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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Flesherton district, especially the Eugenia Hydro pond has always been noted for its large speckled trout and out of eight prizes awarded in the Slater competition five of them were caught at Eugenia, one at Flesherton and one at Markdale. But all this was casually mentioned in a dispatch from Owen Sound as in the "Owen Sound district." It must have been galling to the Williams Lake fans to take a rear seat away back this year.

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Despite protest from the Tweed council that town will have erected this year a new post office. The Tweed Mayor and council said that it was not needed and the money could be more profitably employed in preparing Canada, in a defensive way, to assist the Mother country. With millions of a deficit in the Federal government it seems inopportune to continue political expenditures, such as that for an unwanted post office building. When will parliament wake up to its obligations?

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Congratulations to the editors of The Dundalk Herald and Creemore Star who took second and third places respectively in a best newspaper contest for the J. T. Clark Memorial Trophy, won by the Stouffville Tribune. It was very fitting that both these papers are within a short distance from Flesherton where the late Jos. T. Clark, former editor of the Toronto Star, was born and spent his early boyhood. Who knows but that someday his own home town paper may have the privilege of winning the coveted cup, up for competition this year for the first time.

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Budget Speech Given This Week at Ottawa

(By Agnes C. Macphail, M.P.)

Spring has come. That's by far the most important thing. If we weren't so civilized, we could quit working to enjoy the sun, just as we do when a loved and long-absent friend returns.

But, no! We go about our varied tasks, hurried and harassed with the stress of life. It's all wrong somehow. We, the M.P.'s (who waste the taxpayers' money talking a la McCullagh!) had a busy week, shut so carefully away from the sun in a most luxurious prison.

The budget came down. The Minister of Defence introduced his estimates in a two-and-a-half hour speech. Shark loan companies were brought to time by legislation. The cheese was bonused. Youth training projects to the extent of a million and a half annually arranged for. And one of the best speeches I have ever heard in the Commons was made by Maxime Raymond, an aristocratic French-Canadian, on the inequity of highly protected industries maltreating their employees.

The budget speech is a highlight, possibly the highlight of a session. But this year, when few tariff changes were anticipated because of the three-way trade agreement between Canada, Great Britain and the United States, less so. And with the great social burdens to be carried, much reduction in taxation was unlikely.

The interest of the members centred, then, on the Hon. Charles Dunning, who, as everyone knows, suffered a break-down in health last summer. The preparing of the budget and the delivering of it requires tremendous energy and there was some anxiety lest it prove too great a strain. There need not have been. It was excellently done. Mr. Dunniny is a distinguished man, who stands high in the regard of his colleagues. He is extremely able, hard-working and his integrity is beyond question. But he is conservative in his outlook and he brought down a conservative budget.

The one surprise was encouragement held out to industry to make capital expenditures by way of enlarging plants, installing new equipment and machinery and, generally, branching out. The encouragement takes the form of reduction in income tax equal in amount to ten per cent of the cost of the expansion. (If that doesn't beat you, when we now have plant and equipment sufficient to glut the market! Consumers with money to buy is what we need.)

Tax exemption on new mining enterprises is continued. The eight per cent sales tax on consumptive goods is retained. And the statement made that a more rapid expansion of Canada's mining policy would be futile or even dangerous. Radio parts have been put on the free list. The three per cent excise tax has been removed on goods coming from the United States and all other favord nations. After consultation with the British government, the budget anticipated a tax on vegetable oils; this, in an endeavor to increase the use of animal fats.

The deficit for the year is given at $30,000,000, with the expectation of a further 25 millions to be added. The exact amount is not known, however, until last year's wheat crop is sold.

Mr. Dunning enunciated a great truth, which is not yet generally realized. It is: "If the people as a whole and business in particular will not spend, government must. It is not a matter of choice but of sheer social necessity. The alternative is a greater burden of relief and greater dangers from deflationary sources. We dare not, we cannot, contract our expenditures until our industries and our people generally are spending more freely."

The day that the Hon. Ian McKenzie made his speech on national defence I was preparing my script for the C.B.C. broadcast, over a national hook-up, on "Education in Rural Life," and it is perfectly amazing the amount of time one can spend on a twelve-minute radio address. I did the script twice. After the first one I had an audition at the C.B.O. studios, which was heard by H. H. Hannam, G. G. Coote and Robert Anderson, the expert in charge. They laughed so much at my stilted language and I was so provoked and amused at myself that I reconstructed the whole business and so missed the Hon. Ian's address.

The defence vote is raised from 35 millions last year to 63 millions this year and particular stress was laid on the air arm of defence. It was stated that there are two hundred and ten planes now with one hundred and nine to be delivered soon. Many of these are used only for training. Pilots for the Royal Air Force of Great Britain will receive training in Canada, particularly at Camp Borden and Trenton. In addition there will be a greatly expanded training scheme for Canadian forces. This last involves the creation of a new classs of short term service officers. The speech was largely a review of what has been done.

The Small Loans Act (which passed the Commons the othe night, provides that on any sum up to $500.00 loaned without collateral it is criminal offence for loan companies to charge more than two per cent per month, this to cover all expenses in connection with the loan-interest solicitor's fees, search, disbursements, travelling expenses, everything.

The Hon. Mr. Ilsley, who piloted the Bill, said that the fullest powers of inspection were being given the Superintendent of Insurance, Mr. Finlayson, to inspect not only the licensees under this measure but also the unlicensed money lenders, and also that the Bill was not necessarily final but was something to work under; if there were abuses they would be corrected in future.

Mr. Walter Tucker, well-known for his advanced ideas on money, had always opposed the Bill, but said now that he thought it better to get some legislation which would prevent the loan sharks charging exorbitant per cents, running to a hundred and even a thousand per cent, rather than holding out for ideal legislation. However, he favored co-operative credit unions rather than loan companies and praised the work in Quebec, Nova Scotia and the United States, in this regard, and urged that the Canadian government give serious consideration to setting up a federal credit union law for this country.

An amendment was moved by Angus MacInnis, C.C.F., Vancouver, that the charges be reduced to one per cent per month, which was defeated.

It is seldom that all the members in the House of Commons pay rapt attention to a whole speech, but this unusual tribute was paid Mr. Maxime Raymond, Liberal Member for Beauharnois-Laprairie, as with earnestness, logic and eloquence he spoke in favor of employees in highly protected industries sharing the benefits conferred by tariffs. He drew his illustrations entirely from Dominion Textiles and Montreal Cottons, the latter being situated in his own riding at Valleyfield, Quebec.

Montreal Cottons, in 1880, started with a capital of $385,000 and the first year paid a divident of eleven per cent to its shareholders. And, between then and 1911, they continued to pay on both actual and watered stock dividends ranging from six to twenty per cent. In spite of that, the profits accumulated so fast that by 1911 the capital had swelled to three million dollars and a stock bonus of three million dollars was divided among the shareholders. Since that time the Company has continued to pay dividends on a capital of six million dollars, although the total investment is less than three.

. All this time the city of Valleyfield had given the Company tax exemption and a bonus.

Mr. Raymond says: "What was the share of the workers compared with that received by the shareholders who benefitted by tariff advantages granted by Parliament to the textile industry? The workers were treated like slaves. The average annual wage does not exceed $300. In Valleyfield, where the mill is located, the worker is constantly made to feel that he owes his very existence to the Company. Alas! what an existence. The man who sweats in the mill from six o'clock at night until seven o'clock the next morning for a measly pay of $1.08, upon which he has to support four children besides his wife, does not live, he barely keeps body and soul together. . . . I have conclusive evidence to show that the wages to show for two weeks' work ranged from $6.00 to $20.00. When the workers go to get their meagre wages twice a month, they are kept waiting for hours, in the rain or in the cold, in a yard without any shelter, and the pay is handed to them in the form of a small ticket about the size of a postage stamp, on which appears the amount paid and the date of payment. They do not know whether they are paid by the hour or by the piece. . . A man worked six years and never received more than twelve dollars for two weeks work—eight children—health suffered —result of unjust poverty. That is the workers' share.

Trade unions are spied upon and workers are ever increasingly lessened by the installation of machines. And always the two companies cited asked for more protection.

In the case of the Dominion Textile Company, the president had himself voted a bonus of $35,000 while he was receiving an annual salary of $20,000, but during all this time he was paying starvation wages to his workers," Mr. Raymond said, and concluded: "Drastic legislation is imperative to curb the activities of these ogres of finance and industry, who, with the cynicism of gangsters, profit by the misery of thousands of workers. Parliament is supreme. Within its jurisdiction it has the power and duty to act. If Parliament does not take drastic steps it will become the accomplice of this exploitation."

So happy to have met the Weekly Newspaper editors and their wives at the Chateau this week. Congratulations to the Dundalk Herald, winning first prize in job printing competition and second in the Clark Memorial Trophy. Anne Anderson Perry, editor of the Elora Express, spoke of the culture in the villages and the countryside in the early days and of her joy in returning to the task of her father in the beautiful village of Elora.

OTTAWA
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—AGNES C. MACPHAIL.

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