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A GENERAL DECREASE

Expenses Under Canada Temperance Act Set At Half Million.

(Special to the Sydney Post)

OTTAWA, March 22.—The estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1921, were presented to parliament to-day. They total \$537,149,428, or \$363,702,893 less than last year. There is a decrease of 364 million in proposed expenditure as compared with the fiscal year which ends the 31st of this month. War expenditure decreased over 260 million dollars in every particular. It may be seen that Canada is readily straightening up her expenditure. There is a total proposed expenditure on capital account not payable from revenue of 58 million dollars or 41 millions less than the present year. There is a decrease in proposed expenditure on railways and canals of \$23,000,000 and of \$18,000,000 on public works.

Other Estimates to Come

The supplementary estimates are still to come down towards the close of the session and they are usually pretty large, last year being considerably greater than the main estimates Canada's expenditure on her permanent military force this year will amount to six and half millions as compared with a little over two millions before the war. This will consist of 490 officers, 852 warrant officers and 4,525 rank and file, which force is being used mainly for supplying instructors for the active militia.

Interest Is Biggest Item

The biggest single item in Canada's estimate is the interest on the public debt which is estimated for the coming year at over \$149,000,000 or 128 millions more than it was in 1913-14, representing almost wholly war expenditure. Next comes soldiers' land settlement which will require an expenditure of over fifty millions. Railways and canals will be just a trifle less than two millions. Items next in amount are also for the soldiers; 34 millions for soldiers' civil re-establishment and 27 and half millions for pensions.

Out of the forty-three items in the summary of expenditure there are decreases in twenty-one, which represents the persistent efforts of the new minister of finance, Sir

Henry Drayton. During the past weeks the estimates have been up for consideration to pare every-down to the minimum.

Miscellaneous Estimates

OTTAWA, March 22.—Under the heading of miscellaneous in the estimates tabled in the Commons this afternoon are several interesting features. The amount to be voted for miscellaneous is \$17,137,468.00. Expenses under the Canada Temperance Act are set at \$500,000.00 for 1920-21, against \$1,000,000 for the fiscal year 1919-20. Other items provide for the administration of the business profits war tax act, 1916 and the income war tax act, 1917, and amendments \$1,200,000, an increase of \$500,000 over last year. For housing loans \$13,310,000, a decrease of \$11,690,000 over last year. For Canadian representation at Washington \$80,000, against \$50,000 last year to provide for Canada's share of expenditure made by the imperial war graves commission \$1,066,000. For battlefields memorials in France and Belgium \$10,000, against \$500,000 last year. Canadian Press Limited, toward the expenses of national news service \$50,000, Canadian Associated Press \$20,000, an increase of \$12,000 over last year's vote.

Coal Will Rise

NEW YORK, March 20.—The action of President Wilson's coal commission in granting bituminous mine workers wage increase of 27 per cent. means price of coal at mines will advance 65 cents to \$1.25 a ton, according to coal operators announced today.

How Can We Sleep?

TORONTO, March 20.—Seattle dedicated Ottawa here to-night by 5 to 2 and are now tied with Senators in Stanley Cup series. The deciding game under H. H. L. rules, will be played here on Thursday night, and judging by to-night's exhibition, result is a toss-up.

The Prince of Wales

PANAMA, March 31.—Prominent members of British Colony here presented address of welcome to Prince of Wales aboard Renown and rest of

SAFETY ON THE FARM

Accident prevention in industry is an accomplished fact and is being conducted with humanitarian and sound business principles. Accident and fire prevention are taught in the schools, on the streets and in the homes of the cities. Is it not time though to teach accident prevention on the farm? It is said that nearly one half of the accidents in this province happen to the farmers and farm hands. Reports in the press point to accidents caused by chopping machines, binders and other farm machinery. The farmer has as much right to demand safe working conditions as labor in factories and should insist that the manufacturer of farm machinery should guard all exposed gears and moving chains before selling the article. Other accidents are due to the binders or mowers striking half buried stones or short stumps hidden by the standing crop. After a serious accident from one of these causes the offending truck or stump will be removed but the time to do that clearing is when the prospective accident maker is in plain view.

Than again we have the first hazard in the barn and the home. These are conditions that can be guarded against by ordinary precautions—the oil stove can be kept clean; matches can be kept out of reach of the children; hard fire extinguishers can be kept ready for instant use; lamps and lanterns can be so placed that they are not likely to be knocked over. Fire losses and accidents are a national calamity and for the good of the country should be reduced to the minimum, on the farm as well as elsewhere.

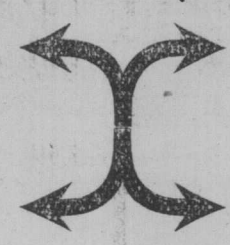
day spent in sight-seeing. In evening Panama Government will give state banquet in honor of Royal visitor, which will be followed by reception and formal ball. The Renown will sail Thursday for San Diego after taking aboard three thousand barrels of oil at Balboa. From San Diego, where the United States State Department will send representative to again welcome Prince of Wales to country, the Renown will proceed to Honolulu, where she will arrive April 15th and thence to Fiji Islands, New Zealand, and Australia.

The Cost of Shoes

BOSTON, March 31.—Agents of the Department of Justice in this city have begun an investigation into production, distribution, costs in shoes and clothing, in effort to determine whether present retail prices are justified. Books of manufacturers and retailers will be examined.

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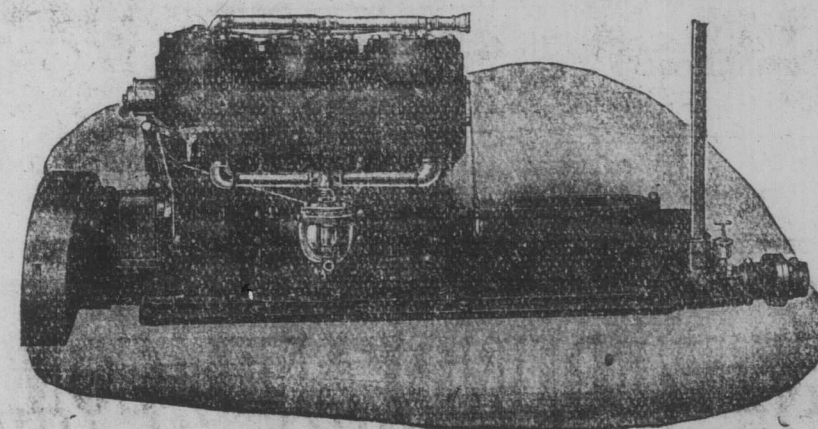


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