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BRITISH LOOK FOR MORE TAXES ON LUXURIES

Churchill's Budget Time Brings Usual Crop of Rumors

FUNDING SCHEMES AMONG REPORTS

Political and General Gossip in London News Letter

Correspondence of Times-Star
LONDON, Feb. 11.—We are now within about six weeks of the budget, and the usual crop of rumors begins to fill the newspapers. The fact that the chancellor is shown by the fact that the budget is being prepared by Mr. Churchill, and even the treasury cannot yet be sure how the last quarter's receipts will balance the current year's finances. Mr. Churchill's estimated expenditure was \$200,000,000 short of \$200,000,000. Supplementary estimates have added another \$26,000,000. We may reasonably hope that revenue will show an equal surplusage, particularly as the last quarter is pointing out well and the much-abused silk duties have far exceeded expectation.

ABOUT TAXATION.
Ministers are pretty confident that a desperate struggle with all the spending departments, each claiming a special exemption from the axe, has effected economies on next year's estimates amounting to about the \$10,000,000, on which Mr. Churchill set his ambition. The coal subsidy, however, stands like a roaring lion in the taxpayer's path. It may amount to nearly \$40,000,000. Mr. Churchill is said to intend meeting that extraordinary amount otherwise than out of current funds. Spreading it out over a period will lighten the burden on the present heavily embarrassed taxpayers, and serve as a guarantee against any repetition of the industrial policy. So the next budget may after all avoid imposing any new direct taxation.

OUT FOR LUXURIES.
Rightly or wrongly the well-informed impression is that, like his illustrious father, Mr. Churchill is bent on schemes for taxing luxuries. His success with the silk tax may encourage him to experiment in other similar directions. That he will raid the road fund for an appreciable bunch of millions is certain. And he will place a substantial tax on heavy traffic. It is rumored that he has turned down the betting tax project, the treasury being of the opinion it would be costly and impracticable. If that is so, the treasury's views seem to have changed since the opinion in inquiry. It is also the talk in financial circles in Mr. Churchill's budget. The circles that big funding schemes may be put forward, and the chancellor will keep his secret grins till budget day, and may then spring one or two surprise coups.

ITALIAN WAR DEBT.
It is astonishing how widespread is the belief that our war debt settlement with Italy had a definite diplomatic and political arrière-pensée. The prime minister's prompt and emphatic denial, across the floor of the House of Commons, may do something to kill this canard, but not amongst the Labor extremists, who assert defiantly that the preface meeting at Rapallo between Signor Mussolini and Sir Austen Chamberlain, and the incredibly easy terms granted to Count Volpi in the debt settlement, are something more than a coincidence. And the same Machiavellian view obtains, I am told, on the continent. But whereas abroad the interpretation is that we have an intent with Rome safeguarding us for the next European trouble, the facts here hold as an example of faith that we are subsidizing Fascism.

INGENIOUS FRENCH THEORY.
Across the Channel a group of French politicians has evolved a most ingenious and sensational theory. It is that, as a matter of equity and fact, the republic owes nothing at all in the shape of war debt to Great Britain. This interesting contention has been engaged on our wartime excess profits tax, and the argument is that, as the British Government repaid a prodigious harvest by its 80 per cent. tax on all goods supplied to France by British firms, that total must in fairness be deducted from the total of French war debt. If not, say the Parisian logicians, England is getting her money back twice over. In brief, the British Government is accused of "going half," or even slightly more than half, with profiteering British firms who sold war munitions and other supplies to France at about 80 per cent. above fair market prices. Why did not someone think of that line of reasoning when we made our war debt settlement with the U. S. A.?

PASSPORT REGULATIONS.
Travelers of all sorts have long grumbled at the vexatious passport regulations that make their vacation both difficult and expensive. But it may be greatly doubted whether they have much to expect in the way of easement from the forthcoming International Conference early in next May. This has been convened by the League of Nations, and will assemble at Geneva on May 12 with representatives present from both the International Railway Union and the International Chamber of Commerce to give their benediction to reform proposals. The abolition of passports altogether is the supreme desideratum, but that is a big project, to which a number of governments, in reply to a recent questionnaire from Geneva, refused to subscribe. A less ambitious plan to inaugurate the big one, aims at both cheapening and expediting passports as well as extending their period of validity to three, or five, years without additional visa. Still another proposal, if even these reforms are too much, is that the visa should be procurable through the post for a fee of a few shillings. But the insidious activities of Moscow do not tend to make even the lesser policy one, easily carried through. May 20 to June 5 has been fixed for holding this year's Royal Tourment of the 2,000 children in Arkansas City public school, authorities say.

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NEW LIEUT.-GOVERNOR ARRIVES

Hon. Robert Randolph Bruce, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, arrived at Saint John, N. B., a few days ago. He left Canada a few months ago as a private citizen and returned to his province on the Pacific coast. With him in the photograph above is his niece, Miss Helen MacKenzie, and a commander E. Landy of the C. P. S. Montreal.

There will be a great effort to beat last year's record profit of \$14,000, all of which went to benefit the various service charities. The next best profit was in 1917, when \$12,000 was realized, but, as a rule, the credit balance averages from \$7,000 to \$9,000. "O" Battery R. F. A., the only unit outside the Household troops to be in possession of pre-war full dress, will undertake the musical drive, and the musical will be allotted to either the House Guards or the Life Guards.

SUCCESS OF AFFORESTATION.
I learn that, so successful have been the achievements of the Forestry Commission in carrying out their definite and intelligently-planned program, and despite the need for economy, the supplementary grant to continue this valuable national work. No work undertaken by the state could possibly be a better investment, and much plantable soil that for years has rendered no return to the state will in the near future be an asset for no inconsiderable value. That this is duly recognized is noticeable in Ireland as well, where, among the new plans for the development of the country, forestry takes an important place. Even the shooting moors remain no longer sacrosanct. Where it is possible to get returns, trees will be planted, and with their growth much of the once natural beauty of these islands will be restored. The commercial value of timber is becoming increasingly important for a nation's wealth, and no longer will the waste of valuable timber properties be allowed.

GUARDS' WAR MEMORIAL.
The unveiling of the Guards War Memorial is provisionally fixed for June 1, and it is hoped that the ceremony will be performed by the King as the Guards Colonel-in-Chief. The site chosen is on St. James' Park, a parade ground, close to the Horse Guards Arch, and the work is well in hand. H. C. Bradshaw is the sculptor, and H. C. Bradshaw is the architect. Quite simple in design, the memorial is of Portland stone, with bronze panels representing the amalgamated regiment of Household Cavalry, the Life Guards and the "Blues," and the five regiments of Foot Guards. It has been subscribed for by all ranks of the Household troops, past as well as present.

WINTER SPORTS CASUALTIES.
London has not forgotten the days when the Strand was full of Red Cross motors, and long, gutted hospital trains daily unloaded their grim harvest of the western front at Charing Cross station, and wait at the old west platform for the Continental train to steam in. They are waiting to collect casualties from the winter sports playground. There are half-a-dozen or so almost every afternoon, mostly broken or damaged legs and arms, and the victims are of both sexes, and not always quite young people. The Swiss hotel keepers have boomed ski-ing till the vogue exceeds anything ever witnessed before the war, and with all sorts of semi-novices entering for competitions, the casualty list is among the really formidable. Even the athletic Blues who would never dream of wearing their University colors in London, there is immense keenness to capture—and display—a ski-ing badge.

MACONOCCHIES.
All ex-Servicemen will, I rather fancy, shed a metaphorical tear at A. W. Maconochie, managing director of a world-famous tinned goods firm, who just died at the age of 71 in a London nursing home from small beginnings the two Brothers Maconochie, of whom A. W. was the junior, built up an immense business, and was not a dug-out on the Western Front, nor a bivvy in Syria, but knew all about "Maconochies." A "Maconochie" was the recognized army name for a tin of what was really cold stew, consisting of vegetable and mutton cooked together, and it could be warmed up over a brazier or even, at a pinch, over a candle stump, in a few seconds. One "Maconochie" was a square meal for two hungry soldiers, though occasionally one met a boastful journeyman who swore he could "do in" a whole one to his own cheek. They were wholesome fare, and appetizing, under a regime of biscuits and bully, and, unlike some other army purveyors, Mr. Thomas Atkins bears the firm no ill will.

END OF BIG ESTATES.
Big estates are steadily being broken up. One of the most important estate agents in the country told me today that he doubted very much whether in 10 years' time there would be any left in the country. He instanced the bitter complaint of the heir to a large property in the West Country, who finds himself compelled to sell portions of an estate, once compact, in the efficient upkeep of which his family had taken a pride for generations. Death duties, higher taxation, increased cost of maintenance, lower rentals, largely due to cheaper travel facilities, and the poor return on land investments, all combined to force him to transfer his fortune to more remunerative industrial fields. The estate agent told me that the old owners usually showed great consideration for old tenants, many of whom acquired their holdings on generous terms, few will rent them, and, while many remain desolate, others are broken up like old battleships.

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BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA OPENS DEPARTMENT HERE FOR MARITIMES

Recognizes Importance of Financial Business in Atlantic Provinces by Department; H. L. Enman Will Have Charge With Staff of About Fourteen

A DEPARTMENT of the Bank of Nova Scotia for the supervision of all the branches of the institution in the Maritime Provinces has been established here and it began to function today. The establishment of this department at Saint John is a marked departure of the bank's policy of centralization of supervision at Toronto and is a noteworthy recognition of the importance of the financial business of the Maritime Provinces by one of the leading institutions of Canada. The eastern supervisor will be H. L. Enman, who came from Toronto to assume his new duties. "Mr. Enman is a former Moncton man but has been in Upper Canada for the last twenty years. He is a son-in-law of E. Allan Schofield of this city."

Mr. Enman will have as assistant T. G. McMaster, who is also in the of New Brunswick before its interests city, as are two inspectors, H. H. Lein became merged with those of the present establishment. The entire floor has been remodeled to accommodate the staff of the department and the car loads of furniture and files arrived on Saturday from Toronto and have been installed. R. H. Anderson, who has been supervisor of the Bank of Nova Scotia for the Maritime Provinces, has been retired on pension after 44 years of faithful service. Eric S. McNeill, who has been acting in this capacity for the past year, is leaving Saint John for Toronto in the course of a few days.

Deaths
Mrs. D. E. Fisher
Mrs. Deborah E. Fisher, widow of George S. Fisher, passed away on Saturday, Feb. 27, after an illness of about three months. Mrs. Fisher was born in Portland, Maine, and had lived about 70 years in Saint John.

TRAGIC ACCIDENT IN RAILWAY TOWN
Moncton Boy, 7, Killed By Coasting Under Milk Delivery Sled
MONCTON, Feb. 28.—Little Llewellyn Steeves, seven year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Steeves, 333 High street, was the victim of a tragic accident outside his home Saturday forenoon, when he was run over by a milk train, driven by John Gibson, Harrville. The young lad was coasting from a high bank of snow which ran down from the verandah of the house to the street. He did not notice the team, apparently, and when he let his sled go he backed under the feet of the horse and the runner on the side of the sleigh, farthest away from where he started, ran over him.

The victim was carried into his home by Mr. Gibson, and Dr. J. A. MacNugent was summoned. When he arrived, a very few minutes later, it was seen that the boy was too badly hurt to live and he died within half an hour after the accident. Mr. Gibson went to the police station at once and reported the accident to Chief Hutchinson.

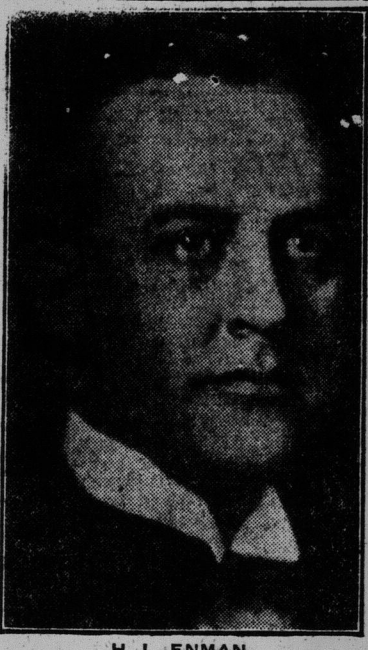
Many children were playing in the street at the time and Mr. Gibson said he had been afraid that something would happen. There seemed to be dozens of boys and girls running, making snowballs, and sliding. They were jumping on and off of his sled and coasting down the bank on the sides of the street.

MAY PHONE FROM TRAIN.
NAUEN, March.—A regular telephone service from the Hamburg-Berlin express train has been put in operation. By means of a combination of radio and telephone, it will be possible to reach all parts of Germany from the trains.

GUIDES COMPLAIN.
LONDON, March 1.—Blind men who act as guides to pedestrians when fog settle over London have been complaining because of the lack of "business" due to this winter's weather, which has been exceptionally clear and cold.

WHO IS YOUR SKINNY FRIEND, ETHEL?
Tell him to take McCoy's Cod Liver Extract Tablets for a couple of months and get enough good healthy flesh on his bones to look like a real man.

Comes To Saint John



H. L. ENMAN who becomes bank supervisor of eastern branches, Bank of Nova Scotia here.

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Boy Drifts On Ice Down Charles River
BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 27.—Arthur Lamson, 8 years old, Newton, rode down the Charles River on a cake of ice, and while excited persons along the bank at Watertown shouted advice and encouragement and summoned police and firemen, a piece of luck, of which the boy was quick to take advantage, brought the cruise to a safe end.

A slight cross-current whirled the ice cake around and started it toward the shore. Arthur crouched on the edge of the cake and when only a few feet separated it from the bank, about a quarter of a mile from the point where the cruise started, the lad jumped safely ashore.

GLASS BROKEN
The police report finding a large glass broken in the window of Robert Short's barber shop, Prince Edward street, yesterday morning.

AAGE PREFERS ARMY TO ROYAL THRONE

Danish Prince Cites Wales as Example of Objections to Being King

CHICAGO, March 1.—Being a king is a "horrible business," Prince Aage of Denmark told reporters on his arrival last night for a lecture. "What I mean," he said, "is that you always have half a dozen aides following you and trying to protect you. It's too standardized. You belong to the nation, not yourself. Give me the army."

The Prince of Wales, Prince Aage's second cousin, was one of his arguments against the king business. "Every time the Prince of Wales tries an especially hazardous piece of horsemanship and chances to fall, everybody laughs at it," he explained. "Now when I take a spill down in Morocco fighting the Rifis, I just rub myself and that's the end of it."

H. B. MANAGER DEAD
SASKATON, Sask., Mar. 1.—C. H. Fair, manager of the Hudson's Bay store since October, 1923, died here suddenly yesterday morning at the age of 52. Mr. Fair was born in Toronto.

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(Costume Dept.—Second Floor.)

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These are in all the newest shades, as well as navy and black. Styles, too, are very smart, featuring the cape, modified flare, godets and pleats, as well as the more conservative straight style.

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(Costume Dept.—Second Floor.)

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(Men's Clothing—Second Floor.)

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