

## Quebec People Pay Heavily Under New Tax

AWA (CP)—About one-half of Quebec's 600,000 income taxpayers will become the most heavily taxed citizens in Canada under Premier Duplessis' new tax bill, officials said today. It is based on the conclusion of Duplessis' explanation that the Quebec tax will be equivalent to 15 cents out of every dollar paid to the federal income tax. Quebec will be the only province levying provincial tolls on income. Other provinces have signed agreements with the federal government renting their income tax to Ottawa in return for an annual payment.

### TWENTIETH DEDUCTIBLE

Under federal law, a person paying provincial tax can claim a deduction from his federal tax bill of one per cent or one-twentieth of the federal payment. For example, a man paying \$500 federal income tax can—provided he also pays a provincial tax equivalent to or exceeding five per cent of that federal payment—a credit of a maximum of \$25 at the federal payment. Under Mr. Duplessis' bill, the charge against the provincial tax would amount to \$75—equivalent to 15 cents of every dollar collected by Ottawa. It means the Quebec resident, in this case, would be paying an extra \$50 a year income tax.

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Commission's message. Secretary-treasurer Irving Oberg was authorized to seek information on a new billing machine. Mr. Oberg reported that he and PUC auditors had been investigating methods of billing customers on one bill for all departments, but he said that two machines presently used for this work were nearly worn out.

With a new, larger machine, he indicated, the multiple billing might be accomplished, and provision would also be made to include a gas bill sometime in the future if this area is serviced with natural gas.

Named as representatives to other civic committees were: E. A. Vigars, civil defence; Mr. Freeman, traffic and safety; and Mr. Ashton and Mr. Benger, labor relations.

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made out at the Ontario capital, and telegraphed to the local OPP detachment in mid-afternoon.

### SURRENDERED

Mills came into the OPP office in the basement of the courthouse at 5.15 and surrendered himself to Sgt. Lellava.

After telephone conversations with their lawyers—T. P. Callon of Port Arthur is representing Mills and W. A. Maloney of Fort William is acting for Gandier—the bail application was arranged for 7 p.m. at Fort William courthouse.

Still a question mark is the amount of money said to be involved in the irregularities which auditors, the Crown alleges, found at the Fort William highways office. The auditors, according to reports, checked all accounts at the

office for a considerable time in the past, instituted a system whereby all employees signed personally for cheques which were handed to them by the auditors themselves, and made several trips to district points for on-the-spot probes of highway department work.

A provincial government announcement at Toronto Thursday morning, attributed to Highways Minister George Doucett, disclosed only that \$18,625 was involved in the conspiracy charges against Cutting, Gandier, Turner and Ayres. No amount was disclosed in the charges against Mills.

A Toronto newspaper Wednesday broke a story that the amount involved was in the neighborhood of a million dollars, and the case was "a ranking one in the province's history." The Canadian Press Thursday quoted Mr. Doucett as describing this amount as "utterly ridiculous," but the highways minister did not reveal what he thought the true figure might be.

Any official information will likely not be received until a preliminary hearing on the charges.

Irregularities reportedly uncovered by the auditors, who were headed by H. A. Connam, provincial auditor, and J. L. Zollner, financial comptroller of the highways department, have been described as payroll padding with fictitious names, sale of department trucks and other machinery with return to the department of the proceeds, use of highways equipment and materials for private purposes, and contracting, by employees, of their own trucks to the department.

Tip-off in the case, it was reported last November, came from a disgruntled employee whose expense account was turned down.

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mean every word contained in this letter.

"Should I fail to keep my promise this \$1,000 is to be lost to me. If you find me worthy of your indulgence I trust it will be returned when I finish as a player.

"I would like to add that my past in hockey has not been too easy at times because of my temperament. I have always been an intense competitor and I would not know how to play otherwise. It is the only way that I can give my best. I am sure that the fans around the circuit are aware of this fact and I trust that this incident will not have any bad effect throughout the remainder of my career."

The letter was signed, "Maurice Richard."

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