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Ontario budget '87

Reflecting Ontario's current prosperity, the 1987-88 Budget contains good news this year. There are no tax increases and the Government has been able to bring in tax deductions worth \$246 million. Treasurer Robert Nixon told members of the legislature. As well, the Ontario Government has cut the deficit by more than \$300 million.

Most of these benefits will go to low-income people, some to our senior citizens and our farmers. Fewer people will pay Ontario income tax or OHIP premiums. The Budget also raises the sales tax exemption on prepared foods from \$2.00 to \$4.00, effective June 1, 1987.

Improving the quality of education is this government's top priority, Mr. Nixon said. The 1987 Budget doubles the allocation for school construction over the level of two years ago. In addition capital spending on colleges and universities has doubled since this government took office. As well, the Budget provides a \$25 million increase in the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP).

As well, the Budget introduces a new program to help farmers pay for safety equipment, machinery repairs and grain storage systems. There is also a new, \$40 million Land Stewardship Program to help farmers improve productivity.

Planning for growth and to support quality health care for Ontario, the Budget commits more than \$11 billion -- or over \$1,200 per person -- for health care programs in 1987-88.

To help provide an adequate supply of affordable housing, the budget includes a 24 per cent increase in funding to the Ministry of Housing. Under the Assured Housing Program, a further \$220 million will be used for construction of affordable rental housing.

Recognizing that child care is a social and an economic necessity, the 1987 Budget allocates an extra \$26 million to child care this year. It also provides \$33 million in capital funding over the next three years. Mr. Nixon repeated Ontario's support for a national policy that includes support for non-profit and private child care centres.



M.P.P. Report

by Don Knight

To expand our economic potential, Mr. Nixon said the premier's Council on Technology has assisted the Government in setting rigorous guidelines for activities financed by the \$1 billion Technology Fund. The Government has allocated \$100 million in 1987-88 for technology fund expenditures and decisions regarding the Centres of Excellence will be announced over the next few months.

To counteract the deterioration of Ontario's transportation system, brought about by the years of spending constraints, the Budget commits \$200 million over the next three years to build new roads and bridges, and bring older ones up to par.

Recognizing that low commodity prices and high debt costs, the 1987 Budget delivers help where it is needed. The Farm Property Tax Rebate program increases the level of farm tax rebate on agricultural land and buildings from 60 per cent to 100 per cent.

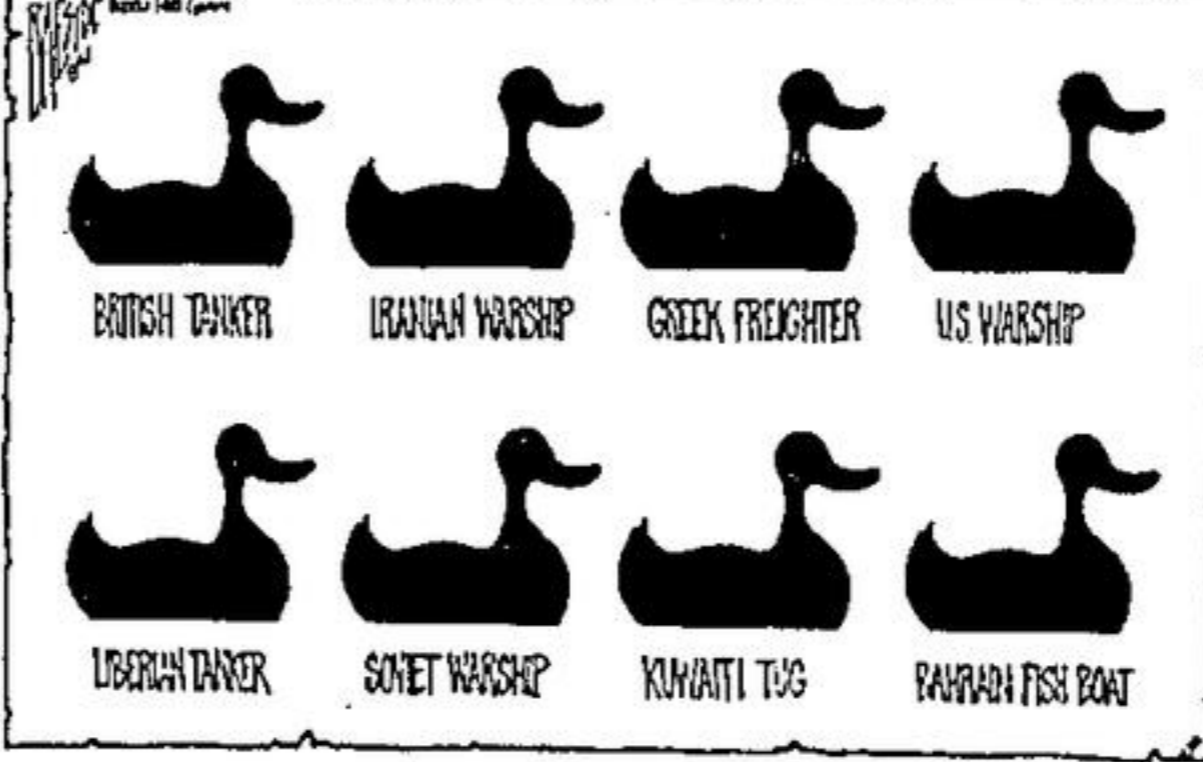
For Northern Ontario, the Budget provides an extra \$26 million for Northern roads this year. The Northern Ontario Heritage Fund, with an initial allocation of \$30 million will help promote diversification and long-term economic growth in the North. As well, 1,200 government jobs are being moved to the North and new mines will receive a three-year tax holiday.

To help Eastern Ontario share in the province's current prosperity, the 1987 Budget sets aside \$25 million over the next five years for a new Eastern Ontario Community Development Program. The new program will help find local solutions to local problems. As well, the Destinations East and North Programs will receive an additional \$5 million to promote tourism in these regions.

This year, the Ministry of the Environment will receive a 16 per cent increase, committing \$418 million to environmental protection. Money will be targeted to ensure a clean water supply and to combat acid rain.

"The Government is committed to achieving a durable prosperity that is shared by all," Treasurer Robert Nixon said. The 1987 Budget promotes economic growth and regional development, rebuilds Ontario's aging infrastructure, improves social programs and maintains vigilance over tax levels and the deficit.

IRAQI AIR FORCE SHIP IDENTIFICATION CHART...



Losing her will -- and her appetite

I've lost my will to live. And my appetite. Until now I've wanted to live forever. But if a University of Western Ontario chemical engineer has his way, I'll just pass on the next century. I'd literally rather die than eat what he proposes.

Algae sludge grown in a pool of sewage. Yum yum.

This guy, Dr. Naim Kosaric, dropped the little bomb on a Canadian Institute of Food Science and Technology conference in Hamilton recently. According to him, when it comes to feeding ourselves in the next century, we're going to be in serious trouble.

card says he takes it from anyone. It's his bread and butter, he says with a wink. How true, Pepi. It'll soon be everybody's bread and butter. And steak and potatoes.

In a queer contradiction of terms, health food colonies will spring up just like the communes of earlier times. All the 21st Century hippies will band together in their little hideaways to once again grow their own.

And when someone complains to the cook that they're tired of the same old crap night after night, who'll be able to argue?

It's easy to sit here and complain about future prospects but in July the world's population will reach 5 billion. At that rate, by 2,000 there will be 50 billion people. That's 1,000 people per square kilometer, all over the world. That's one person per square meter. Wait to wait to people. There'll be no room for pastures with contented cows growing fat, juicy steaks and ripe, red roasts. There'll be no pens with squealing pigs producing lovely hams and peameal bacon.



One woman's view

By CHRIS CARLISLE

His solution is to grow high-protein algae atop water from municipal waste.

I don't care how hungry I get, I won't eat that stuff. I'd rather eat brains or liver or those nasty little things that come bagged inside turkeys, before I's eat algae grown on sewage water.

I'd rather eat fish heads.

The algae, apparently, can be eaten directly or processed. This will open the door to all kinds of horrors. Algae burgers topped with sliced, processed algae, colored orange and designed to melt when heated. These no doubt will be sandwiched between an algae seed bun.

Unfortunately, our attitudes towards food will have to change. Cows and pigs will probably be extinct because so many hungry people slaughtered them wherever they could find them. Forget conservation or ensuring the balance of nature and proper reproduction. Existing farms will be raided and anything on four legs that moves will be spirited away or butchered right there on the spot by roving bands of famished outlaws.

Tin Lizzies

(Milton, Ontario) ... Follow the road to the Ontario Agricultural Museum and shift into the era of goggles and dusters. Packards and Model T's. Sunday June 14th, the Ontario Agricultural Museum presents Tin Lizzies And Rumble Seats. Over 100 antique cars dating from 1896 to 1987 will be featured as part of the national judging meet of the Historical Automobile Society of Canada.

Activities start at 10:30 a.m. Spotlighting the day's agenda, 16 classes of antique vehicles will be judged. As well, gear up to the feature display by the Canadian Service Station Memorabilia Association.

The Museum is located 8 km west of Milton (from Hwy 401 take exit 320B or 312 north). Admission is \$3.00 for adults, \$1.50 for students, \$1.50 for seniors and a family rate of \$7.50.

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Death rate has increased

Mr. Mulroney, I am a grade twelve student who attends Georgetown District High School. I am enrolled in a law course and I am writing to let you know about my feelings towards having the reinstatement of the death penalty.

I am not a politician but I have done some research on death statistics due to murder. It seems that the death rate has increased highly within the last ten years. I have the feeling that when a person plans to commit such a crime they first hope that they will be able to get away with it but secondly they feel that even if they are caught the worst thing that can happen is twenty-five years in jail. Actually, it doesn't even take that long due to "good behavior". Some people who commit murder find life in jail to be of a higher level than to that of when they lived freely. In that case, we (the public) are paying approximately fifty thousand dollars to keep someone that has left some family motherless or fatherless or possibly childless due to their actions. The worst part about it is that if a family loses a member such as their father due to a person who murdered him, that family must pay money to shelter the killer in jail. When a person receives a life sentence, that means if they remain in jail for the full twenty-five years it would end up costing almost \$1,250,000. I am not comparing the persons life to the \$1,250,000 but a person who commits such an act as murder is actually a danger to society because how are we to know if the person will commit the same offence once they are out of jail. I myself do not feel comfortable knowing that people such as Charles Manson may "one day be roaming around freely."

I feel that if the death penalty is reinstated it will cut down on the amount of deaths related to murder instantly because most people wouldn't be willing to take the chance of dying. If it is brought back there will most likely be a few ways in get out of the sentence but that is understandable due to the seriousness of the penalty. In conclusion I would just like to point out that the majority of people which I have talked to regarding this topic feel the same way that I do and finally I would like to say that when I someday become a parent it would be a relief to know that I don't have to worry about a killer who has served him time in jail and is now wandering around in the same park which my children will play in.

Respectfully yours,
 Patrick McCarthy

Poets' Corner

RAIN, RAIN GO AWAY
 I watch
 the earth
 peer
 from beneath
 the sea
 that fell
 overnight
 and wonder
 if she'll glub
 before
 friendly skies
 allow
 a few more breaths.

—By MARLOWE C. DICKSON,
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