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## Budget Debate in the House Today

### Marketing Board To Handle Canadian Wheat And Grains

#### The New Commission to Have Wide Powers and Entire Regulation Will Rest With the Market- ing Board.

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
OTTAWA, March 1—There will probably be a change in the whole wheat situation as well as in the Marketing of grain in Canada, domestic and foreign. A Marketing Board will probably be established to give advice as producers to the probable world requirements of wheat and feed grains and this board will direct efficient regulations for the efficient handling in Canada of all grain.

It is stated here today that efforts to stabilize export wheat marketing will be only part of the board's job which will include powers to buy and sell, store and ship.

Notice of motion on the House of Commons order paper that the board would be proposed to Parliament contained no information regarding details of the plan and none was forthcoming from official circles. It was understood, however, that the question of rail rates on feed grains for domestic consumption will be closely allied with its activities.

According to the best information available the board will be given wide general powers to regulate the grain industry, although it was considered possible no drastic change would be made at once in the present marketing machinery.

John I. McFarland, general manager of the central selling agency of the Canadian Wheat Pools, has been operating four years with a government-guaranteed bank account to maintain price levels and secure orderly marketing of Canada's crop.

It was known Mr. McFarland would be expected to retain a prominent place in the new set-up, probably as chairman of the proposed board, and it was believed possible the general practices of recent years regarding wheat exports would be followed. The power would exist, however, for the board to take over the entire marketing machinery with suspension of options and grain exchange operations.

Debate on the resolution which will probably open some time next week, may be seized upon by opposition members of the House to seek full details from the government of the extent to which the government became involved in the grain trade through Mr. McFarland's operations. This was indicated by remarks of Liberal members following announcement of the proposal.

#### Broad Program

The grain board announced today is only one step in a broad program the government is considering affecting farm products, it was learned tonight from well informed sources here.

The program would include these salient features:

1. Control of Canada's grain crops by the grain board.
2. Investigation by the Board of Railway Commissioners of the entire freight rate structures of the railways in an effort to cheapen movement of grain and livestock within Canada.
3. Steps to make barley one of Canada's great export commodities.
4. Methods of developing the livestock industry. In this connection a vote will shortly be held in the prairies to bring the industry under the marketing act.

### "THE FLU"?

The people of this city, as well as other parts in the outlying districts, are becoming more or less worried at the outbreak of what they call 'flu. At the University of New Brunswick, at the Normal School, Fredericton High School and at all the grade schools in town pupils by the score are absent from their classes and confined to their homes through what is considered either the gripe or the 'flu. A prominent city doctor, speaking last evening to The Daily Mail said that there was no doubt at all that the present epidemic was the 'flu. Dr. Warwick, chief medical officer for the province, on the other hand, tells The Daily Mail that every two or three years there is an outbreak of what might be called a mild type of 'flu and that this is difficult to prevent. He says there is no indication that this present outbreak is the real 1918 brand of influenza which carried off so many hundreds of our citizens.

The Daily Mail has had several requests from parents and others that we advocate having the authorities close the city schools for a week or two in order that the contact between pupils be broken up and thus the spread of the epidemic be prevented. This is a matter that has to first pass through the office of the health department and it is understood that the schools can only be closed on the recommendation of this department. Speaking in regard to this phase of the question, Dr. Warwick, chief medical health officer, says that he does not think it necessary at the present stage of the epidemic that the schools be closed. He claims it will only unduly alarm the public, who will think that the condition is much worse than it is. Dr. Warwick says the best thing for people who have heavy colds, or gripe, or 'flu—whatever you choose to call it—is to go home, get into bed and stay there. He says that much of the trouble is caused by school children and others running in and calling on children who are sick and thus bringing the disease away with them. Another factor in the Fredericton disease is that people allow their children to go to school when they should have them in bed, either before the disease is developed fully, or afterwards. If little Johnnie or Marys feels that he or she is getting a cold and their mother wants them to stay in bed the children prevail on the parent to let them go to school because they have a test or some other thing going on. The parents let them go to school and they carry the disease with them. In the writer's school days things were different. Our parents never were compelled to use harsh methods to keep us home from school and in many cases it was the other way around.

However, with all due respect to the Medical Health officers—and we have the best brand of men in that line right here in Fredericton—we think that if this 'flu spreads any further, the schools should be closed. There is no use saying that there is hardly any 'flu in Fredericton. There is plenty of it here.

Children at the present time should be kept from going from house to house making school girl and schoolboy calls. This applies to the older as well as the younger boys and girls. There is danger in the air.

### C. N. R. DEFICIT IS REDUCED TO \$45,000,000

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 28—The Canadian National Railways' financial position shows a betterment of over \$5,000,000 for the last calendar year, according to estimates here yesterday, but the final figures and the detailed annual report will not be ready for a month yet.

On this basis, the deficit, for 1935 will be around \$45,000,000.

Notice is given today by Hon. E. N. Rhodes, Minister of Finance of the annual railway bill to provide for expenditures and to meet indebtedness of the system during 1935 and also provide for a measure of reducing maturing obligations.

#### PLEADED FOR SCOUTS

In a broadcast over CHSJ at Saint John last night Brigadier General F. W. Hill, vice-president of the Provincial Boy Scout Council and campaign organizer for this province spoke on behalf of the drive now being carried out and pleaded for the support of the provincial Boy Scout financial campaign. His address was a powerful one and was heard by thousands of listeners.

### CHINESE CANAL WORK ROCKETS PRICE OF RICE

NANKING, February 28—The biggest conservation work attempted in China is going forward in northern Kiangsi where 165,000 coolies are digging a new outlet for the Hwai River. The work will last until 1936.

The new channel, 258 miles long, would carry flood waters of the Hwai to the Yellow Sea. In addition the canal is designed to irrigate thousands of acres in Central China.

The problem of providing food and shelter for the army of laborers is puzzling authorities. The workers consume 263,000 pounds of rice daily and grain prices have gone sky high.

#### FIRES FROM CHIMNEYS

The fire department was called out this morning to the residence of Lee Haining on Charlotte street where a chimney fire was in progress doing slight damage. Early last night a hot pipe called the firemen to the residence of Sterling Brannen on Argyle street and yesterday afternoon a plugged chimney caused a small fire at the residence of Alex. Murray on George street.

### MUNICIPAL BONDS, BANK INTEREST IN THE HOUSE

Legislature Discussed  
Rate of Interest on  
Temporary Loans

#### Premier Speaks

Govt. Will Not Let the  
Municipalities Default  
In Bond Interest

Municipal bonds, bank interest and financing occupied the principal time of the short one hour session of the Legislature on Thursday.

In the Legislature yesterday afternoon the bills to authorize the City of Fredericton and the town of Devon to issue debentures were read a third time and passed the House.

A bill to authorize the City of Moncton to sell certain lands for non-payment of taxes under Housing board mortgages was passed.

The report of the New Brunswick Liquor Control board was laid on the table of the House.

Leave of absence was requested for two members who are ill. They are Mr. Hall of Westmorland and Mr. Pirie of Victoria County.

Mr. Richard of Gloucester wanted to know if any Government trucks had been hired to any person in 1934, and Mr. Colpitts wanted to find out about money spent in Albert County during last year.

#### Potatoes To Egypt

The leader of the Opposition wanted information as to the shipments of potatoes from the province to Egypt and to India in 1934, and what price had been received for the same.

Mr. Dysart also asked what members of the Government operated Government owned cars.

#### Interest on Loans

In the course of a discussion on the rate of interest on certain Municipal bonds Premier Tilley stated that last year he had gone to Montreal and had arranged that the interest on temporary loans to Municipalities be five per cent.

Mr. Dysart claimed that Mr. Dodds of the Bank of Montreal had stated that no such arrangement had been made.

In reply to this Mr. Tilley said that the arrangement for five per cent. on temporary loans by municipalities had been made with the Royal Bank of Canada. Later, he said, other banks had fallen in line. He said that it was up to the Municipalities themselves to fix the interest on their own bonds. The Government would never allow a municipality to default in bond interest.

Mr. Dysart said the hon. Premier's statement practically meant that the Government was guaranteeing the bonds of the municipality. The same thing had happened when the Imperial Government took over the affairs of the colony of Newfoundland, as with the British guarantee, the colony's bonds quickly advanced in price. In his opinion, should the Government guarantee the bonds of a municipality, that municipality could save money.

Hon. Mr. Tilley said that he was afraid that his hon. friend was not much of a financier. If he was he should know that 4 1/2 per cent bond would bring a better price in the market than one paying a lower rate of interest; in fact such bonds were liable to sell at a premium. Last year bonds of Northumberland County were not in great demand, but today they were selling at a premium. He was inclined to think that his hon. friend was playing politics.

Hon. Mr. Tilley said that the Government with respect to its recent (Continued on page four)

### Larger Revenue, Reduced Expenditure Forecast of Budget

#### Most Serious Outbreak of 'Flu in Years

The present epidemic of influenza or la gripe in this city is considered by many to be the worst for a long number of years. About eighty-four pupils are away from the High School, sick with this insidious disease, and there has been report that the High School may be closed down for several weeks. In the graded schools a similar situation exists, with teachers and pupils included in the sick list. A number of students at University of New Brunswick and at the Provincial Normal School have not been immune, and adults, too, have been afflicted. Not since 1918 has there been so much general sickness from the 'flu.

Grade Eight in the Devon Superior School was closed today, as the principal, Harry Grant, is sick and a number of the pupils also. From the Fredericton School Board today it was learned that it is unlikely that the city schools will be closed at the present time.

### ATTY.-GENERAL INTRODUCES BILL OF SALE ACT

A bill in further amendment to the Bills of Sale Act was introduced in the Legislature yesterday by Hon. W. H. Harrison, K. C., Attorney General.

One section of yesterday's bill provides that the act will extend to a mortgage charge, floating charge or sale of goods and chattels which may not be the property of or in the possession, custody or control of the mortgagor or bargainer or of any person on his behalf at the time of the making of such mortgage or sale and notwithstanding that such goods; or chattels may be intended to be delivered at some future time, or that the same may not at the time of the making of such mortgage charge, floating charge or sale be actually procured or provided or fit or ready for delivery, or that some act may be required for the making or completing of such goods and chattels or rendering the same fit for delivery.

A bill introduced by Premier Tilley corrects a technical error in the act respecting the division of the province into counties, towns and parishes.

#### CHARGED WITH THEFT

Laughlin Gain, who gives his home as Prince Edward Island, appeared before Police Magistrate Walter Limerick in police court this morning, charged with theft of articles from a local store, was given a remand until next Monday morning. The accused offered no defense and the prosecution called three witnesses, two employees of the store, and a police officer. Chief of Police Jones conducted the prosecution.

#### BASKET SOCIAL

Everyone is planning to go to St. Anthony's church on Tuesday where a Mardi Gras and basket social is taking place with a fine program outlined. Admission only 25 cents. Ladies with baskets admitted free.

### The Provincial Secretary Says That No Increase Will Be Made in Pro- vincial Taxes This Year —Budget Speech Being Delivered This After- noon at Legislature.

In bringing down his annual budget in the Legislature this afternoon for the tenth consecutive time, Hon. A. J. Leger, Provincial Secretary-treasurer dealt exhaustively with the financial position of the province and was most optimistic with regard to the betterment in economic conditions and the improved tone in business and industry throughout the province.

Hon. Mr. Leger estimates the receipts for the coming year at \$5,781,680.00 or \$345,151.60 more than the revenue of last year. The estimated expenditure is set down as \$6,270,863, a reduction of \$42,197.09 from last year on an unbalanced budget and with no increase in taxation. For the coming year a deficit of \$489,203 is budgeted for, "but", says the provincial secretary, "we are confident that improved conditions throughout the province will be reflected in provincial finances, and if we do reach near normal conditions in revenue, we may yet count on a balanced budget, and in this we make no credit allowance for a prospective increased subsidy".

#### Industries Intact

After revealing business conditions in the province, the provincial Secretary-Treasurer said "With the courage characteristic of our people, the advantages that we possess, the progress accomplished during the year we may go about our task with brighter hopes and more cheerful hearts, happy that we have emerged from a depression of unprecedented severity, with our primary industries intact, and proud that through these critical years the credit of the province never faltered".

Referring to agricultural conditions, he went on to say that low prices had meant that little, if any, money could be made, but at any rate the farmers were sure of a certainty of a livelihood which in these days of stress without outside help was the primary object.

#### Lumbering Industry

In dealing with the conditions of the lumbering industry, the minister said: "The long lumber trade is in a much better condition than it was two or three years ago. The reports gathered throughout the province indicate that there will be a fairly large cut of logs and that operations will be well spread over the province. Practically all of the New Brunswick concerns are operating".

The other basic industries of the province, such as fishing, mining and tourist travel were dealt with forcibly by the speaker and he was able to point to a substantial betterment.

Hon. Mr. Leger, in discussing financial conditions during the past year, acknowledged a deficit on current account of \$876,851.59. He pointed out that \$336,610 had been set aside for sinking funds and continued: "Had we declared the result before accounting for the sinking fund, as some other provinces do, the deficit, instead of being \$876,851.59, would have been \$539,941.69."

Referring to recent bond issues by the province, the Provincial Secretary-Treasurer said that they were not only indicative of its very sound financial (Continued on page four)