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BUDGET PRESENTED OTTAWA TODAY

MINISTER OF FINANCE MAKES HIS ANNUAL ACCOUNTING

ACTING MAYOR BACKS UP PLAN BEAUTIFY CITY

Theo. Collart Urges Unity to Make Prince Rupert Distinctive Place

"These are just my sentiments, I am with you," said Acting Mayor Collart to a Daily News representative when asked for co-operation in regard to the beautifying of the city by the planting of gardens and window boxes.

"It is up to the citizens," declared Mr. Collart. "They can make this place distinctive, prettier than any other on the coast if everyone will do something toward improving its appearance. The first thing to do is to keep the buildings painted, the gardens and back yards neat and tidy and the lawns nicely mown. Then I suggest that they might get out some of the stumps or cover them with creepers, plant flowers and see that there are no untidy corners."

"The suggestion for window boxes is a good one. The window boxes do as well as anywhere. It takes a little time and effort but if everyone does a little it will not be difficult to make Prince Rupert the prettiest place on the coast."

Hope and Optimism Pervades Presentation Made to House of Commons by Hon. J. A. Robb

Substantial surplus on year's operations forecast--reductions in national debt--taxation drops and tariffs dealt with

OTTAWA, February 16.—Announcing reductions in taxation estimated at \$19,000,000, Hon. James A. Robb, minister of finance, presented his budget in the House of Commons this afternoon. It is a document of hopefulness and optimism. The estimated revenues for the fiscal year ending March 31 next are placed at \$419,000,000, with estimated expenditures of \$364,000,000, or an estimated surplus of \$55,000,000. Deducting \$16,000,000 for the writing down of soldier land settlement loans and other items, the net debt reduction is estimated at nearly \$39,000,000.

Mr. Robb emphasized that the government's policy was reduction of the national debt and regular annual reductions in taxation. "With revenues now buoyant," the finance minister declared, "there is a tendency to have the Dominion embark upon many new ventures, as well as the tendency toward indiscriminate private speculation. We should not, however, forget the national debt. Work and thrift are the only roads to sure success. Further taxation reductions will become possible as Canada progresses but national progress is dependent on the wholesome goodwill we practice one toward the other."

In regard to Empire trade—Mr. Robb announced that imports to secure the advantage of the British preferential tariff must now be comprised of fifty per cent Empire labor and materials instead of twenty-five per cent. A similar increase will also be required on goods entering under treaty rates and intermediate tariff.

Tax reductions include a ten per cent cut in personal and income taxes and eight per cent on tax rate on corporations. The sales tax is cut twenty-five per cent.

There is a reduction in tariff on cottons, woollens, linen and machinery and the rate on parts for fishing boat engines is also reduced.

Under new income tax schedules, \$500 exemption is allowed for mentally and physically incapacitated persons over 21 years of age. The expected reduction in the tax on cigarettes and liquor did not materialize, the minister of finance making no reference to them in his speech.

CRITICIZES TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF CABINET

Member for Victoria Suggests That no Efforts Were Made to Economize

VICTORIA, Feb. 16.—In the Legislature Reginald Hayward, member for Victoria, criticized the travelling expenses incurred by the ministers and their departments. He claimed that the expenditures of the last fiscal year reached the enormous total of \$310,000 including more than \$11,000 for journeys of cabinet members alone. It seemed that no effort whatever had been made to economize, he declared. He strongly urged the abolition of the poll tax.

SOLDIER PROBLEMS TO SPECIAL COMMITTEE

OTTAWA, Feb. 16.—A special committee to consider pensions and other problems of returned soldiers, was appointed in the House of Commons yesterday by Hon. J. H. King.

VANCOUVER EXCHANGE

	Bid.	Asked.
B.C. Silver	135	150
Big Missouri	39	40
Coast Copper	49.00	50.00
Cork Province	41	41 1/2
Dunwell	34	36
George Copper	52 1/2	62 1/2
Glacier	06 1/2	06 1/2
Gladstone	08 1/2	09
Goldbonds	34	37
Independence	20 1/2	20 1/2
Indian	09 1/2	10 1/2
I. and L.	16 1/2	17 1/2
Leadsmith	05	06
Lucky Jim	39	39 1/2
Marmot Metals	17 1/2	17 1/2
Premier	27 1/2	27 1/2
Porter Idaho	58 1/2	60
Richmond	17	17 1/2
Silvercrest	10 1/2	11
Silversmith	19	20 1/2
Terminus	27	30
Whitewater	295	300
Wheat	145 1/2	145 1/2

MANY DIE ON BIG STEAMER

Sixteen Filipinos Victims and Many Others Suffering From Sickness

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 16.—Sixteen Filipino stevedores passengers died as a result of pneumonia aboard the steamer Cleveland between Manila and Honolulu. Fifteen others were suffering from pneumonia and one from smallpox when the vessel reached Honolulu today, the Dollar Line here advised.

AGED ACTOR DIED AT WORK

Eddie Foy Was on Tour in Kansas City Doing Vaudeville When he Died

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 16.—Eddie Foy, aged 73, the veteran actor, died this morning of heart failure. He appeared here in vaudeville last night and was on his farewell tour after half a century before the footlights.

DOLLAR LICENSE FOR SELLING GASOLINE

VICTORIA, Feb. 16.—A dollar license fee on vendors of gasoline is established by the re-drafted "Gasoline Tax Act" brought down yesterday.

WATHER REPORT

Prince Rupert.—Overcast, calm; temperature, 36.
She—If you tell a man anything, it goes in one ear and out of the other. He—And if you tell a woman anything, it goes in both ears and out of her mouth.—Tatler.

FORESTRY IN LEGISLATURE

Major Burde Votes With Opposition on Division in House Yesterday

VICTORIA, Feb. 16.—The House yesterday passed a resolution referring to a standing committee of the House on Forestry the task of taking evidence and reporting on the situation in the province in respect to conservation of its timber resources.

An amendment moved by Joshua Finchcliffe, that the minister of lands be requested to submit a report at the earliest date on the conservation practice, was defeated by 25 to 20, the resolution being adopted on the same vote. Major Burde, P. P. Harris and A. McC. Creery voted with the Conservative opposition.



OLD STUFF IN JAPAN: The barber shop is no novelty to the ladies of Japan. They have been going there for centuries, not for haircuts, but for shaves. Shaving, they say, gives the skin the necessary smoothness for the application of Oriental cosmetics.

Stewart Short Line Railway Has Been Paid For and Work on Reconditioning to Begin

VANCOUVER, February 16.—The Vancouver Holdings, Limited, have made final payment for the interest of Sir Donald Mann in the Canadian Northeastern Railway in the Portland Canal district and reconditioning of the line will be commenced as soon as weather permits.

The line was built at the time of a former Stewart boom and will serve a number of the mines on the Bear River, one of which is the property recently optioned by Consolidated. It will also be used to carry timber down the valley to Stewart.

It is thought by many that the railway is destined to be the western section of a railway from the interior which would have to tunnel a mile or more through a mountain to connect with the country beyond.

HOLLINGER LARGEST GOLD MINE IN WORLD

Recent Disaster Result of Spontaneous Combustion in Old Stope

Hollinger is the third largest gold mine in the world and the largest in North America.

The plants cover 560 acres of ground. Every day of the year something like 6,000 tons of rock are crushed. Since 1911 it has produced approximately \$121,000,000 in gold and paid about \$40,000,000 in dividends. There are 100 miles of underground workings and probably 90 miles of tracks with electric cars carrying ore to the chutes and hoists.

Hollinger's mining operations are carried on through three shafts. Underground, it is like a subterranean city. Veins and cross cut run in every direction like a tangle of steel.

The report of the disaster states that the fire was caused by spontaneous combustion in an old stope where rubbish and sand had accumulated. A stope is an excavation in the rock from which ore is extracted either above or below the floor of a level.

ICE TOO BAD FOR HOCKEY

Canadians Will Play Tomorrow Instead of This Afternoon at St. Moritz

ST. MORITZ, Feb. 16.—Belgium defeated France at Hockey today three goals to one and Switzerland beat Germany one to nothing.

The Canadians meet Sweden in the first of the semi-finals tomorrow owing to the bad condition of the ice this afternoon.

"We came to play hockey, not water polo," declared J. P. McQueen, chairman of the Canadian Olympic committee.

PROFITS SHOWN AT ALASKA JUNEAU MINE

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 16.—The Alaska Juneau Gold Mining Co. operations for the first ten days of February reported a daily profit of \$1,000 for the month against \$84,500 in January.

Private Export Liquor Licenses Being Closed Order of Government

Supplies May Not be Received After the End of This Month and Must be all Cleared by June 30, is Announced

VANCOUVER, February 16.—Abolition of private liquor warehouses at Vancouver and with them perhaps the export liquor trade is forecast by an unexpected order from the minister of customs. The order states that private warehouses must not receive liquor after February 29 and supplies now in storage must be moved by June 30.

It has been reported that the Dominion Government was planning to develop legislation to the point where only provincial government control boards would be able to import liquor. If private warehouses are abolished the importing and exporting business could continue through warehouse operators operated by the Dominion Government providing facilities for storage in transit, but such freights must be cleared within 30 days. It is doubtful, it is said, whether shippers could continue to use this port under such conditions. Two Vancouver warehouses are affected.

OFFICIAL BAROMETER
IS AT RECORD HEIGHT

H. D. Tee, Digby Island, Dominion meteorologist, reports during the past few days the highest barometer reading since he has been with the station. The glass started soaring Tuesday night and since then has been at record high and steady level, the highest reading being 30.82. There was a rather heavy fog this morning, upon the clearing of which it was expected that a spell of fine weather might be in store to follow a week of extremely rainy conditions.

HEIR TO LORD ASQUITH IS A CHILD AGED 11

Lloyd George One of First to Pay Tribute to Departed Statesman

LONDON, Feb. 16.—The heir of the Earl of Oxford and Asquith is an eleven year old grandchild, Julian Viscount Asquith, son of the Premier's eldest son Raymond Asquith, who was killed in the war.

The death of the distinguished statesman cast a gloom over the countryside and tributes to his memory immediately began to pour in, one of the first being from the leader of the Liberal party, David Lloyd George.

Newspapers generally assume that the late earl will be given burial in Westminster Abbey unless the family has other plans.

The Earl had been unconscious since Monday and at the time of his death the family was with him in the home overlooking the Thames River.

SUTTON COURTNEY, Feb. 16.—The body of the Earl of Oxford was carried last night to the Parish Church here where it will rest until interment. Burial will be private and not in Westminster Abbey this being in accordance with the Earl's wish. The Abbey memorial service will be held February 21.

ORANGE LODGE IS IN SESSION

VICTORIA, Feb. 16.—At the opening of the 38th annual session of the Grand Orange Lodge of British Columbia yesterday 176 delegates registered.

There were 90 delegates at the opening of the B.C. Orange Benevolent Association.

HOCKEY LEAGUE IS DISBANDED

VANCOUVER, Feb. 16.—The inter-city hockey league has been disbanded as a result of the order of President Sandercock of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association that no British Columbia teams may participate. As a concession Vancouver will play Victoria Friday and at Portland Sunday.

CANADIAN INVASION OF UNITED STATES

RACINE, Wis., Feb. 16.—J. L. Case plow works, a million dollar concern has been sold to the Massey Harris Company of Toronto.

OLD COUNTRY FOOTBALL

ENGLISH LEAGUE, DIV. I.
Derby County 2, Liverpool 3.
ENGLISH LEAGUE, DIV. II.
Reading 3, Bristol City 2.
SCOTTISH LEAGUE
Motherwell 6, Raith Rovers 0.

MEXICO AGAIN IN LIMELIGHT

Tabling of Correspondence in Relation to Religious Question is Refused

OTTAWA, Feb. 16.—A motion of T. L. Dunn for the production of correspondence between the Government and persons objecting to utterances of the Mexican Consul at Toronto and correspondence regarding the visit of Sir Henry Thornton to Mexico was divided into two parts today in the House of Commons. That in regard to Thornton passed with the understanding that notice regarding the Consul would be again made.

Premier Mackenzie King said many people had written to the Government objecting to utterances of Senator Barrow, while others supported the views of the consul. The tabling of such correspondence probably would do harm, not only in Canada but to Canada's international relations.

JOHN CUTHBERT, HAZELTON, DEAD

Keeper of Station Hotel in Interior Passed Away Last Night After Month's Illness

The death occurred last evening at 8:30 in the Prince Rupert General Hospital of John Cuthbert, aged 66, keeper of the Station Hotel at South Hazelton. Deceased had been a patient in the hospital for about a month and failed to rally following a recent operation.

The late Mr. Cuthbert was a native of Perthshire, Scotland, and had been in Canada for seventeen years. For a little over three years he had resided at South Hazelton. He is survived by a widow who is at present in Prince Rupert.

Arrangements for the funeral, which will take place Saturday afternoon, are in the hands of the B.C. Undertakers.

BEER PARLORS RESPONSIBLE

Colonel McMullin Says Able to Dispense With Secret Service Owing to Them

VICTORIA, Feb. 16.—The popularity of beer parlors has been the major factor enabling the liquor board to abolish the secret service system, which cost the province \$300,000 in four years, Colonel McMullin, superintendent of B.C. police told the public accounts committee yesterday.

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