

## Recommends \$300,000 Extra For N. B.

### White Commission Would Give N. B. An Extra \$300,000

Would Substitute \$900,000 For \$600,000 Interim Payment Effective April 1st This Year — \$1,300,000 For N. S. — \$275,000 For P. E. I. — Strong Dissent.

The White Commission which has been considering the matter of increased payments on subsidies by the Federal Government to the Maritime Provinces, have submitted its report. The effect of the report will mean \$300,000 additional revenue for New Brunswick more than now. The report was introduced into the House of Commons yesterday by Sir George Perley in the absence of Premier Bennett. To Nova Scotia, \$1,300,000 to New Brunswick, \$900,000; to Prince Edward Island, \$275,000.

The recommended additional subsidies are to be in substitution for the interim yearly subsidies recommended by the Duncan Commission. They are proposed to become effective April 1, replacing the interim yearly payments under the Duncan report of \$875,000 to Nova Scotia, \$600,000 to New Brunswick, and \$125,000 to Prince Edward Island.

In addition, the "regular" annual approximate subsidies of \$653,000 to Nova Scotia, \$650,000 to New Brunswick and \$372,000 to Prince Edward Island will be continued.

Sir Thomas White, chairman and war-time minister of finance, and E. W. Nesbitt, Woodstock, Ont., former member of Parliament for North Oxford, signed the majority report. Chief Justice J. A. Mathieson, of P. E. Island, third member of the commission, found himself unable to concur and submitted a memorandum of dissent, claiming the proposed increases were inadequate.

The White commission, which held public sittings in Ottawa last January was named in implementation of the Sir Andrew Rae Duncan commission report of 1926. The Duncan commission when recommending its immediate interim lump-sum increases which have been paid yearly submitted these payments be continued until the Dominion government had time to complete its investigation and re-assessment.

The majority report takes the stand an assessment in detail of each of the claims presented by the premiers of the three Maritime Provinces was impracticable.

"We adopt the only course available to us, viz., to consider equitably the claims in the aggregate assigning each its due weight, according to our best judgment, and making our recommendation in the form of special additional annual subsidies to the Maritime Provinces respectively as a final equitable settlement of the claims brought before us for adjudication," the majority report states.

Sir Thomas and Mr. Nesbitt express their agreement with the Duncan commission that it was preferable to make their recommendations in the form of annual subsidy payments only and not in the form partly of subsidy payments and partly of a fixed sum in respect of the retrospective feature of the claims.

#### Retrospective Feature

"We have, however," the majority report continues, "like the Duncan commission, taken the retrospective feature into account in making our recommendations, and also the fact that the increased subsidies which we have recommended are to begin in the fiscal year 1935-36 and not as of the fiscal year following the date of the Duncan report."

The annual additional subsidies recommended are as follows:

### AT CITY HALL

The motion to restore a percentage of the reduction in the salaries of city officials caused a rumpus at the City Hall last night. The motion was only passed by a vote of six to four after a heated discussion. Aldermen Doohan, Mitchell, McKnight and McCaughey opposed the salary restoration, while Aldermen Maxwell, Gunter, Forbes, Kitchen, Wright and Mundle favored it.

The passing of the motion will mean that those city employees whose original salaries were over \$2,000 and who had been cut 15 per cent. over the past two years, will now receive only a 10 per cent. reduction. Those whose salaries were between \$1,000 and \$2,000 and who had been under a 10 per cent reduction, will now be subject only to a 5 per cent. cut. On the other hand, employees whose salaries were under \$1,000 and who had been subject to a 5 per cent. cut, will have their original salaries completely restored.

Alderman Doohan was the chief opponent against the restoration of the old salary scale and he entered into a lively argument regarding the same with Alderman Forbes, who wanted the increased figure restored. Alderman Doohan argued that the man receiving a salary of over one thousand dollars and up around two thousand dollars per year did not feel the cut until the present year. The hard-working laboring man however, had been compelled to suffer from the start of the depression. Alderman Doohan was strongly opposed to the city restoring the salary of anyone whose salary was over two thousand per year.

Alderman Mundle thought something should be done to make a show that prosperity was returning. He said that he favored giving a salary increase to all city employees as early as possible.

Mayor Clark pointed out that Saint John and Moncton had restored salary cuts and that there was evidence of good times. Alderman Forbes boosted the restoration and so did Alderman Maxwell. Aldermen Gunter and Wright fell in behind Aldermen Mundle, Maxwell, Forbes and Kitchen.

The salary restoration will not be popular at the present time but it does not amount to much. There is only one man in the city service who is receiving over \$2,000. The main thing against the salary restoration is the idea that the present is not the proper time to make the move. Alderman Gunter, who is a Liberal candidate in the coming provincial elections will have a great time explaining how he is opposed to the provincial government's restoration of salaries and then supported the same principle in the City Council, of which he is a member.

### MAN SEEN FLEEING QUEBEC BIRTHS FROM N. S. BLAZE DROP FOR 1934

Inquiry Opens Into Fire and Explosion in House At Yarmouth, N. S.

YARMOUTH, N. S., March 4—A midnight caller who disturbed Mrs. Gene Saunders shortly before an explosion and fire wrecked her home was sought by Yarmouth police yesterday.

Mrs. Saunders and her two children were forced to flee in their nightclothing as flames, fanned by a blizzard, swept through the building.

A fireman who heard the explosion as he was on his way home told the police that he saw a man running away from the fire and across a field and later police found pieces of a can apparently shattered by the blast, which they believed had contained gasoline.

Mrs. Saunders said a man called at her home about twenty minutes before the explosion and asked to use the telephone. Afraid, she quickly told him that she had no telephone and suggested that he should try next door. Her husband, a commercial traveller, was not at home.

A few minutes later Wallace Saunders, 11, got up to get a drink of water. He had reached the kitchen doorway when the house shook violently and he was thrown against the wall, though uninjured.

Windows were broken and a large hole was blasted in the rear of the building, which burst into flames. Firemen labored for an hour after Mrs. Saunders and the children escaped before they finally got the flames under control. The interior of the house was badly wrecked.

Decrease of 462 as Compared With 1933.

QUEBEC, March 5—The vital statistics report for the month of Dec. 1934, issued today by the Provincial Bureau of Health, shows there were 5,654 births in the Province of Quebec during the month, a falling off of 462 compared with the same month in 1933. Marriages in the province of Quebec in December totalled 1,299 as against 1,135 for the same month a year ago, while deaths amounted to 2,559 compared with 2,523 in December 1933. Deaths under one year in December were 492.

Total number of births in the province during 1934 were 75,545; marriages 18,124; and deaths 31,801, including deaths of children under one year for the 12 months, placed at 7,362. On the Island of Montreal the figures for December show 1,517 births, 623 marriages and 949 deaths. In the Quebec district there were 376 births, 64 marriages and 221 deaths.

#### CHANCERY COURT

The Chancery court met here this morning, with Mr. Justice Grimmer presiding. There was no business before the court and it promptly adjourned.

#### GOVERNOR TO ATTEND

His Honor Lieutenant Governor Murray MacLaren will be present at the regular March meeting of the city council this evening in the council chamber at eight o'clock. He will meet the members of the council and speaker briefly.

### PUERTO RICO WINS DEBATE OVER U. N. B.

Resolved, That This House Should Approve of the Extension of Fascism—Audience Voted 75-45 in favor of Puerto Ricans.

An audience vote of 75 to 45 declared the debating team from the University of Puerto Rico, winners over the University of New Brunswick team in the Provincial Normal School auditorium last night. A merciless scathing rebuttal by the talented speaker, Arturo Morales-Carrion of the Puerto Rican team, was the cap-ping climax to a debate of intense enthusiasm and fire on the subject, "Resolved that this house approves the extension of Fascism." Puerto Rico upholding the affirmative. The debate was held under the distinguished patronage of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick.

#### Porto Rican Leader

Otto Riefkohl, the leading speaker of the affirmative, in opening his remarks, reviewed briefly the history of Fascism and proceeded to show that during the present economical crisis the world today needs a fundamental change to correct fundamental evils, and that Fascism is the most efficient solution. He mentioned communism as being too radical a change and the tendency of governments today should be towards Fascism.

#### Norman McLeod

Norman McLeod, the leading speaker for the negative, denounced Fascism as a menace to world peace and economic balance, and pointed to Italy as an example of Fascism. Mr. McLeod averred that Fascism today was bought at too high a price in that it repudiated liberty and all that people have struggled for all through history. He described Fascism as retrograde and barbarous, and not capable of combatting the present economic crisis.

#### Francisco Ponsa-Fellu

Francisco Ponsa-Fellu accused the latter speaker of only looking on the surface of Fascism and contended that in a crisis where communism and liberal parliamentarianism are useless, Fascism is the only solution. In giving a definition of Fascism he classified it as a "supremacy of the corporate state in all its respects organized under a central authority." In pointing to the negative's inclusion of Austria and Germany as Fascist states he denied that these two countries were true symbols of fascism. In closing, he stated that democracy had failed and that Fascism was the only feasible system to take its place. In his argument Mr. Ponsa brought out the relationship of capital and labor under the Fascist regime.

#### Bert Sutherland

Bert Sutherland in speaking for the negative, drew a very vivid and eloquent word picture of Fascism as a regime of organized murder and enforced ignorance and condemned Fascism as a destroyer of civil liberties. He stated that Fascism had nothing to offer that democracy has not given us and that it is a threat to world peace. In summing up his arguments Mr. Sutherland defined Fascism as the skeleton of pre-war militarism dressed in new clothes.

#### Arturo Morales-Carrion

Arturo Morales-Carrion, the most enthusiastic and eloquent speaker of the evening, in speaking for the affirmative, accused the negative of appealing only to the emotions of the people in his argument and stated that they should get down to facts whereupon he cited figures, statistics and facts showing the supremacy of fascism.

### Council Increased Assessment for 1935

### MISS COLBERT WINS 1934 FILM AWARD

Clark Gable Shares Honors For Best Performance

LOS ANGELES, March 4—Claudette Colbert and Clark Gable were voted to have given the best screen performances in 1934 by the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences at its seventh annual awards banquet here last night. The awards to Miss Colbert and Gable were for their appearance in the picture, "It Happened One Night", in which they co-starred.

More than 800 persons at the banquet heard Irvin S. Cobb, author and humorist and a recent recruit to screen ranks as a comedian, praise the winners as he presented the gold statuette awards.

"It Happened One Night" produced by Columbia Studios, was chosen as the best motion picture of the year. Frank Capra received the best direction award for his work in this same picture and Robert Riskin, was held to have made the best screen adaptation in preparing the story from an original by Samuel Hopkins Adams.

### Plan Extensive Work At Municipal Home This Summer

Ald. C. Hedley Forbes, chairman of the Municipal Home committee, at last night's March committee meeting of the City Council, presented a report of an examination that had recently been made of the Home, with respect to improvements being made. The committee which had made the investigation had decided that the Home needed a new wing. This work will be done during the coming summer. Most of the delegates had favored stone and it would be a good idea said Ald. Forbes, to have a reinforced basement.

After discussion on the state of the Home, by the Council, it was moved by Ald. Maxwell, seconded by Ald. McCaughey, that the city secure the services of an architect respecting repairs to be made on the Municipal Home building.

Regarding conditions at the Home, Ald. Forbes referred to the fact that the inmates were supplied with molasses and butter. The floors he found to be clean, Ald. Moses Mitchell complimented Mrs. McLellan on the excellent way she conducted the Home, and said that the entire blame for conditions existing there at the present time should be placed on the city. Ald. Mitchell expressed the opinion that it would cost more if a new matron is hired but the "time has come to have a younger matron," he said. Ald. Forbes declared that considering what the present matron has to work with, she does very well. The suggestion was made that the bed-patients should be moved into the prospective wing, which is to be added to the building. This is better than sending them to the hospital, it was pointed out.

#### FOUND GUILTY

Lemsen Nichols, of Saint John, was found guilty of a charge of damaging property when he appeared before the police magistrate here this morning. He was fined \$10 and given 30 days' jail on the charge, and for being drunk was fined \$8, with 30 days. Andrew Stackable, of Minto, charged also with damaging property, was remanded for hearing.

### Six Thousand Dollars Is Added to City Tax Budget--Total \$271,000 this As Against \$265,000 in 1934--\$6,000 Increase.

The city of Fredericton will assess for the year 1935 for \$271,000 covering all departments of civic expenditure. This is an increase of \$6,000 over the previous year when the assessment totalled \$265,000. It was anticipated that the tax rate will be slightly higher for the ensuing year. While the exact amount was \$271,023.00 the city will assess for the even figure.

The increased assessment is made up mostly from a larger estimate for the Roads and Streets department where a comprehensive program is planned for the coming summer, and also in Contingencies, a slight rise in Victoria Hospital, and also in the Municipal Home, where considerable repair is planned. The expenditure for schools, academic and vocational is \$3,000 lower this year and the appropriation for this department was passed with only slight comment. In other years the school estimate came in for lengthy debate.

#### Big Increase Here

Mainly, the increase will be in Roads and Streets and in the Municipal Home. Besides these however, there is an added appropriation this year for Tourist and Publicity of \$750. This work will be done under the direction of the Board of Trade which has planned an extensive program for the summer towards re-asserting Fredericton as a commercial and tourist centre.

With the exception of slight variation in several of the departments, the estimates, in the majority remained quite similar to last year. The ones outlined above showed the most drastic change. The amount of \$3,500 was given the fire department. Last year the amount was the same but the department overexpended some, the expenditure being \$13,350.88. Ald. Moses Mitchell pointed out that 500 feet of new hose was needed this year.

For Roads and Streets, Ald. G. Wil-lard Kitchen said that a new truck was required, stone and gravel, and the new street—Beaverbrook street—would cost approximately \$2,000. Besides the city's appropriation for its own special program, a bond issue amounting to \$60,000 will be extended for permanent paving. This latter of course is on a fifty-fifty basis between the province and the city and is outside the amount assessed for in the Roads and Streets department.

#### Doohan Says "Too High"

While the amount of \$15,000 was estimated for the department of the administration of justice, Ald. T. Earle Doohan declared that the amount was too high. City Hall was not lowered for, as Ald. Mitchell argued, the building needs many repairs, particularly the clock. "Our city clock is a disgrace," he said.

The report of the School Board showed total academic expense last year of \$103,613, and vocational expenditure, \$9,248—a total of \$112,861. Ald. Mitchell asked if there was any reason given by the board for the increase for vocational work over the previous year when it had been \$7,200. His Worship, Mayor Clark said "No." Ald. Forbes was pleased to see that the board had showed a surplus for the year. Mayor Clark suggested that a cut be made and without argument, the appropriation for academic school purposes was slashed from \$106,300 to \$103,300. Vocational (Continued from page four)