

Automotive Industry Leaders Meet to Consider Tariff Situation

TWO FISHERMEN MAY HAVE BEEN DROWNED

Search for Safety of Claude Dulmage and Stim Hyett, of Point Traverse, Who Went to Attend Nets and Failed to Return.

It is feared that Claude Dulmage and Stim Hyett, two fishermen who were at Point Traverse, Prince Edward County have lost their lives while going out to attend to their nets, which were located in open channel between Prince Edward county and the Main Dicks.

According to the information received by The Whig, the men left Point Traverse on Tuesday and went in an easterly direction for their nets, which were on a line between the Main Dicks and their home. When they did not arrive home Tuesday evening, the members of families became very much alarmed, and sent out word for people to be on the lookout. The men were travelling in a motor boat, which was considered to be able to weather almost any kind of sea. The boat was similar to that used by most fishermen.

Search Is Made.

The search was continued all day Wednesday and Thursday, and up until Friday morning no person has been able to get any trace of the two men.

Mr. Claude Cole, Cape Vincent, when in telephone communication with The Whig on Friday morning, stated that he, in company with some men from Cape Vincent, had gone up to Tibbit Point, which is located about two miles from Cape Vincent, and had used the field glasses but nothing could be seen of a motor boat in distress. He also stated some of the men, who were engaged in the search had been able to motor to the Main Dicks and had followed the shore line of the Ducks to Galoup Island, but there was nothing to show that the two men had landed there on Wednesday or Thursday. Mr. Cole said the glasses showed that there was lots of open water in the direction of the point where it is supposed the men were in search of their nets. The wind on Thursday forced the ice down in the American channel in the vicinity of Cape Vincent.

THE TARIFF CHANGES ARE NOW IN EFFECT

Including Those on Motor Cars and in Regard to Sales Tax.

Ottawa, April 16.—The tariff changes provided in the budget, including reductions in duties on motor cars, go into effect today. The changes in the sales tax also are effective as from today, and apply to all goods imported or taken out of a warehouse for consumption on and after that date and to goods previously imported, for which no consumption was made before that date.

The change in tax on playing cards from eight to fifteen cents to straight ten cents a package goes into effect today.

The budget provides that income tax changes are applicable to income for the year 1925 and each year thereafter.

The provision limiting the British preferential tariff to goods when conveyed without transshipment to sea or river ports of Canada becomes effective on January 1st.

Cheap Rates to Gananoque. Starting Saturday, April 17th, fares on the Kingston-Gananoque buy will be reduced, also adding a late Saturday night trip. Phone R. S. Walker, 2470-J.

The giant Italian-built polar dirigible Norge, of the Amundsen-Ellsworth expedition, is being refitted at Leningrad with three new engines in preparation for her final flight to Spitzbergen.

Gold shipments to Canada are predicted from Wall street.

A WALL COLLAPSES. CRUSHING ROOFS. Hamilton, April 15.—A big section of the rear wall of the G. W. Robinson store, recently gutted by fire, collapsed today and crushed the roofs of several nearby buildings. The C. B. Earl clothing store suffered the most extensive damage. The debris snapped power lines in its fall. There were no casualties.

France and Spain have agreed on peace terms to be discussed within the Riffian emissaries in Morocco.

The General Motors Plant at Oshawa Temporarily Closes Over the Tariff

The Manufacturers in Session at Toronto Claim They Will Lose Millions and That Much Unemployment Will Result.

Toronto, April 16.—The plant of the General Motors Corporation at Oshawa suspended operations today, and three thousand employees were temporarily out of work. On arrival at the factory they found the following notice displayed:

"On account of tariff changes the entire plant is closed indefinitely until the company is able to arrive at an intelligent conclusion as to what future course may be considered advisable."

R. S. McLaughlin, president of the company, declined to make any comment.

Representatives of all motor car manufacturing industries in Canada as well as makers of parts and tires, meeting in Toronto today at 1.10 o'clock issued a statement regarding the changes made in the tariff yesterday in which they stated: "It is the unanimous view of those present that the budget is disastrous to the industry and threatens both domestic and export trade. An analysis of the situation discloses the fact that the whole of the protection af-

forded to the automobile industry has been wiped out in one stroke because the reduction of the duties is greater than the margin that existed between the duties paid by the manufacturer on his material and that collected on cars imported. Automotive industry finds itself today with entire protection removed against the mass production of American factories, and with an actual premium on imported cars. The operation of the new tariff will result immediately in certain cars and models which have heretofore been manufactured in Canada, being forthwith imported. The effect of this will be felt in a wide number of centres of Canada during the present week, and the unemployment which will result, cannot be accurately forecasted at the present time. The change has been made at a time when the dealers' stocks of new and used cars is greater than at any other time of the year, and automobile dealers will take losses of millions of dollars on their stocks of used cars."

LATE W. H. SULLIVAN; AGED LAWYER PASSES

Studied Law in Office of the Late Sir John A. Macdonald.

William H. Sullivan, one of the oldest legal men of this city and in this district, passed away early on Friday morning at the home of his nephew, Michael J. O'Reilly, 119 Earl street after a brief illness of pneumonia.

The late Mr. Sullivan was one of the most prominent men of the legal profession in Kingston. He was born in Chambly, Que., in 1843 and was brought here with his family in the same year. As a boy he attended the Christian Brothers' School and later Regopolis College, and entered Queen's College as it was then, taking an Arts course. After a noteworthy course in Queen's College, Mr. Sullivan graduated from there in 1862. He decided on the legal profession and he studied law in the office of Macdonald and Macdonell at 93 Clarence street, in the office now occupied by J. B. Walkem, K.C.

The late J. H. Metcalfe, M.P., was in the office at the time. After studying in the office, of Macdonald and Machan, (Mr. Macdonald being later Sir John A. Macdonald, Mr. Sullivan was called to the bar about 1865, and he opened his first office in the building on Clarence street now occupied by King and Smythe. When the late C. F. G. dersleewe renovated his Clarence street offices, below the British American hotel, Mr. Sullivan moved into one of them, and had been there ever since. He acquired a very heavy office practice and was highly regarded by his clients as a man of keen understanding of law in connection with property and wills.

The late Mr. Sullivan was a staunch supporter of the late Sir John A. Macdonald and was a strong

worker for him at the polls during election times.

When the Sullivan family first came to Kingston they lived on William street near St. Vincent's Academy. The same house is said to have been occupied by the late Bishop Macdonell. The late Mr. Sullivan was a brother of the late Dr. Michael Sullivan, who became Senator Sullivan and who died eleven years ago.

Mr. Sullivan is survived by three nephews, William Sullivan, St. Catharines, Michael J. O'Reilly, Kingston, and Daniel O'Reilly, also, five nieces, Miss Frances Sullivan, Kingston, Mrs. Charles Crookall, Brooklyn, N.Y., Mrs. F. H. Morey, St. Catharines, Mrs. George Findley, Niagara Falls, N.Y., and Miss Katherine Sullivan, Buffalo, N.Y.

BANK MANAGER AT OSHAWA SUICIDES

J. O. Anderson Is Found Dead in Basement of Bank Office.

Oshawa, April 16.—J. O. Anderson, local manager of the Bank of Montreal, was found dead in the basement of the bank at 3.45 o'clock yesterday afternoon with a bullet wound in his head inflicted with a .32-calibre revolver. The police and Coroner F. J. Rundle were notified and after an investigation it was decided that an inquest was unnecessary.

Mr. Anderson had been with the Bank of Montreal for 35 years, and had acted as local manager since 1922. He was treasurer of the Oshawa Hospital Board of Directors, besides holding other prominent positions, and was highly esteemed by a wide circle of friends and business associates. During the investigation a conference was held with bank accountants, and the books were found to be perfectly in order. Deceased was 61 years of age, and was born in Quebec. He is survived by a widow and three children.

Woman Jumped Off Kitchen Roof When Police Came to Arrest Her

Wanted on Charge of Selling Liquor at Prescott—Tried to Give Officers the Slip—A Scene for the "Movies."

"Traced Through the Snow." would be a suitable title for an episode which occurred on Friday morning, in which Police Constable Leslie Armstrong, along with License Inspector Plumb and Constable Hamar of Prescott, took part. The officers started out to take into custody a middle-aged woman, wanted in Prescott on a charge of selling liquor, but if the Weather Man had not sent along the snow it is altogether likely that the woman in the case would have given the police the slip. When the officers reached the house where the woman was staying, she was upstairs in a bedroom, but hearing strange voices from below, came to the conclusion that the parties were after her, and in less time than it takes to tell the story, the woman climbed out of her bedroom window on to the kitchen roof, and then jumped to the ground, a distance of about twelve feet, and ran into the house next door. In spite of the fact that she jumped on a pile of ice, she was not injured.

While the woman was making her escape in a manner that would have provided a "thriller" for a moving picture machine, the three officers very patiently waited downstairs. But, after waiting for a time, they thought all was not well, so Constable Leslie Armstrong, who was armed with a warrant for the woman's arrest, went upstairs to investigate. Going into the woman's bedroom, he found that she had disappeared.

An open window and footprints on the snow on the roof formed the tell-tale. The tracks in the snow on the ground were followed, and, as a result, the three officers paid a visit to the house next door, where they found the woman they had been searching for. A taxi was called and the accused was taken to the police station and at noon she was on her way to Prescott, where she will stand trial on a charge of selling liquor.

It is understood that the woman has been in Kingston since the middle of March.

BUDGET SUMMARIZED

Summarized, the principal features of Finance Minister Robb's budget speech are as follows:

- Debt reduction of \$22,353,000.
- Taxation reduction of \$25,000,000.
- General and substantial reduction in the income tax.
- Restoration of the two-cent postage.
- Abolition of the receipt tax.
- Reductions in the sales tax.
- Reduction in the tariff duties on motor cars and trucks.
- Restoration of British preference to goods entering Canada direct by Canadian ports after January 1st next.
- Announcement of \$402,505,000 balance of trade.
- Certain tariff changes to comply with the terms of the West Indies treaty.

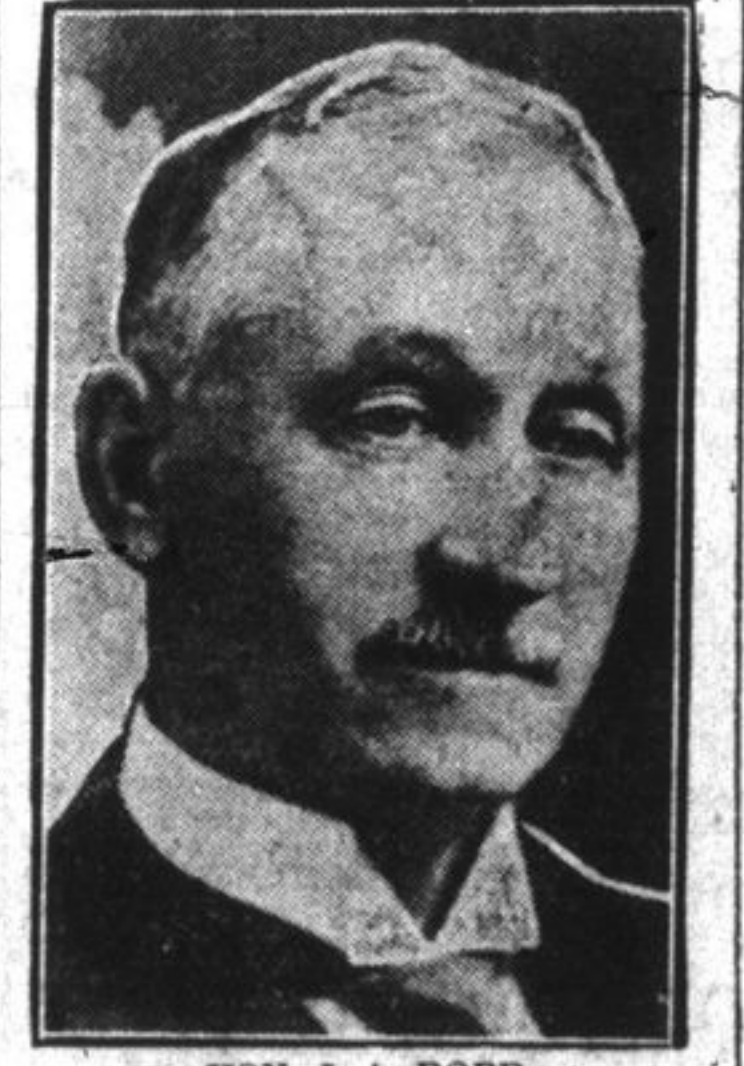
BUDGET HAS GOOD NEWS FOR GREAT BODY OF TAXPAYERS

Substantial Reductions in Income Tax--Tariff on Automobiles Cut--Opposition to Attack This Reduction--Statement of Country's Financial Situation Is Gratifying to the House.

Ottawa, April 16.—Good news in large volume for the taxpayers of Canada at large, made the financial statement and budget of the Hon. J. A. Robb, Minister of Finance, delivered to the House of Commons yesterday afternoon the most notable in many years. The financial statement was a welcome one in that it showed a surplus toward debt reduction in the country's accounts for

which is not more than \$1,200, will pay 20 per cent under the general tariff, 17 1-2 per cent under the intermediate tariff, and 12 1-2, under the British preference. Higher priced cars will pay 27 1-2 under the general tariff, 25 per cent under the intermediate, and 15 per cent under the preference.

A drawback designed to assist the motor car manufacturers is granted of 25 per cent on materials used in the manufacture of the cars where 60 per cent of the cost of the finished vehicle is produced in Canada.



HON. J. A. ROBB

Gratifying Reception. The general reception accorded the budget is one that will be gratifying to the Minister of Finance. His speech was punctuated by unusually vigorous applause from his Cabinet colleagues and the supporters of the Government. His surplus for debt reduction and the extent of his tax reduction are greater and more far-reaching than was anticipated. Mr. Robb took less than an hour for the delivery of his fourth budget speech, his audience including not only a full House but crowded galleries.

It was anticipated that the Government would make the budget this year the occasion for its major effort at popularizing itself, and such taxation changes as the reduction of the income tax, the wiping out of the super income tax and the receipt tax, together with modifications in the sales tax, were forecast, as was also the postage cut. The only point on which the Government has taken a chance on exposing itself to criticism is that of the automobile tariff and apparently it is on this, and the possible effect of the duty reduction on the motor industry, that the Opposition will concentrate its efforts at criticism of the ministry in the debate that ensues.

Mr. Robb did not ascribe to the Government credit for all the improvement in conditions he was able to announce. He attributed it in part to the cycle of prosperity for which world-wide conditions and the sagacity and energy of the people were responsible. He argued, however, that he would have been able to show evidence of even a greater return to national prosperity but for the "plague of gloom which shrouded the thoughts and utterances of too many Canadians."

Canada More Prosperous.

The Minister declared that "the era of depression has been overcome," and that "Canada to-day is steadily growing more prosperous." Unemployed had decreased, settlers were coming in, and with a hopeful spirit manifesting itself throughout Canada from coast to coast, the year 1926 is full of promise. He pleaded for an earnest effort at reaching common ground in the differences between the east and the west, for the making of a united Canada the ideal of all who had to do with the solution of national problems.

Mr. Robb declared that the public accounts which had been balanced with the surplus he mentioned included not only all Government expenditures, but also the total loss of the railways and an amount of \$2,500,000 available for railway capital purposes. Financial assistance to the railways during the year had been limited to a \$10,000,000 cash advance, there having been no bond guarantee not included in the budget balance as in other years. In this connection the Minister pointed to the \$45,000,000 improvement in the earnings of the railways over a period of four years as being highly gratifying. "With the company today almost within striking distance of meeting its fixed charges due the public, the time should not be far distant when additions to our national debt for Canadian National Railway purposes will cease," said the Minister.

Brighter Railway Outlook.

"Certainly we have in the railway situation, as affecting our Dominion finances, a much improved showing and a brighter outlook." He mentioned that one estimate of the value of the Government's investment in the National Railways was \$370,000,000, this figure being arrived at after the elimination of deficits and overvaluations and inflations established on the occasion of the Royal Commission investigation in 1917 and subsequent arbitrations. Whatever may ultimately be decided as a proper valuation for the Government's investment in the system, the fact remains that a very substantial contribution has been made and included as a non-active asset in arriving at the net debt as shown in our public accounts."

Automobile Tariff.

Mr. Robb, in announcing the change in the automobile tariff, referred to "a pronounced sentiment throughout Canada that the automobile industry enjoys more protection than is needed to maintain it on a reasonably profitable basis," and he declared that "it was in deference to that statement that the Government made the re-adjustment instead of the general 25 per cent duty." Motor cars and trucks, the retail price of

AUTO DEALERS SPEAK ON CHANGES IN DUTY

In Dark as to What Effect Changes Will Have on Retail Price.

The local automobile dealers are rather in the dark as to what effect the proposed changes in the duty on automobiles will have on the retail price, but the consensus of opinion is that there will be a reduction in price. As to whether this change in price will be as great as the change in the tariff, the dealers are not able to say, as they have received no notification from the factories as to what is likely to happen. Opinion as to whether the lowering of the price will make for a greater volume of sales is also divided, but one dealer pointed out that if the price is reduced it will cut the commission of both the dealer and the salesman, therefore they will have to sell about five cars at the new price, to make as much as they would on four cars at the present price.

There seems to be no doubt that the price of second-hand cars will go down; any dealer who has a very large stock of second-hand cars will probably face a considerable loss. The trade-in price of cars will also decrease.

Mr. George Bowden, of the Central Garage, agents for McLaughlin and Chevrolts cars, said that he thought the reduction would probably stimulate the sale of the very expensive cars rather than of the low priced cars. The difference paid by the buyer between the allowance for his old car and the price of the new one would be just as great, he thought.

Mr. Marcus Oberdorfer of the Clarence Street Garage, dealers for the Dodge Brothers Motor Cars and the Franklin, said that he had no way of knowing what would happen.

Mr. John Morris, of Morris & Denee, dealers for the Hupmobile, said that he thought the cut in duty would reduce the price of cars, although he had had no word from the factory on the matter. The cheaper cars would benefit by an increase in sales, he thought, although he believed that it would help the sale of all makes.

Mr. Ronald VanLaven of VanLaven Bros., Ford dealers, said that they had just received a telegram from the factory which explained their position. The telegram read as follows:

"Tariff changes will be announced Monday, the 19th, retroactive and including April 16th. Advise purchasers desiring immediate delivery that change is effective on the 16th, although not announced until Monday, the 19th. Suggest you make delivery when desired informing buyers you will rebate when new price is known."

Mr. Haggerman, agent for the Studebaker, didn't think that the proposed changes, if put into force, would affect the price of cars or the amount of sales to any great extent.

Mr. James Hughes, of Hughes & Burns, agents for the Oakland and Oldsmobile, said: "I think it is a good move, especially the reduction of duty on parts. If the cars are fifty per cent Canadian made, and I think there will be a reduction in price, but I don't know to what extent."

Mr. Hughes also said that he believed the manufacturers would reimburse the dealers for any cars which they had on hand, but which they were forced to sell at the new price.

Mr. George Boyd of Boyd's Garage, dealers for the Essex, Reo and Hudson, said it was hard to tell what the effect of a change in the tariff would be.

The International Miners Association favor exportation of coal to England in case of British strike.