

MAIN ESTIMATES

\$582,062,698

Include \$1,250,000 for St. John Harbor

Government at Ottawa Faces Big Financial Problem—Cabinet Ministers May Be Directors of Private Corporations.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Ottawa, March 8.—Sir Henry Drayton, minister of finance, this afternoon tabled the main estimates for coming financial year amounting to \$582,062,698 compared with main estimates last year of \$607,149,428 and total estimates of \$613,995,411.

The following statement gives a bird's eye view of the main estimates comparing them with the total estimates voted for the previous year.

Interest and expenditure resulting from the war	1931-32
Interest	\$140,013,163.62
Pensions	\$1,516,923.96
Soldiers' land settlement	\$5,017,000.00
Soldiers' civil re-establishment	19,210,000.00
Total	\$206,750,087.58
Railways (not including capital)	\$172,687,538.39
Housing loans (re-vote)	10,466,800.00
Total	\$409,903,425.97
Leaving for general gov't purposes	\$186,924,870.28
Total	\$546,996,191.30
Capital (including railway capital)	\$77,469,127.00
Demobilisation	7,777,860.00
Grand Total	\$629,992,698.30

The Main Change

Under consolidated services the main decreases are as follows: Militia and defence \$694,977.78; public works, income \$2,388,471.81; mail subsidies and steamship subventions \$429,656.66; Royal Canadian Mounted Police \$1,146,485.93; soldiers' land settlement \$15,000,000; soldiers' civil re-establishment \$21,071,000; air board \$875,000; miscellaneous showing a total decrease of \$5,388,461.61; in last year's estimates under the latter head, however, additional monies were provided for the commutation of the pensions payable to those suffering slight disability. The decrease this year is entirely due to the fact that a much smaller vote is required for this purpose this year.

The main items of increase are: Trade and commerce, \$1,299,118.51, due to provision for the census; post office department, \$916,694.62; railways and canal collection of revenue, \$1,868,500 and railways and canal income \$2,080,460.89. Notwithstanding the large savings noted above, there is a total increase in consolidated services of \$32,452,265.64 due to the railway appropriation. Capital vote shows a reduction of \$82,059,988.46. There is a decrease of \$11,610,000 in the marine department capital vote, principally due to reduction in the shipbuilding programme and a reduction of \$11,748,000 for railway equipment and \$3,408,630 for construction and betterments of Canadian Government Railways.

An appropriation of \$7,777,860.00 is made for demobilisation expenditure. This is a reduction of \$32,452,265.64 on last year, and represents the amount which is required to clean up Canada's war outlay.

Ottawa, March 8.—According to today's table of estimates \$1,000,000 is to

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be spent on the parliament buildings during the coming year, \$1,800,000 for a new dry dock at Esquimalt, \$1,250,000 for improvements to St. John harbor and \$1,000,000 for Toronto harbor improvements, as well as \$175,000 for breakwater protection at Toronto Island. In New Brunswick the public works department proposes to spend \$86,500 and \$75,000 of it will be for new buildings, repairs and improvements to the quarantine station on Partridge Island and in St. John harbor. Of \$102,100 to be spent for harbors and rivers in New Brunswick generally, the largest items include \$6,500 for repairs to the breakwater pier at Cape Bald, Westmorland county, and \$7,700 for repairs to the wharf at St. Andrews. Dredging in the maritime provinces will come to \$300,000. There are estimates of \$102,000 for an international bridge across the St. John river at Edmundston (N. B.), the state of Maine to contribute a like amount, and a small amount of \$2,800 to repair the international bridge at St. Leonard.

Printing costs in all departments are less. One item asks for the administration of the business profits tax act and the income war tax act. This is taken by some as meaning that the business profits tax may possibly continue.

The new estimates tabled today show an amazing record of affairs. Before the government begins to live, that is, to carry on the affairs of the country, it must get revenue enough to pay \$148,000,127.20 for interest and sinking fund on the public debt of Canada and another \$108,997,638 for the railways now owned by Canada.

Ottawa, March 8.—By a majority of fifty-one the house of commons today decided in favor of cabinet ministers being allowed to sit as directors of private corporations. The division which came after a somewhat lengthy discussion of a bill introduced by A. R. McMaster, Liberal member for Brome, as a private measure, failed to receive unanimous support, failed to receive unanimous support, and met with the solid opposition of the government supporters in the chamber. The chief Liberal whip, J. A. Robb (Chatham-Kent) opposed the bill on the ground that it would have a bad effect.

Third reading was given to the bill to amend the exchequer court act. Discussion on second reading of a bill to de-fine Canadian National was continued. A resolution by A. B. McColl, Kent, favoring standardization of parts of agricultural machinery was referred, after discussion, to the committee on agriculture.

F. H. Keefe, Port Arthur and Kenora, moved appointment of a special committee of the house to investigate the benefits of a deep waterway from the

Great Lakes by way of the St. Lawrence to the sea. In the senate consideration of a government bill creating a control board for the Lake of the Woods levels was postponed.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY OF TRINITY CHURCH

The Women's Auxiliary of Trinity church, in the sessions of its eighteenth annual meeting yesterday listened with much pleasure and appreciation to the address delivered by the rector, Rev. Canon R. A. Armstrong, and Mrs. John McAvity. It reviewed a year of exceptional progress in all branches, and re-elected Mrs. J. L. Harrison as president.

Canon Armstrong conducted the opening service of the afternoon session and, having congratulated the W. A. on what it had accomplished, suggested that it should overlook the needs of those near at hand in its wider undertakings. Mrs. Harrison, in her address as president, spoke of nine new members enrolled, making total membership 105. She referred feelingly to the loss of two members by death, Miss Mary Disbrow and Miss Thomas. Two members had been removed from the records, Miss Allan, Mrs. James McAvity and Mrs. William McAvity had been added. She regretted Mrs. A. W. Golding's retirement from the records secretaryship because of ill health, and gave a report of Thomas Oke, the fourteen-year-old boy whom the branch is educating. In recounting the activities of the branch she said that Christmas boxes had been sent to Grand Falls and to Oak Bay. Mrs. Peat had carried on most efficiently as juniors superintendent after the regretted retirement of Miss Bets and Mrs. A. E. Thomas. The general pledge had been fully met and memorials to Mrs. Hugh Gregory and Mrs. Coupe had added to the fund. In closing, Mrs. Harrison referred to the branch's prayer partner, and laid emphasis on the devotional side of the W. A. aims.

Mrs. John A. McAvity gave an excellent address on the aims and activities of the W. A., and illustrated her subject by means of descriptive charts in the form of the Winchester Cross, the diocesan secretary, made a special appeal for more work for the foreign field, especially for Miss Hiddell's report hospital in Japan. Miss Roberts Holder gave the report of the Young Women's Guild. Miss Peat, as junior superintendence, reported thirty-seven members enrolled, including eight new members; aprons, wash clothes, and scrap books made and \$197 collected in the St. C. fund. The juniors attended the meeting and gave a delightful half hour entertainment.

ing, Elizabeth Hamilton, Helen Hunt, Doris Cunningham and Helen Rhein. heart gave a recitation "Little Workers" made and \$197 collected in the St. C. fund. The juniors attended the meeting and gave a delightful half hour entertainment.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. J. L. Harrison; first vice-president, Mrs. Morris Robinson; second vice-president, Mrs. G. Knowlton; third vice-president, Mrs. J. J. Golding; corresponding secretary, Miss Annie Scammell; recording secretary, Mrs. W. Macbride; treasurer, Mrs. W. S. Fisher; E. C. D. treasurer, Mrs. Regan; diocesan secretary, Mrs. J. L. McAvity; literature secretary, Mrs. H. H. Pickett; leaflet secretary, Mrs. James McAvity; junior superintendent, Mrs. G. B. Peat; babies' brand secretary, Mrs. F. J. G. Knowlton and Miss A. Scammell.

The meeting closed with an address and prayer offered by Rev. A. Gabriel.

SCOTCH MUSICAL REVUE BIG HIT

Joy to the Hearts of Many Sons of the Heather at the Opera House—Jere McAuliffe Welcomed—Other Vaudeville Offerings Enjoyed.

Patrons of the Opera House are comparing notes exultantly over the new bill. Jack Wyatt and his Scotch lads and lassies scored a decided triumph. The costumes were redolent of the land of the heather, and the songs and dances were characteristic of the highlands. Particularly good were the highland fling and the sword dance, which were well executed by pretty girls. The Scottish band with bagpipes and drums won repeated applause. The act throughout brought joy to all and particularly to the hearts of sons of the heather present.

Burke and Burke. In an actress and messenger act, were bright and witty

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and kept the audience in spasms of laughter throughout. The vain attempts of the telegraph messenger boy to get money due him for a telegram brought about many amusing situations and culminated in his avowal of undying adoration of the pretty actress. Jere McAuliffe, a notable favorite here, was on hand and delighted the audience with Irish parodies and jokes. An original poem dealt with his return to St. John and of the many unsuccessful attempts to determine his age. Commodore Tom is a very clever pony

that can count and spell and play Home Sweet Home with equal skill. His fondness for sugar and his refusal to act without it brought many a laugh. McGrath and Deeds had a bright act of songs and female impersonation and received hearty applause. Their act was bright and snappy throughout and happily rounded out an excellent bill. A new motion picture serial entitled "Fighting Fate," which is a Vitaphone production and which is featuring William Dumont, held undivided interest. From all indications it will prove very

popular. This feature programme will be repeated tonight and again on Thursday afternoon and evening and is expected to attract large audiences.

NOVEL PLAN TO REFORM CONVICTS

East View, March 8.—Warden Warren McClellan of the model East View penitentiary announced today that the officials there are trying a new experiment by repainting the four cellblocks and allowing each prisoner to select the color he likes for his own cell, for the psy-

chological effect it has upon the malefactor. Prisoners of an artistic temperament will find their place of stay more congenial and homelike hereafter. The corridors of the cell-houses are being painted a light brown. The cells are being painted in attractive tints of yellow, blue, brown, buff, etc. None of the cells, the warden explained, are to have sombre settings but are all to be bright and cheerful. The officials aim to make the penitentiary a model of cleanliness as well as of prison reform.

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MUTT AND JEFF—YES, INDEED, MUTT'S A WILD MAN WHEN HE LOSES HIS TEMPER

-By "BUD" FISHER

I BROUGHT HOME THREE PINTS OF HOCH LAST NIGHT AND HID THEM IN MY CLOSET, BUT I THINK I'LL BURY THEM IN THE YARD TODAY AND PLAY SAFE BEFORE JEFF DISCOVERS THEM!

FOR THE LOVE OF MIKE TWO OF THE BOTTLES ARE GONE! JEFF!!

M-M! WHAT?

LISTEN! I PUT THREE PINTS OF HOCH LAST NIGHT AND THIS MORNING TWO OF THEM ARE GONE! DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THEM?

THASH AN INSULTING QUESTION, MUTT! (HIC) AIN'T I ALWAYS TOLD YOU I'M A TOTAL ABSTAINER? (HIC)

WHERE DID THE RIOT CALL COME FROM?

THE BUILDING WHERE MUTT AND JEFF LIVE!