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PROUD OF OUR MAYOR

The Truro Daily News of Truro, N. S., has the following about the Mayor of Amherst and the Mayor of Fredericton:

Two Maritime Province mayors took a stand at the recently held conference of Canadian mayors in Montreal that people in the Maritime Provinces might well be proud of and one to which the rest of Canada should take heed.

The two Mayors were W. G. Clark, of Fredericton, and C. H. Reid, of Amherst.

It had been suggested to the all Canada mayoralty conference that the responsibility of relief be taken off the municipalities and be placed on the federal government.

The Maritime stand against this proposal was based on the contention that in the east it had been found the most economical way to administer relief was by local administration. It was pointed out that the annual cost per person on relief in St. John was but \$9.94 and \$16.57 in Halifax, while in Toronto the figure was \$27.14, in Montreal \$28.36, \$39.30 in Vancouver, \$46.04 in Winnipeg and \$60 in Calgary.

The Maritime Provinces are surely well advised in taking a stand against sharing to any greater extent than at present in such wild costs.

If the rest of the Dominion wants to throw away money then the wise people of the east should assert, as the Mayors above quoted have already done, we want no part in it.

The special act for which Amherst's mayor merits commendation is his firm and sane stand for the safeguarding of civic honor.

Mayor Read, opposing the movement to reduce the interest rate on outstanding debentures, declared: "Not one municipality in the three Maritime Provinces has defaulted. We have no thought whatever of borrowing from a good source and then offering that source a lesser amount as repayment. I could not support a resolution asking our bondholders to take less than they have given."

Mayor Read expressed the honest viewpoint. No public body should be allowed to renege on the solemn obligations which it undertook to those from whom it borrowed money. He also took the stand of good business administration, for any municipality which defaults on its undertakings is merely opening the way to the destruction of its own credit standing.

THE BRITISH BUDGET

Highlights of the British budget and Chancellor Neville Chamberlain's accompanying speech in the London House of Commons yesterday were:

"The past year has been characterized by substantial advance towards recovery."

Estimated receipts for the new fiscal year, \$3,582,273,600, expenditures \$3,554,952,900; estimated surplus \$27,320,700.

Exchange equalization fund again showed a profit in the past twelve months.

"Anomaly" in sugar duties to be corrected; levies to be made on rice and soy beans; definition of value of goods for customs purposes to be amended; duty on heavy oils for vehicles to be raised to eight pence; entertainment tax on theatre seats costing not more than sixpence, removed.

Income tax in lowest bracket reduced; allowance for married man increased and exemption for children increased.

Full pay schedule for civil service as of 1931 restored as from July 1 next.

The British Budget for 1935-36, awaited with keen interest not only in Great Britain but elsewhere, did not contain any surprising gestures. It may be regarded as an eminently safe and sane Budget, continuing the policy of planned economy with

which the present Government began its pursuit of recovery.

A cheering feature in connection with the marked upward trend of British trade comes over the cables at the same time as the Budget speech, showing that Great Britain's exports for the first quarter of 1935 are up by \$53,900,000.

Evidently the Old Country is keeping her face steadily towards the goal of complete recovery—and making steady headway

SNAPSHOTS

This season of the year usually finds a half-ton of coal in the bin, which the fountain pen, lost last November, can be under.

A couple of months back, one of the tobacco firms had Grandma reaching furtively for a pack of cigarettes. How did this come out?

Marvellously inventive, the ancient Chinese. They grew long finger nails, and where there were long finger nails there must have been cellophane wrappers.

A British experimenter has produced a type of glass that stretches, and will try to find uses for the same. Does Katie Smith need a mirror?

Times are better, an Ohio bishop concludes. It is no longer necessary to glue the decoy dollar on the collection plate.

The romantic Isle of Capri, mentioned in the song, is only 14 miles wide—not much room for manoeuvring if her husband unexpectedly returns.

Judge Ben Lindsey says our grandparents were happier than we are. Our grandchildren will doubtless say the same, when the debts mature.

Rome gives warning that too much must not be expected of the conference at Stresa. We realists look for Experience to take Hope in two falls.

G. P. Burchill Spoken Of for Liberal Ticket

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home the votes on election day whenever it may come.

If the Conservative party in this county needs anything it is better organization, but when this is completed just watch the results.

The hydro electric system which was introduced into Northumberland County by the Tilley Government is much appreciated and has been a great boon to the people of this section of the province. This will be appreciated.

As far as hard times go about every person recognizes the fact that no government can be blamed for that. The hard times are due to conditions arising out of the war. The people themselves are to blame and as no government brought them on no party whether Conservative or Liberal can remedy them, no matter how much politicians may talk and rave about the matter.

U. S. GROUP ARE SEEKING ABITIBI CONTROL

TORONTO, April 15—The possibility that the Abitibi Paper Company may pass into control of United States interests was admitted here by R. O. Sweezy, of Montreal, former president of Beauharnois Power Company.

Mr. Sweezy said it was a fact that George H. Meade, of Dayton, Ohio, representing the United States interests, already had interviewed Hon. Peter Heenan, Ontario Minister of Northern Development, and had made overtures.

Mr. Sweezy said frankly that he did not favor such a development. He said:

"I will be in Toronto for the general meeting May 7, and will also represent a number of clients. I would like to see a Canadian committee formed. I don't want to be on it because I expect to make a proposal and I don't want to be in the position of buyer and seller."

Hon. N. Chamberlain To Balance Budget

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budgeted for a surplus of 796,000 pounds, he recalled.

Revenue had exceeded the estimate by £9,921,000. Expenditures exceeded the estimate by only £3,155,000.00. The amount of the individual duties had come up to expectations. Inland revenue produced £388,000,000, or £16,000,000 more than estimates. This was due mainly to increases in the income tax and death duty revenue, the latter in turn being due largely to the increase in value of securities.

Debt Reduced \$105,700,000

The nominal amount of the national debt had been reduced by £21,750,000 (\$105,700,000). This meant a drop of £1,650,000 (\$8,019,000) in the annual interest charge.

Turning to the outlook for the coming 12 months Mr. Chamberlain reminded the House provision had to be made for an increase of \$10,500,000 to meet deficiencies in the navy, army and air force. They also had to provide £14,500,000 extra for the civil and social services.

Under the Import Duties Act he would expect tariff duties to yield a higher return on the whole. But the duties imposed under the Ottawa agreements would show a downward trend, and this could not be wondered at as the object of these duties when imposed, was to divert trade from foreign to Empire countries. For this class of revenue therefore he had shaved the estimate from £7,400,000 to £7,000,000. The duties on Irish Free State goods might be expected to show an upward trend.

Summarized the position the chancellor announced an expected actual surplus for the 1935-36 fiscal year of £500,000 (\$2,430,000). He explained that before concessions were made, he had a prospective surplus of £5,610,000. This would be increased by another £800,000 from the heavy oil duties and £4,470,000 taken from the road fund. With minor items they would bring the total surplus for the year up to £11,025,000.

On the expenditure side, however, there would be an increase of £10,525,000 because of the concessions and in the final accounting he estimated a surplus of £500,000.

He estimated total receipts at £734,470,000 and total expenditures at £733,970,000.

Discussing income tax relief, the chancellor said that last year he had taken sixpence off the rate, bringing it to four shillings, and sixpence in the pound, because that was most likely to give stimulus to trade. Now he wanted to see the small taxpayer have his turn.

Accordingly he proposed to alter the scale of allowances and remissions. He presented these in detail, admitting it might be difficult for the members at once to grasp what was meant. One example is that the amount of income of a married man which is not assessed for the tax is raised from £150 to £170 (from £729 to \$826). The allowance for each child is raised from £40 to £50 (from \$194 to \$243). All incomes under £125 are exempt whether earned or from investment.

"I must say," the chancellor said, "that I look upon a continued diminution of the birthrate in this country with considerable apprehension. At present it may seem that we have a larger population than we are able to support in industry; but I have a feeling the time may not be far distant when the situation may be reversed; when the countries in the Empire will be crying out for more citizen of the right breed and that we in the country will not be able to supply the demand."

CHANGE SOUGHT IN THE LIBEL-SLANDER ACT

EDMONTON, Alta., April 16—The Government bill to amend the Libel and Slander Act was before the Agricultural Committee of the Alberta Legislature.

An amendment, moved by W. R. Howson, Liberal leader, to give the bill a six months' hoist was defeated in the Legislature yesterday, and

OUR MAIL BAG

HOME PRODUCTS

Editor Daily Mail, City.

Dear Sir,
Speaking about Home Products. One of the boys here in the office, dropped into a store on Regent Street and asked for apples. They showed him Wine Saps imported. He asked if they had any native. Yes! Where are they? "Oh, they're in the cellar, we don't bother bringing them up." So the fellow says, Well I'll take those. They are not N. B., but they are Nova Scotia, and that's Maritime. How's that for a "Snapshot."

"PETERSVILLE."

TOURIST TRAVEL

Editor, Daily Mail, City.

Dear Sir:—
I cannot refrain from dropping a line to commend you on the editorial I saw in the "Daily Mail" the other day on the tourist industry. You have brought to the attention of the public a very important factor in connection with the tourist industry, namely, the fair treatment of our tourists.

Fair treatment of our tourists is one of the things every citizen of this country should demand. You may recall that last fall, at the time of the Dominion conference of tourist officials from all over the country, Hon. Dr. R. J. Manion, Minister of Railways and Canals, who is the Minister in charge of the tourist industry and under whose jurisdiction the Canadian Travel Bureau operates, made reference to this factor in somewhat the same language which you used in your editorial. In other words, he declared that, above all, those people who are catering to the tourist should give them good food, clean beds and under no consideration should they endeavour to rock the tourist. In other words he pointed out that the tourist was not to be used as fair game for price boosting.

I thought I should drop you a line and express my very sincere approval of your remarks as contained in your editorial as I think the more the newspapers publicize that feature of our tourist trade the better will be the results all round. Our visitors who come here will realize that we as Canadian citizens are prepared to give them a fair deal and thus indicate our approval of their expenditures while in our country.

With kindly regards, I am,
Yours truly,
INTERESTED.
Fredericton, N. B.,
April 15, 1935.

PANCAKES

Dear Mr. Editor,

A few days ago I read an editorial in your up-to-date daily in regard to the service that should be extended to the tourists in New Brunswick. I should like to add one more item to your list of tempting native dishes. Buckwheat pancakes made from fresh buckwheat flour. Some years ago I had the pleasing experience of driving through one of your many beautiful country districts. About five o'clock in the afternoon an appetizing smell of pan cakes tempted me and companions to meander to the kitchen door of the thrifty farm house and with hat-in-hand bag of the good natured farmer's wife to share with us of the goodly pancakes. The kind lady granted us our bold request. We ate the pancakes with butter and maple syrup with a cup of tea by the side of the road near the car. This native dish I shall never forget. It seems to me that the tourist camp managers of New Brunswick could at moderate price profitably offer this popular dish to the tourist public.

BOSTON TOURIST.

Editor's Note—The lowly pancake is growing in popularity. The Junior Mission Circle of St. Paul's United Church have led the way by serving a successful pancakes supper on Saturday night, over two hundred enjoying the native dish.

shortly afterwards the bill was given a second reading.

A company bill, to regulate reports of judicial proceedings in civil actions, is also before the Agricultural Committee.

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Bathurst News

BATHURST, April 15—The Bathurst Orchestra, under the leadership of Major Harry Willett staged a sacred concert in the Parish Hall last evening. The Orchestra, composed of the best talent of the town (25 pieces) rendered several beautiful selections. The different churches each contributed several numbers on the program, and the concert was enjoyed by a large majority of music lovers. The proceeds are for the three hospitals.

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