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Personal Taxes Cut 10 Per Cent

Harris Budgets For Deficit; Reduces Excise Levy By Third

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OTTAWA (CP)—A delayed-action tax cut aimed at eliminating \$128,000,000 a year from the personal income of 3,800,000 Canadians has been proposed by Minister Harris. Taxpayers won't start to feel the difference until July 1.

He forecast these effects of other tax reductions: corporation tax down \$28,000,000 this fiscal year; automobile excise tax down \$27,000,000 a year; elimination of the tires-tubes tax, \$8,500,000 a year.

A variety of minor sales tax changes will cost the government an estimated \$1,000,000 in annual revenue.

The tax rate for corporation income remains unchanged at 18 per cent on the first \$20,000 and is sliced to 16 per cent from 47 on earnings over that.

The reductions in personal and corporate income tax affect only the parts of those levies going into general revenues. The special two per cent tax earmarked for the old age security fund remains unchanged.

Taxes will not be changed on liquor, beer, wines, cigarettes, tobacco, soft drinks and candies. Nor is there a change on television and radio sets where the tax on smaller components unchanged. The special 15 per cent excise tax is retroactive to Jan. 1, earmarked for the CBC and a tax reduction would go into the \$14,000,000 this year.

About four per cent of Mr. Harris' forecast 1955-56 budget revenues at \$4,202,000,000; expenditures at \$4,302,000,000.

SECURITY FUND DEFICIT

The spending figure includes a \$62,000,000 deficit incurred by the old age security fund in 1954-55. That, together with a \$10,000,000 deficit from the 1953-54 pension fund, were covered by special loans.

Among tariff changes proposed for the year ending March 31, 1955, the budget said the delay in starting a 7½ per cent tariff on imports will range between 13.3 per cent and 20.7 per cent. It will be effective immediately.

Small increases in some company taxation were sufficient to show in budget reductions of revenue through the personal income tax will amount to an additional \$220,000,000. In a full year, Mr. Harris' forecast they will total \$85,000,000.

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Budget Cheered, Rapped by Canadian Businessmen

Plans today gave general George Burt, Canadian director of the United Automobile Workers Union (CIO-CCL), who sold them as a stimulant to the bush economic purposes of the budget, however, was ganized labor.

The reduction in personal income taxes, he stated, did not put enough purchasing power in the hands of the people who most need it, and his union was opposed to reduction in corporation taxes.

William A. Wecker, president of General Motors of Canada, said the budget both needed to be in the arm, and deservedly so. Mr. Harris' approach as to the budget was "certainly welcome," but regretted that the government could not see its way clear to remove the tax entirely.

Ruth M. Hale, president of Ford Motor Company of Canada, said the budget removed the uncertainty which had created a bottleneck in car sales for the last several weeks. The tax reduction should mean a brighter economic picture for Canada.

Rubber companies welcomed removal of the 10-per-cent excise tax on tires and tubes.

5-PER CENT DUTY REMOVED ON LARGER FISHING VESSELS

Ottawa (CP)—The 25-per-cent duty on fishing vessels less than 100 feet long was removed Tuesday night by Finance Minister Harris. The vessels now will be able to enter Canada free.

Under a new tariff schedule, the duty on certain machinery and apparatus used by the fish by-products industry is cut 10 per cent from 16.

A British preferential tariff of 10 per cent is eliminated on the most-favored-nation tariff reduced to 7½ per cent on tires used in food processing, such as the preparation of fish sticks.



ABOUT THE FASTEST police team in Hamburg, Germany, these days is Johann Mueller and his police dog, Astor, who travel by motorcycle. When Mueller changed from pedal-pushing to this motorized vehicle, he realized it would be too fast for his old helpmate to keep up with, so he made the picturesquely slow. A police radio car crew might be faster than this team, but Mueller and Astor probably could give them a run for their money.

District 52 School Cost Set at \$458,687 For '55

The total net budget of School District 52 for 1955 will be \$458,687, an increase of \$13,049 over last year, according to report of the annual budget submitted to the board of school trustees last night by Mrs. M. M. Roper, board secretary-treasurer.

Actual cost of operating 000.

Teachers' salaries this year will amount to \$280,360, an increase of approximately \$29,360 over last year's teaching bill of \$240,000.

Or the \$280,360 in teachers' salaries, \$241,864 comes under the grand schedule, on which the government contributions are based. Government's part in aiding the district with teachers' salaries is included in the \$33,151 operating costs.

Operating expenses, capital and debt charges make up the net budget, which is shared between the school district and province \$300,583 to \$22,104 with the province paying the smaller share.

Proportion of cost division between urban and rural areas of District 52 was changed this year with the city now paying 38 per cent and the rural area paying 62 per cent as compared to 37 and 53 per cent respectively last year.

Of the \$300,583 the city will raise \$104,047 on a school mill rate of 12.33 mills, while the rural area must raise \$202,530 on a mill rate of 0.33. City portion of the net budget is \$5,427 lower than last year's \$100,474.

Other operating costs, exclusive of teacher salaries, amount to \$106,312 after deducting \$19,442 miscellaneous revenue and \$954 surplus.

Capital and debt charges amount to \$81,958 with the municipality paying \$30,082 and the rural area paying \$50,500.

In the party were Wing Commander N. J. Thompson, Lt. Colonel J. P. Cheetham, Warrant Officer R. L. Taylor, Major J. E. Cuzner and Sgt. W. H. Ross all of Vancouver and Captain D. MacLellan of Victoria. They were met by representatives of the air cadet sponsoring committee.

The trip will be used for classroom instruction and as a recruitment centre for the squadron. Drill will be held at the armoury as at present.

The party, which arrived by RCAF plane from Vancouver, returned later in the day.

Eades Appointed WCB Chairman

VICTORIA (CP)—James Edwin Eades, Vancouver barrister, Tuesday was appointed chairman of the workmen's compensation board at a \$10,000-a-year salary.

WEATHER

Intermittent rain or drizzle today. Cloudy with a few showers Thursday. Not much change in temperature. Light winds low tonight and high Thursday at Port Hardy 40 and 40, Sandspit and Prince Rupert 10 and 40.

POSSIBLE END TO POLIO SCOURGE may be entailed in the 1,000 pounds of Bulk Vaccine which arrived in Vancouver via TCA last week, for distribution throughout British Columbia. Inspecting one of the 1,000 vials is Dr. George Elliott, Assistant Provincial Health Officer and TCA Steward Ruth Mitchell. The shipment contained enough vaccine to immunize 40,000 Grade 1 students twice. Vaccine for the third "shot" will arrive later. First doses will begin April 10. The vaccine program in Prince Rupert coincides with the local Kiwanis Club's polio fund drive which last year donated a phial portable lung to the Prince Rupert General Hospital.

Unemployment Insurance For Fishermen Planned

Benefits Slated In Some Form

OTTAWA (CP)—The government plans to bring Canada's fishermen under the benefits of unemployment insurance—if it can possibly be done.

Labor Minister Gregg made that promise in the Commons Tuesday as he piloted through the first reading stage government legislation that will make broad changes in the unemployment insurance act.

He said the government has been studying the matter for months and these studies will continue. He hoped a solution might be found to include fishermen "whether it comes within the field of unemployment insurance, under some special measure administered by the department of fisheries, or is a combination of both."

Maritime members long have urged the government to extend unemployment insurance benefits to out-of-work fishermen. The government has said the difficulty of including them lies in their complicated employment conditions. Some work only part-time at fishing while others own their own boats and work for themselves. Self-employed persons now are outside the scope of the act.

Labor Minister Gregg's unemployment insurance amendments, introduced yesterday, will raise top benefits for those in their 57-year-old diplomat, who once quit the government rather than appear dictators, summoned by the Queen to take over the high office which his mentor, Sir Winston Churchill, vacated Tuesday.

The former foreign secretary's interview, with Queen Elizabeth followed, the pattern by which England has named her prime minister for centuries.

Elegant, as usual for Eden, in immaculate morning dress and top hat, he was escorted by officials of the royal household to a room where the Queen awaited him.

He bowed low and then the Queen formally asked him if he would serve her as her "first lord of the treasury"—the highest post which makes him her first or prime minister.

Eden said he would be pleased to accept. Then, in accordance with tradition, he kissed the Queen's hand and received from her the seal of office which she received Tuesday from Churchill.

After the short ceremony, the Queen and her new prime minister

Light Moved

The front light of the Mussel range lights has been moved 200 feet in a southerly direction along the line of the range, the department of Transport said today.

N. A. Bekketov, district marine agent for the DOT, said that shifting of the light had been caused by erosion. He said that while the work of correcting the fault was in progress, a temporary fixed white electric light would be displayed from a white mast immediately in front of the light tower. The work is expected to be finished April 15, when a notice to mariners will be issued.

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However, settlement with other unions will hinge on whether the mill rate will exceed the 42.5 mark approved by council Monday.

Wage and fringe demands made by all civic unions this year totalled about \$1,500,000.

Executive board members and job stewards representing the outside workers will meet Thursday night to consider the council's proposed five-per-cent wage cut.

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Stanley Szweduk was sentenced to two years three months on charge of retaining stolen property and to 2½ years on a charge of breaking, entry and theft from the Post Office and store at Nelson Brothers Fisher Limited store January 23.

Victor Francis Cordon received a two-year three-month sentence for his part in the Port Edward robbery.

Both men received penitentiary terms March 7 on forgery counts. Sentences handed down yesterday will run concurrently with the previous ones, starting from March.

Retaining charge against Szweduk involved a cheque-writing machine used by the pair in issuing several bogus cheques during the early part of the year.

The pair originally elected a jury trial and were set to appear at the Assizes, but later changed their minds and asked for speedy trial in County Court. At that time the request was not considered as the period for re-election had expired under conditions of the old Criminal Code.

Under the new code, which came into force Monday, a prisoner may re-elect up until the beginning of the Assizes.

Judge Fulton told the pair that it appeared as though they had started on a deliberate career of crime after they arrived in this district.

"I hope the penalty will ensure you won't," he added.

Both men claimed liquor for their actions.

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SALK POLIO VACCINE HERE READY FOR INNOCULATIONS

Enough Salk polio vaccine to take care of two doses for Skeena Health Unit district children arrived yesterday on the Canadian Pacific Airlines plane, a health department official said today.

The cargo of vaccine amounting to 2,338 cubic centimetres, was one of several shipments to scattered B.C. points yesterday.

The immunization program will start here the week of April 18 for pre-school and Grade 1 pupils whose parents have signed consent cards. Cards were signed for 1,010 children.

Portions of the vaccine shipment have already been forwarded to Terrace and Smithers both of which are in the Skeena Health Unit orbit.

Because of the time and space required to carry out the vaccination program, Well Baby Clinics scheduled for the Health Unit and Conrad Street school will be cancelled between April 18 and April 30, officials said.

Sir Anthony Eden Named British Prime Minister

LONDON — Sir Anthony Eden stayed talking on some of the problems he now has to solve, including the date of a national election — strongly forecast for May 26 — and the formation of a new government.

The 57-year-old diplomat, who once quit the government rather than appear dictators, summoned by the Queen to take over the high office which his mentor, Sir Winston Churchill, had vacated.

The major shift in prospect is the naming of Defence Minister Harold Macmillan, 60, to the post of foreign secretary that Eden had filled in three governments.

Richard A. Butler, Churchill's 62-year-old Chancellor of the Exchequer, is expected to stay on in that key economic post. Many assume that he will succeed Eden as the Conservative's deputy leader and the cabinet's No. 2 man.

For Eden, it was the summit of a long climb which began in December, 1923, with his election to the House of Commons from the Warwick and Leamington division. He has held the seat ever since.

Churchill meanwhile made ready today to move from the prime minister's residence at 10 Downing St. to his country home in Kent, Chartwell. He will leave Tuesday for a vacation in Sicily, his first long holiday in 18 months.

Pair Sent To Prison

Two men who were scheduled to appear at the Spring Assizes on theft and retaining charges but who were given a chance to change their plea and election terms in County Court before Judge W. O. Fulton.

Stanley Szweduk was sentenced to two years three months on a charge of retaining stolen property and to 2½ years on a charge of breaking, entry and theft from the Post Office and store at Nelson Brothers Fisher Limited store January 23.

He was fined \$100 or in default of payment sentenced to serve two months in jail after he pleaded guilty to the lesser offence of attempted rape charge.

Mr. Justice Wood, in directing the jury, after completion of testimony, said that he was not sure that the prosecution could have made the attempted rape charge stick.

However, he said, "there was still an assault and no doubt innocent."

Regarding the sentencing of Szweduk, Crown counsel T. W. Brown QC said the Crown would accept the reduced charge but could not wipe out the offence with an apology as the woman and her husband had done when they had met in the police office the day following the assault.

The Crown asked a commensurate with the circumstances while defence counsel Mrs. Willie Ray asked for as much leniency as possible as the man had not been in any trouble before.

Mr. Justice Wood, informed that the fishing woman would start in May, told Szweduk that he would not deprive him of his livelihood by sending him to jail.