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Outlines Economics to be Practiced by Government

Ottawa Letter Gives Particulars of Reductions Planned in Estimates and Resume of Doings on Parliament Hill During Past Week; Only Two Courses Open

A cut of 37,000,000 in estimated expenditures for the current fiscal year reflects the long weeks of study and of paring practiced by the Bennett ministry. When it is considered that not more than 25 per cent. of total expenditures is controllable, the extent to which economy has been carried out will be appreciated. For example the interest on Government debt to the public cannot be cut. Nor can the outlay for pensions, nor for civil government. Almost all economy must be effected at the expense of public works. Naturally, therefore, there will be some disappointment on the part of communities quite convinced that new public works are their immediate right.

The situation is that falling revenues and railway deficits and fixed charges of Government leave only two courses open. When the budget is brought down it will perhaps indicate that even though the strictest economy consistent with maintenance of essential services has been practiced, some readjustment of taxation is also necessary. Customs tariffs cannot be expected to yield more because the policy of the Government is to manufacture more of our requirements in Canada. Income tax for 1931 can scarcely produce as much as in the last year and it will not be surprising if nuisance taxes, like the Sales tax, will be jacked up to provide funds. The only alternative is borrowing and Premier Bennett dislikes that kind of financing. He will have recourse to it only in extremity.

The opening of parliament after Easter brought the "Red International" to Ottawa to demand non-contributory employment insurance. There were thirty-five in the delegation "representing the unemployed of Canada". Mr. Bennett—and later Mr. King, expressed their interest in unemployment insurance but the former assured his interviewers that no Government with which he was associated would sponsor non-contributory employment insurance, nor would there be any dole. Mr. King was less emphatic. He confessed his party had never considered non-contributory insurance. A poll of the delegates showed scarcely a single native born Canadian and most of the delegates were from Central Europe. When some spoke of "appealing to Moscow" and of Communism Mr. Bennett told them the Government might find it possible to aid them to get to the land where they might live under Communism. There was no enthusiasm.

One of the most controversial items which has arisen in recent

years is the reorganization of the Department of the Interior. Handing over of natural resources to the Prairie Provinces has reduced the labor of this department by probably forty per cent. There isn't any work for several hundred employes and the Government has declined to keep on the payroll that number of guests.

A few months ago the Government announced that after March 31 the fleet of private cars maintained for Ministers and officials would be disposed of. The bill last year for these cars was some \$550,000, exclusive of gasoline and oil. The latter probably cost another \$200,000 a year. Against this expenditure the Government now proposes to allow \$42,000 per year in lieu of cars. Here is a net saving to the country of probably \$700,000 a year.

Permits for the clearing and burning of brush and for traveling in the woods are necessary after the first of May. These permits are issued free to all who have legitimate reason for requesting them.

Kirkland Lake merchants will observe a weekly half-holiday on Wednesdays, from May to November, a by-law to that effect having been passed last week by the Teck Township council.

TO OPEN EXHIBITION



Earl Jelicoe, head of the British Legion, who is coming to Canada this summer to open the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto. He will also be the guest of honor at a gathering of the members of the Canadian Legion.

Wood Alcohol Believed Cause of Two Deaths

Two Swedish Workers Succumb To Poison Two Days After Release From Jail

Two Swedish workmen, released from the district jail here on Wednesday last after serving short terms for drunkenness, died in the Mines Hospital, Cobalt, on Friday as a result, it was believed of drinking wood alcohol obtained from a drug store in the silver town. Oscar Carlson and Isaac Erickson were the names of the victims, both were without relatives in this district and both had been committed to the jail on being convicted of offences against the L.C.A. by Magistrate Tucker, of Cochrane. They had been stopping after their release from the jail at a boarding house on Argentite Street and it was learned that they had been drinking heavily. On Thursday night the police were notified and, finding both men in bad shape, had them removed to the hospital where Erickson died at 3 o'clock Friday morning and Carlson eight hours later. Dr. G. A. Schmidt attended them.

At an inquest held on Saturday afternoon, under Dr. W. C. Arnold, coroner, the jury returned a verdict of death from the effects of drinking wood alcohol, and added that there was no suggestion of foul play. It was shown in evidence that the men had been drinking something that bore a resemblance to an Old Country Finnish mixture known as "Tentu" but the witnesses could not explain in English just what it was composed of.

Nikoli Langila, who had been with the two victims for a short time, Mrs. Minnie Talso, at whose house they had stayed on the Wednesday, C. H. Moore, of the Moore Drug Company, where it was believed the wood alcohol had been purchased, Provincial Constable Stromberg, who had been notified when the men became very ill on Thursday, and Dr. Schmidt were the chief witnesses at the enquiry. Carlson had told the doctor that they had been sick all day and Erickson stated that they had been drinking wood alcohol, and the doctor stated that the symptoms indicated wood alcohol poisoning.

The funeral of both victims was held in Cobalt on Monday, with interment in Silverland Cemetery. Investigations by the police under Inspector Moore, brought the information that Carlson had a sister living in The Pas, Manitoba, but no relatives of Erickson could be located. No instructions regarding the funeral were given by Carlson's sister.

Party Will Try to Cross Canada By Motor Power

E. Warton Shaw Leaves on Trip Projected Last Year; Has... Visited North

The following despatch from Hamilton to the daily papers on Saturday recalls the visit here of the adventurous motorist, who will attempt to drive across the continent by an all-Canada route. Mr. Shaw spent a day or two in Haileybury last fall and also visited other parts of the North in an attempt to enlist financial support for the expedition. He was the first to suggest that the different sections of the North get together and try to choose a route for the trans-Canada highway that would suit all parties, but in neither of his proposals was he successful. Now it appears that he is still prepared to make the trip and is probably now on the way. The despatch follows:

With the good wishes of a large crowd at the city hall showered upon them, E. Warton Shaw, his daughter, Phyllis, and Harold Puxton, started out for Halifax today. From there they will begin their long journey across Canada by motor.

The equipment consists of a motor truck and trailer, a tractor a specially built pontoon and a canoe. On arrival in Halifax the wheels of the trailer will be backed into the Atlantic ocean and the long overland trip will begin. The party will pass through Truro, Amherst, St. John, Moncton, Fredricton, Edmundston, Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa and Port Arthur. At Hearst, the end of the highways, they will be joined by V. E. Steers, and the plunge into the bush will begin.

KIRKLAND TOWNSITE SHAREHOLDERS MEET SATURDAY, MAY 9TH

A special general meeting of the shareholders of Kirkland Townsite Gold Mines Limited has been called for Saturday, May 9, to be held in Haileybury, the head office of the company. The shareholders will be asked to consider a proposed agreement for the sale by way of option of 900,000 shares of the capital stock to Davison and Young, and also to confirm and ratify acts of the directors, including a by-law providing for the appointment and remuneration of a managing director.

It is believed that if the proposed sale of a block or shares is confirmed by the shareholders the property will be developed further this year.

Strong Companies Working To Create Real Gold Camp

Financial Post Reviews Operations and Prospects in Newest Northern Mining District Which is Being Rediscovered Expect Important Development

The Financial Post last week devoted a large amount of space to an outline of the developments that are being carried out in the Matachewan district, following the discovery made by Ashley and Garvey last summer. In summing up the prospects and possibilities of the district the Post says:

Matachewan is being rediscovered after a decade of quiescence.

The indomitable spirit of prospectors, backed by an aggressive mining company, is bringing Matachewan to public attention as a gold camp, as has no other find in recent years. It must be regarded as fortunate that an established mining organization with ample resources, such as the Mining Corp. of Canada, is pioneering this discovery. Had a prospector with limited finances or a lesser established company made the find, it would not have created the interest that it has. When the area attracted attention a decade ago it is significant that no property was under development by a strong, well-financed organization, and the properties that showed the most promise were forced to suspend through lack of funds to complete a definite development programme.

While it must not be thought that the area is an established or proven gold camp, the indications to date at the Mining Corp. find are most promising. Intelligent, well-directed effort alone will reveal what the future has in store.

Mining, particularly gold mining, has assumed a new significance in the past 18 months. The world shortage of gold and the fact of its being ever stable in price, has stimulated the search for it. The risks involved through fraud and questionable promotions in the industry have, to a large extent, been removed. These factors, together will all add attractions to the seeking.

By its very nature, mining is hazardous, but it is this speculative element with its rich rewards to the fortunate, that attracts the investor. What most investors ask is that the prospect be worthy of development and that the money raised be spent in a proper manner—a fair run for the shareholders' contribution.

Necessarily, financing a prospect is of greater risk than investment in a developed property but likewise the return is greater if the prospect develops into a real mine. Prospects and the financing of their development, is the first essential towards making a mine. No rule for safety of investment can be laid down in

mining. Apparent worthiness of the property for exploration, and the integrity of the sponsors, should be the chief requisites for attracting capital.

The accompanying reviews of individual operations in Matachewan are designed to insure and attract interest for an area that obviously has not had the share of attention it deserved in past years. While there can be no assurance that it will be another Porcupine or Kirkland Lake, the geology is favorable and recent developments are such that the area can not be ignored.

MAJOR E. HOLLAND, V.C. IS COBALT POSTMASTER SUCCEEDING W. BINNY

Major Eddie Holland, V.C., has been appointed as postmaster of Cobalt, succeeding Walter Binny, who recently resigned the position after 13 years service. Major Holland received official notification last week that his new duties would commence on May 1st. He is a veteran of the South African and Great Wars and has been in the North Country for the past 27 years, broken only by his period of service in the late war.

Major Holland won the V.C. during the South African campaign and it was while in the North in 1904 to look over a grant of land received for his service that he found the country to his liking and settled here. He has been engaged in the mining machinery and supply business and in many prospecting operations.

Mr. Binny is also a veteran of the two wars in which Canadians have taken part. He is going to Toronto to live after taking an extended holiday.

William Setchell, of Callander, on Friday last reached his 102nd birthday and, although not in the best of health, was able to greet his friends and receive congratulations on the occasion.

The Week's Weather

Week ending Wed., Apr. 29:	
	Max. Min.
Thursday	31 18
Friday	41 24
Saturday	44 30
Sunday	38 32
Monday	38 24
Tuesday	42 31
Wednesday	34 27
Precipitation during week 2.9"	

Bessborough Uveils Commemoration Stone By Phone



This photo was taken in the study of His Excellency the Governor-General on April 23rd, when the Earl of Bessborough made a speech over the trans-Atlantic telephone in connection with the unveiling of a stone of commemoration to honor the discovery of magneto-electric induction by Michael Faraday at the Royal Institution 100 years ago. The Governor-General was, before his appointment to his present position, a director of the London Power Company, and the honor of unveiling the stone at the new electrical power plant at Battersea, London, England, by him, was arranged before he came to Canada.

NOTICE!

All Advertising Signs must be removed from the 66 foot road allowance of the Trunk Roads on or before **May 16th, 1931.** If not removed by the owners before the aforementioned date, same will be removed by the employees of the Department of Northern Development without further notice.

D. J. Miller,
District Engineer

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