

PROVINCIAL REVENUES \$1.2 BILLION: Net general revenues of Canada's ten provincial Governments will aggregate over \$1,197,000,000 and total net general expenditures, after deducting provision for debt retirement, will exceed \$1,277,000,000 during the fiscal year ending March 31, 1954, according to a summary of the estimates of revenue and expenditure of the provincial Governments for the year released by the Bureau.

In the year immediately preceding, revenues were estimated, on the same basis, at \$1,060,000,000 and expenditures at \$1,142,000,000. It is expected that revenues in the current year will increase over the estimates for the previous year in every province except Newfoundland. Similarly, the estimates indicate an increase in expenditures in all except British Columbia.

While increases in revenue from most sources are forecast, collections from motor fuel taxes, general sales taxes, licences for the use of natural resources, and liquor profits are expected to maintain the steady growth which has been evident in recent years.

Significant increases are also indicated in provincial Government expenditures. Outlays on transportation and communications are expected to exceed \$373,800,000 as compared to the previous year's estimate of \$287,700,000. Education will cost about \$228,000,000 in the current year as against last year's estimate of about \$215,000,000. The report shows increases in the cost of providing other services such as hospital care which is expected to rise to about \$179,000,000 as compared to about \$165,000,000.

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SOCIAL CREDIT LEADS IN B.C.: The Social Credit Government of Premier W.A.C. Bennett in British Columbia was within five seats of a clear majority on July 3 as counting of alternate choices continued from the June 9 provincial election.

The standing on the morning of July 3:

Elected	
SC	20
CCF	13
Lab.	1
Lib.	3
PC	1
Leading	
SC	9
CCF	1

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For a working majority, the Government will need 25 seats in the 48-seat Legislature.

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Close to \$3,000,000 worth of welding rod is sold in Canada each year.

ADDITIONAL \$500,000 FOR UNICEF: The Department of External Affairs announced July 3 that Canada has made a further contribution of \$500,000 to the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF). A cheque for this amount has been forwarded to the Canadian Commercial Corporation where it will be used for the purchase by the Fund of commodities required to implement its programme.

Including the contribution now made to UNICEF for the year 1953, the Canadian Government has contributed \$8,475,050 to the Fund since its establishment. In addition voluntary contributions from Canadians have reached approximately \$1,500,000.

UNICEF was created in 1947 in order to help children from war devastated countries. In recent years, its resources have been mainly devoted to the establishment and maintenance of long term welfare programmes for needy children in under-developed countries. More than 60 million children in 84 countries have received help from UNICEF which has proved one of the most widely praised undertakings of the United Nations.

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NEW SAVINGS BONDS ISSUE: The Minister of Finance, Mr. D.C. Abbott, announced on June 25 that an eighth series of Canada Savings Bonds will be offered to the public this October. Sales of the Seventh Series as of June 15, 1953, totalled \$372 millions. Mr. Abbott said that he took this figure as a substantial indication of continuing public demand for these popular investments.

He expressed particular satisfaction with sales of Seventh Series through the Payroll Savings Plan amounting to \$180 millions representing an increase of 4%.

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FEEDING ARMY OUTPOSTS: The Army has put the finishing touches on the big job of grubstaking several hundred soldiers, their wives and children stationed at 18 isolated posts in the far north. Officers and men at the Army's supply depot at Edmonton have been working like beavers since February ordering and repacking 137 tons of canned foods, flour, spices, fresh meats and canned and frozen vegetables.

Huge shipments of perishable foods, including about 20 tons of fresh, frozen meats, will follow by refrigerated truck and barge in July. Unlike non-perishable supplies which are shipped annually to northern stations, fresh meats and vegetables are shipped about every four months.

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Canada's output of electric vacuum cleaners in 1952 included 88,275 cylinder type models with a factory selling value of \$5,204,267, 40,122 upright flour models worth \$2,313,636, and 3,032 hand models worth \$62,360.