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## TAX REDUCTIONS ANNOUNCED IN BUDGET

### THIRTEEN LABOR MEMBERS SUSPENDED IN BRITISH HOUSE OF COMMONS

#### Reduction of Taxes is Announced by Minister of Finance in Budget

Income tax rate to be cut and married men's exemption increased says Hon. J. A. Robb

#### LARGE FAVORABLE TRADE BALANCE

Surplus of revenue over expenditure shows good margin and railway earnings on increase

OTTAWA, April 15.—Hon. J. A. Robb, minister of finance, this afternoon brought down the annual budget of the government in which it was announced that tax reductions affecting all classes estimated at \$25,000,000 would be made this year.

In making the cut, the chief item was a reduction in the income tax while the exemption for married men had been increased. In the revision of the War Tax Act, a distinction would be made between yearly earnings and income derived from investments.

#### MURDER TRIAL IS GOING ON

Wesley George Having Preliminary Hearing on Charge of Killing Patrick John Burchall

Preliminary trial of Wesley George on the charge of unlawfully murdering Patrick John Burchall as a result of a tussle in a boat at Warke Channel on Good Friday opened before Stipendiary Magistrate H. F. McLeod in the provincial police court this morning and, after the noon adjournment, is still proceeding this afternoon. Evidence adduced at the trial is of a very similar nature to that at the inquest although there are one or two new crown witnesses. Inspector William Spiller is conducting the prosecution with Milton Gonzales appearing in the defence. Miss Ruth Lemon is acting as court stenographer.

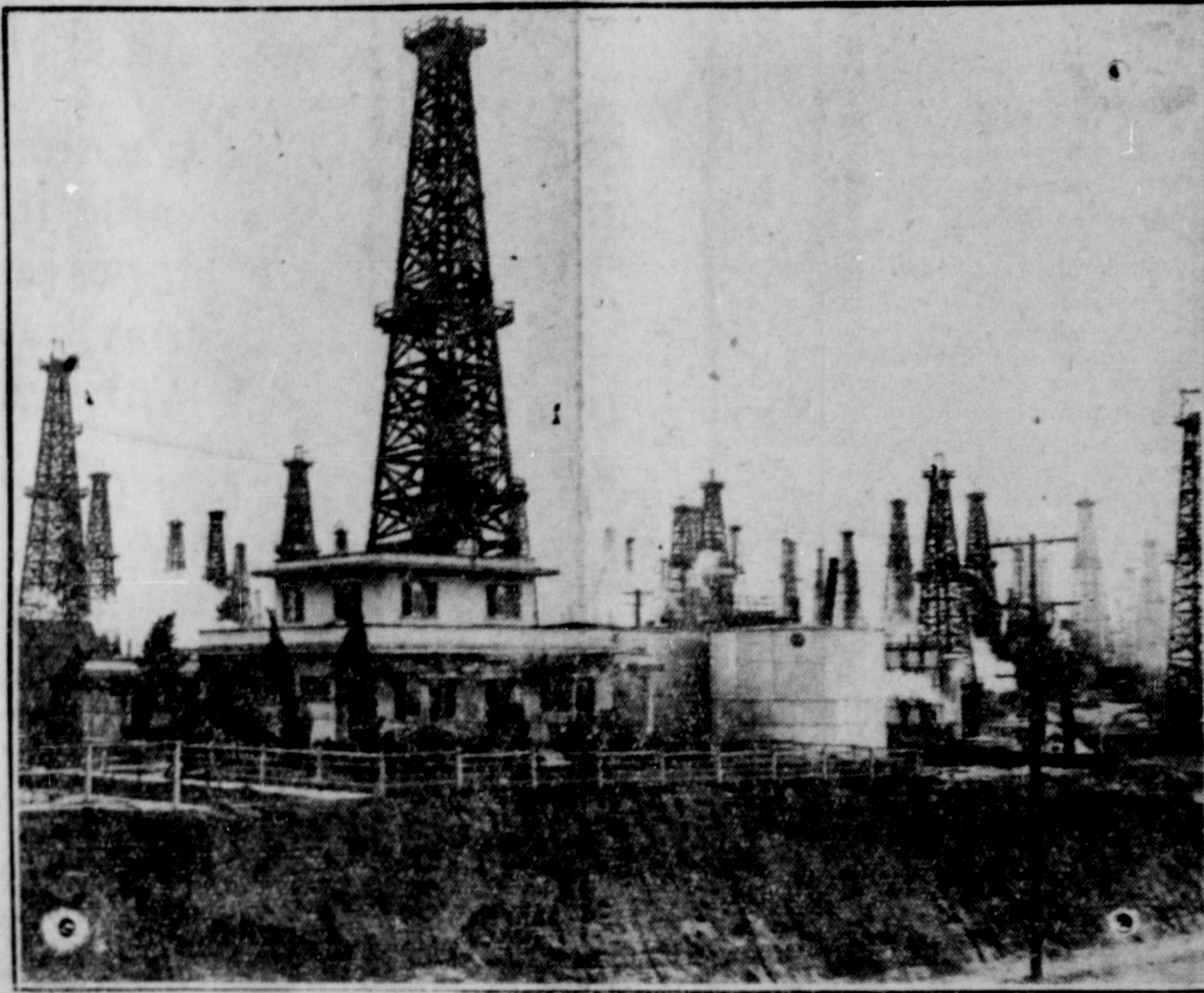
#### STOCK MARKET SLUMPS AGAIN

Slowing up of Retail Trade, French Exchange, Etc., Have Depressing Effect

NEW YORK, April 15.—Further weakness developed on the stock market today with some selling inspired by recurrent reports of slowing up of the retail trade. Nearly thirty industrials including steel common broke through to new low levels. French exchange and a drop in rubber prices also had a depressing effect.

#### FIRST FOREST FIRE ON MALAHAT DRIVE VANCOUVER ISLAND

VICTORIA, April 15.—The first forest fire of the season in this neighborhood broke out last night on the Malahat Drive near the 18 mile post. Fire rangers report it is being held in check but prior to the arrival of the rangers it had made great headway in the dense underbrush.



OIL WELLS IN THE BACKYARD—A striking view of the landscape surrounding this home at Long Beach, Calif., where oil was discovered.

#### 13 Members of British Parliament Suspended Obstructing Business

LONDON, April 15.—Thirteen Labor members of Parliament were suspended during an all-night sitting of the House of Commons for wilfully obstructing business. Hon. Neville Chamberlain named the offenders and moved their suspension, which was carried on a vote of 163 to 76. Thereupon they withdrew from the House.

The trouble arose when J. H. Thomas at six o'clock moved the adjournment of the debate on the Economy Bill and the Laborites obstructed the taking of the vote.

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 FRENCH FRANC IS AT LOWEST LEVEL EVER YET REACHED

PARIS, April 15.—The French franc today sank to a new level for all time, the closing quotation being 29.61 to the dollar and 143.80 to the pound sterling.

#### AERIAL PATROL EXPECTED HERE

Inspector of Fisheries Receives No Word that it is to be Cancelled

Although the Vancouver Province last Sunday gave prominence to special despatch from Ottawa stating that there was to be a slashing reduction of the Jericho Beach air station equipment and personnel which would eliminate an aerial fisheries patrol service here this summer, Adam Mackie, the local inspector of fisheries, has received no word that there is to be no such patrol. In fact, arrangements were made during the winter for an even more extensive patrol than last year and the planes are expected to arrive from the south about the end of June.

#### PENNY POSTAGE IS TO RETURN

Sales Tax Reduced and Receipt Tax Wiped Out Under New Budget

TAX ON AUTOS TO BE LESS

OTTAWA, April 15.—The receipt tax has been wiped out under the new budget and the sales tax removed from a number of articles and reduced to 2½ per cent on canned fish.

Penny postage returns on July 1.

The duty on autos with a retail value of not more than \$1,200 and on motor trucks and motor cycles has been reduced to 20 per cent the general tariff, 17½ per cent intermediate; and 12½ British preference.

Cars valued at over \$1,200 the general tariff is reduced to 27½, 25 and 15.

For the benefit of canneries (tinplate of the class used in cans and not made in Canada admitted free under the British preference and dutiable five per cent under intermediate and general tariff.

**Reduce Debt**  
 Finance Minister Robb announced that under this year's estimate of \$376,000,000 slightly more than \$22,000,000 surplus would go toward the reduction of the debt.

#### HALIBUT IS SOLD AT SEWARD TODAY WHEN PRICES REACH 9 CENTS

SEWARD, April 15.—Sharp increases in halibut deliveries here were noted today, one cold storage plant paying as high as nine and five cents a pound for fish.

To and from the far northern halibut banks the fishing schooners made two trips to Seward in the time taken by one to Ketchikan, Prince Rupert or Seattle.

#### WHEAT ADVANCES

WINNIPEG, April 15.—Wheat advanced four cents this morning due to heavy export sales estimated at one million bushels.

#### Irish Minister to Washington Would Not Restrict Evolution of the British Empire by Law

At Luncheon Speech Declares Belief in Method of Gradual Growth Under Unwritten System as in the Past

OTTAWA, April 15.—The best minds in Great Britain are opposed to setting down any definite bounds to restrict the evolution of the British Empire, Professor T. A. Smiddy, minister of the Irish Free State in Washington told an audience, which included many parliamentarians at a Canadian Club luncheon here yesterday.

Just as the British constitution is an unwritten one but the result of development, so the relationships among the various portions of the commonwealth of nations of the Empire should arise and develop by conferences, mutual understanding and discussions what steps should be taken in each case.

#### MOSTLY SALMON IS ON EXCHANGE TODAY

The fish sales today were mostly salmon, only two halibut boats offering and one of these, the Seymour, being sold for Ketchikan delivery. Halibut fetched 12.90c and 6c and 13.60c and 7c. Arrivals were:

**Halibut**  
 Seymour, 11,000, to Royal Fish Co., at 12.90c and 6c.  
 Alki, 5,000, to Cold Storage, at 13.60c and 7c.

**Salmon**  
 Taplow, 1,550 reds, and 700 whites, at 15.80c and 3c.  
 Hippo, 2,890 reds and 357 whites at 15.60c and 3c.

#### National Banking is Referred to Committee of Commons after Being Introduced by Woodworth

OTTAWA, April 15.—Private members' day in the House of Commons was devoted to discussion of the resolution declaring the time ripe for the establishment of a system of national banking in Canada. J. S. Woodworth was the mover. He made it clear that he did not expect the government to declare itself on such an important resolution without ample investigation. He hoped, however, the minister of finance would agree to have the resolution referred to the standing committee on banking and commerce.

Hon. J. A. Robb, minister of finance, made no objection to the resolution going to the committee for consideration stipulating only that witnesses who knew nothing of banking should not appear before the committee.

#### HEAVY HITTING BASEBALL GAME

Red Sox and Yankees Have Slugging Match; Dean Does Good Pitching for Philadelphia

NEW YORK, April 15.—Yesterday's baseball was featured by a heavy slugging match between the Red Sox and the Yankees, Boston reversing the opening day result by defeating New York eight to seven. In the two games Boston scored 19 runs on 39 hits while the Yankees garnered 19 runs on 26 hits.

Wayland Dean, formerly of the Giants, pitching for Philadelphia Nationals, held Boston to four hits, winning ten to one. Dean made three hits.

**American League**  
 New York 7, Boston 8.  
 Philadelphia 1, Washington 3.  
 Two postponed.

**National League**  
 Boston 1, Philadelphia 10.  
 Brooklyn 5, New York 9.  
 Chicago 9, Cincinnati 2.  
 Pittsburg 10, St. Louis 3.

#### MILL WORKMEN AT WESTMINSTER HAD SERIOUS MISHAP

Harry Walmsley Killed and Stephen Conruyt Badly Hurt When Train Hits Auto

NEW WESTMINSTER, April 15.—While proceeding to work at a sawmill here this morning, Harry Walmsley, aged 59, planning mill foreman, was instantly killed and Stephen Conruyt was fatally injured. Their automobile was struck by a Canadian Pacific train.

#### VANCOUVER EXCHANGE

	Bid.	Asked
Wheat	1.57 3/4	
B.C. Power & Gas	100.00	
Dunwell	1.97	2.05
Gladstone	.35	.38
Hazelton		.01 1/2
Indian	.09 3/4	.10
Premier	2.25	2.35
Porter Idaho	.09	.12
Silvercrest	.11	.12

#### PRINCE GEORGE APPEAL CASE

Bellos Given Permission by Court to Specify Jurors Who Said They Would Commit MIM

VANCOUVER, April 15.—Because the jurors at the Prince George assizes, who found Arthur Bellos guilty of assault occasioning bodily harm are alleged to have announced their intention to do so before the trial, Bellos who was sentenced to two years and six months' imprisonment was today granted leave to specify the jurors in question on affidavit. Meantime the hearing of the appeal has been postponed until the June sitting of the court of appeal at Victoria.

#### SUMMER TRAIN SERVICE MAY 2

Announcement Made That Daily Trains Will Begin Week Earlier Than Expected

The daily train service to and from Prince Rupert will commence a week earlier than was announced, according to R. F. McNaughton, who this morning stated he had been advised that the service would commence on Sunday May 2.

Under the new schedule the train will arrive as usual on Monday, May 3, at 7 a.m. and the next train after that would come in on the following Wednesday afternoon at 3.30 and continue to so arrive daily except Tuesdays. The first train out under the new schedule would be on Monday, May 3 at 11.30 and daily thereafter except Sunday.