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Increased revenues from Canada's buoyant and booming economy made possible the splendid and encouraging statement of our National Finances in the annual budget presented to an attentive house and an expectant country Thursday night.

Tax reductions and adjustments were welcomed but major satisfaction of Canadians should be in the very fine state of our general financial position. It is a matter of real satisfaction to all Canadians that our economic conditions continue in such a healthy state in this rather unsettled world.

The reduction in our National debt is the kind of good sound financing which makes for success, stability and progress in any private business. Just as it is good business to pay off something of the mortgage in our private affairs during days of prosperity, so it is good business to do the same thing in our national business. As a result of steady debt reductions over the past few years taxpayers of Canada are saving many millions of dollars in interest charges.

Expenditures still are high and

taxation is heavy, but we must keep in mind that one half of our national revenue goes for defence preparation, an insurance premium which we hope will maintain peace and avoid the horrors and destruction of another world war. A real effort has been made to keep non-defence spending at a minimum with the result that many desirable projects have had to be laid over to a future date when we hope our defence requirements will be lessened.

Saskatchewan River Dam
The proposal to construct a dam on the South Saskatchewan River to provide irrigation for a large area of farm land in Saskatchewan was first made before Confederation, and has been a project under consideration at various times ever since.

In 1951 your federal government appointed a Commission to inquire whether the economic and social benefits would be commensurate with the cost, and whether the project represents the most profitable and desirable use which can be made of the physical resources involved.

The purpose of the South Saskatchewan River project is to

irrigate an estimated 455,000 acres of land in central Saskatchewan by constructing a dam 205 feet in height across the river. Associated with the plans for irrigation it is proposed to develop 150,000 horse power.

The estimated cost of the project is in the neighborhood of \$250 million, and after exhaustive and expert study the Commission issued a lengthy report which is a 423 page printed volume.

The lengthy Commission report did not give a green light to the project, rather it questioned several phases of the undertaking and the Prime Minister announced this week the government is not prepared to start this vast power and irrigation project without further investigation.

All opposition parties united in a demand for an immediate start despite the Commission's recommendation. However while the government favors constructive works such as the proposed project it was felt the wise course is to make haste slowly and be very sure of our ground before embarking on an undertaking involving the expenditure of \$250 million.

Trade Mission
Hon C. D. Howe, Canada's Minister of Trade and Commerce, returned to the House this week after a 20,000 mile tour of Latin America countries in the interests of improved trade relations. He was given a rousing welcome to the House as it is recognized in all parties that Canada is most fortunate to have as a Trade ambassador a man of his outstanding qualifications and ability.

Reports are that the Trade Mission was well received in all nine

countries visited and the Minister is optimistic of results. Latin American trade is important business to Canada as it is our third largest trading area. Our trade with Latin America has risen from \$33 million in 1938 to well over \$500 million in 1952, almost equally divided between imports and exports. Although our trade with these countries averages only about 6 per cent of our commerce with the world in general, it accounts for about one quarter of our trade with all countries other than the United Kingdom and the United States. The Howe Trade Mission was evidence of the government's policy of doing all possible to foster that business and strengthen our relations with this increasingly important part of the world.

Farm Loans
The Canadian Farm Loan Board issued 68,739 loans during 1952 for a total of \$81,851,583. Of this amount more than ten million was loaned to 9,193 farmers in the province of Ontario.

Borden Memorial
The Prime Minister this week announced that provision will be made for the erection on Parliament Hill of a suitable memorial to Rt. Hon Sir Robert Borden, Prime Minister of Canada from Oct. 10th, 1911 to July 10, 1920. The Prime Minister paid tribute to the late Sir Robert as a great Canadian who rendered distinguished service to our country. Next year will mark the 100th anniversary of Sir Robert's birth.

Even yet in many a case an automobile is started by a crank—who steps on the starter.

MT. PISGAH

(Thursday, Feb. 19)

Rev. E. C. Middle was back in his usual place on Sunday after a two week absence because of illness.

Miss Margaret Holly who has a school at Scarborough now was a Sunday dinner guest of Prof. and Mrs. E. A. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Monkman and family of Lansing were Sunday visitors of the R. C. Baycroft family.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Sproule and the Moorby family on the death of Mrs. Sproule's brother, Mr. Wellington W. Sheppard at Peterborough. He was buried at Peterborough on Saturday of last week.

Mrs. Norman Brown and Jim and Mrs. Margaret Acey motored to Pembroke for the weekend. Mrs. Acey remained at her home there.

Weekend visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Biddlecombe were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Oylar of Richmond Hill and Mr. and Mrs. William Walker of Toronto.

The Home and School Association of Whitechurch S.S. No. 6 and 7 had a very good attendance at their monthly meeting in S.S. No. 7 on Friday, Feb. 13th. A representative of the United Nations showed three films. Mrs. Pollock, accompanied by Mrs. Harif at the piano, sang "My Hero." The usual business including discussion of the forthcoming rummage sale took place. Also plans for the euchre and croquinoie party at Vandorf Community Hall on Saturday, Feb. 28th, were discussed.



Stouffville Floral

—ROSES—

Wedding Bouquets
Funeral Designs
Cut Flowers

MILT. SMITH, Prop.

BLOOMINGTON

(Thursday, Feb. 19)

We extend congratulations and wishes for continued happiness to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Lomon who celebrated their wedding anniversary on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Baker, Mrs. Burnett and Miss Fockler attended the hobby show at the Coliseum in Toronto on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Fisher of Windsor were with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Baker, over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Gayman and family of Unionville were visitors with Mr. and Mrs. W. Ferguson on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Davis, Barbara and Dorothy of Scarborough were with Mr. E. Davis on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Lemon and Jonathan, Mr. and Mrs. C. Lemon and Helen visited with Mr. and Mrs. M. Lemon at Thornhill on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. MacPherson and Mr. D. MacPherson of Toronto visited at the C. Lemon home on Sunday.

The Christian Endeavour Society gave the program at Ringwood Christian Church on Sunday evening.

GLEN MAJOR

(Thursday, Feb. 19)

Mr. Willis Hopkins of Orillia spent a day last week visiting friends here.

Miss Livingston of Toronto spent last week with Mrs. R. Huxtable while Mr. R. Huxtable was in Boston.

A number of ladies from here enjoyed the Valentine party at the Pine Grove school, guests of the Pine Grove W.A.

Mr. and Mrs. George Pickett spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. H. Langille and David, the occasion being David's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fiss visited with Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Johnson one day last week.

Several from here attended the Minstrel Show in Claremont, on Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jones called on Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Pickett one day last week.

A group from Toronto enjoyed Saturday evening at Skyloft.

The community was sorry to hear Mr. A. C. Simmonds of Toronto is in the hospital undergoing an operation. We are all wishing him a speedy recovery.

BALSAM

(Thursday, Feb. 19)

Misses Kingston and Linton of the Toronto Normal School were teaching at Mt. Zion school last week and spent the week at the Jordan home.

Mrs. Wm. Harbron and Mrs. Cecil Jones went on the bus trip from Brooklin last Thursday in connection with the W.M.S. They visited some interesting places in Toronto such as the United Church book room and the Fred Victor Mission and in the evening attended the pageant in the high school at Leaside.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Empringham and family had supper Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Carson.

Mrs. Stan Thompson of Altona spent last Friday with Mrs. Cecil Jones.

Mrs. Geo. Wilson spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wilson at Lakefield.

Mrs. Wm. Harbron spent a few days this week with her daughter, Mrs. Stan Neal in Toronto, who injured her leg a few weeks ago.

There will be another euchre party held this Friday night at the Mt. Zion School.

GORMLEY

(Thursday, Feb. 19)

We extend the sympathy of this community to Mrs. Sproule and the Moorby family. Mrs. Sproule's twin brother, Mr. Wellington Sheppard, passed away last week at his home in Peterboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Dalt. Moses, Carol and Glenda had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Ken Jones of Dixon Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Farmer and Mrs. Helen Henry were guests Saturday evening of Mr. and Mrs. F. Harvey, and on Sunday evening were guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. Doner.

Mrs. Hunking of Shelbourne and daughter Elva spent last week in the home of Rev. and Mrs. C. Hunking.

We welcome to our community again Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Henderson and their family who have moved to their new home just south of Gormley.

"OPERATION ALUMINUM"



KITIMAT

... half way

The first stage of the big aluminum development at Kitimat — 400 miles north of Vancouver — is moving ahead on schedule. KENNEY DAM is finished and water is rising in the 350-square-mile lake it is creating. The ten-mile TUNNEL, with a drop sixteen times that of Niagara Falls, is now driven about one-half of the way through the mountain toward the half-completed KEMANO POWER-HOUSE. Rock miners, working under a mile-high mountain, are carving out a cavern three city blocks long, preparing the way for the installation of three 150,000 h.p. generators. TRANSMISSION LINE work is well advanced; the fifty miles of right-of-way between Kemano and Kitimat has been cleared and many of the 250 towers erected. The SMELTER is steadily rising in the cleared forest site. Target date for the first pour of aluminum is spring, 1954. Operation Aluminum in British Columbia is on schedule!

PERIBONKA

... nearing completion

The new CHUTE DU DIABLE powerhouse on the Peribonka River, in the Saguenay district, is in full operation. Its five 55,000 h.p. generators are now feeding power to Alcan's smelters in the Saguenay valley. CHUTE-A-LA-SAVANNE, downstream from Chute du Diable, is also rapidly approaching the day when all five of its generators will add 270,000 h.p. to the Saguenay power network. ISLE MALICNE smelter addition is now in production and its full capacity is available for civilian and defense needs. In 1953, Alcan's four smelters in the Province of Quebec will produce over 1 billion pounds of aluminum ingot for the markets of the free world.

In the fifty-two years since the first Canadian aluminum plant opened at Shawinigan Falls, Canada's aluminum industry has grown to be the second largest in the world; and Canada now exports more aluminum than any other country.

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