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Fielding Announces Budget Changes IMPRISONMENT ONLY PUNISHMENT FOR ILLEGAL LIQUOR SELLING

Several Important Changes Are Made in Budget and it Is Expected Government Safe

OTTAWA, June 13.—Hon. W. S. Fielding, minister of finance, announced in the House of Commons last night that several changes had been made in the budget provisions.

The confectionary tax will not apply to goods ready for sale in cartons priced at less than ten cents.

The soft drink tax is broadened to take in fountain sales but the tax is reduced from ten cents to five cents.

The tax on ale, beer, porter, stout is now set at 12½ cents a gallon.

The cigarette tax is reduced to \$7.50 a thousand.

The stamp tax is amended to make it two cents on all amounts up to \$50 and two cents on every fifty dollars until two dollars is reached, which is the maximum tax. All receipts over ten dollars are taxable two cents and the giving of receipts is made compulsory.

The tax on cheap cigars is reduced and on expensive cigars increased, while medium priced cigars remains as before.

Automobiles are taxed five per cent up to \$1,200 sales and ten per cent on autos priced higher than that amount. Sales made up to May 23 and delivered before July 1 are exempt from the new taxation.

NO BLUE SUNDAYS IN VICTORIA SINCE JUDGE JAY SAYS SO

VICTORIA, June 13.—Magistrate Jay in the police court yesterday dismissed charges brought against three persons charged with violation of the Lords Day Act on the ground that the Shops Regulation Act overrides the Lords Day Act.

This means that the blue law Sundays in Victoria are at an end.

COUGAR IS SHOT ON NAAS RIVER

First Animal of This Species to Be Taken in Recollection of Pioneers or Indians.

A letter received in the city by W. E. Collison, Indian Agent for the Naas River, from his brother, Max Collison, fisheries overseer at Arrandale, tells of the first cougar being shot in the Naas River country. Peter Calder, a native, recently shot one of these animals which measured 6 feet 6 inches from tip of tail to tip of nose. It is the first cougar ever to be shot in the district in the recollection of the Indians or of Mr. Collison, who himself is a native son.

NATIONAL DEFENSE

Bill Is Passed by Commons After Meighen's Criticism.

OTTAWA, June 13.—The Senate amendments to the bill creating a department of national defense was concurred in by the House of Commons after Meighen had criticized the bill as superfluous.

HAZELTON MEN ARE FINED FOR SETTING FIRE TO FORESTS

The local forestry office has received word that a prosecution at Hazelton for setting a fire without a permit against Messrs. Watson, Karki and S. Sanders before Magistrate Mulvaney resulted in the imposition of a fine of ten dollars against each of the offenders.

The department complains that there is great carelessness in regard to setting fires. Most of the recent trouble has been the result of carelessness and prosecutions have been necessary. This is the first in the north but others are likely to follow.

SETTLEMENT IRISH CRISIS

People and Press Confident Matter is Disposed of Satisfactorily.

LONDON, June 13.—The calmness with which both Parliament and press have received the postponement until Thursday of Right Hon. Winston Churchill's statement on the Irish situation is taken as a general indication of the general confidence that after successive crises practically all difficulties have been smoothed away and the draft of the Irish constitution been brought into harmony with the Anglo-Irish treaty. The arrival of Collins here today is expected to mark the sealing of the final understanding.

WESTERN INTERNATIONAL
Calgary, 3; Edmonton, 4.

ENGLISH ENGINEERS RETURNING TO WORK; FOURTEEN WEEKS OUT

Accept Terms Offered by Employers for Settlement of Lockout.

LONDON, June 13.—By a vote of 76,478 against 34,423, the Amalgamated Engineering Union voted for the acceptance of the employers proposals for the settlement of the lockout in the engineering industries, which has been in effect for fourteen weeks.

COST OF FINISHING STREET SURFACING

Ald. Dybhavn Calls For An Estimate from the City Engineer—Is Exceeding Original Estimate.

The city engineer has been instructed by the city council to prepare and submit to the finance committee as soon as possible an estimate on the cost of completing the Section 1 resurfacing program.

Ald. Dybhavn, chairman of the finance committee, in moving a resolution to this effect at last night's council meeting, said that it was quite evident the money at first contemplated would not complete the work and more funds would be necessary to finish it. The finance committee and the council should know, Ald. Montgomery seconded the motion which was carried without discussion.

BRITISH TROOPS IN TURKEY MASSACRED NEAR DARDANELLES

ATHENS, June 13.—Twelve British soldiers have been massacred by Kemalists Turks who raided a weak British detachment near the Dardanelles on Sunday.

FROST ON PRAIRIES DURING LAST WEEK

Mail advices to hand show that there was frost at various points on the prairies at the end of last week. Ten degrees of frost was reported from Vegreville and Lloydminster and four degrees at Red Deer. There was two degrees at The Pas and five at Russell. Many other points showed the thermometer hovering around the freezing mark and dropping slightly before it. Saskatchewan was almost free of frost but not quite. Alberta suffered most. The chief damage was to garden crops.

PRESBYTERIANS WILL MEET AT PORT ARTHUR

TORONTO, June 13.—The Presbyterian General Assembly before closing decided that next year they would meet at Port Arthur, Ontario. While not a large city this is one of the most central points in Canada.

WILL TAKE UP QUESTION DAILY MAILS

Committee Being Appointed by Board of Trade to Prepare Data.

DAWSON CHAIRMAN.

Would Make Prince Rupert Distributing Centre for Northern B. C.

To make this city a mail distributing city for the northern part of British Columbia is the aim of the Board of Trade as expressed at the meeting of the council held yesterday afternoon.

President Orme appointed F. G. Dawson chairman of a committee to be named later to prepare the brief in regard to it and other matters for Prince Rupert to be presented to the ministers of the crown on their forthcoming visit to Prince Rupert.

The matter came up following the reading of the letter of the postmaster general to Fred Stork which had been forwarded to the board. This stated in substance that the daily mail could not be established just now because of the excessive cost. It would increase the present loss on the section between Prince Rupert and Edmonton by about \$70,000 or by giving a baggage car service the loss would be about \$21,000. In either case the loss added to the present loss of \$27,000 a year would make a burden too heavy for the department to bear under present conditions, especially at a time when expenses throughout the country are being cut down.

During the discussion following the reading of the letter the opinion was expressed that the minister did not seem to quite understand what it was we were asking for. It was to make all the mails for northern British Columbia come here instead of to Vancouver and be distributed from here. This was the natural distributing point for northern B. C. and the Yukon. It was suggested that correspondence would not be as effective as a personal interview and it was therefore decided to leave the matter until the ministers come. It was expected that Postmaster General Murphy would be in the party and the matter could then be discussed with him.

DR. YEN IS NEW PREMIER CHINA

LONDON, June 13.—A despatch says that Dr. Yen, former foreign minister has been appointed Premier of China.

PILOTAGE PASSES HOUSE OF COMMONS

Exemption Provided for Foreign Ships Under Reciprocal Plan.

OTTAWA, June 13.—The House of Commons have passed the third reading to the bill authorizing the exemption of pilotage dues to vessels giving similar privilege to Canada. The bill also regularizes the present exemption of fishing vessels from pilotage, which exemption has been questioned from time to time.

IMPRISONMENT FOR OFFENSES UNDER MODERATION ACT

VICTORIA, June 13.—Lumpman in the County Court here ruled that the proper penalty under the Moderation Act for selling liquor is six months without the option of a fine. The practice of imposing fines instead of imprisonment for offenders is illegal.

UNEMPLOYMENT BY PROVINCES

Number is Decreasing Rapidly Say Officials.

OTTAWA, June 13.—Estimates on the unemployed covering eight of the nine provinces up to Saturday, June 10, show what labor officials consider a remarkable decrease in the number of men out of work. Following are the figures:

Ontario	10,811
New Brunswick	500
Nova Scotia	7,800
Quebec	9,500
Manitoba	1,865
Alberta	4,225
British Columbia	7,362
Saskatchewan	1,772
Total	43,141

BIG PLANE IS NOT COMING TO PRINCE RUPERT

Len Bell, of Railway Employees' Investment and Industrial Association, Is in City.

Len Bell, president of the Railway Employees' Investment and Industrial Association, which is bringing the big steel J.L. 6 plane to go into the transportation business from Hazelton to points north, arrived in the city on last night's train and will return east tonight to Hazelton and Terrace where he has business.

Mr. Bell reports that the plane is laid up in Edmonton on account of an undercarriage wheel having been broken. It had been planned to be in Hazelton yesterday but it is necessary to send to New York for the damaged part and it will be probably a couple of weeks before the machine can reach Hazelton. Mr. Bell says that the machine is not coming to Prince Rupert nor is it going to the Yukon. There is plenty of work north of Hazelton taking prospectors and others into the Omineca, Ingineca and Manson Creek countries and already four parties are waiting to be taken into the latter point. On account of winds and rain it would be taking a pretty big chance to bring a machine of the description of this one to Prince Rupert.

The machine is of the J.L. 6 model, has a speed of from 130 to 165 miles per hour and can carry seven passengers and 2200 pounds of freight. It cost \$26,000 and has a 207 h.p. motor.

GOOD ROADS

VICTORIA, June 13.—The first day's session was occupied by technical experts on problems peculiar to the prairies.

REPORT IS MADE ON FIRE RISKS

Fire Chief and Building Inspector Submit Results of Inspection to Council.

Reports from D. H. McDonald, fire chief, and H. L. Landrey, assistant engineer, regarding fire risks in the city were received by the city council last night. The former was referred to the utilities committee and the latter to the Board of Works.

The fire chief reported that all public buildings in Section 1 had been inspected. In cases where the fire regulations were not being complied with, the matter had been taken up with the owners. Twenty-seven notices calling for alterations and repairs to chimneys, fire escapes and other points, had been sent out in the month of May.

Construction Not Right.

The building inspector's report indicated that the construction of several buildings inspected had not come up to the requirements in that there should be no board partitions without plaster or basements without metal laths. The most expeditious way by which to handle the situation might be through government. Such premises as the Western Hotel, Inlander Rooms, Houston Hotel, King George Hotel, Bayview Hotel, Pacific Rooms, Dominion Hotel, Grandview Hotel, West End Rooms, Java Cafe, Steele Block, and St. Louis Rooms were mentioned in the report.

Not Drastic.

Ald. Kelly said that the officials were now freed of responsibility since they had made their report and brought the matters to the attention of the council, whose duty it was to now formulate a policy. Ald. Collart, who originally called for the reports, thought they should not be too drastic if conditions were sufficiently good to prevent fire.

FISH ARRIVALS

One Hundred and Forty-four Thousand Pounds was Marketed Today.

One hundred and forty-four thousand pounds of halibut was marketed at the Fish Exchange this morning as follows:

Bringold, 14,000 pounds, and Selma, 10,000, sold to the Booth Fisheries Canadian Co. at 8½c and 4c.

Happy, 11,000 pounds, and Glacier, 11,000 pounds, sold to the Royal Fish Co. at 8c and 4c.

Vivian, 6500 pounds, sold to the Canadian Fish and Cold Storage Co. at 6c and 3c.

Joe Baker, 3000 pounds, sold to the Atlin Fisheries at 6.5c and 3c.

Scandia, 85,000 pounds, sold to the Canadian Fish and Cold Storage Co. at 7c and 3c.

BIRTHS.

There was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Brown, of Port Essington, a daughter, at the General Hospital on June 12.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lineham, of the Lawyer Island light, at the General Hospital on June 8.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Knute Olson, of Terrace, at the General Hospital yesterday.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Piper, of Atlin Ave., at the General Hospital today.

UNEMPLOYMENT PRACTICALLY ALL OVER NOW

Local Employment Office Has to Send South For Men for Anyox and Railway.

Although there are still 40 men registered at the Provincial Government Labor Bureau as unemployed, James Campbell, agent, reported this morning that the condition of unemployment has practically disappeared from the district. These men registered, it is understood, have mostly received work outside of the medium of the office and have not reported.

At the week-end, Mr. Campbell received orders from Anyox for 40 men for dam construction and 50 laborers for the railroad. Ten men were sent from here for Anyox on Sunday night and the remaining 30 have been sent from Vancouver. The entire railway way order was transferred to Vancouver.

The situation here has been gradually improving of late and, besides the big orders from Anyox and the railway, there have been a number of odd jobs about town.

COMMITTEES FOR FAIR SELECTED

F. G. Dawson Announces Names of Those in Charge of Various Departments.

The following Fair committees for the year 1922 have been selected by F. G. Dawson, president of the Northern B. C. Agricultural and Industrial Association:

Finance—C. C. Mills (chairman), M. MacLachlan and John McRae.

Building and Grounds—W. E. Thompson (chairman), H. Patterson and Ald. J. H. Kelly.

Exhibits—R. E. Benson (chairman), W. J. Kirkpatrick and Ald. T. Silversides.

Sports and Attractions—D. G. Stuart (chairman), W. E. Thompson and R. E. Benson.

Advertising—M. M. MacLachlan (chairman), R. E. Benson and Ald. J. H. Kelly.

Indian Bands—F. G. Dawson (chairman) and J. F. Venables.

Transportation—John McRae (chairman), C. C. Mills and H. Patterson.

Prizes—J. F. Venables (chairman), D. G. Stuart, W. J. Kirkpatrick (additional), Mrs. John McRae, Mrs. Thomas McClymont, Mrs. W. D. Vance, Miss Stevens and H. L. Campbell.

MYFAWNY IS BEING REPAIRED AT SEAL COVE MARINE WAYS

The provincial police boat Myfawny, which is to be transferred from this district to Vancouver, is now on the Seal Cove Marine Ways for cleaning, painting and overhauling before commencing the voyage south at an early date.

It is not known definitely yet when the Walla, which is to replace the Myfawny, will arrive from Vancouver. She will be manned by two men coming north who will return south with the Myfawny.