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Wednesday, December 26, 1951.

House Resumes On December 27 Prices Legislation Debate: Ottawa, December 21 (CP) -A reluctant House of Commons, stalled in efforts to get an early
decision on the Government's prices legislation, decided on December 21 to
take a brief Christmas holiday and come back to work Thursday, December 27.

The adjournment became effective at the customary 10 p.m. rising hour.

As the House rose over the holiday with a good-ratured flurry of greetings after acrimony of the previous few days, the suggestion was heard that the late-year session might stretch to New Year's.

The Minister of Public Works, Mr. Fournier, Government floor leader, wished the Commons a "Merry Christmas" as it adjourned.

Mr. George Drew, reciprocating, wondered what plans the Government had made for sitting on New Year's Day.

Mr. Drew hinted his party would be prepared to drop its filibuster against the bill if the Government was prepared to drop the legislation.

Mr. Fournier assured him that the first item of business when the Commons meets again Thursday, December 27, is Bill 36 -- the anti-price-fixing legislation.

Prime Minister St. Laurent said he could "make it quite clear that there is not, nor is there likely to be, any intention of the Government not to proceed with this bill before Parliament prorogues."

Revenue Jump Due Mainly to Income Tax: Ottawa, December 21 (CP) — Corporation and personal-income-tax collections jumped in November, boosting the Government's budgetary surplus by \$30,000,000 for the month and bringing the eight-month total for the 1951-52 fiscal year to \$634,700,000, a monthly treasury statement disclosed today.

The eight-month surplus was 21 times higher than the \$30,000,000 forse at the thinister of Finance, in his budget speech last spring for the fiscal year ending March 31 next. Recently, Mr. Abbott, noting the sharp increase in the surplus, revised his forecast and said it may be about \$250,000,000 or \$300,000,000.

During November, revenues totalled \$308,100,000, an increase of more than \$50,000,000 from the \$251,900,000 in November, last year, and bringing total revenues for the eight-month period to \$2,468,000,000 -- a \$681,000,000-gain from \$1,787,000,000 in the first eight months of the last fiscal year.

Government spending during the month increased to \$278,000,000, sharply higher than the \$209,200,000 in November, 1950, pushing the eight-month total to \$1,833,251,000 -- a half-billion-dollar increase over the \$1,381,036,-000 in the corresponding period last year.

Most of the increase in spending was stimulated by an expanded rearmament effort.

The big boost in revenues, said the treasury statement, was mainly due to higher corporation and personal-income-tax collections

Corporation-income-tax collections climbed to \$94,297,000 from \$76,204,000 in November last year, boosting the eight-month total to \$707,071,000 from \$447,778,000.

"This increase was due to higher corporate earnings in 1950 and 1951 and to the increased rates of taxation imposed in the September, 1950, and April, 1951, budgets," the treasury statement said.

Personal-income-tax collections increased to \$70,000,000 for the month, from \$40,500,000 in November, 1950, boosting the eight-month collections to \$632,000,000 up more than \$200,000,000 from \$415,000,000 in the corresponding period last year.