

### Review Budget Amendments

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I would like to review the statement of the Finance Minister, the Honourable Mr. Gordon, in the House of Commons in which he proposed Budget Resolution amendments.

Public Reaction

Since the Budget was brought down on June 13, the government has received representations and suggestions for changes from members of all parties in the House and from many people outside. The complexity of modern business and, therefore, the complexity of modern taxation, has made it increasingly difficult for governments to forecast all the administrative problems and all the consequences of tax changes.

Detailed information, from those affected, can be secured only after the proposals have been made public. No government and no Minister of Finance should be reluctant to reconsider and revise proposals if public discussion shows it to be desirable.

I acknowledge with gratitude the representations and suggestions that have been made by the riding. All have been carefully considered. Some are ideas which the Liberal government were glad to act on.

Part, what the revisions do is to clarify the budget proposals and improve them in detail.

For example, we had recommended that sales taxes would not have to be paid by the purchaser under a fixed-price contract; it should have been made clear that a binding tender, submitted before the budget, would also be regarded, if accepted, as equivalent to a contract.

There is another administrative change of a similar kind—had we proposed to set a time limit of 12 months, i.e. until June 14, 1964, before which deliveries of building materials, machinery etc., under existing fixed-price contracts must be made in order to qualify for refund of sales tax. Although that time limit is adequate in the majority of cases, it is not unreasonable, I think, that it be extended to December 31, 1964.

Information received from various industries since the budget makes it clear that the exemption from sales tax on materials consumed or expended in a manufacturing process should be continued. The tax would bear inequitably on many manufacturing enterprises and on the printing and graphic arts industries. The resolution has been modified accordingly.

It has also been revised to operate more fairly as between those who construct buildings on the site and those who manufacture prefabricated buildings or certain prefabricated components of buildings.

A different type of clarification in the Income Tax resolution concerns the question of appeal, which was raised early in discussion. It is the government's intention that the powers sought in order to prevent "dividend stripping" and the use of associated companies to reduce tax should be made subject to appeal to the Exchequer Court.

The government also proposes that two changes of substance will be made in the Excise Tax resolution.

First Change

The first of these concerns schools and universities and similar educational institutions. It is proposed that materials used in their construction will continue to be exempt from sales tax, in effect, by the refunding of the tax on a basis similar to that followed in the case of hospitals.

I think it right to make such an exception in the case of schools and universities. Their need for new buildings is so great, there are such an importance to the future of Canadians, and the sources of finance available for their construction are already so strained, that they are a very special case. I was pleased to support the request of Georgetown High School Board and Milton Separate School Board that schools be exempt.

The second change that the government proposes is one that has, in the short run, a considerable effect on the revenue that will be raised. I should therefore review the objectives of the budget which was presented on June 13.

It is, first of all, a budget designed to encourage production and employment. To achieve these purposes, we must accept a deficit while our economy recovers. But if we are to have full employment and economic growth, not only in the short run, but on a sustained basis, we must reduce the excess of our current payments to other countries over receipts from them.

Moreover, and this is the second main objective, we must take positive action to safeguard the Canadian economy against an ever increasing and excessive degree of ownership and control outside this country. This must be done while we continue to treat fairly the foreign investors who are making an essential contribution to the development of our country.

These objectives cannot be attained without maintaining confidence in our economy and our finances. For that reason, we cannot contemplate an indefinite series of budget deficits. It must be clearly established that our fiscal policy and measures are so designed that, when other forces conspire to operate close to its full capacity, our budget will be balanced.

They mean that, in present conditions of production and employment, it is reasonable to budget for a substantial deficit. But they also mean that the government must take definite action to reduce the deficit as production and employment increase. That reduction will not come about quickly enough solely through the natural expansion of government revenues.

The growth of Canada implies growth in our expenditures also. Many of the new programs which Canadians clearly want for their well-being and which are needed for economic expansion and the creation of more jobs, will require increased expenditures next year. We must be in a position to meet those needs. We must therefore provide for new sources of revenue, especially for revenue that will come to us next year.

Must Cut Spending

In addition to the above, we must cut government spending as much as possible in implementing the Glasco Commission Report and other means of making the government more economical and efficient.

I have previously explained in my column why removal of the exemption from sales tax on building materials and machinery is the least objectionable source of additional revenue.

At the same time, the evidence that has been presented makes it clear that the sudden imposition of the tax at the rate of 11 per cent would have a very sharp immediate impact on some industries. Full consideration of the arguments suggests that the timing of the extra taxation can be adjusted in a way that will synchronize with the needs of the economy over a longer period.

Instituted in Stages

It is proposed, therefore, that the tax will come into effect in stages. The rate charged from June 14 will be four per cent. This will continue until March 31 next year. The rate will then be raised to eight per cent and will continue at that level until December 31, 1964. After that, the final three per cent will be added.

Refunds will be made to those who, during the period from June 14 until July 8, have actually remitted sales tax at the full rate on goods they have sold or imported that were previously exempt.

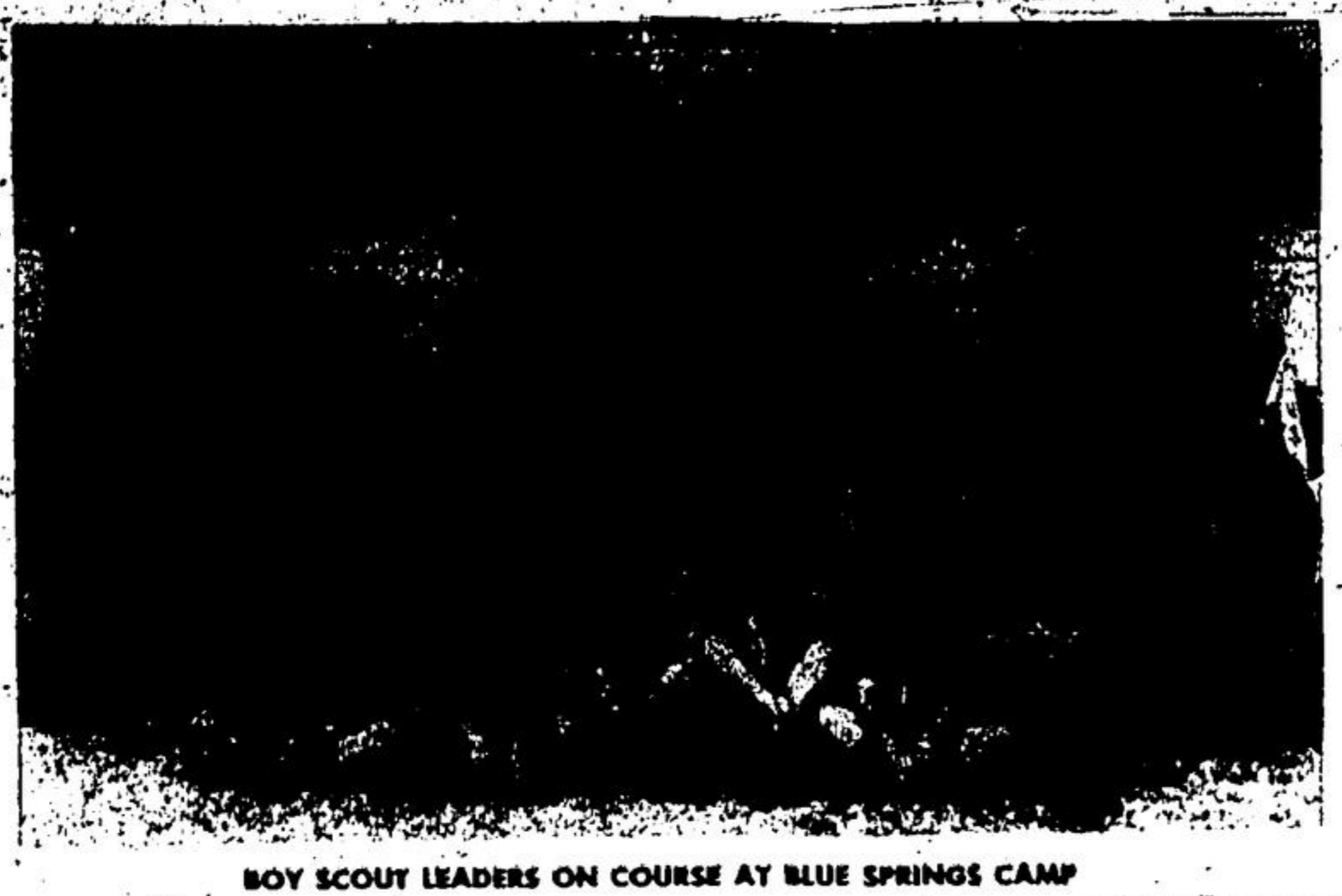
The graduation of the tax will give two effects. First, it will give people time to adjust their affairs, to absorb the impact of the tax in the most convenient way. Secondly, the graduation of tax rates will provide an important incentive to people to proceed with construction and other investment projects now.

### Firefighters Invited To Sunday Cookout

Acton Firefighters received an unexpected call to attend a barbecue Sunday noon at the home of Joe Gitto, Glenlea subdivision.

While preparing the barbecue for a cookout, one of the family attempted to heat the flames by pouring gasoline on the fire. The can exploded, spraying gasoline over the table and contents.

Firefighters doused the blaze with fire extinguishers but the fire had burned a section of the table and part of the contents.



BOY SCOUT LEADERS ON COURSE AT BLUE SPRINGS CAMP

## Bob Merry High Contestant In Land Judging Competition

Bob Merry, Milton R. R. 5, was high contestant in the sixth annual Halton Land Judging Competition held on July 17. Bob was awarded a trophy by the Credit Valley, Sixteen and Twelve Mile Creek Conservation Authorities.

Thirty-nine contestants took part in the competition. Each contestant classified 4 soil types; rated each for the growing of four different crops, and gave reasons for their selection.

The Land Judging Competition was started in 1958. Since that time 126 Junior Farmers and 4-H Members have received training in Land Judging. In addition 111 farm operators were instructed in land use, through this Competition.

Prize winners in this year's competition were as follows:

Novice—Donald Harris, Campbellville, R.R. 3, 10; Keith Aitken, Acton R.R. 3, 107; Carol Swackhamer, Acton R.R. 2, 106; Bruce Hart, Milton R.R. 4, 108; Neil Robertson, Milton R.R. 5, 103; Bryan Marshall, Milton R.R. 4, 94; George Henderson, Georgetown, R.R. 1, 92; Douglas Gardhouse, Milton R.R. 5, 82; Walter Tryssenaar, Acton R.R. 3, 82; Douglas Stokes, Campbellville, R.R. 2, 80; Stuart Nurse, Georgetown, R.R. 2, 74.

Juniors—John McGee, Norval, R.R. 1, 118; Murray Harris, Milton R.R. 6, 117; Margaret King, Milton R.R. 4, 116; Arthur Lawson, Milton R.R. 5, 114; Lorne Ella, Hornby R.R. 1, 114; Ken Wilson, Milton R.R. 3, 111; Geo. Humo, Milton R.R. 5, 108; Wayne Aitken, Acton R.R. 3, 104; Maurice Sweetman, Hornby R.R. 1, 104; Nettie Tryssenaar, Acton, R.R. 3, 103; Wilberden VanGrinsven, Milton R.R. 6, 101; Pete Sweetman, Hornby, R.R. 1, 100; Elizabeth Northington, Milton, R.R. 6, 98; Denis Jones, Hornby R.R. 1, 96; Murray McCaig, Norval R.R. 2, 96.

Seniors—Bob Merry, Milton R.R. 5, 142; Jeffrey Nurse, Georgetown R.R. 12, 121; Marilyn Sherwood, Burlington, R.R. 1, 120; Ed Van Hoekelen, Acton R.R. 2, 116; Dennis Sinclair, Burlington R.R. 1, 115; Janet Aitken, Acton R.R. 3, 115; Bob Peddie, Milton R.R. 5, 114; Don Featherston, Hornby R.R. 1, 113; Margaret Hunter, Burlington, R.R. 1, 112; Bill Sinclair, Burlington, R.R. 1, 111; Mildred Martin, Milton, 107; Bill Alexander, Norval R.R. 1, 106; Thea Tryssenaar, Acton R.R. 3, 99.

### Safety Week

You Can Avoid Farm Hazards

During 1962, 172 Canadians died from farm accidents other than motor vehicle. Using the established national average that one in every 50 accidents is fatal, the National Safety League of Canada believes at least 9,000 of Canada's farm population were involved in farm accidents, half of them requiring hospitalization. Of the total, 90 per cent of the accidents resulted from carelessness or neglect. They should never have happened.

NSL joins with and supports all organizations contributing to the promotion of National Farm Safety Week, July 21 to 27, 1964.

P. G. McLaren, the League's general manager, said, "Too much emphasis cannot be placed on the importance of every member of the family learning to recognize hazards and how to avoid them."

Farm safety, NSL believes, should be a family affair, each member of the family playing his part in finding and eliminating accident causes. Get to know the safe way to handle equipment, learn the skills necessary to safety, and "Keep your mind on your work."

A farmer, said the League, must be many kinds of craftsman: carpenter, electrician, mechanic, administrator, foreman and instructor.

NSL warns that an unsafe act can easily become a habit. Promptly corrected, it just as easily becomes a habit to avoid the dangerous act. During this Farm Safety Week, urges NSL, correct such habits already formed, and, most important, spread safety by example.

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Chief Plugs Safety On Television Show

Milton Fire Chief A. E. Clement, publicity chairman for the Halton Fire Prevention Bureau, made a brief appearance on television to broadcast a message on farm safety over CBC's Country Calendar program.

George Atkins of Bromie is Country Calendar's commentator and is well known throughout Halton for his active interest in farm circles. Chief Clement, in his message to farm residents, gave hints on fire prevention and instructions for reporting fires to the fire department.

He suggested farmers keep the fire department telephone number handy beside the telephone and displayed cards listing the phone numbers distributed through the Fire Prevention Bureau. He urged viewers to give clear and concise directions to a fire, have a person standing at the end of the laneway to direct the trucks, and have someone available who knows how to get at the nearest water supply.

Chief Clement also reminded farm residents they can have their homes and buildings inspected for hazards, if they call their local brigade and request an inspection.

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## Blue Springs Reserve Booked For Summer

Large wooden gates at the entrance to Blue Springs Scout Reserve will be kept open until the second week in September. Seven leaders' courses and a mass reunion will be held during the summer months.

Last week a group of Troop Scouters were on course at the popular camping grounds. Altogether this season there will be four Pack Scouters' courses and three Troop Scouters' courses with the big reunion to wind up the year.

Sea Scouts Now

An innovation has been adopted this year and Sea Scoutmasters are on course at Blue Springs. During the final outing, anyone with his wood badge will be eligible to attend.

During the current course, scouts are present from as far east as Quebec, west to Windsor, north to North Bay and south to the Niagara Peninsula.

Following this course there will be two Pack Scouters' courses in a row, then a weekend Troop course lasting for three weekends and two Pack and Troop Scouters' courses at the same time.

New Area Open

During the past few years, Scouters have been busy clearing another camping and training area at the reserve and this year is the first it has been open for courses.

Beside their chapel services, rigid training periods, hikes, lectures and knot tying exercises, Scouts do enjoy the best of fellowship.

### Two-Car Crash

Estimated damage in a two-car accident Friday evening was \$175 when Georgetown and Guelph cars collided on Queen St. East. An eastbound car driven by Donald Behan, R.R. 2, Guelph was in collision with a westbound vehicle driven by George Chaplin, Georgetown. Constable Bruce McArthur of the Acton O.P.P. Detachment investigated.

—Heard of one family who drove to a well-advertised spot for a weekend picnic, then found it so crowded they came back to Fairy Lake.

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Each Saturday evening ministers from the four participating churches take turns in conducting the services with members of congregations from the church providing music.

This Saturday evening and for the balance of the summer, a highlight will be an organ recital prior to the service. This week a Hammond electric organ was loaned by the company.

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