

## Progressive Leader Forke Expresses Satisfaction With the Budget

### WOULD REDUCE OUR TAXATION BY LOWERING OF THE TARIFF

The Canadian Council of Agriculture Opposes Income Tax Reduction—Miss Agnes MacPhail Wants Canadian Girls Who Marry Aliens to Retain Their British Citizenship.

Ottawa, April 21.—The income tax ought to be maintained at its former level and the surpluses available for tax reduction should be utilized to lessen the burden of indirect taxation.

This representation was made by delegation from the Canadian Council of Agriculture which waited upon Premier King and members of the Cabinet today.

Reduction in taxation, it was declared on behalf of the deputation, should take place by a reduction in tariff, "on imports which increase in preference to a reduction of the cost of living and production," sales and income tax.

The Council was "unalterably opposed to the whole principle of tariff protection," it was declared.

The deputation also made the recommendation that the rural credits plan be drafted to include provision for the establishment of farm loan board in each province.

**Miss MacPhail's Proposal.**  
Ottawa, April 21.—Miss Agnes MacPhail proposes to move in the House of Commons that a Canadian girl who marries an alien and continues to reside in Canada shall not lose her British citizenship by the mere act of marriage. Her proposal is that the Naturalization Act be amended.

Miss MacPhail's resolution, although not limited thereto, will, on account of their number have particular reference to marriages between Canadian girls and citizens of the United States.

### ONLY FIVE ESCAPE BLOODY MASSACRE

Cabinet Office Guard of 400 Placed Before Machine Guns at Peking.

Shanghai, April 21.—Only five men out of 400 comprising the guard of cabinet office escaped death at the hands of Kuomintang troops before they evacuated Peking, says the North China Daily News. The newspaper calls it a cold-blooded massacre. It says the extremists persuaded their commanders to destroy all the guard of the cabinet office, which fired on students during the demonstration last month. The men were taken beyond the Yellow Temple and machine guns were opened upon them and only five escaped alive.

### Veteran Newspaperman Dead.

Montreal, April 21.—Percy St. Clair, Hamilton, the oldest working newspaperman in Montreal, died in the Montreal General Hospital early this morning. He was in his sixty-sixth year and was born in Halifax.

### THE ROMANS OBSERVE CITY ANNIVERSARY

2,680 Years Since Italy's Capital Established—Hold Great Festival.

Rome, April 21.—The Romans today abandoned their usual activities and assembled in gaily flagged streets and squares to celebrate the city's 2,680th anniversary. Scores of thousands of tri-colored and black flags floated in the gentle breeze, and innumerable multi-colored proclamations covered the walls this morning as a festival was ushered in with the tolling of the historic bell in the ancient capitol. Shortly the streets were filled with marching men, most of them in working clothes.

Rumor says the coming British budget will call for five per cent. tax on race track bets.

### Stranger Found Trying Front Doors; Placed Under Arrest After a Chase

Was Prowling Around City in Early Morning Hours by Constable McWilliams—Giv on a Chance and Says He Will Walk to Ottawa.

All dressed up and no place to go, not even a place to lay his weary head, one, William Cramer, who said he came from Montreal, was found wandering around the city at an early hour this morning by Constable McWilliams. It is stated that Cramer was amusing himself by tapping on windows and trying front doors, to see if he could make an entrance. When Cramer discovered that Constable McWilliams was on his trail, he started to run.

Constable McWilliams is some sprinter, so when Cramer started in to do a Marathon stunt, the officer did likewise, with the result that after a run of about two blocks, Cramer was in the hands of the law. When arrested before Magistrate Farrell, in the police court on Wednesday morning, Cramer pleaded for a chance. He was charged with vagrancy, which in the police

### SEEKING HIS RELEASE FROM THE PENITENTIARY

Steps have been taken to secure the release from the Portsmouth Penitentiary, of Herbert Brewer, bank clerk, sentenced to five years for theft. A petition signed by over one thousand people has been filed at the office of the Minister of Justice at Ottawa.

### Young Woman Seeks To Marry Man in Jail

Toronto, April 21.—Stating that she wished to marry Reg. Hughes, the young man who had been sentenced to seven years at Portsmouth penitentiary for stealing from express cars, a young woman applied to the city marriage license office for a license. It was refused on the ground that she would not be able to use it before Hughes was removed from the Don Jail to Kingston. License issuer Williamson counseled the girl against any such step.

### GROCERS FORM LEAGUE

Hamilton Retailers Unite to Obtain "Fair Prices"  
Hamilton, April 21.—Seventy-five local grocers have organized a branch of the Fair Price League of Canada, with the aim of stabilizing prices. At the meeting, protest was entered against the department store system of reducing grocery prices to attract buyers to the stores. The aim is to have prices set by the manufacturers.

### HAS LOWEST TARIFF

R. S. McLaughlin Makes Statement of Comparisons.  
Oshawa, April 21.—In a statement today, R. S. McLaughlin, president of General Motors of Canada, declared that Canada, under the new tariff announced last Thursday in the budget speech of Hon. J. A. Robb, had the distinction of having the lowest tariff on motor cars of any country engaged in automotive manufacturing.

### Makes Notable Report



SIR HENRY THORNTON, President of the Canadian National Railways, whose annual report, presented to Parliament yesterday, reflects the revival in Canadian trade.

### Steamer Crosses To Garden Island

Capt. McDonald, with the steamer Wolfe Islander, made an unsuccessful attempt to break a passage through the ice from Kingston to Wolfe Island Wednesday afternoon, only reaching the foot of Garden Island. The steamer left the wharf about one o'clock and had reached Garden Island about 2.30. It was found that the ice was too strong to smash through, further. The steamer returned to its wharf here.

### THE C.N.R. DEFICIT CUT BY \$13,405,654

Report Tabled in Commons Shows Operating Surplus of \$15,020,163.

Ottawa, April 21.—"Should substantial reductions in freight rates be essential for the well-being and the Dominion," declares Sir Henry Thornton, president of the Canadian National Railways, in the Canadian National annual report tabled in the House by the minister of railways yesterday afternoon. "relief should take the form of a Government subsidy without disturbance of a reasonable tariff fabric."

The report shows that last year the operation surplus of the Canadian National for 1925 was \$15,020,163 ahead of the previous year. Net deficit after meeting all fixed and other charges was \$41,444,764 or \$13,405,654 less than the previous year. "It is interesting to note," says Sir Henry, "that the net operating earnings were approximately equal to eighty per cent of the interest payable to the public on funded debt as compared with about 45 per cent in 1924."

A further encouraging note is struck in the report by an item under the heading of "finance" which reads: "In the appropriation act for 1925 the sum of \$50,000,000 was voted for Canadian national purposes during the (Dominion) fiscal year ending March 31, 1926. It has only been necessary to obtain \$10,000,000 of this amount from the Government. Payment of the balance has not been required partly because of increased resources due to larger gross and net earnings than were expected, and partly as a result of substantial reductions in the purchase of materials and supplies, and also partly by the use of working capital."

### W. E. Smallfield Passes

Quebec, April 21.—William Elgood Smallfield passed away at his home on Stewart street this morning after a lingering illness. The late Mr. Smallfield was born in Brooklyn in 1860. He had been living in Quebec for the past three years. He was nearly fifty years publisher of the *Renfrew Mercury*, and four times mayor of that town. He was president of the Canadian Press Association in 1916, and well-known all over Canada as an outstanding publisher. The funeral takes place at Renfrew on Friday afternoon, from St. Andrew's church.

The Canadian Press has been authoritatively informed that Viscount Wellington will at least receive the offer of the governor-generalship of Canada.

Chelsea, Que., may, within the next few years, incorporate as a town, as a result of the advent of the International Paper Company to the Gaitane district.

### A FRANCHISE FOR 10 YEARS TO BE GIVEN

To the Thousand Island Navigation Company at Gananoque.

### A NEW STEAMBOAT

Will Be Purchased to Run Between Gananoque and Clayton, N.Y.

As a result of the action of the Gananoque council recommending to the Dominion Government that the franchise be renewed to the Thousand Island Navigation Company for a period of ten years, the company has decided to place another steamer on the Gananoque-Cape Vincent ferry service this year.

At a meeting of the council held on Tuesday evening, a resolution was considered, and unanimously carried, and will be forwarded to the Dominion Government.

In past years the franchise has been granted for a period of one year. The service last year was so heavy that the steamers Frontenac and Missisquoi, owned by the company, could not handle it all.

During the winter months the members of the steamboat company, realizing that the traffic would be heavier this year, informed the town council that it would be willing to purchase a new steamer, providing a ten-year franchise could be secured. This request was acceded to Tuesday evening, and the company will now purchase the steamer at once.

It was learned that the company is negotiating for a steamer on the same line as the steamer Frontenac, which was purchased about a year ago. The new steamer will have carrying capacity of twenty-five cars.

Last year the two steamers, Frontenac and Missisquoi, made eight trips each way daily. The Missisquoi could only accommodate about six cars, which meant that a large number of American tourists could not come across at Gananoque.

It is understood that the steamer Missisquoi will be disposed of when the other steamer arrives.

The steamers Waubic and Frontenac are now being put in readiness for the opening of navigation.

### FEARED AIRSHIPS FOUNDERED AT SEA

Anxiety at Lisbon Over the Fate of Two Military Airmen.

Lisbon, April 21.—Great anxiety is felt here as to the fate of Naval Lieutenants Morera and Neves Terrera, who left Lisbon yesterday on a flight to Madeira and Azores. They were long overdue at the islands, and searching warships have found no trace of their planes. It is feared the machine foundered at sea with the aviators.

### Telephone Rates.

Ottawa, April 21.—"Additional revenue is necessary if the company is to continue to meet the requirements of present and prospective patrons," declared C. F. Sise, President of the Bell Telephone Company of Canada, in evidence before the Board of Railway Commissioners yesterday. The company is applying for an increased rate in urban areas in Ontario and Quebec.

### Application Rejected.

New York, April 21.—The application of Frank E. Gansett, of Rochester, N.Y., Times-Union for membership in the Associated Press, was rejected by the membership today. He failed to obtain the necessary four-fifths vote by forty-nine votes.

### R.M.C. Gives a Gift To New York Club

New York, April 21.—A beautiful silver-mounted cigar and cigarette case, the gift of the commandant, staff and gentlemen cadets of the Royal Military College, Kingston, Ont., has been presented to the Canadian Club of New York, as an acknowledgement of the hospitality extended by the club to the college's hockey team here last December.

### Assails the Budget



HON. R. J. MANION, who calls upon Commons to censure tariff policy of government.

### MONSTER SEA BEAST.

Twice as Large as Elephant Seen in Pacific.

Port Angeles, Wash., April 21.—A sea beast twice as large as an elephant and with eyes that work like trap doors, was reported here yesterday by Quillayut Indian seal hunters of the Pacific 60 miles west of here.

Members of one sealing crew declared they nearly had their canoe upset when the monster appeared on the surface near their boat. The beast worked its shutter-like eyes as it surveyed the canoe but made no motion toward it. The Indians after a moment of terror, made record time to the beach.

One explanation of the matter is that the earthquake in Japan of September 1st, 1923, shifted the Japan current and that the strange beast is a stray Oriental sunfish.

### THE WEST SWELTERS IN MID-SUMMER HEAT

Eighty in Shade in Winnipeg—Halifax, However, Has Gale and Blizzard.

Winnipeg, April 21.—Western Canada today is baking in a wave of mid-summer heat, with mercurials at almost every point in the prairies recording high marks of the season.

In Manitoba the heat was most pronounced. Winnipeg sweltered in a temperature of eighty degrees in the shade, while elsewhere in the province "Old Sol" was reported to be doing his stuff with vengeance.

Throughout Saskatchewan and Alberta the weather continues unusually favorable and work on the land has been appreciably speeded up.

### Blizzard in Halifax.

Halifax, N.S., April 21.—A forty-four-mile per hour north-east blizzard, which drove a regular mid-winter snowfall before it, struck Halifax early yesterday morning, and in a few hours robbed the city of every vestige of spring. Monday there were only a few obscure patches of thawing snow in shady spots, but before the majority of citizens awoke yesterday the streets had been covered by a deep white mantle, while the gusty wind had piled large drifts in many places. There was not much change, however, in the temperature, which continued abnormally chilly for this time of year.

### Has Broken Her Limb Twenty-Two Times

(Special to The Whig)  
Salmon Point, April 21.—Ruth, the nine-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Bowerman, Pictou, had the misfortune to break one of her limbs. This is the twenty-second time she has had her limbs broken.

Mr. Bowerman purchased the end of Salmon Point last summer, and with his family, spends the summer months here.

### Fire Near Belleville.

Belleville, April 21.—Ignited from the burning of grass on the north side of the building, the home of Andrew McGowan, caretaker of the Belleville County Club on the Trent Road, two miles west of the city, was Monday afternoon burned to the ground. The building, of frame construction, burned rapidly. Mrs. Cronk Wright, a housekeeper for Mr. McGowan, lost some personal property. One of the city motor fire trucks went to the scene but was unable to render assistance.

### Aviators Reach Rangoon.

Rangoon, Burma, April 21.—Captains Loriga and Gonzalez Gallariz arrived here this afternoon from Calcutta, India, on a 530-mile leg in their flight from Spain to Manila.

### THE CONSERVATIVE AMENDMENT REGRETS THE TARIFF CHANGES

Over the Head of the Tariff Advisory Board—Moved by Hon. Dr. Manion—Progressive Leader Forke Declares the Tariff Changes in Interests of the Canadian People.

Ottawa, April 21.—Robert Forke, Progressive leader, expressed satisfaction with the budget in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon. He had no complaint to make concerning it. The reduction in the tariff on automobiles particularly pleased him, as he believed the motor car industry was left with sufficient protection, and he thought the lowering of the price of cars was in the general interest. He compared the suggestion of a "blow to the industry" with the effects of a hail-storm which would wipe out a season's work for the farmer.

Mr. Forke was also satisfied with the income tax remissions. His experiences in Ottawa had convinced him that the head of a family should have at least four thousand dollars free of taxation. He rejoiced in the showing of the National Railways, predicting that in a few years they would be an asset rather than a liability. The Progressive leader declined the proffer of the Conservative party to assist him as a farmer, with increased protection. He did not want it. Because of the surplus production of farm products in Canada he could not see that there was any injury from United States competition, and he had a sympathetic feeling for the consumer. He feared that protection on butter, for example, would have the effect of keeping it off the poor man's table and might encourage the use of substitutes.

The Progressive leader denied that his party or the people of western Canada were selfish in their demands. He believed the Hudson's Bay Railway would benefit the country as a whole, and the revaluation of soldiers' land was in the general interest and that old age pensions were desirable. He maintained that he represented the views of the common people and the working men, and refused any suggestion that western Canada was unfriendly to the industrial interests of the east. He was in favor of the shipment of grain through Canadian ports, but he was not hopeful that all grain could leave the country through such exits. If other routes were cheaper the shippers would use them.

### Little To Fear.

Mr. Forke criticized the Conservative policy of protection on farm products. He did not believe that the farmer of Western Canada had much to fear from competition with United States farm products. Nor did he believe that dairy farmers anywhere were endangered by outside competition. The only time that foreign butter would find any considerable place in the Canadian market would be when Canadian butter was short. Mr. Forke did not think that the poorer people in Canada would be able to afford exorbitant prices for butter during the winter season and protection might have the effect of putting butter at that time of year out of reach. That might mean the introduction of margarine substitutes.

"I do not know what is the matter with my friends behind me," said Mr. Forke, apparently referring to several Conservative members who were occupying seats to the rear of the Progressive leader. "They keep on continually talking and grumbling among themselves; I do not think they are having a pleasant time."

### Conservative Amendment.

The Conservative amendment moved by Hon. R. J. Manion, reads: "In the late general election campaign assurances were repeatedly given by the Prime Minister and other ministers of the Crown that before further tariff changes were made an opportunity would be given industries affected thereby to be heard before an Advisory Board."

"That such assurances were officially incorporated by the Government in the Speech from the Throne of the present session in the following words:

"Changes in the tariff should be made only after the fullest examination of their bearing upon both primary and manufacturing industries."

### POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

Hon. Charles Murphy to Retain Portfolio This Season.  
Ottawa, April 21.—Senator Charles Murphy will remain in charge of the Post Office Department, at least during the present session of Parliament. Premier Mackenzie King so informed the House yesterday in answer to a question from Hon. Arthur Meighen. The leader of the Opposition was curious to know if any change in the postmaster-generalship was contemplated. The Prime Minister replied that the Postmaster-

General, now in the Senate, was in active charge of the department and no change would be made, at least during the present session of Parliament.

Mr. Meighen asked what would be done after that? Premier King replied that he hoped to give Mr. Meighen word on that point "at a later date."

Baron Byng is still suffering from an infection in the foot, but continues his westward tour. The Hudson's Bay Railway will cost two million dollars to complete.

### Vigorous Protest.

Dr. Manion vigorously protested against the Government's treatment of the automobile industry and condemned the departure from the principle of protection. The reduction in the motor car tariff, he declared, was a repudiation of the accepted fiscal policy of the country. In justice to the motor car industry and in justice to Canada, a proper investigation should have been made either by the tariff board, which was appointed eight days before the budget, or by some other body, and if then it was found to be exploiting the public by unfair prices behind the tariff wall, it should have been forced to lower the prices or accept a cut in the tariff. "It is no part of the Conservative doctrine to permit exploitation of the public. But on what basis does this Government lower the tariff on automobiles? Because the Finance Minister says there is a pronounced sentiment throughout Canada favorable to this action. By this, of course, he hopes a pronounced number of voters. Scientific investigation and economic knowledge are unnecessary for a move like this by the present Government."

### Welcomed Budget.

Dugald Donaghy, Liberal of North Vancouver, welcomed the budget. He thought that a fair and equitable adjustment of freight rates and the opening of new markets for Canadian goods of more importance than the tariff.

D. M. Sutherland, Conservative of North Oxford, spoke of the budget as a "Saskatchewan budget."

Just before the adjournment of the House, Sir George Perley, Conservative, Argenteuil, asked if, in view of newspaper reports, the Government proposed to make any changes in the budget. Premier Mackenzie King replied that this question was very similar to that asked by the leader of the Opposition. "I am not aware of any changes," the Prime Minister added.

J. A. Messervey, Conservative of Queens P.E.I., thought that Canada should impose on American imports, particularly farm products the same duties as United States imposed on Canadian exports to the United States.

The debate will be continued today by Hon. Charles Marcell.