

Boucher Says Overhead is Too High

Huge Deficit Now Faces the Federal Government at Ottawa

Difficult to Balance Budget Without Increasing Taxation, Says Dunning.

OTTAWA, Ont., April 3—Hon. Charles Dunning is now wrestling with the difficult problem of producing a Federal Budget that will balance without any increase in taxation, as it appears obvious to the most serious-minded Canadian that business already is bearing all the taxation it can stand.

The Federal Parliament is due to adjourn next week for a twenty-day Easter recess, but while private members may enjoy the respite there will be no let-up of the tremendous strain upon those charged with the affairs of State.

The Budget probably will not make its appearance in Parliament until the end of April or the beginning of May, but its terms already are causing the responsible Ministers and their technical experts considerable concern as it is plain that a deficit of \$120,000,000 to \$140,000,000 will now have to be admitted, due to the continued seriousness of the unemployment problem, the emergency expenditures for public works designed to provide jobs, and the railway deficit, all of which are now taken into account in the annual Budget and are considered as current expenditures instead of being left to posterity.

What the Government is seeking to do is to balance the Budget without imposing new taxation, especially as the people of Ontario are now groaning because they are confronted this year with the necessity of paying a Provincial income tax in addition to the Federal impost which they have borne since the Great War.

Tariff Changes

The question of tariff changes also is proving bothersome. The Government is committed to an increase in the British preference that some Government is expecting that something will be done in the approaching Budget to improve the position of British exporters to the Canadian market, which they rightly claim has been worsened by the Canadian trade agreement with the United States.

They would like to reductions made in the Canadian tariff on British textiles, leather goods, iron and steel products, machinery, etc. and the prospect is that they will be accommodated on a substantial list of selected commodities. But the complete overhauling of the British preferential tariff will have to wait until Parliament prorogues and Prime Minister King is able to leave for England.

Premier Campbell of P. E. I. Condemns County Jails

CHARLOTTETOWN, April 3—Premier Campbell, P.E.I., yesterday told the Legislature that the present jail system is a source of evil to the provinces as well as to the prisoners, and urged prison farms.

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(This is in keeping with the suggestion frequently made in the columns of The Daily Mail re county prisons in New Brunswick.)

AGRICULTURAL POLICY INCLUDES POTATO ALCOHOL

Gov't Hears Merits, Development of Industry From Guy C. Porter

New Brunswick's agricultural policy, especially with regard to the development of a Potato-alcohol industry was discussed at a meeting of the provincial government with a group of provincial agriculturists in the Legislative Assembly last evening. Farm problems in general came in for discussion. About sixty were present when Premier A. A. Dunsart delivered his brief opening address, stressing the importance of agriculture in all its phases.

In the chief address of the evening Guy C. Porter of Andover, told of a personal survey and study of the potato-alcohol industry in Europe and forcibly urged that the government immediately consider the development of this industry. Premier Dunsart promised Mr. Porter and the agriculturists sincere consideration of their claims. In the absence of Hon. A. C. Taylor, minister of agriculture, who is ill, Hon. F. W. Pirie presided at the meeting.

Mr. Porter said that the prosperity of the country depends upon the prosperity of the people engaged in the basic industries. The basic industries are agricultural, and the potato crop has been bringing more outside money in the last few years than any other, being the biggest crop today. The potatoes not shipped out of the province last year was equivalent to \$1,741,000, and would make a solid train of cars 137 miles long.

He asked if New Brunswick can afford to take a loss like that. "The trouble is," he said, "there is no provision to market that loss." The result is there are more mortgages, sales and foreclosures than in previous history of the Dominion.

There are more men living in over-all suits than during the previous history of the country. The largest single item imported into Canada last year was crude motor oils, worth \$35,000,000, almost three millions per month. What we need most and must have is demand and increased consumption. Industrial use of agricultural products is the answer, he said. "I believe the best thing we can do

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GOV'T MEMBERS OFFERED BRIBES IN PARK DEAL

Hon. J. B. McNair Charges Racket on Part of Some Persons

In the Legislature yesterday afternoon Hon. J. B. McNair, K.C., Attorney-General, charged that members of the Cabinet had been approached with bribes in an attempt to induce them to put over a certain deal in regard to the proposed New National Park. This statement made during the course of Mr. McNair's speech created a surprise and a shock both in the House and in the galleries.

He stated that there had been "on foot for some time a well-directed effort to work a racket in the purchase of a particular site for a national park" and declared he knew of no section that would deprecate and condemn such tactics more than Charlotte county itself.

"I can with confidence assure this House that whatever site is purchased as selected by the Dominion government is selected by the Dominion government." (Continued on Page Five)

GEORGE HORNER PRESIDENT S.R.C. AT UNIVERSITY

S. George L. Horner, of Sussex, England, was elected president of the Students' Representative Council of the University of New Brunswick at the elections which were held today. Gerald H. Waring of Fall River, Mass., and Reed Loggie of Chatham, N. B. are the choices for the vice-presidency, and another election will be necessary to decide R. J. McInnis of Quebec was named treasurer; H. E. P. Wilson of Rimouski, Quebec, is the new secretary.



S. G. L. HORNER

Other officers elected today were as follows: Assistant representative to the National Federation of Canadian University Students, Gerald Campbell of New York City; President of the Amateur Athletic Association, John Donaldson, of Quebec; vice-president, Kenneth Corbett of Barker's Point; secretary-treasurer, Earle Steeves, of Moncton; President of the Social Committee, Robert Allen, of Yarmouth, N. S.; president of the Ladies' Society, Miss Margaret Ann Morrison, of this city; vice-president, Miss Reta Feeney of Saint John and Miss Rose Marie Durick, of Newcastle (another election necessary); secretary-treasurer, Miss Dorothy Kydd; manager of Ladies' basketball team, Miss Shirley Anderson of Newcastle.

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This matter has been considered by members of both sides of our Legislature for years but nothing has yet been done in regard to it.

Conditions as were found to exist last fall in York County jail were a disgrace to the County and to the Province, although an attempt was made in certain quarters to cover them up. Owing to the kick put up by The Daily Mail these conditions were somewhat improved but are still bad notwithstanding statements of those who would wish to cover up. In speaking of these horrible conditions several clergymen and others have advocated a prison farm for New Brunswick. With this The Daily Mail is in hearty accord. One man who has made a study of social conditions and who has visited our jail says that it is liable to be a breeder of "T.B." A regular inspection of health conditions and an examination of prisoners personally is suggested to the Health Department of our Province. While we may not be able just now to have prison farms, there is no reason why we should not have healthy jails. If prisoners suffering from "T.B." are allowed to sleep and to eat in the room with healthy prisoners and to use the same dishes, what is the use of our public health regulations. The same thing applies to other diseases which we could mention.

A prison farm would not only remedy these conditions, but it would be better for the prisoner physically, morally and mentally.

HON. F. W. PIRIE ANNOUNCES REDUCED FEE

A. J. Doucet of Gloucester Inquires of Bounties on Bears

Following the division of the House yesterday afternoon when the Legislature went into its first sitting in committee on supply, several topics of interest to the Province were discussed. In answer to inquiry by A. J. Doucet of Gloucester, who claimed that bears were doing much damage to property and other animals, Mr. Pirie stated the non-resident license on bears had been reduced from \$25 to \$5. It was proposed to try his method of reducing the number of bears for one year at least. If at the end of 12 months it was found absolutely necessary to place a bounty on bears, this would be given consideration.

All the estimates under legislation, lands and mines department and education were passed with the exception of one under each, left open for possible further discussion. Consideration of supply was made the order of the day for today.

Upon inquiry by Hon. Mr. Squires the minister of lands and mines said he hoped to state what action would be taken in respect to a closed season on moose.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

The Woodstock Girls' basketball team were scheduled to meet the Provincial Normal School girls' team here this afternoon at the P. N. S. gym. Byron Carr, Woodstock teacher is with the visiting team.

LEFT FOR CHATHAM

Right Reverend P. A. Chaisson, Bishop of Chatham, who has been in the city for the past few days, left this morning for Chatham.

CONDUCTING CHAMBERS

Mr. Justice W. C. H. Grimmer is in the city today to hold sittings in Chambers.

A. BANNISTER GAVE STATEMENT JANUARY 9TH

Left No Doubt in Mind of Sergeant G. Peters

At yesterday's session of the trial of Daniel Bannister, charged with the murder of Philip Lake, Sergeant G. Peters, R.C.M.P., was one of the 14 witnesses on the stand.

The Sergeant told of Marshall Ring calling on him about 4 o'clock one morning at his hotel room.

"Ring came to my room on the morning of Jan. 8. He told me he had been there previously, but I did not get in that morning until 3 a.m. He told me that Bertha Lake was his wife. I made some investigation concerning his whereabouts on Jan. 5 and it satisfied me he had nothing to do with the affair. I never knew of anyone confessing to a crime they never committed," said the witness.

Albert A. Powell

Albert A. Powell of Moncton on the witness stand said he knew the accused and had been at Bannister's several times.

He identified the rifle, said owned by Daniel and Arthur Bannister and said he had seen it in the Bannister home. He also identified the hunting knife alleged to be Daniel's and said (Continued on Page Four)

Taxpayers at Moncton Complain

The Municipalities Committee met this morning at the House with C. H. Blakeny, Moncton, in the chair. Five bills were taken up.

H. H. Trimble, Secretary of the Moncton Board of School Trustees explained the purpose of the Bill to amend the School Act as applied to the City of Moncton. He said the bill was to protect the ratepayers of the city from having to pay for education of children residing outside the school district. The Bill was laid over for re-drafting.

Agricultural Dept. Is Top Heavy Say Liberal Members

J. G. Boucher, M.P.P. of Madawaska, Says Only Ten Per Cent of Money Spent Goes to Agriculture

Model Farms Suggested

Mounted Police Were Under Fire and Reduction Asked For

HAUPTMANN SCHEDULED TO DIE TONIGHT

Governor and Attorney-General Before Grand Jury

TRENTON, New Jersey, April 3—Bruno Richard Hauptmann is scheduled to die tonight for the Lindbergh baby murder. His execution was postponed Tuesday night at the grand jury's request to permit it to investigate the kidnapping "confessions" of Wendel who has repudiated them.

Governor Hoffman spent an hour and 15 minutes before the grand jury. He was followed by Attorney-General David T. Wilentz, who has fought successfully through six courts to sustain Hauptmann's conviction.

Mercer County grand jury suddenly voted, after more than 12 hours' deliberation, to discontinue its investigation into charges that the Lindbergh baby murder was committed by Paul H. Wendel.

The jury, whose consideration of the Wendel charges caused the postponement Tuesday of Hauptmann's execution, now set for tonight, did not vote a "no-bill" which would have dismissed the formal murder charge on which Wendel now held in jail nor did it vote an indictment, L. Rogers, assistant prosecutor, said.

The foreman of the grand jury, Allene M. Freeman, said it would not meet again until next Tuesday.

Several interesting matters of public interest were brought up at the meeting of the Public Accounts committee yesterday at which J. A. Doucet, Liberal, of Gloucester, was chairman. The R. C. M. P. came in for considerable criticism from B. Fraser Keay, Liberal, Charlotte; F. M. Coplitts, Liberal, Albert and others.

Agricultural matters also received consideration. J. G. Boucher, Liberal, Madawaska, submitted that not ten per cent of the money by the agricultural department went to the actual promotion of agriculture. The remaining ninety per cent was devoted to overhead expenses. E. J. Henneberry, Liberal, Saint John, doubted whether the province was getting its full value for the amount it spent in agriculture. He said there was something wrong and several of the members agreed that the department was "top-heavy" and a charge was needed in the policy of the department. Mr. Henneberry also contended that in each district there should be a model farm and that the farmer should be assisted to stand on his own feet.

Much of the time of the committee was taken up with consideration of policies of the department of agriculture, which several members felt (Continued on Page Four)

Revenue Increased

MONTREAL, April 3—The gross revenues of the all-inclusive Canadian National System for the ten days period ending March 31, 1936, were \$4,562,584 as compared with \$4,452,342 for the corresponding period of 1935, an increase of \$110,242.

Full Dinner Pails For The Members

OTTAWA, April 3—Senators and members of the House of Commons, squeezed from the parliamentary restaurant by an alleged influx of outsiders have overflowed the House cafeteria, forcing some members of the hired help to eat in their offices, it was disclosed.

When Senator A. D. McRae of Vancouver told the upper House last night of being forced to wait one hour and fifteen minutes for his lunch, he had seen only one side of the problem, it was said. House members and Senators anxious to get a quick lunch have been crowding stenographers, messengers and elevator boys from the cafeteria on the fifth floor which was originally intended for their use.

"I'm bringing my lunch now," a shy stenographer remarked. "It is so crowded in the cafeteria and I feel a little shy at going in when Senators and members are sitting at the same tables."

Prices in the subsidized restaurant, with its expert service, fine linen and napery, and those of the marble-top-tabled cafeteria, or "doggery", as it is known, are almost the same. A flat table d'hôte lunch in the restaurant costs 50 cents and is complete from soup to cheese. At the cafeteria, soup, meat and vegetables cost 35 cents, and dessert and tea or coffee bring the bill to 45 or 50 cents. So members and stenographers pay the same amount for their food.

The cafeteria pays, yet the restaurant, when used exclusively by members, Senators and the press gallery, lost \$20,000. Last year an allowance of \$15,000 was made for an expected loss, but the outside trade brought the deficit down to \$5,000.

The problem seems to be whether members and Senators can have their meals in peace and solitude, and the Government pay a large bill, or whether they will allow the socially minded women entry and allow them to pay part of the amount.