

OUR CAPITAL CORRESPONDENT

It is recognized on Parliament Hill that the demands for cuts in the Canadian rates of corporation and personal income taxes as well as other so-called taxes are widespread but at the same time well-informed sources in Ottawa emphasize in no uncertain language that, in face of the end of the war quite a long time ago now yet the estimates for the fiscal year reveal a daily budget of about \$7,000,000 on ordinary expenditures of the Government. Indeed, in breaking down figures for the average man or woman to understand readily, it is apparent that some unavoidable departmental costs may reach high amounts, with Defence calling for \$448,608,641 in the demobilization and reconversion process, though this implies a reduction of considerable proportions from last year's \$232,432,178. Reconstruction and Supply requiring over \$290,000,000; War Service Gratuities and Rehabilitation Credits rising to \$326,000,000 from last year's \$240,000,000. In other words, when it is born in mind that the Dominion-Provincial Conference could not reach any accord and other factors had increased ordinary departmental expenditures, it can be clear why the Federal Government may not be able to satisfy a great many demanded changes to reduce taxes of various sorts in this year's annual budget to the extent of these popular requests which are no longer any secret on Parliament Hill.

Ever since the Canadian Government has announced that more immigrants will be allowed into Canada from abroad according to a specific plan, there have been many wrong impressions drawn from this announcement. As a matter of fact, this is only a modified policy for more immigrants to be allowed entry and it will not even have a chance to show itself until the beginning of 1947. The announcement has merely pointed out a "short term measure on immigration" as Orders-in-Council were passed to widen the grounds of admissibility, especially where there is an assumption of responsibility for their maintenance by Canadians. Moreover, there is no attempt in Ottawa to estimate, at this time, the number of additional immigrants who are likely to come here under this modified immigration policy which does not apply to cases from the Orient, stressing that shortage of transportation facilities, the need for bringing ser-

vice personnel and their dependents, and other factors will not allow this plan to operate extensively for a long time on the basis of present observations in this capital.

The Justice Department in Ottawa has revealed that convicts in Canadian prisons cost the Government now \$257 a day as against \$1.90 about twenty years ago and 78.4 per cent of the prisoners in penitentiaries in 1945 were "repeaters" as compared with 70 per cent in 1933.

The importance of science in this modern age was emphasized in no uncertain way in the House of Commons when Canada's Minister of Reconstruction, Hon. C.D. Howe, said that it was hoped to provide "good salaries" for Canadian scientists, making this statement while explaining the plans of the National Research Council. He added that there was a shortage of good scientists throughout the world so that any scientist could leave a Government position and step into another post at a much greater salary in industries. The National Research Council had a staff of 300 in 1939 but the peacetime staff now would be approximately 1,500.

"Make no mistake in thinking that these increases are a signal for a general rise in prices since they are definitely not," said in Ottawa Donald Gordon, Chairman of War-time Prices and Trade Board, in commenting on the recent increases allowed in furniture, clothing, etc. "I don't believe in the isolation of the Catholics," stated Senator T. D. Bouchard in the capital in referring to an order by Mgr. E. Limoges, Bishop of Mont Laurier, requiring Roman Catholics in his diocese to resign membership in Rotary clubs because these were "neutral organizations." "Let him mind his own business," interjected a member in the House of Commons when another member protested against a statement attributed to Lord Inverchapel, new British Ambassador to the United States, who was quoted as saying he hoped the new design of the Canadian flag would retain the Union Jack. Incidentally, Britain's new High Commissioner to this country, Sir Alexander Clutterbuck, who succeeded Rt. Hon. Malcolm Macdonald refused to comment on the flag issue upon his arrival in Ottawa to take up his new post.

Air Minister Gibson has announced in Ottawa that Sept. 30 has been set as the deadline for RCAF demobilization. It cost Canada a total of \$783,141 to administer the Family Allowances Act from July 1 to Dec. 31, 1945, with this information being disclosed here at the same time as that there were 488 temporary and 36 permanent employees of the administration. A carload of grade "B" potatoes, three hundred 100-pound bags, had to be "dumped" in this capital on account of the strike in the United States in face of the world's severe food shortage because these potatoes were rendered "unfit for food." Canadian coal mines increased production by 8.4 percent in March as compared with March, 1945, states a report in Ottawa. There are 13 diplomatic officers and 67 non-diplomatic persons attached to the Soviet Russian Embassy in Ottawa. This compares with 21 diplomatic officers and 76 non-diplomatic staff in the United States Embassy or 12 diplomatic and 22 non-diplomatic persons in the French Embassy in Ottawa. Senator T.A. Crerar said in Ottawa that it was quite possible for the Canadian tourist trade to reach an annual total of \$500,000,000. The Chairman of the Parliamentary Radio Committee is Ralph Maybank, Winnipeg Liberal. A permit has been issued in this capital for the construction of a \$27,000 storage building for the National Gallery of Canada.

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CROPS BEST IN YEARS IN ONTARIO COUNTY

Crops are in the best condition in years in Ontario County according to the Ontario Agriculture Dept.'s weekly crop report. Early potatoes are making good progress and a fair acreage of corn has been planted both in Ontario and York Counties.

Little pigs are in big demand in York County and command prices up to \$10 apiece. Apple crop prospects are said to be good.

DO YOU KNOW —

Ration Book No. 6 will be distributed on September 9th. The first five canning sugar coupons became good on May 2nd. Five more will fall due on July 4th for later fruits. Sugar is scarce the whole world over and Canada only receives her share from the Combined Food Board. American visitors may obtain temporary ration cards at the Border where special ration offices are now operating. No ration cards are needed by American tourists who are stopping at Canadian hotels this season. Canadian travellers must give up their ration books to hotel operators if they are staying four weeks, or longer. It is illegal to sell hot dogs or hamburgers on meatless Tuesdays and Fridays. The breaking of counterfeit coupon rackets has been the biggest undertaking of the Price Board's Enforcement Branch. In one week in May the Canadian Meat Board shipped one million pounds of canned meat to UNRA. On June 6th the butter ration increased to six ounces a week.

PLAN FOR MIDDLETON PICNIC JULY 1st AT ORILLIA

A number of the readers will be interested to know that on Saturday, June 8th, a meeting was held at the home of Mrs. A. Spears, Whitevale to arrange for the pre-war Middleton Picnic to be held at Orillia on July 1st. The meeting was well attended from Huntsville, Peterboro, Toronto, Whitby, and Markham. Sports are being arranged, also prizes for the oldest man, lady, youngest baby, oldest and newest married couple, and baby prize. The park at Orillia is good for accommodation. In former years the attendance averaged from 300 to 500. The officers are: Mrs. C. S. Carruthers, Markham, Hon. Pres.; Mr. G. Middleton, Goodwood, Hon. Pres.; Mr. A. Middleton, Toronto, Pres.; Mr. G. Hewitt, Peterboro, Vice Pres.; Mrs. G. Middleton, Huntsville, Sec. Treas. After the meeting Mr. and Mrs. A. Spears who are on the sports committee, served a delicious tea of which was appreciated.

VEGETABLE AND FRUIT OUTLOOK IS PROMISING

Ontario's untold thousands of fruit trees generally came through the winter in fairly good condition, while vegetable growth, retarded by cold, dry and windy weather after unusually good early conditions for seeding, has been revived by frequent rains and warmer weather, the Ontario Department of Agriculture said in a report for the first five months of 1946.

A few districts show less of apple and cherry trees resulting from early defoliation in 1945. Frosts in late April and early May caused more bud and foliage injury to the lower parts of trees in districts on low ground.

Except for a few crops notably cauliflower and early celery, producing areas in Western Ontario show near-average prospects. Commodities in Eastern Ontario all show average with early cabbage and spinach above average.

CANADA FOURTH LARGEST

The fact that Canada, a land of 12,000,000 people, has risen to the enviable position of fourth among the industrial powers of the world has been a constant source of astonishment and amazement to the peoples of other lands.

To the people of this Dominion, however, the fact is one of which they are proud, though Canadians, too, often have to sit back and look at their nation's industrial picture from a general point of view to let the greatness of it sink in.

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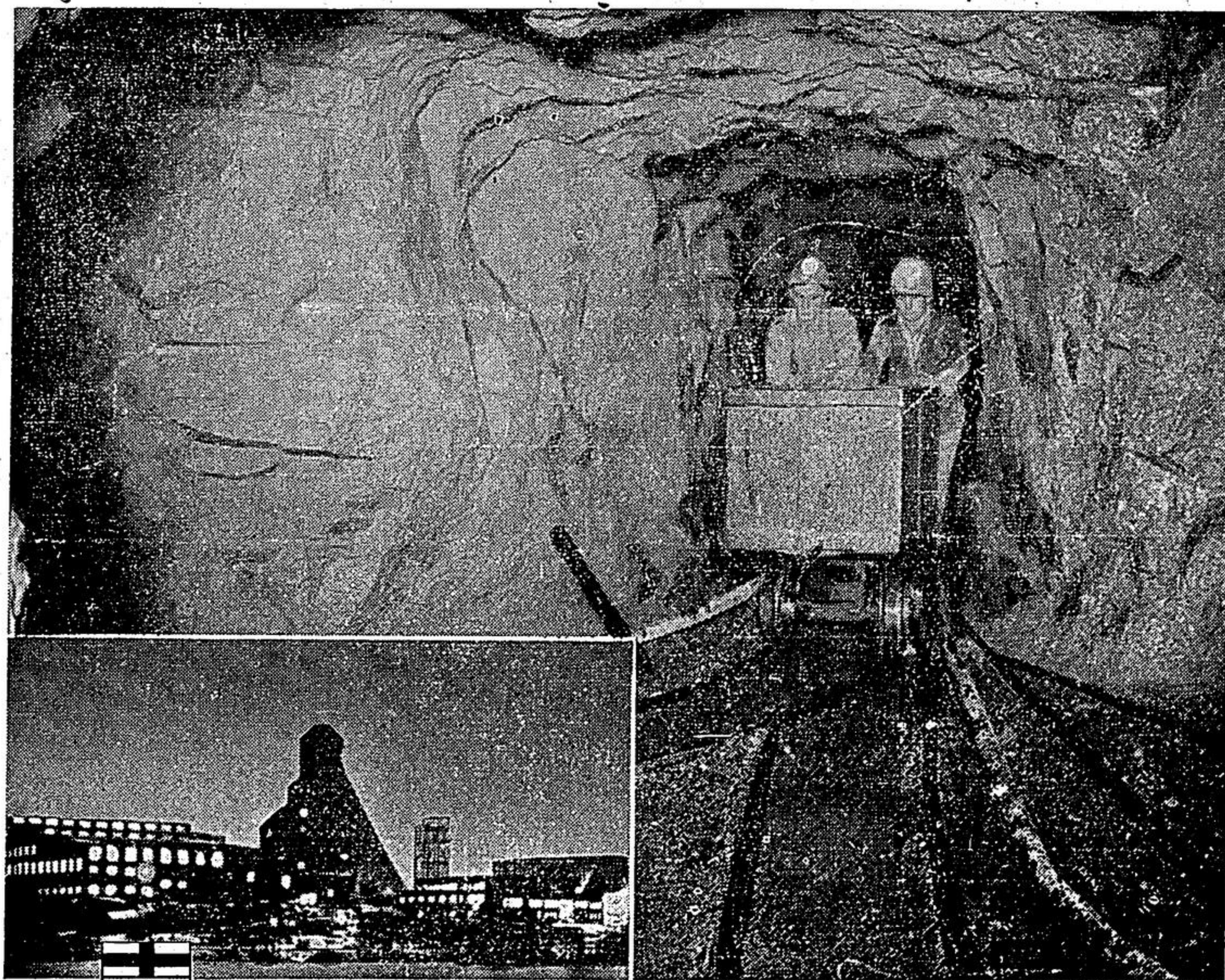
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A CORNER IN GOLD

In 1945, the province of Ontario recorded 15,225 gold-mining claims. In the previous year \$25,000,000—salaries and wages—went to the 10,000 people engaged in the province's gold-mining industry and \$30,000,000 in nickel-copper. During the war the mines of the Sudbury basin supplied the United Nations with all the nickel and platinum metals required for victory, yielding 1,800,000,000 pounds of nickel, 2,000,000,000 pounds of copper, 15,250,000 ounces of silver and 1,750,000 ounces of platinum metals.



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