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## BUDGET ANNOUNCES TAX REDUCTION

### Cut in Taxes and Advance Policy Announced First Budget MacLean Government in the Legislature

Over half million less for people of Province to pay distributed among all classes of people

VICTORIA, February 11.—Taxes will be cut by \$550,000 spread over virtually all classes of taxpayers, Premier MacLean announced in his budget speech yesterday afternoon.

All income taxes will be cut ten per cent. A discount of ten per cent will be allowed on the turnover tax for payment before the date of delinquency.

The minimum payment under the turnover tax will be reduced from three dollars to one to assist rural business establishments.

The present turnover tax of one half of one per cent on the first four thousand dollars of income earned by professional men, agents or brokers will be reduced to one quarter of one per cent—a reduction of fifty per cent.

To assist coal mining the present tax of four per cent per acre on class B lands containing coal but not thoroughly developed will be reduced to two per cent or one half of the present rate.

The whole basis of the unearned increment tax on profit made from sales of natural resources will be changed. Instead of taxing these profits, it is proposed to adjust the depletion allowances in the taxing of natural resources. The depletion allowances will be based on amounts actually expended upon properties involved in sales.

All payments out of superannuation funds will be exempted entirely from income tax.

Further allowances will be made for contributions to employees' superannuation funds.

Expenditures for the coming year are estimated to total \$20,821,360 with revenue of \$20,830,296, leaving an estimated surplus of \$8,935.

The estimated expenditures include provision for statutory salary increases for all civil servants and other salary adjustments in the civil service and expenditure of \$400,000 in old age pensions during the next fiscal year. Other major increases total \$945,000.

The budget also provides for a loan bill of \$4,600,000 for highways, bridges, public buildings and university lands development.

### CHANGES IN MOTOR LAWS

Examination for Drivers Licenses to be Feature of New Measure is Announced

VANCOUVER, Feb. 11.—Compulsory automobile insurance is not to be introduced this year but other important amendments to the Motor Vehicles Act including court examination for drivers license and extension of the jurisdiction of the small debts court to minor damage claims will be proposed, Hon. A. M. Manson, attorney general, told the local branch of the automobile club here last night.

### SAMMY MANDELL TO DEFEND HIS TITLE IN OUTDOOR BATTLE

CHICAGO, Feb. 11.—Sammy Mandell, lightweight champion boxer, will defend his title against Jim McLarnin of Vancouver in an outdoor match here next July, Jim McMullen announced.

### PORTLAND DEFEATED VICTORIA AT HOCKEY

VICTORIA, Feb. 11.—Portland defeated Victoria in the first hockey game for the Premier MacLean cup in the inter-city series last night four goals to two.

### CHINESE GAMBLING IN VICTORIA MUST CEASE SAYS EDICT

VICTORIA, Feb. 11.—All gambling houses in Chinatown will be closed tight in order that law and order may be maintained, was the edict issued by the police commission. The request that such action be taken by the commission came from the Chinese themselves.

ENGLAND WON RUGBY  
DUBLIN, Feb. 11.—England defeated Ireland in an international rugby match today 7 points to 6.

### VANCOUVER EXCHANGE

	Bid.	Asked.
B.C. Silver	1.35	
Cork Province	.35	.38
George Copper	4.50	4.50
Glacier	.03 1/2	.06
Gladstone	.08	.10 1/2
Golconda	.78	.85
Independence	.19	
Indian	.07 1/2	.10 1/2
Island	.38 1/2	.48 1/2
Lead	.04	
Leadsmith	.33	.35
Lucky Jim	.17 1/2	.18
Marmot Metals	2.65	2.75
Premier	.62	.62
Porter Idaho	.60	.17
Richmond	.10	.12
Richmond	.10	.12
Silvercrest	.21	.22 1/2
Silversmith	.21	.22 1/2
Sunloch	2.95	3.00
Terminus	.29 1/2	.32
Toric	4.00	4.50
Whitewater	2.33	2.35
Wheat	1.44	

Absentee vote abolished; P.G.E. action delayed until later in session; Development, settlement and publicity planned

VICTORIA, February 11.—The immediate abolition of the absentee vote to be replaced by an advance poll was announced by Premier MacLean in his budget speech yesterday. Other policies outlined were: Greater development of British Columbia's resources.

Settlement and development of vacant areas to increase production.

Greater utilization of the waste products of industry so that the province may derive every dollar possible out of its natural resources.

Promotion of harbor improvements to increase trade and exports from the province.

Greater publicity for attraction to the province of settlers and capital.

Continuation of Hon. John Oliver's efforts to secure control of the Peace River Block for use in opening up the northern hinterland and in solving the Pacific Great Eastern problem.

Readjustment of inter-provincial relations through an inter-provincial conference to be held in Ottawa in early November.

Encouragement of capital by protective legislation and stable taxation.

POLICY REGARD TO P.G.E.  
In regard to the provincial railway policy Premier MacLean said:

"With regard to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, I wish to defer the question of providing money for further construction until negotiations now under consideration have further developed. Before the close of the session this matter will be definitely dealt with.

"Unless satisfactory arrangements for the sale of the line are completed, a further loan for the completion of the P.G.E. from Vancouver to Prince George will be submitted."

### CHINESE CASES FINALLY ENDED

Fines of \$15 Each Imposed by Magistrate Today Upon 15 Inmates of Gaming House

Following the sustaining by the Court of Appeal of the conviction and fine of \$50 imposed by Magistrate McClymont upon Yeu Chee on the charge of being the keeper of a gaming house, fifteen Chinese appeared before the magistrate this morning on charges of being inmates. The result being that each was fined \$15. The fines were promptly paid, thus terminating a series of cases that has been hanging fire for about two months.

Milton Gonzales, counsel for the Chinese, asked the court to deal first with the case of Wong Hocy in which a plea of not guilty was entered. Upon Wong Hocy's conviction, pleas of guilty were entered in the fourteen other cases.

### DESERTERS FROM SHIPS DEPARTED

Six Men Embarked Today Aboard Grain Ship Sagoland—Deserted From Her and Sydland

Six deserters from the Swedish grain ships Sydland and Sagoland, who have been picked up recently by the police, are being put back aboard the Sagoland today for deportation at the order of Dr. H. E. Tremayne, local immigration officer. Attempts to enter the country by stealth are frequent on the part of foreign merchant vessels. It is, however, an illegal practice which the authorities are thus dealing with.

### Resolution Passed Unanimously Regard to Alaskan Panhandle by Legislature of British Columbia

Conservative, Fearful of Trap, Urges Care but do not Oppose Move While Both Pattullo and Manson Strongly Favor it

VICTORIA, February 11.—The resolution of H. F. Kergin, member for Atlin, urging action by the Dominion government to open negotiations with Washington for acquisition of the Panhandle of Alaska passed without a division of the Legislature.

H. D. Twigg, Conservative, expressed the opinion that there was something behind the move and suggested the inspiration came from Ottawa. He wanted to know whether the government was aware of any negotiations between Ottawa and Washington in the matter and whether there was a move toward making it figure in the St. Lawrence waterways negotiations.

Hon. T. D. Pattullo said some persons thought the efforts to secure the Alaska panhandle would prove abortive but he did not agree with them.

R. H. Pooley, leader of the opposition, sounded a note of warning and reminded the House that the United States had a record for driving a hard bargain with Canada and suggested extreme care in the negotiations to make sure the Dominion did not pay too dearly for the panhandle.

Hon. A. M. Manson said this was not the time to discuss the details of the plan but said he did not believe a country like the United States which had been taking the lead in advocating self-determination for the world would stand in the way of doing justice. "I cannot think that in such a small matter, for it is a small matter to the United States although not to us, she would take a different position from that set for herself in the last ten years.

Reminding the House of recent statements made by President Beatty of the C.P.R. that the next decade

### SAGOLAND TO SAIL TODAY

Swedish Freighter off With Large Cargo of Wheat for Rotterdam—Mabriton and Assby on Berth

With one of the largest cargoes of grain ever loaded at Prince Rupert, the Swedish freighter Sagoland will depart today from the Alberta Wheat Pool's Prince Rupert elevator for Rotterdam, Holland. The Sagoland has been in port for something like ten days, having had to be lined.

Loading of the British freighter Mabriton is now proceeding and this vessel should get away early next week.

The British steamer Ashby, sixteenth grain ship of the season here, which arrived in port Thursday night, will move up to the elevator on the departure of the Sagoland.

Railway offices this morning reported nearly six hundred cars of grain on the way from the prairies bound for Prince Rupert. There were three audited cars on the Edmonton and Calgary divisions east of Jasper Park and nearly that number west of Jasper. Twenty-one cars arrived here during the past twenty-four hours.

### OUTLAW WAR SAYS REPORT

Only Exception is to Uphold Decision of League of Nations

GENEVA, Feb. 11.—Aggressive war must be outlawed but war for legitimate defense on application of the covenant of the League of Nations or in execution of a league division is justifiable in view of the committee of noted experts, who yesterday presented their report on the means of promoting international security.

### KILLED IN EXPLOSION OF REFINING TANKS

EVERETT, Feb. 11.—At least ten are dead and fifty injured when a unit of ten large refining stills of the Beacon Oil Co. exploded.

### GALLANT RESCUE MINERS

#### Forty Miners Trapped in Hollinger by Fire; Rescue Being Attempted

Seven Taken Out Alive This Afternoon Arousing Hopes for Those Still Below

TIMMINS, Ont., February 11.—Six bodies were recovered and 47 miners are still unaccounted for as a result of a fire in the lower levels of the famous Hollinger mine. Yesterday a special train carrying additional rescuers, gas masks and oxygen tanks were en route from Toronto and were due here at noon today.

Company officials still believe the trapped men are alive but the stopes are filled with poisonous gas.

Fire started on the 500 foot level and spread rapidly, cutting off the escape of the working crews in the lower levels. Within half an hour from the outbreak, the mine was filled with gas.

LATER DESPATCH  
The special train from Toronto breaking all records for the run, arrived at 11 this morning with rescue equipment and immediate efforts were commenced in an endeavor to reach the trapped miners. When fire broke out amidst refuse, approximately 900 miners were working in various sections of the mine but managed to reach the holts in safety except 53.

TIMMINS, Feb. 11.—(Afternoon)—Seven miners have been taken out alive from the Hollinger mine arousing hopes that the remaining forty may be safe.

### OLD COUNTRY FOOTBALL

ENGLISH LEAGUE

Division I.  
Aston Villa 1, Sheffield 0.  
Blackburn 1, Newcastle 0.  
Bolton 3, Birmingham 2.  
Cardiff 4, Huddersfield 0.  
Derby County 3, Burnley 4.  
Everton 2, Tottenham 5.  
Manchester United 5, Leicester 2.  
Preston 1, Liverpool 0.  
The Wednesday 2, Middlesboro 3.  
Sunderland 1, Bury 0.  
West Ham 2, Arsenal 2.

Division II.

Blackpool 3, Stoke City 1.  
Chelsea 5, Bristol City 2.  
Clapton 0, West Bromwich 0.  
Grimsby 1, Notts County 0.  
Leeds United 2, Preston 4.  
Notts Forest 1, Hull City 1.  
Oldham 3, Manchester City 2.  
Port Vale 4, Fulham 1.  
Reading 0, Southampton 0.  
South Shields 3, Swansea 1.  
Wolverhampton 2, Barnsley 1.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

Clyde 0, Celtic 1.  
Dundee 3, Airdrieonians 0.  
Dunfermline 1, Boness 2.  
Falkirk 5, Aberdeen 1.  
Hamilton 0, Partick 2.  
Hibernians 1, St. Mirren 1.  
Kilmarnock 1, St. Johnstone 7.  
Queen's Park 1, Cowdenbeath 1.  
Raith Rovers 0, Hearts 5.  
Rangers 0, Motherwell 2.

### NON-STOP FLIGHT TO TOKIO FROM SEATTLE PLANNED BY MOLAYS

SEATTLE, Feb. 11.—In an effort to send the Spirit of De Molay on a non-stop flight from Seattle to Tokyo, the local De Molay chapter is to call upon members of the national organization to contribute \$25,000 to finance the project.

Gordon McKenzie, the British war ace, now engaged in flying out of Bellingham, has been selected to pilot the airplane on the projected flight.

### REFINERY DESTROYED NEAR LONG BEACH IN HEART OIL DISTRICT

LONG BEACH, Cal., Feb. 11.—Fire, believed to have originated in a refinery destroyed property valued at \$700,000 in the heart of Signal Hill oilfield here. Ray Thompson is dead from burns received when the refinery exploded.

INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY

Montreal 3, Chicago 2.

### SENTENCE OF HICKMAN SET TUESDAY NEXT

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 11.—The sentencing of Hickman for the murder of Marian Farcer has been postponed until Tuesday at which time arguments will be heard on a motion for a new trial which was filed this morning by defense counsel, who alleges a score of errors and deprivations of the rights of the accused.

### GRAIN SHIPPED AT VANCOUVER

Little Change in Destination, Most of Big Cargoes Going to Europe

VANCOUVER, Feb. 11.—There has been little change in the grain shipping situation here during the week, most of the big cargoes still going to Europe. Following are the shipments:

	Bushels
Newbrough, for Rotterdam	306,750
Homeside, for Marseilles	261,850
Jersey City, for Hamburg	336,823
Karachi Maru, to Hampton Roads for orders	281,194
Pacific Shipper, for Manchester	3,733
York City, to Colon for orders	340,852
Callina, for Genoa	112,000
Quebec City, to Falmouth for orders	295,680
Turkistan, to St. Thomas for orders	296,933
Aussa, for Hamburg or Rotterdam	238,450
Crafton, for London	137,620
" For Liverpool	62,100
Cape of Good Hope, for Yokohama	16,667
Yonan Maru, for Nagoya	120,000
" For Yokohama	67,654
Hokkai Maru, for Shanghai	175,000
Yokohama Maru, for Kobe	32,950
Point Lobos, for Pueria Columbia	16,000

### OLYMPIC ICE GAMES BEGIN

France Beats Hungary at Hockey Two Goals to Nothing Today

ST. MORITZ, Feb. 11.—The first Olympic hockey match took place here today France defeating Hungary two goals to nothing.

### DECISION RESERVED CANNERY LICENSES BY SUPREME COURT

OTTAWA, Feb. 11.—Decision is reserved following argument on reference to the Supreme Court of Canada regarding the powers of Parliament to enact that operators of fish canneries must first obtain an annual license.

WHEAT PRICE TODAY

VANCOUVER, Feb. 11.—The price of wheat today is \$1.45 1/2.