declaration War

Loyalist Press Urges Boycott of Nations Who Recognize Insurgents

15 Submarines From Italy to Insurgents

German and Italian Shops Are Pillaged in France

SPANISH GOVT SHIPS TORPEDOED BY SUBMARINES

MADRID, Nov. 23—The Spanish air and navy ministry charged tonight that submarines, believed part of a "foreign fleet," entered Cartagena harbor early today and torpedoed the government cruiser Miguel de Cervantes.

An official communique said: "At 9 o'clock this morning several submarines which we believe are part of a foreign fleet, since the rebels have never possessed such instruments, attacked ships of our squadron at the entrance to Cartagena harbor.

"One torpedo hit the cruiser Miguel de Cervantes, causing damages. Other torpedoes launched by another submarine at the cruiser Mendez Nunez failed to do any damage."

Diplomatic circles in London yesterday said there were two courses open to the government:

1. A warning to General Franco that the boarding and searching of any British ship will not be tolerated.
 2. Recognition of the belligerency status of both civil war parties.
- The Foreign Office here was still (Continued on Page Four)

(Special to The Daily Mail)
MADRID, Nov. 23—The insurgents have been making air and land attacks repeatedly over the week-end on the capital. They have dropped several bombs and broken up emergency headquarters and many cars.

The gov't asserted that Italian-German recognition of the insurgents was in effect a declaration of war against the Spanish republic as the first clear day in three brought renewed artillery shelling of the centre of Madrid. Many were injured.

"Recognition by Germany, Italy and Portugal of the Burgos government can be interpreted only as a declaration of war against the republican government," the official organ Juventud proclaimed. (Portugal has not formally declared recognition of the insurgents.)

"The proletariat of all nations must unite against the new peril. Russia, Mexico and an international popular front are on our side. The streets of Madrid must never be soiled by Fascist marchers."

The newspaper Claridad, mouthpiece of Premier Francisco Largo Caballero, advocated a boycott of all nations recognizing the insurgents.

Dawn Barrage

Today's artillery attack began at dawn. Shells falling in Alvarez de Castro Street wounded a number of citizens and hastened the "taxicab" evacuation of 300,000 women, child-

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Tuberculosis Will be Fought With Extra Effort During Coming Year



HON. DR. W. F. ROBERTS

To Introduce More Health Legislation at Coming Session

THE COTTON MILL

Those who predicted a year ago that the Marysville Cotton Mill would close down when the Liberals came into power may be interested to know that the factory has for months been running at full time and at times over-time.

Legislation Will Be Introduced Regarding Hospital Care For Needy Patients.

Announcement is made by Hon. Dr. Roberts, Minister of Health that legislation will be sought at the coming session of the Legislature so that the district medical health officer and not the local councillor will decide whether an indigent patient requires hospital care and the health officer will also have authority to order such hospitalization.

At a meeting at Saint John on Saturday evening Mayor MacLaren paid a hearty tribute to Hon. Dr. Roberts and in doing so said that the province was fortunate in having such a man as Minister of Health.

Rt. Rev. Bishop Bray, who has only been in Saint John for a short time, is taking an active interest in community welfare. Speaking at the meeting held for the prevention of tuberculosis, Bishop Bray welcomed the opportunity to manifest his interest in the work of the society and his sympathy with it. He described how in the institution of learning he directed, education, regularity of life, segregation and modern medical treatment had resulted in the minimum of sickness and particularly of tuberculosis. He stressed the im-

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Cecil J. H. Coveney, Prominent War Veteran, Dead

The community here was shocked on Sunday to hear of the death of Cecil J. H. Coveney, who died at his home, 144 Saunders street, after a lengthy illness. He was 44 years of age, and was born in Sussex, England. He had resided in this city for the past 26 years. The late Mr. Coveney had served overseas during the Great War with the 23rd Battery and he spent four years in the service, three of them in the battlefield in France.

Deceased was a past president of the Fredericton branch of the Canadian Legion and was a delegate on several occasions to the provincial convention and on one occasion to the Dominion convention. For the past 17 years he had been employed in the engineering branch of the provincial department of public works. He made many friends in this city and throughout the province who will hear of his death with the sincerest of regret.

Surviving is his wife, three sons, Cecil, Jr., Stanley and John; three daughters, Barbara, Annie and Pauline at home; one brother, Stanley of this city; and three sisters, Mrs. Evelyn Garahan, of London, England; Mrs. J. F. Mazerall, of this city; and

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SAYS DOMINION NATIONAL INCOME TO HAVE INCREASE OF \$600,000,000 - HOPE FOR BALANCED BUDGETS

MONTREAL, Nov. 23—Canada's national income for the year 1936 will exceed that for 1935 by some \$600,000,000 Hon. L. J. Hestey, minister of national revenue, estimated on Saturday night, when he spoke at a dinner in connection with the opening of Montreal's new national revenue building.

This increase in national income, he said, is closely related to the recent revival of export trade. During the present year Canada's total exports would likely pass the \$1,000,000,000 mark.

"If this progress continues," he said, "and expenditures are kept within bounds we should before too long a

period elapses again enter the era of balanced budgets. When that day arrives I am sure our whole people will breathe a sigh of relief." Depression said the minister, had been described merely as the absence of trade.

"We have most sanguine expectations," he declared, "that with the restoration of trade to the high levels of some years ago, our unemployment and railway problems will be greatly simplified, if not completely solved."

The minister warned, however, that public opinion must be organized against additional government expenditures in order to gain relief from the heavy sales tax.