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## FREDERICTON TAX RATE 2.80

### Two Points Higher Than Last Year When Rate Struck Was 2.78--Assessment \$298,000

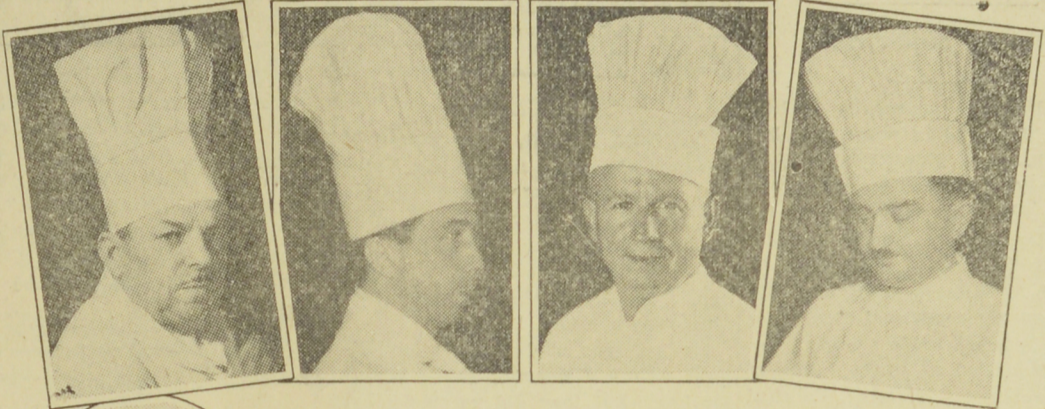
Increase Shown in the Valuation of Real Estate, Personal Estate and Income - Maintenance and Support of Schools Appropriation Again Tops the List

City Assessor Peter Farrell announced today the City of Fredericton tax rate for the current year had been struck at 2.80. It compares favorably with last year's figures of 2.78. Assessment for the year amounts to \$298,000 set a few weeks ago by the City Council and is \$5,000 more than last year.

At the same time figures released showed that real estate, personal estate and income provided increases last year. The three amount to \$11,910,852. Again maintenance and support of schools tops the list of appropriations at \$115,000, the same as last year.

CITY OF FREDERICTON		
Real Estate	\$ 6,762,367.00	
Personal Estate	1,674,515.00	
Income	2,473,970.00	
	10,910,852.00	
Less Outside	395,153.00	
	10,515,699.00	294,439.57
Inside Total		294,439.57
Outside Total	337,813.00 @ 2.18	7,364.32
Outside Real and Personal (No School)	35,105.00 @ 1.58	554.65
Outside Income (No School)	22,235.00 @ 1.83	418.01
		302,776.55
Special Taxes		
2496 Polls	\$ 12,480.00	
Banks	6,393.29	
Insurance	2,503.05	
Telephone	3,317.10	
Schools	2,877.50	
Exemption Property Tax	250.00	
		27,320.98
		330,097.53
Assessment Ordered	298,000.00	
Add 10 1/2%	31,290.00	
		329,290.00
		807.53
Maintenance and Support of Schools	\$115,000.00	108.05
Principal, interest and sinking fund under several Acts of Assembly for different Fredericton Debentures	53,492.95	50.23
Maintenance of Public Patients at Victoria Public Hospital	10,000.00	9.40
Maintenance of Public Health	2,800.00	2.63
Maintenance of Municipal Home and Support of Poor	24,000.00	22.55
Maintenance, Street Lighting	7,500.00	7.05
Maintenance, Fire Department	14,000.00	13.16
Maintenance, Roads and Streets	28,000.00	26.32
Maintenance, Public Works	4,000.00	3.76
Maintenance, Administration of Justice	18,000.00	16.92
City Government and Contingencies	21,297.95	19.93
Total Assessment	\$298,000.00	\$280.00

### Canadian Pacific Hotel Chefs Arrange to Cook Royal Meals



The combined life-time experience of four chefs who have worked in famous hotels and restaurants all over the world will go into the preparation of meals which will be served Their Majesties King George VI and Queen Elizabeth during their visits to three of the Canadian Pacific

Railway hotels, the Chateau Frontenac at Quebec City, Banff Springs Hotel in the Canadian Rockies, and Empress Hotel at Victoria, B.C. On the day of their arrival from England, May 15, Their Majesties will be guests at a state luncheon at noon and a state dinner at night in the Chateau Frontenac at Quebec City. Chief Chef Louis Baltera, who has cooked for two former British Kings, and other world-famous figures will be in charge of both functions, assisted by Chef Raymon Charles Emil Ferry, European culinary expert and chef of the famous summer resort, Algonquin Hotel, St. Andrews-by-the-Sea. Maitre d'Hotel Harry Drewery, who has had world wide experience will supervise the banquet hall arrangements.

At Banff Their Majesties will enjoy their only real holiday of the trip and the cooking of Chief Chef Philippe Vignal, formerly of Paris, London, New York, Montreal, Italy and China, assisted by Chef Ferry. Their Majesties will be at Banff for dinner May 26, three meals May 27, and breakfast May 28. The Empress Hotel at Victoria, B.C., farthest west of the Canadian Pacific trans-Canada chain, will be the scene of a state dinner in honor of Their Majesties, May 30, for which Chief Chef Caspar Anderegk will display all the cooking artistry he gained in his native Switzerland and England before joining the Canadian Pacific in 1912. Here, too Chef Ferry of Quebec will assist. From left to right are Chefs Baltera, Ferry, Anderegk, Vignal with Maitre d'Hotel Drewery in circle.

### HOUSING LOAN FOR APRIL SHOW LARGE INCREASE

OTTAWA, May 11.—National Housing Act loans for April totalling \$1,493,379, or 69 per cent above approvals in the corresponding month last year, are reported today by the Honourable Charles A. Dunning, Minister of Finance. This brings to \$32,032,273 the total Dominion and National Housing Act loans approved to April 30, 1939. Number of family housing units financed was 438 as against 235 in April, 1938, an increase of 86 per cent.

A steadily expanding number of the loans approved are being utilized to finance the construction of low-cost homes. Of the 438 housing units financed in April, 138 or approximately 32 per cent were financed by loans of \$2,500 or less and 34 per cent or approximately 80 per cent were financed by loans of \$3,500 or less. The average loan for the month was \$3,204 per unit.

When the housing legislation was extended last year to give greater encouragement to those families in the lower and moderate income groups to own new homes, provision was made to raise from 80 to 90 per cent the maximum loan available on houses with a lending value of \$2,500 or less. The number of these small loans has jumped rapidly from 12 in February to 33 in March and 71 in April. Altogether approval has been given to 232 of these loans for houses to be constructed in 59 communities. Loans were approved in 3 new communities during the month. This brings to 117 the number of new communities in which loans have been made since operations began under the amended Act last August, and the total number of communities in which loans have been made to 311.

### NIP NAZI PLOT IN SOUTH AFRICA

DURBAN, May 11.—Reports of Nazi activities in which a plot was exposed for the seizure of key positions in Southwest Africa has been exposed in the former German colony of Swakopmund.

Lardner Burke, M. P. of the Legislature of Southwest Africa told of Union Government police arriving just in time to prevent fighting as he made known the plot discovered in Europe by British Intelligence service.

At the same time Southern Rhodesia announced plans of the government to organize their man-power by registration. Compulsory measures would be taken if the occasion arose and there would be reorganization of the economic life of the province, if needed to prevent profiteering, or exploitation of national need for personal gain.

### TELEGRAPH COMPANIES NEW SERVICE

MONTREAL, May 11.—Canadian National Telegraphs and Canadian Pacific Telegraphs today announced the inauguration on June 1 of evening and Sunday service between offices in Canada. The evening and Sunday rates which become operative between the hours of 7 p.m. and 4 a.m. daily these times being applicable at either point of origin or destination and all day Sunday, will provide a fast service and are designed to encourage the greater use of the telegraph service in evening hours.

On and after June 1, the public in Canada may file at any time a forty word fast message to any point within the Dominion, deliverable between the hours mentioned above at the rate previously charged for a ten word fast message. In addition to this substantial reduction in rate on messages originating in Canada destined to points elsewhere within the Dominion and strictly in connection therewith the Canadian communication companies have established an unique service which they refer to as immediate prepaid reply which permits the sender to prepay for an immediate reply to his evening or Sunday telegram at fifty per cent reduction in the regular tolls on such a reply provided at the time of filing his original message the sender indicates the reply service is desired.

### RUMANIA AND BRITAIN IN TRADE AGREEMENT

BUCHAREST, May 11.—The completion of a Rumanian-British trade agreement was announced today in Bucharest, and is regarded as a part of the concessions offered by Britain to bind Rumania into the anti-aggression bloc of nations. Rumania some time ago joined the British bloc of nations in the "Stop-Hitler" movement.

It was learned today that a credit of \$47,000,000 will be established at London for Rumanian purchases in Britain. It is expected that the credit, which was established through action of the government, will be mostly used for armament, munitions, and supplies which the country would vitally need in the event of a conflict. Absolutely no restrictions are attached to the loan, it was learned today. Observers in the British capital expressed the opinion today that other nations in the "Stop-Hitler" bloc will be given similar concessions. No announcement to this effect has been made.

### SENATE GROUP SPLIT ON RAIL UNIFICATION

OTTAWA, May 11.—Canada's railway problem divided the Senate Committee yesterday when two reports were presented taking opposite stands on unification of the two transportation systems, Canadian Pacific Railway and Canadian National Railway.

Endorsed by a number of Conservatives a report was presented by Senator Meighen urging unification and styled the report of Government Leader Dandurand, proposing co-operation, as ineffective. Both reports will be considered today.

### JAPS WARN FOREIGNERS TO LEAVE CITY

CHUNGKING, May 11.—Japanese officials today warned foreign residents in Chungking to evacuate the city. It is estimated that 15,000 people have been killed thus far in the bombing of the important area. A Japanese spokesman breaking silence that prevailed over Japanese in China stated that there are over 1,000,000 Japanese soldiers under arms in Central China.

The British Ambassador, Sir Robert Craigie has delivered a stern note of protest to the Japanese officials, but a news despatch says that Japan indicated that the bombings would continue. Thousands of people have already evacuated the provisional Chinese capital.

### FRENCH READY TO PROTECT THEIR RIGHTS

PARIS, May 11.—President Lebrun of France today declared to Parliament that France is strong and united and ready to defend her rights and honor from any attacker. The close British-French friendship was strongly stressed by the French President.

"France's ways are ways of peace," he declared, adding that France sought only preservation of her rights and peace and freedom in which to carry out her national policies. He described the nation as ready and willing to meet any, however, who would infringe upon those rights. Premier Daladier this afternoon was to make a declaration to Parliament. His words were expected to follow closely those of the President of the republic.

### Stock Market Quotations

(Furnished Through Courtesy of Loughlin & McKenzie Ltd. at 1.15 p.m.)

New York	
New York	24 1/2
American Can	87
Smelters	41 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive	11 3/4
Curtiss Wright	5 1/2
Bendix	22 1/4
Baltimore & Ohio	5 1/4
Bethlehem Steel	56 1/2
Chrysler Corp	69 1/2
N. Y. Central Railroad	15
Chesapeake and Ohio	32 1/2
Dupont	142 1/2
Douglas Aircraft	63 1/4
Electric Power & Light	7 1/2
General Motors	43 3/4
Goodyear Tire & Rubber	26 3/4
International Telephone	6 1/2
International Paper Pfd	31 3/4
Standard Oil	46 1/4
Montgomery Ward	47 1/2
Radio Corporation	6 1/2
Sears Roebuck	72 1/2
American Telephone	161 1/2
United Aircraft	37 1/2
Westinghouse Electric	91
U. S. Steel	47 1/2
Yellow Cab	14 1/4
Electric Bond & Share	8
U. S. Rubber	38 3/4
Montreal & Toronto	
Bell Telephone	175

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### C.N.R. REVENUES SHOW INCREASE OF \$386,795

MONTREAL, May 11.—The gross revenues of the all-inclusive Canadian National Railways system for the week ending May 7th, 1939, were \$3,516,170 as compared with \$3,129,375 for the corresponding period of 1938, an increase of \$386,795.

### IN SESSION TODAY

The provincial Fair Wage Board was in session again this morning and this afternoon. It was expected today that the board would conclude its sittings for the present time some time late this afternoon. The Board met last evening with representatives of the Mechanics' Union of Fredericton.

Osmiridium, produced solely from the refining of gold, brought \$170,000 to mining companies of the Transvaal of South Africa last year.

## League Meeting Held Up A Week For Russians

LONDON, May 11.—Due to the fact that on such short notice representatives of Soviet Russia will not be able to attend the meeting of the League of Nations Council which was scheduled for Monday, British diplomatic officials announced today that the meeting will be postponed for a week.

It is hoped a diplomatic spokesman said, that negotiations with Russia for the conclusion of an Anglo-French-Russian pact may be made before the Council meeting. The British Foreign Office today began a series of telephone conversations with League officials and the French and Russian governments to make possible arrangements for the postponement of the meeting.

In official British circles it is hoped that a suitable agreement may be reached with Russia with-

in the next week, so that on the basis of collective security, a strong anti-aggression bloc may be completed with all possible speed.

Observers differed in opinion however as to what was indicated by the attack by a Russian government newspaper today on the British collective-security proposals. The Russian paper which is regarded as a semi-official mouthpiece, called the British counter-proposals one sided. In an editorial it suggested that Britain, France, Poland, and possibly Rumania sign a mutual assistance pact, and also through the pact guarantee the security of smaller European nations in central Europe from aggression. Although the editorial did not specify any particular smaller nations, those referred to were termed as "threatened with aggression."