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Main Estimates for Fiscal Year 1935 is \$351,969,993

This Is \$8,321,671 Higher Than In Previous Year;
\$112,000 Set Aside For New Brunswick Public
Building; Civil Servants Get a Salary Boost.

OTTAWA, Jan. 24—Mounting Government revenues during the present fiscal year were reflected in the main estimates for the fiscal year 1935-36 of \$351,969,944 tabled in the House of Commons by Minister of Finance E. N. Rhodes. The main estimates for next year are \$8,321,671 larger than last year's main estimates of \$343,648,273 but less than \$1,000,000 short of last year's total appropriations (main and supplementary) which marks a halt in the downward trend of Government expenditures in recent years.

In addition Mr. Rhodes had good news for government employees. When he tabled the estimates he announced one-half of their 10 per cent. salary reduction would be restored from April 1. This means that for the next civil year civil servants will receive their normal salaries less five per cent instead of less 10 per cent as has been the case for several years. This applies only to salaries in excess of \$1,000 which were effected by the original 10 per cent. cut.

Since 1930 until now declining revenues forced the government to curtail expenses. Each year amounts appropriated by Parliament have shown large decreases compared with the previous year. This year, by the time all supplementary estimates are submitted, it is expected that appropriations for the coming year will equal, if not exceed, the appropriations for 1934-35.

The main estimates total \$351,969,944 as against main and supplementary estimates aggregating \$352,901,012 voted by Parliament last year.

Public Works Up \$4,259,440
The department of public works gets a large increase this year, indicating considerable projected building activity. The increase is \$4,259,440, which is almost offset by a reduction in interest on the public debt of \$4150,475 due to refunding maturing obligations at lower interest rates.

Naval, militia and air services have increased appropriations with the Royal Canadian Air Force receiving a vote of \$2,630,000, an increase of \$700,000 over last year. The increases for civil aviation, militia and naval services are small. The post office department receives an increase of \$559,984, railways and canals, \$329,488, trade and commerce, \$230,662, and agriculture \$403,895. The appropriation for soldier and general land settlement is reduced by \$442,309, management charges by \$582,403, and legislation by \$207,520.

House Expenses Lower
The latter decrease is accounted for largely by a drop of \$140,000 in the expenses of House of Commons committees. Last session was remarkable for a large number of committees holding long sessions. This session that type of work is expected to be much less and the appropriation is cut from \$155,000 to \$15,000.

Outside of the cut in public debt interest, the largest decrease was \$2,040,234 in miscellaneous expenditures. Militia and naval appropriations are slightly up to \$11,252,001, compared with \$11,108,266.

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HOW TO MAKE FRIENDS WITH THE CANNIBALS

CHICAGO, Ills., Jan. 24—And now comes a good word for the cannibals, especially those who live in New Guinea.

They won't eat you if you get a formal introduction, Dr. Margaret Mead of the American Museum of Natural History said yesterday.

Once you get the introduction they consider you their friend, and confine their eating to their enemies. And she added, they wouldn't eat them except to show they aren't becoming sentimental.

Dr. Mead spent considerable time in New Guinea.

GEO. D. PRATT PASSES AWAY AT HOME IN L.I.

Standard Oil Magnate
Was An Annual Vis-
itor To Province

Desirable Tourist

Owned a \$20,000 Camp
Outfit on Little South-
west Miramichi

News has been received here of the death at Glen Cove, Long Island a few days ago of George D. Pratt, a Standard Oil magnate who was well-known to many people in this province. He was a noted big game hunter and angler and over thirty years ago began making hunting trips to this province in company with Uncle Henry Braithwaite, the celebrated guide of this city. Acting on the advice of Mr. Braithwaite, Mr. Pratt purchased the fishing rights of the Duganovon River from the late James S. Neill, of this city, the negotiations on his behalf, having been carried on by R. P. Allen, who was then secretary of the Fredericton Tourist Association. Mr. Pratt soon afterwards established extensive sporting camps for his own use at or near Holmes Lake in the Miramichi area. He then acquired a lease of a portion of the Little Southwest Miramichi River, which he held at the time of his death. His camps and outfit are said to have represented a cash investment of over \$200,000.

Engaged Manager

John Robinson of Newcastle, a former chief game warden, was employed by Mr. Pratt, as manager and looked after the transportation of supplies to the camps, being engaged at a yearly salary. Since acquiring rights on the Little Southwest Miramichi Mr. Pratt made Newcastle his outfitting centre, and his annual visits meant much to that town. It has been his custom since the depression set in to forward to Mr. Robinson during the Christmas season a substantial check with instructions to distribute the proceeds among the poor of the locality. For some years Mr. Pratt was a game commissioner for the state of New York. He was a true sportsman in every sense of the term and his death will be a severe loss to many North Shore people. He was the chief owner of the Long Island Railway and maintained a baronial estate at Glen Cove. He is survived by a widow, a native of Sherbrooke, P. Q., and family of three daughters, and one son. All the members of his family have visited the Miramichi country.

When Mr. Pratt made his first hunting trip to New Brunswick the automobile was little more than an experiment. In recent years he and his guests made many trips to his camps at Holmes Lake by monoplane. Mr. Pratt was the first American sportsman to travel to the New Brunswick woods by the air route.

LOST FLIP OF COIN, DID NOT LIVE LONG

Jinx Seems To Hang
Over Members of
Council

Oxford, O., Jan. 24—There appears to be a jinx on the Oxford village council. Five of the six members elected two years ago have died in office.

A few days ago, E. K. Beeks and J. C. Byrne, the two surviving members at the time, were discussing the high mortality among their colleagues.

"I'll flip a coin with you to see which of us goes first," Beeks challenged.

He lost it. . . . Today he is dead. He died suddenly.

Brutality of Alberta Students Cost the Province \$30,000

Our Rural Mails

The problem of the handling of rural mail delivery on winter roads is one that will have to be dealt with by the postal authorities, or the residents of the rural districts, or both. At present this service in many sections is very unsatisfactory. This is in no way the fault of the rural mail delivery man. He is doing his best in most cases and he is working at times under conditions which make it impossible for him to give satisfaction. Take as an example Rural Route Number Six, out of Fredericton. This is the route from Fredericton up through Kingsclear and we mention it because it is the nearest at hand and one of the most important. The courier on this route is a very reliable man and one that the postal authorities are fortunate to have. He leaves the post office here around ten o'clock in the morning and goes sixteen miles to what used to be the old Hammondville post office. As there are a large number of boxes on this road, he makes a great many stops. The people on this route are very particular about their mail and nearly all of them take the daily papers. This mail should reach them every day, but on a day after a big storm, like today, there is no road plowed out for the mail man to go over. This has been an easy winter but there have been days this winter when it has been impossible for the man to get through. If he goes halfway today and comes back tomorrow he breaks his contract. He is supposed to leave here each morning at ten o'clock. There should be arrangements made to keep this road open in the winter. One would think the farmers themselves would be interested enough. If some kind of a pool were made up on this section amounting say, to a hundred dollars, it could be divided amongst the farmers who would turn out after a storm and help to make the road passable. A couple of hours by a group in each section plowing or breaking out the drifts in the bad places would do the work. The money could be divided up. The money might come from a pool from grants put up by the County Council, or by the Public Works Department. This is something that is a public necessity and it should be some person's duty to look after the situation. At this age having conditions as they are is very much behind the times.

In regard to this same route: In the summer time there is no reason why the mail-man should not leave here in his car at four o'clock in the afternoon, go to Kingsclear, cover all his route and return by dark. In this way the people along the route could get their Fredericton papers and business correspondence on the same day that they are mailed here. It is a wonder that the postal authorities are able to keep the mail courier on this route at all. The man is busy on the route until two o'clock in the afternoon each day. He arrives home too late to take up any other occupation and he gets only a small remuneration. He has to be on the job every day in the year except Sundays.

This is only one instance of several in connection with the rural mail service. IT IS ONE WHICH NOT ONLY CONCERNS THE RURAL MAIL COURIER, BUT WHICH IS MORE IMPORTANT, IT EFFECTS THE LOCAL BUSINESS, INCLUDING THE NEWSPAPERS, AND IT EFFECTS RESIDENTS IN THE RURAL DISTRICTS.

MAINE INDIANS KEEP THEIR OWN TONAL SPEECH

Washington, Jan. 24—Although they have taken up the culture of the whites with when they have associated for generations, the Passamaquoddy Indians of the Maine coast have preserved their aboriginal language in almost pure form, Dr. Truman Michelson, Smithsonian Institution ethnologist, reported.

Dr. Michelson, a specialist in Algonquian languages, found the Indians living on a state reservation and nearly all speaking English but also able to talk the intricate tonal elements of the Algonquian dialect.

He said the Penobscot tribe a few miles away had lost its old tongue and that usually the impact of an outside civilization meant death to the native language.

FICTION and FACT

VIENNA, Jan. 24—"On the first day I don this uniform my mother will die". These were the words which Lewis Carday, a young actor, had to speak in a new play. The morning after the first night the play was presented, the actor received a telegram from his home. It said his mother had died.

FIRE OCCURRED AT PENNIAC YESTERDAY

(Special to Daily Mail)

PENNIAC, Jan. 24—Fire, which burned the lower floors of the farmhouse owned and occupied by Cleve Clark between four and five o'clock yesterday afternoon, amounted in damage to about one hundred dollars. The fire-fighting brigade from the town of Marysville assisted in putting the fire out before serious damage was done. The origin of the outbreak is unknown.

Clark and his wife and eleven children occupy the house, which is situated barely outside the town limits of Marysville. The fire was confined to the lower floors of the building. There were no casualties.

CONFERENCE CONTINUED

The conference here between federal and provincial agricultural officials which has been going on for two days was continued today with Hon. Lewis Smith, Minister of Agriculture, presiding at the sessions. This morning more reports were received from committees and these are expected to be completed this afternoon. O. C. Hicks reported on the Agricultural school and the Agricultural short course this afternoon. The conference will continue tomorrow.

The Plaintiffs Sued For \$200,000 Damages; This Should Be a Warning to Foolish Students and Sleepy Professors In Other Universities.

Edmonton, Alta., Jan. 24—Conduct of sophomores at the University of Alberta in 1931, described variously by Supreme Court judges as "brutal" and "disgusting" will cost the tax-payers of Alberta more than \$30,000 as a result of a settlement made between the Provincial Government and C. H. A. Powlett, Calgary barrister, on behalf of his son, Armand Powlett, former freshman, who was driven insane by the initiation and hazing to which he was subjected.

Evidence showed that when Powlett, a brilliant but sensitive youth, began to crack under the strains of a brutal hazing the sophomores, instead of relaxing, made their treatment of the unfortunate victim, more severe than ever.

The Powletts originally sued for \$200,000 and was awarded \$56,850 by the trial judge.

This award was cut to \$21,850 by the Court of Appeal and the Powletts announced they would carry the case to the Privy Council.

After much negotiation, a settlement made by payment of \$20,000 cash to the Powletts.

In addition, the Province must pay all costs of the action which will amount to more than \$10,000.

Medical experts who testified at the trial received as high as \$100 per day each and expenses.

ROCCO GETS AN ADDITIONAL 6 MONTHS' JAIL

Gagetown, Queens Co., Jan. 23—Patsi Rocco, Italian miner of Black Diamond Settlement, near Minto, was sentenced by Judge A. R. Slipp in the Queens County court here today to six months in the county jail here in addition to four which he has already served on a charge of assaulting Alex. Nicholas, a fellow-miner causing actual bodily harm. Arraigned yesterday, Rocco had pleaded not guilty.

Rocco, the only witness for the defence was on the stand on his own behalf for some time this morning. Examined by his counsel, C. R. Hawkins, Fredericton, he declared that his eyesight was poor, one eye being blind and the other not much good. He repeatedly claimed that on Sept. 8 last, the day on which the alleged assault occurred, he had been drinking all day and during the evening and was "feeling pretty good." It was after dark when he and others went up the mine shaft road and he could not see well, nor could he remember many of the events which occurred there.

SHERIFF ARRESTS VIA TELEPHONE

SPRINGFIELD, Tennessee, Jan. 24—Frequently when Sheriff Richard W. Benson of Robertson county wants to arrest a man he calls him by telephone and tells his intended prisoner to come on down to jail. And up to date—the sheriff proudly says—"no one has refused to come as requested".

Robertson county has a population of 28,000 and is not far from Nashville, Tennessee's capital. The sheriff has only three deputies to cover the county and so he uses the telephone often.

Sheriff Benson estimated he has made more than 50 arrests via telephone since taking office in September.