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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 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 issue 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.

### What of the Newsboy?

**YESTERDAY'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 transportation tie-up. It was foot-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 boys stuck to it in spite of all the difficulties they had to put up with in getting through to some of their customers. We are proud of our delivery boys. By and large, they are doing a good job. In season and out. Your newspaper only costs you a few cents but these dark evenings, when the going is hard outside and one feels so tempted to pass up all engagements and stay by the warm fireside at home, you appreciate it all the more. We hope that you, like we, appreciate the delivery boy

without whom all the work the rest of us do at the office would mean little to you, our readers, if the lads were daunted by the sloop and the slush, the wind and the rain, and failed to get the paper through.

### COLD WAVE IN UNITED STATES

**Snow and Wind Accompany General Sub-zero Temperature Throughout Country**

**CHICAGO** — A cold wave moved into a large section of the United States yesterday and, as temperatures skidded below zero in many areas, forecasters promised colder weather in the immediate future. New falls of snow, ranging from a high of nine inches, and winds, reaching a velocity of 45 miles per hour, accompanied sub-zero temperatures in northern sections of Minnesota, Wisconsin and upper Michigan.

**YORK, England** — The city council has adopted the "closed-shop" principle for all city employees.

## HIGH SCHOOL PLAYS CHARM

**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.

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 old-fashioned 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 charge.

The "Potboiler", a semi-melodrama, depicted a play within a play. As the playwright rehearsed his latest production, his actors provided the audience with thrills and comedy.

Following the plays, there was a period of Christmas Carol singing by the Booth girls' choir under direction of J. Vogt.

The evening was opened with introductory remarks by Principal W. W. C. O'Neill in which he welcomed the audience and expressed appreciation to those who had assisted in the productions and to the students who took part.

Stage management was under direction of James Clark, assisted by A. Hardwick and K. Pugsley. G. Aubrey Bate was in charge of make-up. Stage and property painting was by Mr. Bate, Barrie Glass, Shari Ingalls and Herbert Amos. Property construction was by the Grade Eleven "G" class under

## FOOD PARCELS FOR EUROPE

**Breen Melvin Here On Organization Trip**

On a cross-country tour in behalf of an organization with a jaw-breaking name but a heart-warming mission, Breen Melvin Canadian representative of the Co-operative for American Remittances to Europe, arrived last night in Prince Rupert where he is well known as a former Y.M.C.A. war worker.

Mr. Melvin explains the organization as a co-operative agency through which Canadians can send food parcels quickly and efficiently to relatives and friends in Europe and which during the last nine months has done much to supplement U.N. R.R.A.

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

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 Tattersall.

Cast—Ruth Leavitt, Lily Sylvester, Maresa Windle, Lucille Steffens, Irene Kiddal, Dianne Kennedy, Venette Marshall, Edith Jordan.

"CHILD PSYCHOLOGY"  
Director—J. M. Clark.  
Assistant Director—Albert Eyclon.

Cast—Astrid Pedesen, Fay Ingram, Mickey Murray, Nina Youngman, John Currie, Clarice Johnson, Mary Adcock.

"THE POTBOILER"  
Director—Miss Isabel Dean.  
Cast—Norman Shenton, Norton Youngs, Tom Holt, Maresa Windle, Dorothy Becker, John Kennedy, Leo Adolph, Gordon Carlson.

parcels overseas, many from donors in Canada.

It was extended into Canada under sponsorship of the Co-operative League of Canada some four months ago. Mr. Melvin has been Canadian representative since November 1.

To send one of the standard food parcels to Europe, the donor remits an order form and \$19 to the Canadian "Care" office. The order is forwarded to New York, then overseas, where the parcel is taken from one of "Care's" depots and given to the recipient. The recipient signs a receipt a copy of which is returned to the donor, Mr. Melvin said.

"Distribution is handled through co-operatives in Poland, Finland and France, and by local agencies in other countries," he added.

Canadians have been sending quantities valued at \$10,000 weekly, he said, and it was this volume that inspired the decision to create a Canadian headquarters. The organization is registered with the Canadian government under the War Charities Act and other regulations.

The parcels weigh 29 pounds, and contain a variety of foods sufficient for 30 meals, Mr. Mel-

## LIQUID CARGO FOR KETCHIKAN

A cargo of liquor, valued at more than \$30,000, was shipped to Ketchikan from Prince Rupert last night aboard the Alaska fish packer Sydney, which arrived here yesterday to unload frozen fish for transshipment to the eastern United States by rail. The liquor, consigned to Ketchikan dealers, arrived here by train at the weekend from Seattle and was composed of whiskeys, wines and beer. It was held here in bond until put aboard the Sydney. The cargo was composed of some 70 tons.

**LONDON** — A shortage of shillings is worrying bank cashiers who cannot meet all their customers' demands for the coins.

vin said. They are former American army "support" rations. The organization is experimenting with clothing parcels as well.

Mr. Melvin is meeting interested local groups tonight with the idea of establishing a local remitting depot. He arrived here from his headquarters in Ottawa on last night's train and will leave Thursday night for Vancouver where he will spend Christmas.

## RETIREMENT OF ARTHUR DIXON

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

**VICTORIA** — Announcement was made yesterday of the retirement of Arthur Dixon, deputy minister of public works, on account of ill-health. He has been thirty years with the department, the past twelve as deputy minister. During Mr. Dixon's ill-health, A. L. Caruthers, assistant deputy minister, has been carrying on as deputy minister.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA IN PROBATE IN THE MATTER OF THE "ADMINISTRATION ACT" AND OF LEE DORIS DECEASED. TAKE NOTICE that by Order of the 2nd day of December, 1946, I was appointed Administrator of the Estate of Lee Doris, deceased, and all parties are hereby required to furnish same, properly sworn, on or before the 15th day of January, A.D. 1947, and to pay the amount of their indebtedness to me forthwith. DATED at Prince Rupert, B.C. the 10th day of December, 1946. GORDON F. FORBES, Official Administrator, Prince Rupert, B.C.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA IN PROBATE IN THE MATTER OF THE "ADMINISTRATION ACT" AND OF OLE KORNELIUS OLSEN DECEASED. TAKE NOTICE that by Order of the 10th day of September, 1946, I was appointed Administrator of the Estate of Ole Kornelius Olsen, who died on the 10th day of September, 1946, and all persons having claims against the said estate are required to present them with me properly sworn, before the 31st day of December, 1946, failing which distribution will be made having regard only to claims of which I have been notified. DATED at Prince Rupert, B.C. the 28th day of November, 1946. GORDON F. FORBES, Official Administrator, Prince Rupert, B.C.



"... the merry voices and smiling faces ... crowd upon our mind at each recurrence of the season, as if the last assemblage had been but yesterday. Happy, happy Christmas, that can win us back to the delusions of our childish days, recall to the old man the pleasures of his youth, and transport the traveller back to his own fireside and quiet home!"  
—CHARLES DICKENS.

And while we rejoice in this season of happiness with our own folk and our friends and neighbours, let us remember the valiant whose Christmas must be spent in military hospitals, the handicapped and all those in less fortunate circumstances. Their Yuletide can be made brighter by our sharing and our remembrance.



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