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Civic Budget For 1943 Is Brought Down; Mill Rate Being Thereby Increased

The civic budget for 1943 was presented at last night's meeting of the city council. It provided for expenditures totalling \$514,537.16 with revenue from sources other than taxation estimated at \$327,568, leaving \$186,969.16 the amount to be raised by taxation. A tentative mill rate was proposed which would yield \$177,085.20, still \$9,883.86 short of the expenditures.

nance committee, had introduced the estimates with a brief RUSSIANS summary, the council resolved itself into committee of the whole with Ald. Brett as chairman to con-

Mayor W. M. Watts gave a more detailed statement as to the expenditures, comparing the estimates for this year with the actual expenditures for 1942. Some of these

were as follows		
	1943	1942
E	stimates	Expend's
Gen. Admin.	\$34,000	\$31,854
Tel. Dept.	47,523.25	45,104
Fire Dept.	29,684	15,680
Don's, grants	700	774.92
Schools	100,352	90,632.
Hospital grants	20,000	18,448
Admin. Justice	30,000	25,803
Public Works	51,250	36,600
Health. San.	27,850	25,209
Library	3,100	3,100
Reading Room	500	500
Indigent's Hom	e 4,000	3,601
Reservoir Rprs.	4,500	
Pounnue		

Revenue 1943 \$11,000 \$10,685 School grants Motor licences Unemployment Telephone dep't Rentals Poll tax Scavenging Tax arrear paym'ts. 25,000 17,000 Local Improvem'ts. Interest on taxes 1.000 Telephone installations 500 Water connections Wastime Housing National Def. leases 4,000

Following recitation of the figures, the council went into general discussion along informal and detailed lines, this going on until nearly midnight.

Mayor's Explanation

In the course of his explanation, the mayor stated that the increase in general administration should clerk with an allowance of \$600 for legal costs.

Telephone estimates were designed to make provision for new equipment of \$2,000 and increase in staff and salaries.

The increase in fire department from the city's co-ordinating com- A no smoking rule was in force

tion of justice.

500 in new sidewalks.

The budget was laid over for one

No Losses On

Allied Bombers All Returned Safely From Their Attack on Great Italian Port

turned without loss.

Red Army Still Making Progress Toward Smolensk-Holding In South

NAZIS HELD ON DONETS MOSCOW, March 23 (CP) -Battling numerically superior forces of Germans who continue to push up to the front, the Red Army of the Donets has pushed back every German effort to cross the waterway in force while on the central front the Russians continue to drive toward Smolensk, it was announced to-

MOSCOW, March 23 (P) - The Russian column, driving southward toward the rail line from Belv following the capture of Durovo, has made new progress, the Russians announced yesterday. Forty towns and villages north of Durovo have Northern Work been captured.

Meanwhile the battle for the Donets River line, southeast of Kharkov, grows in ferocity. After council decided last night to com-5,500 5,461 announcing the loss of Belgorod, municate with the minister of la-54,000 51,261 fifty miles north of Kharkov, the bor in regard to a report that one 66,000 65,269 Russians reported they were hold- thousand Canadians now employed 10,500 11,100 ing stubbornly east and west of the by United States firms on northern 6.557 city in the area of Ghuguev. All war projects be replaced by United 9.568 Nazi attempts to crack the Russian States citizens. Inquiry will be 21,500 lines since evacuation of Belgorod made if work in this district is 15,000 have failed.

MINISTER IS CANDID

Minister of National Defence Thinks City Should Be More Co-operative

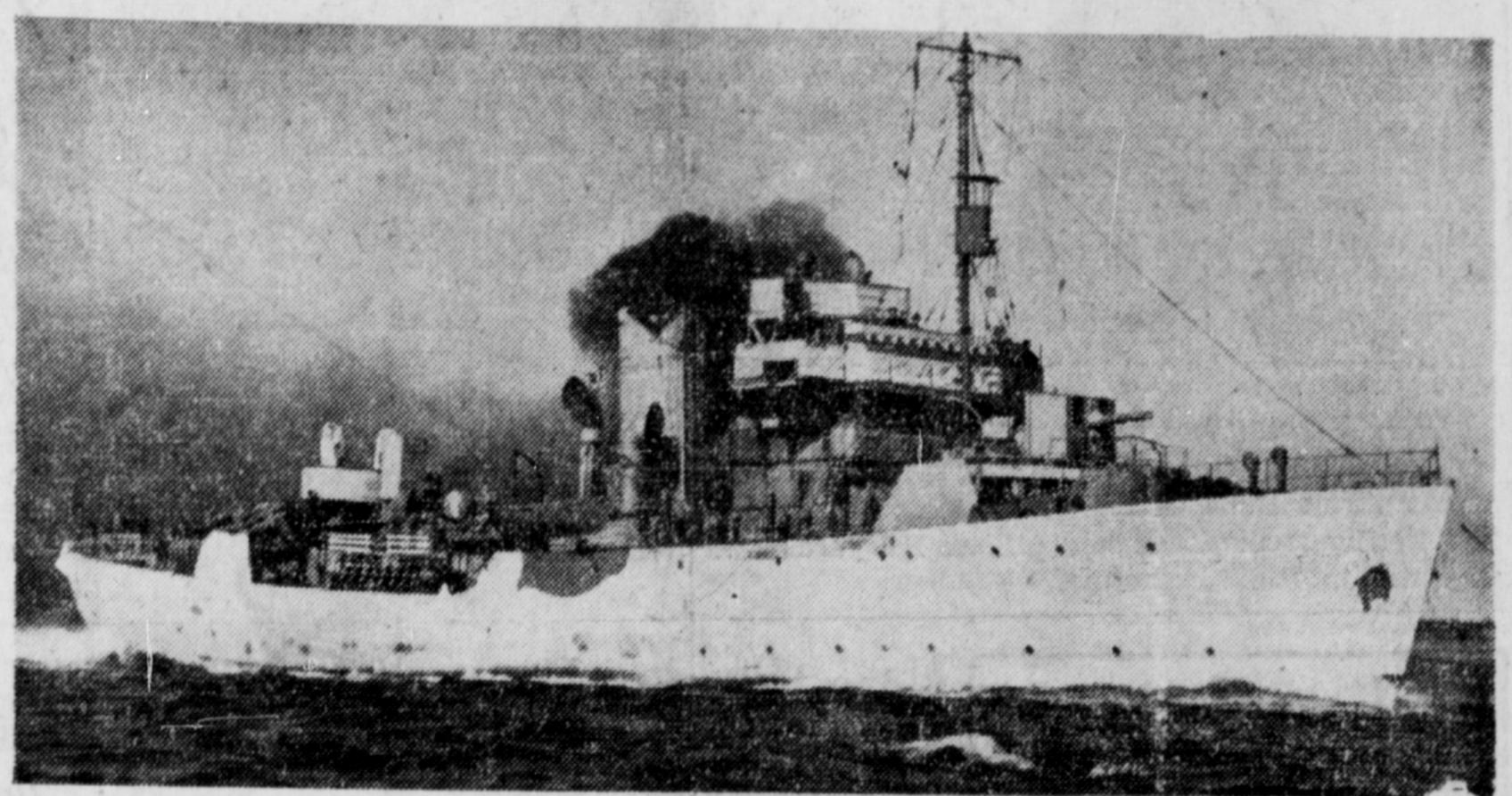
The city council was reminded leader. last night in a letter from Hon. J. L. Ralston, minister of national detake care of mayor and aldermen's indemnities, the salary of the city in constant of national delimination of the city in constant of national delimination. No Smoking Rule gaged today in one task of achieving victory and that the city of Is Short Lived sume its share in the task.

This hint was given out in con- Mayor and Aldermen Weakened clusion of a letter from Col. Ralston replying to a communication

Increased police force accounted the department had decided to dermanic board weakened. for the larger item for administra- bear expense not exceeding \$40,000 It seems that some tacit under-tion of justice. Shortage of Wood Public works estimates for this of booster pump equipment in con- lines of such a rule before the year planned to take care of \$8,- nection with the local water supply. opening of the meeting. This had The reason the department had been done out of deference to Ald. decided on this was because the Daggett, who is the council's excity had failed to make provision pert on precedure and decorum. for the water demand and that Ald Elliott broke the ice and soon the department to provide for all parts of the municipality or for general fire protection. The minister could not understand the tone of a telegram from the city which had refused co-operation. He

a more co-operative attitude.

CORVETTE LOUISBURG SUNK IN MEDITERRANEAN



ABOVE is one of the 17 Canadian corvettes which heized Gen. Eisenhower's troops in the North African action. H.M.C.S. Louisburg, a sister ship of the corvette ABOVE, has been sunk in the Mediterranean after being attacked by give bombers and torpedo planes.

Pope Pius Has Severe Cold

Pontiff is Confined to Bed as Result of High Fever

NEW YORK, March 23 (P-Vati can City dispatch, broadcast by Berlin radio, said that Pope Pius is suffering from a severe cold and is confined to bed with a high fever. Physicians fear a lung inflammation. Nephews of His Holiness were called and spent the day at his bedside.

Americans Or Canadians In

On motion of Ald. Black, the city involved in such an order and it any provision has been made in regard to the employment of local residents who might be involved in such a replacement. Local residents should not be driven away from home to seek work if there was essential war work to be done in this

Copies of the resolution will be sent to Olof Hanson, M. P. for Skeena, the Leader of the Opposition, and M. J. Coldwell, C. C. F.

After an Hour

estimates was due to the purchase mittee in regard to relieving the for the first hour of last night's of a new truck for \$10,600 together water situation and other matters. with increase in staff and wages. Col. Ralston's letter stated that the mayor and members of the al-

service personnel was involved. It most of the members of the board was obviously not the purpose of were drawing at the weed again.

ORIGINAL HIGH HEELS

added height.

later become the property of the committee and the city engineer. committee.

Largest and Most Realistic Manoeuvres Yet Led in Britain by General McNaughton

LONDON, March 23 (CP)— The largest and most realistic military workout ever held in Great Britain has been completed.

A large Canadian British force, commanded by Lieutenant General A. G. L. Mc-Naughton, commander of the Canadian Army in Britain, completed a great attack exercise in which it battled forward for more than a week over an area of some four thousand square miles defended by a powerful army under Lieutenant General J. A. Gammell, general officer commanding - in - chief of British eastern command.

The exercise was test of at attack from a bridgehead such as would have to be established on the enemy coast to serve as an anchor of an invading force, General Mc-Naughton declared at a press conference after exercise of all Canadian Army forma-

"We are fit and ready" for actions, said McNaugton.

The big manoeuvres were the finest the training armies on both sides had ever had and he had never taken part in war trials from which so much value was obtained, Mc-Naughton continued.

The Canadian commanderin-chief said that probably the most important lesson derived concerned co-ordination of land and air forces.

Communication From Wartime Prices and Trade Board Received Last Night

A communication from the Wartime Prices and Trade Board urg- Red Cross ing the paramount importance of preparedness against a wood fuel Does Well shortage during next winter and Does Well Actors in ancient Greek trag- suggestion that now is the time to edies wore high heels to give them start laying in supplies was receiv- At Exstew ed at last night's meeting of the city council. Although Wartime thought the city could have shown city on easy terms. Then there was Prices and Trade Board is prepared The Terrace branch of the Canathe project of 2,000 feet of new to co-operate, the letter suggested dian Red Cross Society has received letter rate. Col. Ralston pointed out work wharf. He felt that such develop- that each community should un- a substantial contribution of \$758 which the military authorities had ments demonstrated the decided dertake its responsibility in the representing the subscriptions of CAIRO, March 23 (P) — Allied carried out in the municipality advantages accruing to the city as matter. Reference was made to the the McNamara Construction Co's bombers, which raided Naples such as the rebuilding of two miles a result of forces being here. bonus of \$1 per cord which was be- road map employees at Exstew. A again Saturday night, scoring of public roads, the provision of a many by the co-ordinating matter was referred to the finance list is the large number of \$15 and many hits on the target area, re- \$75,000 hospital unit which would comment to the co-ordinating matter was referred to the finance list is the large number of \$15 and turned with the city engineer.

Committed For Trial

Theft From Person Charge Arises Out of Incident on Third Avenue Sunday After-

On a charge of theft from the person, Otto Seaberg was commitsourt by Magistrate W. D. Vance and will appear tomorrow before Judge W. E. Fisher for election. The charge arose from an incident on Third Avenue near Biggar Place on Saturday when Seabe g is alleged to have relieved Oscar Setterberg of over \$112 in cash. William Rance assisted the police in apprehending Seabery, phoning | ily." on witnessing the incident and trailing accused until Constables were met and took him in cus-

NO CHANGE

Wartime Housing Candid in Refusing New Deal to City

meeting of the city council.

munication recently sent by the Washington. city Mr. Piggott on the matter, the city feeling that, under the existing arrangement, the city was not receiving an adequate measure of recompense for the services it was rendering and the increased costs involved through greater industrial population.

Mr. Piggott's letter said that the amounts being paid by Wartime Housing to Prince Rupert were simlar to those paid in the rest of Canada for similar services. It was felt that Prince Rupert was not suffering any undue hardship. Wartime Housing was not prepared to accept any changes in the agreement as now existing.

The letter was received without comment and referred to the coordinating committee.

\$10 individual subscriptions.

MARETHIS HARD FIGHT

Operations Are Continuing Satisfactorily, Declares British Communique

CUTTING AXIS OFF

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, March 23 (CP) -American armored forces have captured Maknassy in a slash toward the sea to cut Axis communications, Allied headquarters announced in a communique today. Reports said that part of the British Eighth Army had swept in a wide are around the Maieth Line and were now many miles inside it.

While the Americans stabbed to within less than thirty-four miles of the Gulf of Gabes, other forces of the Eighth Army swung a mighty frontal blow at the Mareth Line.

The communique said that operations there were going ahead on schedule despite a bit-ter contest put up by Axis forces IS ACTIVE which yesterday attempted a was repulsed. The announcement said that 1,700 Axis prisoners were captured in this operation.

shal Rommel's fortifications of the Mareth Line which commenced on lcan bombers yesterday afternoon. Satu: day when positions in the central sector were attacked. The latest communique says that "op- Brittany during the night's operaerations are continuing satisfactor-

A powerful aerial offensive is being maintained by the Allies and Walker, Sinclair and Ferguson yesterday Allied planes struck D widespread at Axis air bases in Renewal Fund Tunisia. Enemy planes made an attack on Allied positions in central For Utilities Tunisia and all were shot down.

To Deal With Washington

Wartime Housing Limited is touch with Washington, D.C., with enue of the various utilities of not disposed to enter into any new a view to obtaining a more equit- the city be placed in special funds agreement with the city for better able basis of terms for leasing by to provide for future extension erms, it was made clear in a com- the United States government of and new equipment having been munication from Joseph M. Piggott, property in Prince Rupert. The president of Wartime Housing, council had been already in comwhich was read at last night's munication with the United States city council last night decided in-War Department at Edmonton stead to have a bylaw prepared This was the answer to a com- which suggested it go direct to

TRAFFIC BYLAW IN

The new street traffic bylaw was finally introduced at last night's meeting of the city council and will be considered further in committees during the coming week with a view to being brought up again at next week's council meeting.

TO VISIT B.C.

OTTAWA - Progressive Congressive Conservative Leader John Bracken said he planned to spend a week or ten days in For Extracts British Columbia in April. Details of the itinerary are now beinig worked out.

POSTAL RATES OTTAWA-The Post Office Department announced today that the personal postcard rate of two cents will be increased to a one cent increase in first class

ENGLAND BOMBED LONDON - The northeast of England was bombed last night and also coastal regions. Incendiaries were dropped by the

enemy.

Advance In

Allies, Infiltrating Against Japanese, Occupy Mambare River

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, March 23 (P) - The Allies, infiltrating farther against the Japanese in New Guinea, now occupy the Mambare River area on the northeast coast, the Allied command announced.

The Mambare River is more than forty miles up the coast from Buna which the Allies took from the Japanese and is about one hundred miles down from Salamaua, one of the principal bases still remaining to the Japanese in New Guinea.

powerful counter-attack that British and Canadian Bombers Hit At St. Nazaire and Americans At Wilhelmshaven

LONDON, March 23 (P) - Royal ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Mar. Air Force squadrons, accompanied ted for total yesterday in city police 22 (P)—Fierce fighting continues to by big Royal Canadian Air Force develop following the plunge of bombers, smashed at the German General Montgomery's men of the submarine base of St. Nazaire last Eighth British Army against Mar- night in the wake of a heavy assault on Wilhelmshafen by Amer-

> British whirlwind fighter bombers also blasted railway targets in tions which cost one heavy bomber, the Air Ministry said.

Plan of Ald. Daggett Not in Compliance With Municipal Act— Another Accepted

A proposal of Ald. H. M. Daggett The city council will get in that ten percent of the gross revfound incompatible with the provisions of the Municipal Act, the which would provide for the setting aside of four percent of the profits of each department for renewal and extension purposes. Under the plan of Ald. Daggett it had been estimated that some \$12,000 would be laid aside each year. Under the plan which was accepted the amount will be \$1,200.

> The proposal was accepted by the council with Ald. N. E. Arnold alone dissenting. She took the view that the plan could not be afforded at this time in view of the position of the city's current finances.

Trades Licence

Police Propose Means of Chacking Those Who Deal in Commodity

As a means of checking on the sale of extracts in the city, Inspector Ernest Gammon, provincial police, had a letter before the city council last night proposing that three cents on April 1 along with | the trade licence bylaw be amended to provided for the payment of a licence fee of \$50 every six months by every person who sells or offers for sale such extracts and that any person convicted under this section shall have the trade licence held by him cancelled.

> The matter was referred to the police and licencing committee.