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Economy Program Success

DRIVE TO PUT Canada's budget back on a balanced basis after 16 years of deficit financing highlighted the Dominion government's fiscal program during 1946.

The government slashed at expenditures, reduced taxes, unsuccessfully sought new taxation agreements with all the provinces, and generally tried to put finances back on a peacetime footing following the six costly years of war. To parry inflationary pressures from the outside it raised the Canadian dollar to parity with that of the United States.

As the year end approaches, government officials say the indications of success in the economy drive are encouraging. In the first five months of the fiscal year ending March 31, 1947, revenues amounted to \$1,147,712,699 and expenditures to \$1,069,727,371, leaving a surplus of \$151,000,000.

While the officials said they did not expect that the trend would be as good for the remainder of the year, there are indications that the financial position would be better than originally estimated.

When Finance Minister Ilsley presented his budget in June he estimated that the deficit on the year's operations would run between \$260,000,000 and \$300,000,000. With the supplementary estimates tabled some months after the budget, the year's expenditures were estimated at \$2,911,994,-111, a reduction of \$1,738,546,534.

When the first half of the fiscal year had passed, Mr. Ilsley said expenditures were running much lower than anticipated and that he expected to wind up the year in much better position than he originally thought possible.

The federal budget has not been balanced since 1930 when expenditures brought on by depression started. These expenditures were followed by the war expenditures.

The country's net debt rose from \$2,177,763,959 in 1930 to \$3,101,667,570 in 1938. Then came the war and the debt skyrocketed from \$3,152,559,314 in 1939 to \$11,298,362,018 in 1945. The per capita debt in 1930 was \$213 and in 1945 it stood at \$932.

The increase in the debt occurred despite the record breaking revenue from personal income and other taxes. Taxes and borrowings from the public through victory loans were used to meet a large part of the war expenditures.

When the war ended the government agreed to requests for establishment of a peacetime bond issu that could be purchased on the payroll savings plan used in victory loan campaigns.

The first issue of the peacetime bonds—named Canada Savings bonds—were put on the market in mid-October and in the first month sales totalled close to \$500,000,000.

These purchases were made before the benefit of tax reductions announced in the budget came into effect. In the 1945-46 budget income tax rates were cut by a flat 16 per cent. In this year's budget Mr. Ilsley announced a raising of exemptions and increased allowances for dependents, to become effective as from Jan. 1, 1947. The move, he said, would remove between 550,000 and 600,000 persons off the income tax paying lists.

The exemptions for single persons were raised from \$660 to \$750 and for married persons from \$1,200 to \$1,500. Under the plan of exemptions for dependents, a flat \$300 will be allowed for dependents over 16. A reduction of \$100 for each child under 16 will be allowed along with receipts from family allowances which amount to approximately \$72 annually per child. Previously an exemption of \$108 was allowed for each dependent, regardless of age.

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the rest of us do at the office

would mean little to you, our

readers, if the lads were

daunted by the slop and the

slush, the wind and the rain,

and failed to get the paper

Snow and Wind Accompany

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YORK, England (P)-The city

What of the Newsboy?

VESTERDAY'S transportation services were generally suspended on account of the almost impossible conditions for traffic in the streets. You were not able to get your groceries. Fuel transportation . facilities were tied up. The buses failed to run. In short, there was almost a transportatios tie-up. It was foot-UNITED STATES slogging for the most of us and tough at that.

But the News delivery boys carried on and, in spite of the trying condition of the streets, the most of our subscribers got their papers because the moved into a large section of boys stuck to it in spite of all the United States yesterday and, the difficulties they had to as temperatures skidded below put up with in getting through zero in many areas, forecasters to some of their customers.

promised colder weather in the We are proud of our deimmediate future. New falls of livery boys. By and large, they snow, ranging from a high of are doing a good job. in sea- nine inches, and winds, reachson and out. Your newspaper ing a velocity of 45 miles per only costs you a few cents but hour, accompanied sub-zero these dark evenings, when the | temperatures in northern secgoing is hard outside and one tions of Minnesota, Wisconsin feels so tempted to pass up all and upper Michigan. esgagements and stay by the warm fireside at home, you appreciate it all the more. council has adopted the "closed-

We hope that you, like we, shop" principle for all city emappreciate the delivery boy ployees.

Audience Repaid With Delightful Entertainment Last Night

An audience of between 150 and 200 "first nighters" were pleasantly rewarded for their hardihood in braving slushy streets when they attended the Booth Memorial High School plays in the school auditorium last night. The three plays, directed by members of the teaching staff and played by the students, provided two hours of comedy which will be repeated in the auditorium tonight.

HIGH SCHOOL

The first play, "Wanted -- A Housekeeper", directed by G. Aubrey Bate was a hilarious comedy of two elderly farm bachelors and their troubles in engaging a housekeeper..

Conflict between the good oldfashioned way and the psychologist's idealistic way of bringing up children provided the plot for the second play, "Child Psychology." The play provided much good humor and action, as the psychologist, after trying the principles of the famous master, is forced to use not her heart but her hand to encourage the unfolding personalities of several children left in her

The "Potboiler", a semi-melodrama, depicted a play within a play. As the playwright rehearsed his latest production, his actors provided the audi- tersall. ence with thrills and comedy. Following the plays, there was vester, Maresa Windle, Lucille

period of Christmas Carol Steffens, Irene Kiddal, Dianne singing by the Booth girls' Kennedy, Venette Marshall, choir under direction of J. Vogt. Edith Jordan. The evening was opened with introductory remarks by Prin-

cipal W. W. C. O'Neill in which he welcomed the audience and Eyolfson. expressed appreciation to those who had assisted in the pro- gram, Mickey Murray, Nina ductions and to the students who Youngman, John Currie, Clartook part.

Stage management was under direction of James Clark, assisted by A. Hardwick and K. Pugsley. G. Aubrey Bate was in ton Youngs, Tom Holt, Maresa charge of make-up. Stage and Windle, Dorothy Becker, John property painting was by Mr. Kennedy, Leo Adolph, Gordon Bate, Barrie Glass, Shari In- Carlson. galls and Herbert Amos. Property construction was by the Grade Eleven "G" class under Box 1308

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mittance debt here as well as in other cities so that standard added. food parcels can be sent overseas. "Care," as the organization is known in abbreviation has facilities in 11 European countries for transmitting food

"CHILD PSYCHOLOGY"

Assistant Director-Albert

ice Johnson, Mary Adcock. "THE POTBOILER"

Director-Miss Isabel Dean.

ESTIMATES



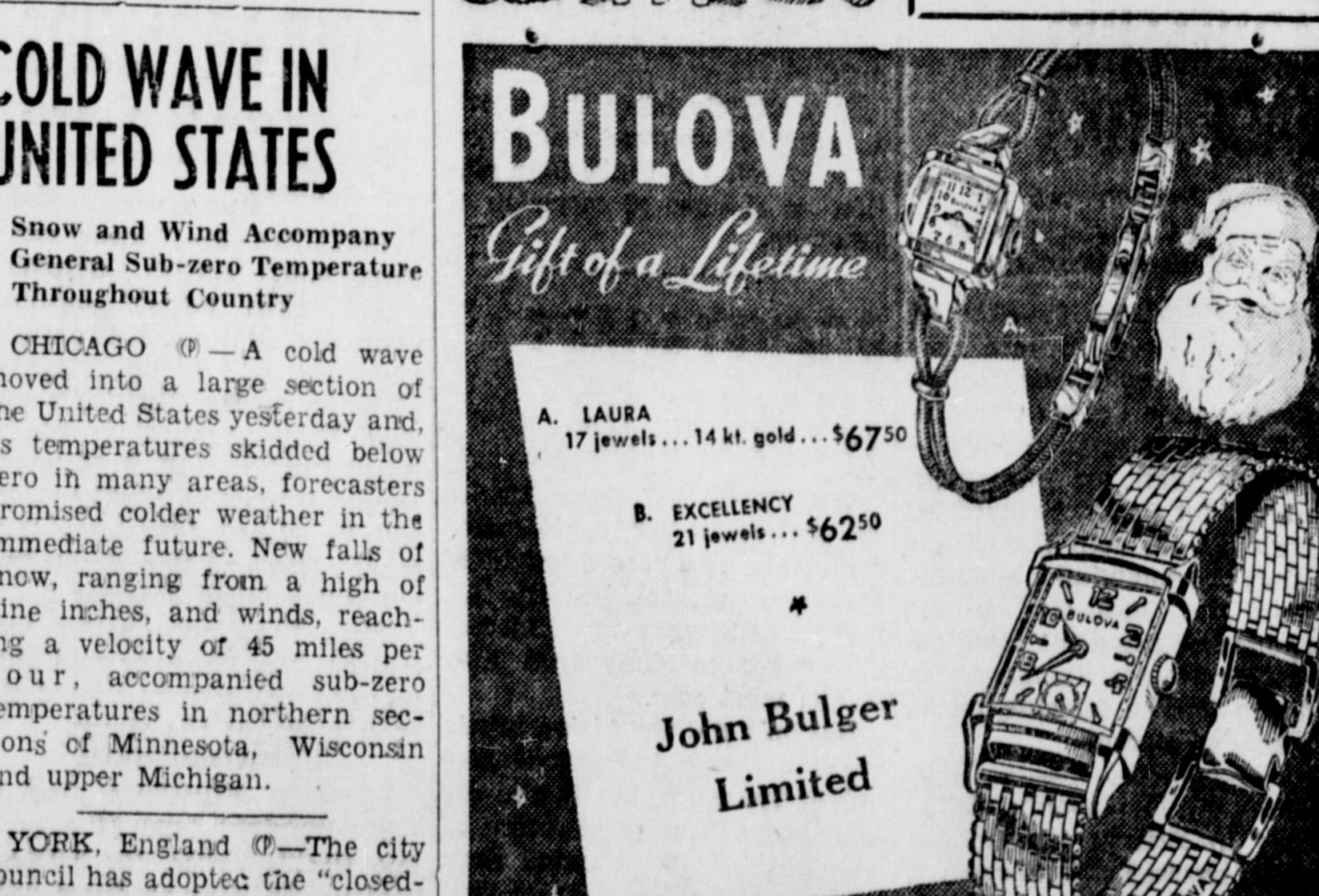
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FOOD PARCELS FOR EUROPE

donors in Canada.

Breen Melvin Here On

Mr. Melvin explains the or- York, then overseas, where ganization as a co-operative ag- parcel is taken from one can send food parcels quickly recipient. The recipient signs a 70 tons. and efficiently to relatives and receipt a copy of which is refriends in Europe and which turned to the donor, Mr. Melvin during the last nine months has said. done much to supplement U.N.

He hopes to establish a re- Finland and France, and by local coins.

Created in the United States nine months ago with the backing of scores of prominent organizations, including the American Red Cross, "Care" has already sent \$5,000,000 worth of

direction of Bob McChesney. The casts:

"WANTED-A HOUSEKEEPER Director-Aubrey Bate.

Assistant Director-Joyce Tat-

Director-J. M. Clark.

Cast-Astrid Pedesen, Fay In-

Cast-Norman Shenton, Nor-

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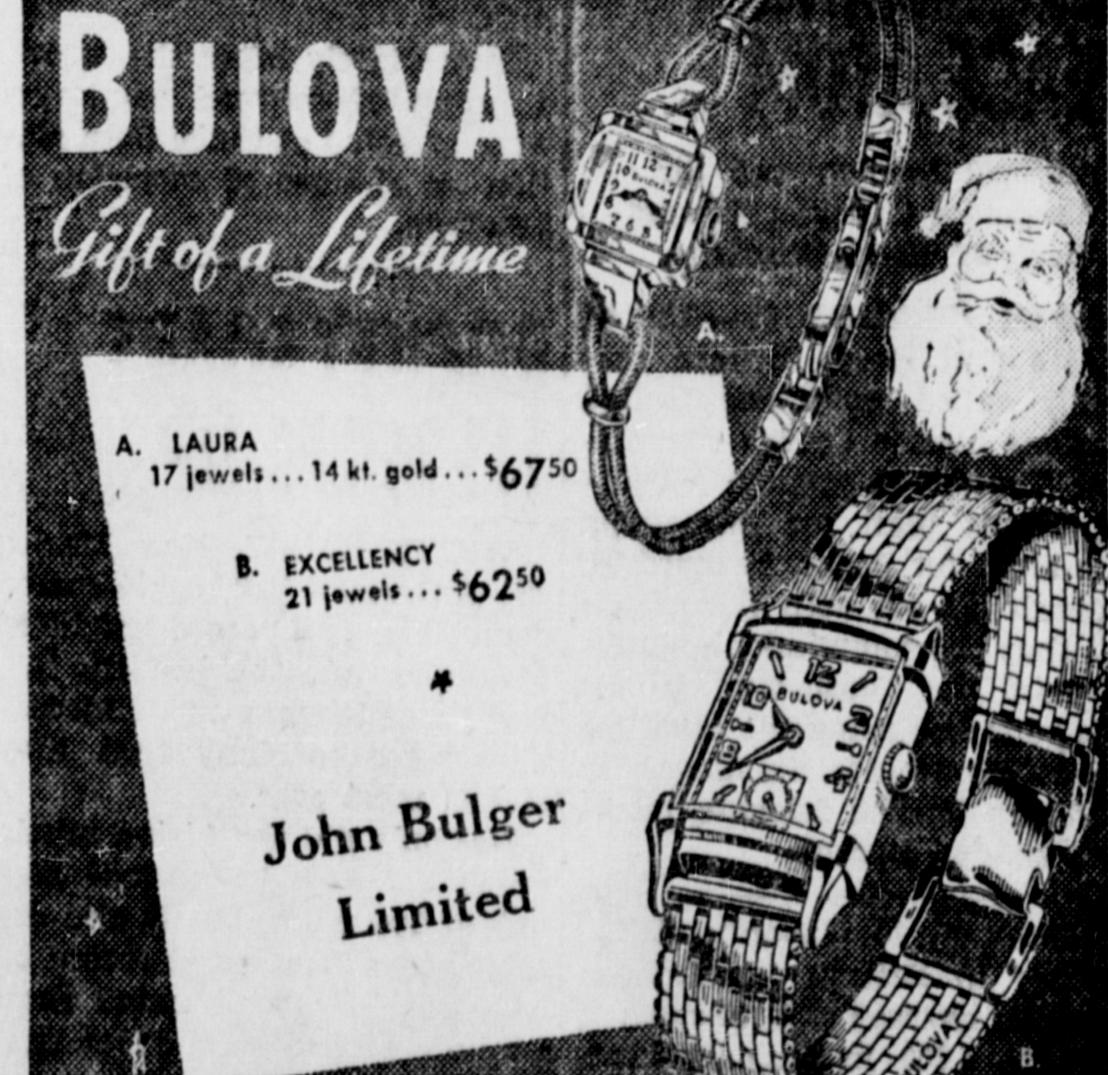
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LIQUID CARGO FOR KETCHIKAN

parcels overseas, many from A cargo of liquor, valued at more than \$30,000, was shipped It was extended into Canada to Ketchikan from Prince Ruunder sponsorship of the Co- pert last night aboard the Aloperative League of Canada aska fish packer Sydney, which some four months ago. Mr. Mel- arrived here yesterday to unwarming mission, Breen Melvin vin has been Canadian repre- lead frozen fish for transhipment to the eastern United States by rail. The liquor, con-To send one of the standard mittances to Europe, arrived last food parcels to Europe, the don- signed to Ketchikan dealers, arrived here by train at the weekto the Canadian "Care" office. The order is forwarded to New until put aboard the Sydney.

> LONDON () - A shortage of shillings is worrying bank eash-"Distribution is handled iers who cannot meet all their through co-operatives in Poland, customers' demands for the

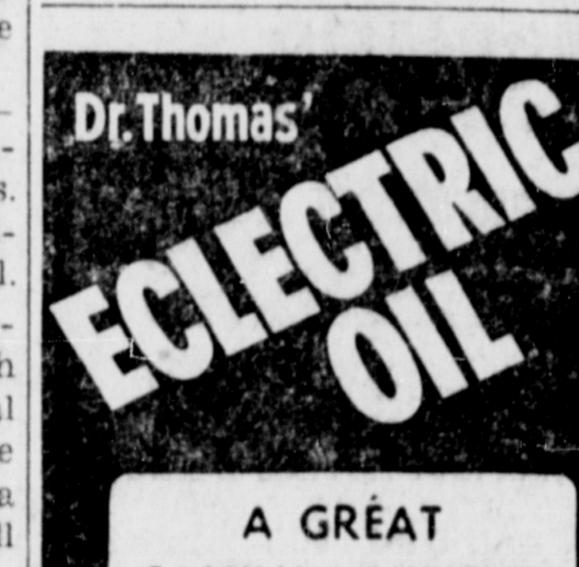
agencies in other countries," he vin said. They are former Am-Canadians have been sending erican army "support" rations. quantities valued at \$10,000 week- The organization is experimently, he said, and it was this vol- ing with clothing parcels as well.

ume that inspired the decision Mr. Melvin is meeting interto create a Canadian headquar- ested local groups tonight with ters. The organization is regis- the idea of establishing a local tered with the Canadian gov- remitting depot. He arrived here ernment under the War Chari- from his headquarters in Ottawa ties Act and other regulations. on last night's train and will The parcels weigh 29 pounds, leave Thursday night for Vanand contain a variety of foods couver where he will spend sufficient for 30 meals, Mr. Mel- Christmas.

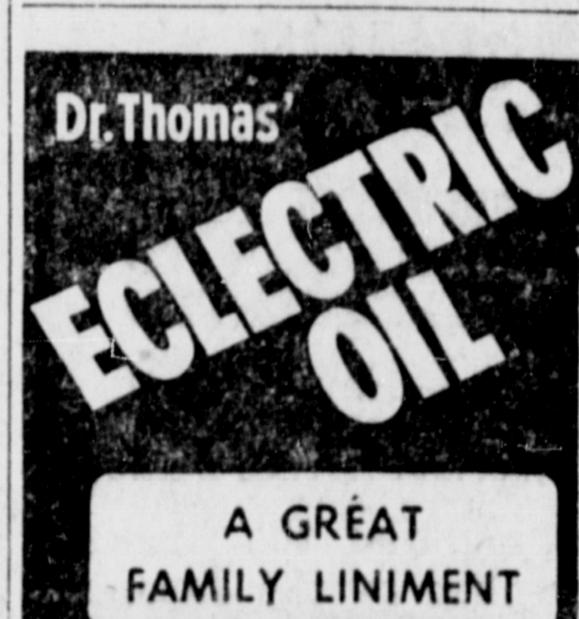
RETIREMENT OF

Deputy Minister of Public Works Drops Out On Account o! Ill-Health

VICTORIA -- Announcement was made yesterday of the retirement of Arthur Dixon, dep- me uty minister of public works, on account of ill-health. He has end from Seattle and was com- been thirty years with the deposed of whiskeys, wines and partment, the past twelve as beer. It was held here in bond deputy minister. During Mr. Dixon's ill-health, A. L. Carency through which Canadians "Care's" depots and given to the The cargo was composed of some ruthers, assistant deputy minister, has been carrying on as deputy minister.



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happiness with our own folk and our friends and neighbours, let us remember the valiant whose Christmas must be spent in military

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