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# PROGRESS SHOWN IN PROVINCIAL BUDGET

## LIBERAL CONSERVATIVES AGAIN ORGANIZE AND CHOOSE MEIGHEN LEADER

### Provincial Budget Shows Healthy Condition of Finances with Revenue Exceeding Expenditures for Year

#### Expenditures to be Reduced but no Change in Taxation This Year Announced by Finance Minister

VICTORIA, Nov. 18.—In his budget speech in the Legislature yesterday Hon. J. D. McLean, finance minister, announced that there would be no change in provincial taxation during the coming year; that for the past year he was able to show a surplus of revenue over expenditure and that it was proposed to reduce expenditures for next year to the extent of \$1,103,815. It was Mr. McLean's first budget speech, he having taken the office since the election on the retirement of Hon. John Hart from the government.

The estimated revenue of the province for the next fiscal year was set at \$18,340,000 and the estimated expenditure at \$18,183,997.

The net debt of the province is \$41,622,402, an increase during the fiscal year of \$5,307,600.

The assets of the province over liabilities were stated to be \$25,935,118. Revenue for the year ending March 31, 1924, exceeded the estimate by \$858,632.

Municipalities received grants from the provincial government amounting to 22 1/2 per cent of the total revenue. Grants to municipalities amounted to \$304,314 more than was collected within municipal boundaries.

Provincial revenue receipts have increased 134 per cent since 1911. Municipal grants in that time have increased by 226 per cent.

The cost of education in the municipalities has increased 101 per cent since 1917. Provincial grants to municipalities, which can be used for educational purposes have increased 165 per cent in the same period.

Mr. McLean announced that there would be a new loan bill providing for the borrowing of \$3,500,000 which will include \$3,200,000 for trunk roads and \$300,000 for land settlement.

#### CITY MANAGER PLAN BEING CONSIDERED BY THE GOVERNMENT

Some Members of Cabinet Strongly in Favor of It But No Announcement Yet

VICTORIA, Nov. 18.—The government has not yet announced whether it will take action in regard to the request of the Union of Municipalities for the right to initiate the city manager plan of civic administration. It is known that several members of the cabinet strongly favor the move but whether legislation will be introduced this year will depend very largely on the attitude taken by the independent supporters of the government.

#### BIRTH

A daughter was born at the Prince Rupert General Hospital on November 16 to Mr. and Mrs. H. Yamanaoka.

#### BELLINGHAM BRINGS FISH

Motorship Bellingham, Capt. Len Williams, is in port from Ketchikan today discharging three carloads of frozen fish for transshipment East over the Canadian National Railway.

#### REFUSE TAKE BACK MEMBER

Former Minister Ousted From Position by Transport Workers' Executive

LONDON, Nov. 18.—Nearly 40 officials and organizers of the Transport Workers' Union have gone on strike as a protest against the action of the union executive in refusing to reinstate Harry C. H. Gosling as president, the position he held prior to his entering the Macdonald government as minister of transport.

The executive claim they have decided to abolish the position in the interests of economy.

#### FOUR AND POSSIBLY FIVE CANDIDATES MAYOR OF VICTORIA

Alderman Andros Announces he is in Field and Marchant Considering

VICTORIA, Nov. 18.—Four and possibly five candidates will be nominated for the mayoralty in this city if the present announced plans are carried out. Alderman E. B. Andros is the fourth in the lists and there is quite a possibility that Alderman Marchant may also line up for the fray. Aspirants in addition to these include Aldermen Christie and Sargent and J. C. Pendray. Each and every one of these claims that he is inspired with the desire to save the city from financial and other ills. Alderman Andros would cut the mayor's salary from \$3,000 to \$1500, and would agree to serve the city faithfully and well for that small emolument. Mr. Pendray stands for advancement and Mr. Sargent for economy, paring everything to the bone.

#### CRAWLED INTO FURNACE AND BURNED TO ASHES

Woman Believed to Have Committed Suicide at Columbus

COLUMBUS, Nov. 18.—The body of Mrs. Annie Sheathy, 30 years of age, wife of Rev. C. V. Sheathy, was found burned to ashes in her home yesterday. An inquest was held and a verdict of suicide was returned, it being believed that the woman crawled into the furnace and closed the door. The police are investigating further.

#### ANOTHER MILL FOR VICTORIA

Cooperage Company to Erect Plant on Former Indian Reserve, Sweeney Announces

Leo Sweeney of the Canadian Western Cooperage Co. of Victoria and Vancouver, who was here on one of his periodic business trips and who took part in the Knights of Columbus initiation festivities on Sunday, announced before leaving for Edmonton that his firm was to erect a new mill at Victoria on the Indian Reserve where the Cholberg yards stood. This will be used in connection with the cooperage plant in Vancouver. It is to cost \$125,000 and construction will commence at once. The firm supplies the big tierces for the Northern British Columbia canneries.

#### THINKS PATTULLO'S CRITICISM UNFAIR

Father MacDonnell Does Not Like Plain Speaking of Prince Rupert Member

WINNIPEG, Nov. 18.—When here enroute to Ottawa to take up with the government there the whole question of the introduction of Hebridean fishermen into British Columbia to replace Japanese, Father MacDonnell said he was very much surprised to read the "most unfair criticism of my scheme by Hon. T. D. Pattullo in the B.C. House. I absolutely refuse to bring these families and make them live in tents. Since bringing out the Hebrideans, many births have taken place and four sets of twins have been born. I wonder if the minister intends to give me a tent as a maternity hospital." Father MacDonnell will decide what to do after seeing the Dominion authorities.

#### SOCIAL IN BAPTIST CHURCH LAST NIGHT

Substantial Sum Realized at Fair Under Auspices of Corner Club and Ladies' Aid

Last evening in the Baptist Church parlors a joint social was held by the Corner Club and the Baptist Ladies' Aid. During the evening a very interesting address on music was given by Miss M. A. Way. There was also a piano selection by Miss Constance Morgan, W. Vaughan Davies was pianist for the evening. Refreshments were served by the Ladies' Aid. Those in charge of the tea room were Mrs. Frank Morris, convener, assisted by Mrs. Bert Morgan, Mrs. George Hibbard, and Mrs. S. V. Cox. Mrs. S. Hamblin had charge of the home cooking and candy booth and was assisted by Mrs. P. H. Linzey. A very substantial sum was realized.

#### NEW RECORD SILVER FOXES

Shipment of 381 Valued at \$850,000 from Prince Edward Island

MONTREAL, Nov. 18.—Two shipments of Silver Black foxes which for size and value create a new high record passed through Montreal last night. The shipments which came from Prince Edward Island and were handled by the Canadian National Express, constituted 381 foxes with a total estimated value of \$850,000.

The first and most valuable lot comprised 200 prize foxes valued at \$750,000, these were on their way to the Royal Winter Agricultural show at Toronto and they represented the very finest Prince Edward Island has been able to produce during the past two years. The exhibits from the island have won all the major prizes and the sweepstakes at the winter fairs and the exhibitors are confident of repeating again this year.

The greatest care was taken in the handling of this valuable shipment. Owners of the animals accompanied their property in a special sleeping car attached to the maritime express and later to the Montreal-Toronto train leaving Bon-Aventure at 11 o'clock Sunday night.

#### List of Exhibits

Exhibitors who made up the party were John A. Lea, winner of last year's sweepstakes; J. A. Stewart, P. G. Clarke, Geo. A. Colbeck, B. G. Rogers, winner of 1922 sweepstakes, Percy Tanton, Ray Tanton, all of Summerside, P.E.I., D. A. McKinnon Romberg, W. Johdan, of Charlottetown, P.E.I.; B. I. Raynor, Albertan, P.E.I., and Dr. E. A. Randall, Truro, N.S. In addition the government was represented by three inspectors, Geo. McGallum, Ottawa, John Monally and Thomas Carruthers, Summerside, P.E.I.

The feeding of the animals on board the train was in charge of E. McNutt, fox specialist of Charlottetown. Others in the party were J. E. Milligan, Northan, P.E.I., who will be a judge at the show, J. E. Webster, D. McGugger, Hon. A. E. Maclean, M.P., and D. R. Morrison, all breeders who are not exhibiting, S. G. Martin travelling agent represented the Canadian National Express and Charles Meikle, travelling agent of the Canadian National Railway represented the passenger traffic department.

The second shipment consisted of 181 Silver Black foxes valued at \$100,000. The animals are to be used for breeding purposes and are being despatched to many different points, some of the points for which they are destined being Oregon, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Ontario.

Officials of the Canadian National Express Co. state that not only do these shipments represent a new high record for Montreal in the number of and value of the foxes handled but they also create a new world's record of this type of express business.

#### HOTEL ARRIVALS

##### Prince Rupert

E. Swanson and O. O. Hvatum, Seattle; O. Sunde, Harry Lind and Fred Swanson, Prince Rupert.

##### Central

M. Lawler and Eiling Ursin, city.

#### FAR REACHING REQUESTS MADE

Local Man Was on Labor Delegation Which Interviewed Cabinet at Victoria Last Week

The delegates of the B.C. executive of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada consisting of P. R. Bengough and W. H. Cottrell of Vancouver, J. J. Gillis of Prince Rupert and E. S. Woodward of Victoria, which interviewed the provincial cabinet at Victoria last Friday, asked for far-reaching changes in the Workmen's Compensation Act. Stressing the points that employees were dissatisfied with the administration by the Workmen's Compensation Board and that technicalities were seized upon to defraud the worker of benefits to which he was fairly entitled, the delegation asked that the act should be amended to fix the amount of compensation which must be paid and that the board be deprived of its present discriminatory powers. Other requests were that compensation be increased from 62 1/2 to 66 2-3 per cent, that casual workers be brought within the scope of the act, that the 8-hour day principle be extended to all industries in the province, that the act to regulate the barbering trade be approved, that police court witnesses be compensated, that an old age pension scheme be introduced, that a minimum wage for boys be set, that child labor be abolished in fish curing or fruit packing plants, that extensive public works be undertaken to forestall unemployment, that private enterprise be encouraged to employ as many men as possible this winter and that a bill be passed for the protection of employees on buildings and excavations.

#### WARREN IS COMING TO CITY TOMORROW

Chief of C.N.R. Western Lines Will Arrive on Steamer and Leave by Train for East—Cameron With Him

E. A. Warren, general manager of the western region for the Canadian National Railways, and J. R. Cameron, assistant general manager, Vancouver, will arrive from the south on the steamer Prince Rupert tomorrow afternoon and proceed East by train. Mr. Warren is returning to his headquarters in Winnipeg after a visit to Vancouver in the course of which he appeared before the railway commission meeting there on the freight rates question.

#### SUGAR REACHES NEW LOW PRICE LEVEL ON RETAIL MARKET HERE

A further reduction in the sugar price on the local retail market of 25c per hundred was recorded this morning. This establishes a new low level since the war, white sugar now retailing at \$8.60 and brown at \$8.10.

Union steamer Cardena, Capt. A. E. Dickson, arrived at 1.30 this afternoon from Anyox, Stewart and Alice Arm and will sail at 5 for Vancouver and way ports. On the way south the vessel loaded 2,000 cases of salmon at Arrandale Cannery for Vancouver.

#### National Liberal Conservative Party Formed at Convention of Delegates at Toronto Yesterday

TORONTO, Nov. 18.—The National Liberal Conservative Association of Canada was formed here yesterday at a convention of delegates of the provincial parties of all the provinces except New Brunswick.

Arthur Meighen was elected hon. president and endorsed as leader of the party. J. R. MacNicol of Toronto is the president, J. A. LaMarr of Montreal, secretary, and Robert Rogers of Winnipeg, treasurer.

Eighteen vice-presidents were chosen, one man and one woman from each province. These included Mrs. R. F. Green of Victoria and R. L. Maitland, K.C. of Vancouver for British Columbia.

Provincial organizations will be asked to co-operate with the Dominion committee for organization purposes.

A resolution was adopted providing for an interchange of speakers between the provinces in order to hold more public meetings.

The suggestion that means be found to obtain an extension of press support for the Conservative party, especially in the West, was left to the executive.

#### WILL LICENSE CAR DRIVERS

Bill Introduced by Attorney General Provides for Changes in Vehicles Act

VICTORIA, Nov. 18.—Proposed changes in the Motor Vehicles Act to provide for the licensing of drivers were incorporated in a bill introduced into the legislature yesterday afternoon by Attorney General A. M. Manson. The bill provides that there will be no examination of drivers for the present but everyone who drives a car must have a license and must always carry the document in his pocket. The fee for the license is \$1.00.

Application for a license to drive must be made in writing at the same time car licenses are obtained.

Speed limits under the proposed new law are fixed as follows: In cities 20 miles an hour; in open country 35 miles an hour; on country roads where it is wooded or the view is otherwise obstructed, 20 miles an hour.

Those convicted under the Act may be punished up to a total of three months imprisonment. Each conviction is to be endorsed on the license, which can be cancelled for cause.

#### WIRELESS REPORT

8 a.m.

BULL HARBOR.—Raining, southeast gale; barometer, 29.47; temperature, 45; sea rough; 8 p.m. spoke steamer Mogul, 415 miles from Tacoma, northbound; 8.30 p.m. spoke steamer Camosun, leaving Wadham's, southbound; 8 p.m. spoke steamer Anyox, towing barge Riversdale, Ladysmith for Anyox, 230 miles from Anyox.

Noon

DIGBY ISLAND.—Cloudy, calm, barometer, 29.72; temperature, 46; sea smooth; Princess Mary due Ketchikan 11.30 p.m. (Monday) northbound; 8 p.m. spoke Alameda arriving Wrangell northbound.

#### CARD OF THANKS

Mr. H. Walker and family desire to express their sincere thanks for the many kind expressions of sympathy received in their recent bereavement.

There was a good attendance at the regular business meeting of the Great War Veterans' Association last evening. President Fred Pyle in the chair. It was decided to hold a Christmas Tree for children of returned men and also war orphans on Boxing Day, December 26.

#### OTTAWA MAY TAKE UP CASE

Expected to Make Representations to Washington in regard to Fred Anderson

OTTAWA, Nov. 18.—While as yet no representations have been made to the Washington government in regard to the arrest of Fred R. Anderson, the Vancouver lawyer, arrested in San Francisco on a charge of liquor smuggling, it is practically certain that action will be taken during the day. The case will probably come before the cabinet when it meets this afternoon.

It is probable the Dominion government will request Washington to investigate the arrest and ascertain if it is just or if those responsible for the enforcing of the United States Prohibition law in San Francisco overstepped the mark.

#### FISH ARRIVALS

Two American and Two Canadian Boats Marketed Catches This Morning

About half a dozen schooners are expected in within a day or so to market halibut caught before the close season commenced. With their arrival, business on the exchange as far as halibut at least is concerned will be discontinued until towards the end of February.

Today two American boats and two Canadians disposed of catches, the fares totalling 103,000 pounds.

Sales were as follows:  
**American**  
Atlantic, 35,000 lbs., at 13.5c and 6c, to the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co.  
Majestic, 45,000 lbs., at 14c and 6c, to the Athin Fisheries for Ketchikan delivery.

##### Canadian

Tramp, 3,000 lbs., at 13.6c and 6c, to the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co.  
Lysekil, which refused a bid of 13c and 6c yesterday from the Athin Fisheries, was offered 12.2c and 6c by the same firm this morning.