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TOMORROW—FAIR; MILD.

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CANADA HAS \$1,823,000 SURPLUS

Assault Victim Will Recover, Five Remanded For

CUT IN EXPENDITURES BRINGS GOOD BALANCE

Hon. J. A. Robb Presents Second Budget, Showing Nearly Two Millions Surplus—Revenues Down \$52,837,000 Owing to Extensive Tariff Changes Made—Favorable Trade Balance Is Submitted.

C. N. R. UNABLE TO MEET INTEREST ARREARS

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, March 24.—Before a crowded house today Hon. J. A. Robb, acting minister of finance, presented his second budget. It was a statement in which Mr. Robb told of a heavy reduction in public revenues, yet one which, he said, had finished up with a surplus of revenues over expenditures of \$1,823,000.

"A remarkable result," said Mr. Robb, "in which Canadians can feel a justifiable pride."

The reduced expenditures, Mr. Robb attributed largely to the government's policy of last year in reducing the burdens of taxation, and on tariff changes observed that "for the present, opportunity of unobstructed observation of the effect of the extensive tariff changes made last year should be afforded."

Points from Mr. Robb's speech are:
(1) Revenues down by \$52,837,000, estimated, as against the previous year.
(2) Decrease in ordinary expenditures of \$5,100,000.
(3) Surplus in revenues over expenditures of \$1,823,000, or of \$5,823,162 if \$4,000,162 received from Greece and Rumania is added.

(4) Increase of Canada's favorable trade balance with the world to \$263,414,526.
(5) Board of advisors, for which provision is made in main estimates, to inquire into the tariff and other trade problems.

Mr. Robb dealt at length with the question of railway financing, stating that the National Railway Company had not yet been able to meet, out of its earnings, the arrears of interest accumulated on our loans.

The total amount of these arrears of interest on March 31, 1924, said Mr. Robb, "was about \$131,000,000, but it is not treated in our public accounts as an asset; it is held in abeyance as an overdue account."

Text of Budget Speech.
In making his budget statement, Hon. J. A. Robb, acting minister of finance, said:

"In presenting today the annual statement of the financial affairs of our dominion, may I assure you we all share, that our hopes and wishes for a speedy recovery of the minister of finance, the Right Honorable Mr. Fleming, have not been fully realized."

"The public accounts for the financial year 1923-24 were tabled in this house on the 8th of last month. The consolidated fund revenues or ordinary receipts are shown as \$396,837,682.22, being \$837,682.22 in excess of the estimate given to the house last session, and \$2,222,782.22 over the corresponding receipts for the previous year. Other receipts brought the gross revenue to \$406,581,317.96.

"The expenditure side shows \$424,813,189.75 for ordinary expenses, being a decrease of \$7,450,542.34 under corresponding expenditures for the previous year. Capital, demobilization and other charges amount to \$19,208,597. The gross expenditure was \$444,021,786.75, or \$6,586,757.97 less than for similar services the previous year."

"The public debt was decreased by the amount of \$35,993,593.86. Since confederation decreases of debt have occurred in only nine of the 57 years completed."

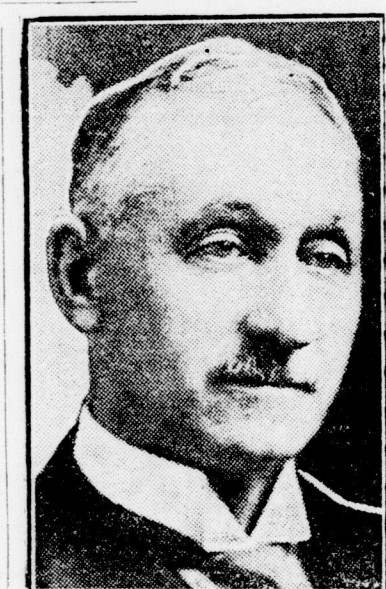
"The sum of \$35,993,593.86 is the largest decrease of any of those nine years, being \$10,375,758.83 greater than that for any previous year."

"May I, before dealing with the outcome of the year 1924-25, which ends on the 31st of this month, ask the indulgence of the house to refer for a moment to a contention advanced last session in this chamber that the reduction of debt by some \$35,000,000 was arrived at by a device from the practice heretofore followed in dealing with loans to the Canadian National railway system. The fallacy of this contention was fully explained by the prime minister in his place in this house. My reasons for referring to this matter in a budget speech are not so much in the interests of the party to which I have the honor to belong as in the interests of all who make up our national life."

Replies to Attacks.
"The attack at the time was weakened by the fact that no two of the critics seemed able to agree on just how many millions were involved, and to what extent the debt should have been affected. During the recess of this house, these remarkable and fallacious charges have been repeated in public speeches and also featured prominently in certain issues of the public press."

Criticism of public policies of any party is expected, but to step aside and charge an administration with altering the method of keeping our national records, for the purpose of going to a foreign money market for loans to be used for the development of this country, I submit there is a danger that our credit, now at its highest point, may be damaged and that we may be called upon to pay higher rates for accommodation."

"It was not until I feared that our public records might result in impairing our national credit that I thought it worth while to take the necessary steps to have our balance sheet for the year concerned, examined by two of the most outstanding chartered accountants in Canada, men to whom no one could reasonably doubt the accuracy of their double purpose of satisfying the people of Canada as well as those outside of Canada, whose good will and financial resources we might need in the developing of our country. On the 27th of January, 1925, I received the auditors' certificate, a copy of which has been printed on the balance sheet on page number three of the public accounts for 1923-24. The certificate reads as follows:



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"We have examined the balance sheet of the Dominion of Canada as at March 31, 1924, and we certify that the balance sheet conforms to the balance sheets of previous years in not including in the net debt of the dominion issues of the Canadian National Railway Company and National Companies included in its system, which carry the guarantee of the Dominion of Canada, such issues as are shown to year out of direct liabilities—George Edwards, of the firm of Edwards, Morgan & Co.; W. Garth Thompson, of the firm of Peat, Warwick, Mitchell & Co."

Advices New Loan Plan.
"While grants loans in the past have been issued for the purpose of taking care of deficits, capital and other charges, and treated in our public accounts as indirect obligations, I submit that it would be ideal practice if, for the purpose of securing better terms in the flotation of Canadian National Railway loans the guarantee of the minister of finance could be confined solely to the railway system; and in this respect this administration has been singularly successful."

The system is now meeting its running expenses with a surplus left over for fixed charges. The railways are not called upon to pay out of their revenues interest on Dominion loans made by way of cash, although such is included in the annual railway budget as submitted from time to time by the minister of railways and canals."

"They are thus relieved for the present from a very large annual commitment, and in consequence are able to carry on their capital and betterment requirements by loans guaranteed by the government, the railway's fixed charges, which, of course, include interest on obligations incurred by the public."

DESERTER ARRESTED AT BORDER

High Constable Wharton Brings Back Man Who Left Wife.

CLEAN UP DISTRICT
Steps Being Carried Out to End Similar Actions—Several Sought.

The first of the long list of Middlesex county wife deserters on which High Constable Wharton has been quietly working for some time, was located in Detroit last week. The man was deported to Windsor this morning, and was accompanied by the high constable as he stepped off the gang plank.

The high constable arrived with his prisoner late this afternoon and the latter was locked up in the county jail pending his appearance in court tomorrow morning before County Magistrate C. W. Hawkshaw.

While the number of deserted wives in Middlesex is relatively no larger than in other counties and the city of London, every effort is being made by county authorities to bring these men to court and force them to support their wives and families.

County officials have been besieged by women deserted by their husbands who have begged the authorities to locate their erring breadwinners and persistent though quiet investigations have been made, terminating with the arrest of a former Broughdale man in Windsor this morning.

Other investigations have been proceeding favorably and it is expected that several more delinquent husbands will soon appear in court to answer for the cruel abandoning of their families.

Grain Future Act Is Invalid

Privy Council Dismisses Appeal of Manitoba Government.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, March 24.—The much disputed Manitoba grain futures act of 1923 has been definitely and finally declared ultra vires of the province of Manitoba and therefore of legal effect under the British North America act providing for the constitution of Canada.

In judgment handed down today the judicial committee of the privy council has dismissed the appeal taken by the attorney-general of the province of Manitoba against the decision of the supreme court of Canada, which held that the Manitoba act providing for the collection of a tax by the province from sellers of grain for future delivery was ultra vires, and beyond the powers of the province.

LONDONER PLACED ON JURY OF HOLLAND FLOWER SHOW



J. G. (GARD) GAMMAGE.

London, horticulturist, who has been chosen as a member of the jury of the Holland flower show. Mr. Gammage is the only Canadian named.



MICHAEL FRUNZE.

Russian soviet minister of war, who is reported to be disposing troops along the Lithuanian and Polish frontiers in anticipation of outbreaks over the Danzig corridor or other boundary disputes.

P. SMITH BROKE, MEANS 8 YEARS

Former Provincial Treasurer Will Be Compelled To Serve Long Term.

FRIENDS SYMPATHIZE
Special to The Advertiser by a Staff Correspondent.
Stratford, March 24.—Peter Smith will spend five more years in jail, for he can never raise \$100,000, is the prevailing opinion among the bondsmen who went his bail and people here who know the family, while Aemilius Jarvis will in all probability be a free man by April 1, when his initial sentence expires.

"I know he hasn't the money," said N. F. Babb, whose share of the original \$100,000 bail was \$12,000. Mr. Babb conferred with the general opinion The Advertiser heard that the Smith family were, in fact, in straitened circumstances at the present time. "I have good reason to believe that what you have heard is the truth," he said. He would not go into details.

This opinion is based in part upon the actions of the former provincial treasurer's children in seeking employment. One daughter who taught school all through her father's term of office still continues. Another daughter who was attending school in Toronto could not go on with her course. Although quite young she is now employed as a telephone operator to draw even a small wage as a clerk in Toronto.

Mrs. Smith had left for Toronto yesterday morning, before she had heard the news of the revised and final sentence, her daughter said, "I can't understand the sentence," added Mr. Babb.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.
Associated Press Despatch.
Boulogne, March 24.—Arrived: Nieuw Amsterdam, from New York.
Hamburg, March 23.—Arrived: Westphalia, from New York.
Plymouth, March 24.—Arrived: Andania, from New York.

LONDONER PLACED ON JURY OF HOLLAND FLOWER SHOW

High Honor Is Conferred on J. G. Gammage, Only Canadian Named.

LARGEST IN WORLD
Twelve Men Selected From All Over World To Act.

J. G. Gammage ("Gard" Gammage) has been invited to become a member of the international jury of judges at the Holland international spring flower show at Heemstede, Holland, in May. This is the largest flower show in the world.

As only twelve men are selected by the committee to act on this jury, and as they are chosen from every flower-growing country in the world, this is considered to be a great honor among floriculturists. Mr. Gammage will be the only Canadian on the jury. He has not yet decided whether he will be able to act, as the season takes place at the busiest season of the year over here.

The Holland show was an annual event until the war, when it was discontinued. This is the first show since 1914. It opens on March 13 and lasts until May 21. The international jury to which the Londoner is invited meets on May 14.

At the same time, W. W. Gammage, Gard's brother, has been asked to act as a judge in the Kansas City flower show this month.

EXAMINE BUDGET PROPOSAL.
Associated Press Despatch.
Paris, March 24.—The French cabinet, Premier Herriot presiding, began examination today of the reduction in expenditure by each ministry proposed by the senate's finance commission in preparing the 1925 budget.

VOTE SEEN ON NURSES' BUILDING

Lack of Room Makes New Quarters Imperative, Superintendent Says.

BYLAW PROPOSED
Mr. Justice Lennox Declares Victoria's Prestige Calls For Move.

Urgent need for additional quarters and more suitable accommodation for nurses at Victoria hospital will probably result in a nurses' home by-law being presented for vote at the 1925 municipal elections, according to members of the hospital board of trustees.

Accommodation for nurses-in-training at Victoria hospital has long been inadequate. The same home which is now in use was built years ago when the hospital was a comparatively small institution. With Victoria hospital's remarkable growth within the past few years, many more nurses have been added to the staff, but arrangements for their lodging has been a difficult problem to hospital officials.

Nurses-in-training at Victoria now have as their quarters sections of the Children's War Memorial hospital and wards in the general hospital, which should be occupied only by patients. Dr. G. G. Clegg, superintendent, said today. He explained that the old Colborne street school and the McClure home are also in use as nurses' homes. The hospital buildings, he said, should be devoted entirely to patients, and at a time like the present, when patients are crowded, it is imperative that space that might otherwise be used to relieve the crowded condition be made available.

MRS. DENNISTOUN GETS VERDICT FOR \$25,000

Jury Finds That Colonel's Marriage to Lady Carnarvon Is Valid.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, March 24.—A verdict for £5,000, or nearly \$25,000, in favor of Mrs. Dorothy Muriel Dennistoun was rendered this afternoon by the jury in her suit against her former husband, Lieutenant-Colonel Oswald Dennistoun, for money she claimed she had loaned him.

The verdict found that all the sums Col. Dennistoun had received from his now divorced wife were in the form of loans which the defendant had not repaid.

A pronouncement that the marriage of Col. Dennistoun to Lady Carnarvon was binding was one of the most important points in Justice McCardie's summing up to the jury. He based this on evidence which he said was clear that Col. Dennistoun had been guilty of misconduct with an unnamed woman and had established a French domicile before the granting of the divorce to his former wife in 1921 in Paris.

Judge McCardie again dealt with the alleged agreement on the part of Col. Dennistoun to provide for his ex-wife's future. He pointed out that if Mrs. Dennistoun's story was correct, Col. Dennistoun knew she intended to marry the Spaniard, both with the testimony in the case had connected her, and that the defendant had agreed to support her even though she became the wife or the mistress of another man.

SEIZED RUM SCHOONER TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION

Associated Press Despatch.
Baltimore, Md., March 24.—The schooner Thomaston, seized by customs officials several weeks ago on charges of transporting smuggled liquor to a river home, will be sold at public auction by the United States marshal on April 3. It was announced today. An order of confiscation was signed by Judge Soper in the federal district court yesterday. The boat is owned in Philadelphia.

NEW BRUNSWICK'S APPEAL AGAINST C. P. R. DISMISSED

Associated Press Despatch.
London, March 24.—The judicial committee of the privy council today dismissed the appeal of the attorney-general of New Brunswick versus the Canadian Pacific Railway, an action involving the question whether the right to control navigation on the St. John river rested with the province or the dominion.



WHERE ROBBERY AND ATTACK OCCURRED.
Above is shown the home of Ernest Smith, colored, No. 9 Front street, where Frank Utley of Zurich was attacked and robbed of more than \$200 last night. Utley was struck over the head with a heavy bottle during a fracas in the house. He is now in St. Joseph's hospital. Five inmates of the house, including Smith, his wife, two other men and a woman, are now under arrest on charges of vagrancy and robbery with violence. The home has been raided twice within the past few weeks by police.

TWO WOMEN, THREE MEN ARE HELD IN ROBBERY

Five Placed Under Arrest While Boarding Train For Windsor.

VICTIM IS BETTER
Men Remanded on Charge of Robbery With Violence, Women on Vagrancy.

Two hours after Frank Utley, of Zurich, was found near Leaven's bakery on Grand avenue shortly after 2 o'clock this morning in a semiconscious condition following an attack made upon him at No. 9 Front street, detectives arrested three men and two women at the C. N. R. depot on charges of robbery with violence and vagrancy, as they were about to leave the city for Windsor.

Utley figured in a fracas at the Front street home last night and was robbed of more than \$200. He is now in St. Joseph's hospital, suffering from severe wounds to the head. His condition, although not critical, is considered serious.

The three men, Ernest Smith, Arthur Harris and John Johnston, all colored, and Louise Johnston, also colored, and Mrs. Hazel Smith, were remanded to jail for one week when they appeared before Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon in police court this morning.

Notified Police.
A taxicab driver drove Utley to the Front street home last night. When a shot and noises of the fight were heard, he notified police. Constables Williams, Pope and Sergeant O'Leary responded, but found the house vacated upon their arrival. An overturned stove, smashed.

MISSING LONDON BOYS LOCATED IN LAMBTON

Two Lads Disappeared Yesterday From St. George's School.

Two young London boys, who yesterday disappeared from St. George's school, have been located in Lambton county by High Constable Whiting, according to information received at the local police department today.

With the boys' disappearance yesterday, police believed that they had been associated with the theft of several bicycles in the city recently. According to Constable Whiting, they were found in possession of the stolen wheels. They will be brought back to London this afternoon to stand trial before Judge Warner in the juvenile court.

STATE REFUSES TO LET HUNGARIAN COUNT SPEAK

Associated Press Despatch.
Washington, March 24.—The state department, in a letter received yesterday by the American Civil Liberties union, refused to reverse its stand toward allowing Count Michael Karolyi of Hungary to engage in political activities in this country. Morris L. Ernst, the county's attorney, said that continued pressure would be brought upon the department, and that he is certain Secretary Kellogg will allow Count Karolyi to speak when he is informed of the facts.

GERMANY WILL EXPEL POLISH NATIONALISTS

Associated Press Despatch.
Warsaw, March 24.—In pursuance of the German-Polish convention signed in Vienna last August, the German government has invited those persons domiciled in Germany, who declared preference for Polish nationality, to leave German territory before Aug. 1 next, with the alternative of expulsion by force.

Capt. Marigold Wins Plug Hat

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, March 24.—The steamship Dalhousie City, Captain Marigold in command, arrived from Port Dalhousie this morning, officially opening the navigation season at this port. The ancient harbor-master's hat, which for 74 years has been awarded the captain of the season's first arrival was presented, with the customary ceremonies, to Captain Marigold as he stepped ashore.

LARGE FLOW OF GAS STRUCK AT AILSA CRAIG

Well Blown Up on Farm of Andrew Dorman—Londoners Interested.

New leases have been obtained on land for miles surrounding the property of Andrew Dorman, concessioner of a large oil well there last night. A high pressure of gas was blown up after drillers had penetrated more than 1,500 feet. The fact that the gas came through many feet of water is taken as an indication that an exceptionally large supply of oil.

Drilling, which has been financed by London interests, has been going on in that vicinity for some time.

STUDENTS CALL STRIKE OVER BALFOUR POLICY

Associated Press Despatch.
Jerusalem, March 24.—The students in the Hebrew training college here struck this morning in connection with the impending visit of the Earl of Balfour, who is to open the Balfour declaration of the League of Nations movement among the Arabs has been decided upon in protest against the appearance of Lord Balfour, setting forth the British policy to encourage development of the Jewish homeland in Palestine.

The government, which had previously warned students that violation of discipline for political or other reasons would not be tolerated, temporarily closed the college and the students returned to their homes.

HILLCREST COLLIERIES CLOSED INDEFINITELY

Associated Press Despatch.
Calgary, Alta., March 24.—William Sherman, president of the United Mine Workers of Canada, district No. 18, received word from Hillcrest, Monday, to the effect that the Hillcrest collieries had been shut down indefinitely and the miners notified that the mines would not resume operations until the miners were willing to accept a cut in their wages.

"This means a 100 per cent lock-out and is a distinct breach of the existing agreement," he said.

FOUR BIG COAL SEAMS FOUND BENEATH RIVER BED

Associated Press Despatch.
Moscow, March 24.—Discovery of four big coal seams beneath the bed of the Petchora river by the northern scientific expedition, which has just returned to Leningrad, is announced by the official soviet news agency, Rosta.

Iron and copper deposits are said to have been found near the Petchora river.

COUNCIL PREPARES TAX CUT

Members Hope To Hold Rate Down to 35 Mills For Year.

SEE FUTURE COSTS
Education Presents One of the Greatest Problems To Be Faced.

Sharpened axes of city councillors today awaited the first general estimates meeting of the year, and the job of cutting a tentative 37-mill rate to less than 35 mills. Tentative estimates show large proposed increases in educational, hospital and other expenditures, and these are frowned upon by many of the aldermen.

Likelihood of "capital" expenditure of \$5,000,000 during the next ten years for urgent necessities, makes aldermen halt before sanctioning extra school and hospital expense this year. A complete sewage disposal plant, a new city hall, a new police station, a new fire hall, increased number of employees, more money for maintenance of streets, are anticipated, and the evil day has been put off time and again already.

Heavy expenses during years to come will include sewerage works. Therefore there is some concerted effort on the part of city aldermen this year to keep down unnecessary expense and establish a rate of less than 35 mills.

No Addition Likely.
Additional capital expenditure this year is unlikely, as No. 1 committee of the council has already lopped off \$20,000 from the proposals of the hospital trust. The fire department is seeking \$20,000 extra for equipment that may or may not be welcomed by the brigade of age-wielders. Police estimates will likely be kept down to the expenditure of 1924. Board of education demands for increased school expenditure are causing the greatest controversy of civic circles right now. Claims of the school board and of many residents of London East for increased collegiate accommodation have been heard in council circles for some time past, but an economist element in the council says "no."

"It's not that much, but it's a upkeep," declared Ald. Harry Bottrill, chairman of No. 2 committee, in discussing the matter today. "We built a school this year and right away we have an extra \$50,000 a year for maintenance."

South Building.
"And we are going to build a school of the city by building a school this year. Next year they will be asking for a new high school in London South. I don't know after another public school will be wanted in London East."

In handling this school question we've got to look further than our noses, if we're wise. Why? Well, spending \$1,000,000 on school building in the next three years and have \$180,000 a year added for maintenance expense. It's time to go slowly with school expenditures."

The Weather

FORECASTS.

Today.—Fresh south and south-west winds; fair and warm in evening; thunder showers in some localities tonight.

Wednesday.—Westerly winds; fair and mild.

Pressure is now highest over the middle west, while a shallow depression is moving eastward across the Great Lakes and a deep depression covers far northwestern Canada. The weather continues cool and foggy off the maritime provinces and is quite mild in Ontario and the west.

Temperatures.
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were:

Stations.	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	48	42	Rain
Calgary	45	29	Clouds
Winnipeg	49	29	Fair
Port Arthur	40	24	Clouds
S. S. Marie	36	34	Clouds
Toronto	36	31	Fair
Kingston	34	28	Fair
Ottawa	34	26	Fair
Montreal	32	26	Clouds
Quebec	34	14	Clouds
St. John	35	22	Fair
Halifax	50	28	Clouds

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were:

Highest, 46; lowest, 36.
Sun rises at 6:15 a.m. and sets at 6:35 p.m.

Barometric Readings.
Monday—8 a.m., 29.4.
Today—8 a.m., 29.32.