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Back to Business

NOTHING MUCH IN THE way of changes was expected or hoped for from the budget of the minister of finance presented in Parliament at Ottawa last night so, if there are no pleasant surprises, there may be no shocking disappointments. If Canada's fiscal road for the coming year is no easier, it is at least no harder—at least as far as the minister of finance directly admits.

With the estimated budgetary surplus for the coming fiscal year sharply reduced as revenue comes down and expenditures go up, the general business condition of the country is reflected on the national level. The government is facing what the ordinary business man faces—an increasing overhead and the prospects of much increase—but more likely the reverse—in the way of revenue.

Mr. Abbott anticipates no particular change in the general condition of the country although he mildly admits that the times ahead may not be quite so rosy as those immediately behind. He suggests a "moderate increase" in unemployment.

As for taxation and other relief, Canadians received such as it was last year before the election. Now it is back to the realisms of business in an era of uncertainty due to changing conditions in the various aspects of world affairs.

AIR OR GROUND ATTACK?

NO MAJOR MILITARY INVASION of the north country is anticipated by Major General Penhale, general officer commanding, western command, Canadian Army, in the event of war breaking out. There is nothing very enlightening in such a statement. However, it is to be noted that General Penhale does not say much about air attack which it is reasonable to suppose would be the technique rather than any mass invasion attempt overland through the forbidding terrain of the north country, even though such an operation would be as difficult to repel as it would be to make.

In fact, it is to be assumed that there would be air attacks and it also might be realistic to expect that an enemy coming in from the northwest might attempt to gain footholds for the basing of further air attacks into central Canada and the United States.

Any attack would likely come in sudden air thrusts and, in view of new scientific developments, the extent of devastation can only be imagined.

It is not to be implied from General Penhale's statement that any easing up in northwest defences would be justified.

AIR PASSENGERS

To Vancouver (today) — E. Goodrich, E. Magnuson.

To Sandspit (today)— Rose Taylor.

From Vancouver (Tuesday)— G. Burns, A. D. Newman, T. N. Youngs, L. Le Blanc, N. Ogden, A. Maughee, T. A. Mosley.

From Sandspit (Tuesday)— H. Hammer, J. McDonald, M. O. Kullander, P. Youngs.

CHARMING CHILD—This is nine-year-old Mitzi Jean Rittiell of Montreal who won third prize in a world-wide Charming Child contest. The contest, conducted by a New York newspaper 'The Mirror', attracted 205,000 entrants from Canada, the United States and 15 other countries. This photo by Leslie Millet of Westmount, Que., shows the blue-eyed, brown haired child. Her father Irving Rittiell, is an insurance company employee who moved to Canada from Providence, R.I. (C. P. Photo)

Many Attending Revival Nights

Large numbers of interested citizens attended revival meetings by the artist-preacher Rev. H. G. Jorgenson at the first Baptist Church Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. He will continue his sermons through the week except Saturday. Final meeting is scheduled for next Monday.

The minister is also illustrating his sermons by creating beautiful pastel pictures.

Sunday morning he spoke on the subject, "The Revival. We Need" and in the evening he spoke to a well attended meeting on "Towering O'er the Wrecks of Time."

Last night, he preached on "The Forgotten Treasure" to a large number of Salvation Army personnel.

Tonight he speaks on "Is There Really a Hell?"

Long Service In Navy is Rewarded

In a special ceremony at H.M.C.S. Chatham, Chief Petty Officer James W. Woods, R.C.N., was presented with a long service and good conduct medal for 15 years service in the Royal Canadian Navy. The presentation was made by the acting commanding officer Lt. Walter Smith, in the presence of the ship's company during regular reserve drills on Monday evening.

F. H. Keefe, general superintendent of British Columbia district for Canadian National Railways, and S. J. Munroe, district engineer, arrived in the city on last night's train from Vancouver in the course of one of their periodical inspection tours. They will leave tonight on their return south.

CHARGED WITH EMBEZZLEMENT—Romeo Monty, 54-year old manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia branch at Grenville, Que., for 21 years, has been charged with stealing $120,000 from the bank. The arrest followed a month-long investigation into alleged discrepancies. Grenville is about 50 miles from Montreal. (C. P. Photo)

Ray Reflects . . .
. . . and Reminisces

It was sometimes asked during the wrack construction here why so great a plant was being built so early in the city's history. There were different answers. Some suggested future defence. Even laymen felt that here was a natural stronghold. But in hoist actual war to bring home then, not only proof of the port's value, but what Prince Rupert could be made into, should large scale protection developments ever be contemplated.

What is the situation today, as the general public view it? In the North Pacific, the air, instead of clearing, is thicker with international distrust. To deny this is to decline to face facts. Ever since Pearl Harbor, the United States has been becoming more hard-hitted. One sees again, in newspaper-type, the expression "sweat punches." Washington continues on guard and is in the humor to take nothing for granted. Vast sums will be spent to strengthen Alaska.

Pearl Harbor was not only a source of costly casualties and ship destruction. It remains a reminder of humiliation. Washington intimates that huge outlays will be made, partly in the providing of itself outside the continental limits of the United States. And yet, it is entirely within reason that these expenditures, significant and ominous as they are, will not lead to war. But indifference to that possibility can hasten it.

Prince Rupert, more than any other well equipped seaport in Canada, is by far, the nearest to what could become the centre of a crisis. Canada cannot afford to think of Prince Rupert as just another town and, least of all, to neglect or minimize. Here is a portal—a gateway giving access to the heart of a continent by rail and highway, as well as means to expedite navigation by air.

CARD PARTIES ARE CANCELLED

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