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H. B. PLANS ASSESSMENT ON INCOME, PERSONAL PROPERTY AND REAL ESTATE

Will Not Go Into Effect Until 1927; Deficit of \$666,334 For This Year Is Estimated In Budget Speech Today

Amusement Tax Doubled, Three Cent Gas Tax Proposed and Levies on Banks and Insurance Companies Increased

MUNICIPALITIES TO PAY MORE

Reduction of Interest on Overdrafts From 5 1/2 to 5 Per Cent, Leger Calls Only Bright Spot in Budget; Extra Revenue Needed on Account of Reduction in Liquor and Lumber Receipts

Canadian Press

FREDERICTON, March 25—New Brunswick's revenue for the fiscal year ending October 31st, 1926, was estimated at \$3,695,771 by Hon. A. J. Leger, Provincial Secretary-Treasurer, in his first budget speech delivered in the Legislature this afternoon.

This amount is scarcely \$30,000 more than the gross revenue of the last year, despite the introduction of the predicted new forms of taxation as well as the increasing of various existing taxes, and the deficit on the current year's operations is placed at \$666,334, as compared with the gross deficit shown in the public accounts for the last year of \$756,589.

The expenditure from ordinary revenue is estimated at \$4,362,105 as compared with \$4,518,439 in 1925, a decrease of \$156,334 being more than accounted for by the fact that the provision which must be made of the public debt in interest and sinking funds has grown from \$1,189,821 last year to \$1,460,850 required for this year.

Predicts Deficit

One of the most important features of the new provincial secretary-treasurer's first budget speech was the announcement of new forms of taxation which it is proposed to recoup the treasury for the loss of \$160,000 in revenue from the operations of the New Brunswick Board of Liquor Commissioners and more than \$200,000 of a falling off in stumpage collections for lumber cut upon the crown lands of the province as well as some other minor reductions, which bring the total to be made up by new forms on revenue to approximately \$600,000.

Chiefly, these new taxation proposals are: Increase of tax upon banks from 1-30 to 1-10 of 1 per cent on gross business doing business in the province.

Increase of tax upon life and fire insurance companies from 2 to 3 per cent of gross business done within the province.

Readjustment of the tax on admission tickets for amusements so as to double the revenue received therefrom.

Imposition of a tax of 3 cents per gallon on gasoline.

These changes, if approved by the House, will all go into effect during the present year.

It is also proposed that the municipalities shall bear a larger proportion of the cost of maintenance of their patients in the provincial hospital at Fredericton.

INCOME-ESTATE TAX

Last, but not of least importance, the government proposes to introduce a bill which will permit the levying of a tax for provincial purposes upon real estate, personal estate and income based on valuations for municipal or civic assessment purposes. This will not go into effect until 1927, inasmuch as the assessments for this year have already been made by the municipalities.

It is expected that the rate of this tax will be about 20 or 25 cents on \$100 of valuations, which would be about \$200 for the past year under the old road tax, which is 40 cents on \$100 valuation.

ONE BRIGHT SPOT

About the only bright spot in the budget, as the new Provincial Secretary-Treasurer himself expressed it, was an announcement that in future the province will pay the banks five per cent, instead of 5 1/2 per cent, on overdrafts. This change will put this province on the same interest arrangement with the banks as enjoyed by Nova Scotia, it was explained. The new amusement tax rates will also be the same as effective in Nova Scotia, the amount which the public pay being continued as at present, with an equal amount to be paid by the theatres, thus producing an estimated revenue of \$100,000, as compared with about one-half of the present municipal rates.

LIQUOR REVENUE DOWN

The estimates showed an anticipated reduction from \$229,114 to \$175,000 from the operations of the New Brunswick Liquor Commission, whose sales are evidently to be cut about in half by the strict enforcement of the Prohibition Act. Enforcement of the act, however, is apparently not to be much of a revenue producer as only \$60,000 is expected from that source as compared with \$44,256 last year. Stumpage returns are estimated as

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Recapitulation, 1926 Estimates

Table with columns: Revenue, Expenditure. Items include Dominion subsidy, Public debt, Dept. Attorney-General, etc.

DECISION IN MINTO PROBE DUE TODAY

Further Hearing Given Minto and Operators and Case is Closed

FREDERICTON, March 25.—The board of commissioners named by the provincial government to investigate the dispute between the Minto Coal Co. and its employees expects today to reach a final decision. The board began the preparation of its report Wednesday morning. It was decided to make a final effort to get a committee of miners to appeal and hear a proposition of the board.

Last night four delegates arrived from Minto to represent the men. Messrs McBurney and DeWolf are the representatives. J. A. Standre and Harry Walker accompanied them.

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NEW EGG CIRCLES ARE ESTABLISHED

Receipts to April 1 Will Total 1,000 Cases, Supt. Wood Reports

Special to The Times-Star FREDERICTON, March 25.—Provincial Supt. Leslie G. Wood reports the establishment of new egg circles at Little Aldoune, Kent county, St. Paul, Kent county and Corhill, Kent county. The situation also is encouraging for the establishment of circles at Gagetown and Canterbury. These circles will operate in connection with the N. B. Poultry Exchange at Saint John.

HEALTH AND EDUCATION

There is to be no reduction in the Department of Health expenditures, \$102,000 being estimated for this year, which was the amount expended last year.

The cost of education continues to increase; last year it was \$506,226, and this year it is expected to require \$539,761. Prohibition act enforcement cost \$78,845 last year; this year's estimated cost is placed at only \$60,000.

French Franc Down To New Low Mark

PARIS, March 25.—Nervousness in Paris regarding the approaching financial debate in the Chamber of Deputies has brought the franc to the lowest official rating since the world war. The dollar opened Wednesday at 28.85, reached 28.79, and closed at 28.61.

MANAGEMENT OF PROVINCE LANDS TO BE PROBED

Special Sub-Committee of Public Accounts Is Appointed

SURVEY CRITICIZED

Complaint Also Made Against Expense Accounts of W. H. Allen, Guide

Special to The Times-Star FREDERICTON, N. B., March 25.—A thorough investigation of the management of the crown lands of the province was decided upon this morning by the Public Accounts Committee for the purpose of submitting recommendations in this regard to the legislature.

For the purposes of this investigation, a sub-committee consisting of J. L. Peck, of Albert, J. W. Smith, of Kings, A. D. Taylor, of Sunbury, and Hon. B. Frank Smith, of Carleton, chairman of the Public Accounts Committee, was appointed.

The sub-committee will call in expert advice in connection with the investigation to be proceeded with at an early date, in addition to hearing the opinions of the departmental officials.

VALUES DEPRECIATED

During the discussion leading up to this action by the Public Accounts Committee, the forest classification survey came in for some criticism as an expenditure showing no return.

The survey had not been kept up to date, claimed Mr. Taylor, who also said that there was something wrong if the valuation of crown lands had depreciated from approximately \$20,000,000 to some \$25,000,000 or \$30,000,000 in twenty-five years. This would hardly ensure a return of one per cent in the view of depreciation charges, he claimed.

Accounts of W. Harry Allen, president of the New Brunswick Guides Association, for expenses in connection with advertising tours in the United States, were also criticized. It was claimed that Mr. Allen utilized his trips at the expense of the department for private bookings as a guide in the Cain river district.

CANADA REGARDED AS MONOPOLY AREA

Difficulties Arise Over Export of Rails From British Dominions

BY HERBERT BAILEY British United Press LONDON, March 25.—Canada is being regarded as a "monopoly area" under the new steel rail pact and some difficulties have arisen between members of the cartel on the export of rails from Canada and the other Dominions.

The members declare however, that difficulties will soon be straightened out and then the agreement will be signed here which will be headquarters of the cartel.

The quotas of rails for export are fixed at the following figures:—48 per cent for Britain; Germany and France together 40 per cent; Belgium, 10 per cent; Luxembourg, 6 1/2 per cent. The signatory of the cartel shall enjoy complete immunity from competition in its own home market. What effect this will have on the price of rails in Canada is not known but the tendency will obviously be an upward one in price.

World News In Short Metre

HELENA, Mont.—Two slight but distinct earthquake shocks, lasting several seconds each, were felt here late yesterday. Although they were quite pronounced at Kenwood, a suburb, no damage was reported.

BRANDON, Man.—James E. George, 60, a resident of Western Canada since 1882 and well-known milling expert, is dead at his home here.

OTTAWA—It has been decided not to introduce any changes this year respecting the present regulations governing the buying and selling of eggs, the Department of Agriculture announces.

Joint Pastorate of Husband and Wife Proves To Be Failure; Neb. Church Asks Them To Quit

United Press. OMAHA, Neb., March 25.—Joint pastorate of husband and wife can never work out successfully, the Board of Trustees of the Plymouth Congregational church here said Wednesday in asking the resignation of the Rev. Frank Anderson and his wife, the Rev. A. Stone Anderson.

For five years the couple has held the pastorate, but under their leadership attendance and receipts have suffered a drop. C. M. Thompson, treasurer, said: "We must have someone to bring in the dollars. Churches are having enough trouble in existing anyway."

The Rev. Mr. Anderson blamed the resignation request on himself, saying he was his wife's "greatest handicap."

"Had she had someone as capable as she is, there would have been no trouble. I am going to some theological seminary to study, and my wife probably will accept a pulpit in some other town," the minister said.

Chinese National Armies In Retreat

Canadian Press LONDON, March 25.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from Peking says an airplane in which General Feng Yu Hsiang, leader of the defeated National Army fled to Mongolia, was forced to descend in the Gobi Desert in Southern Mongolia.

Feng's main armies, defeated on all sides, are said to be retreating from the crest of a mountain range toward Kalgan to escape the allied opponents.

FREDERICTON ASKS GRAND FALLS SHARE

Trade Board Wants Power For Development of Industries—Resolution Passed

FREDERICTON, March 25.—A request that Fredericton be included in the distribution of Grand Falls power reserved for the province under the new proposed development is contained in a resolution adopted by the Fredericton Board of Trade recently, copies of which have been sent to Premier Baxter, Hon. E. A. Reilly, chairman of the Board of Trade, Commission, and Hon. C. D. Richards.

The resolution says it is pleased to learn that a certain amount has been received for public use under government control, and that in order to assist in the development of industries in the city as well as for use of the citizens generally that a reservation be made for Fredericton. The communication is signed Alexander Murray, president of the Fredericton Board of Trade.

LOWEST ESTIMATE OF DEAD NOW IS 38

Another Report Says 83 Lost in River Infeated By Crocodiles

RIO DE JANEIRO, March 25.—Details of the disaster with which the small steamer Pae De Carvalho met last Monday, 1,200 miles up the Amazon River in tropical water, infested by crocodiles, are being anxiously awaited here. The steamer is variously reported as having been burned and blown up with heavy casualties, one report giving the aggregate dead as 83 and another 88.

As the disaster occurred in an almost uninhabited section on the Salinas River, one of the upper branches of the Amazon, communication is difficult. The latest information is that fire broke out in a third class cabin, where a man had been smoking.

This report said the captain, second officer, first engineer, nine members of the crew and 25 passengers were lost.

Churchill Sees U. S. Profit By Money From War-Torn Lands

By H. BAILEY British United Press LONDON, March 25.—The statement of Winston Churchill, second United States will receive from Europe through all debt channels an equivalent of 60 per cent of the total German reparations and the first 60 per cent that is payable and that Britain for the next three generations will pay to the United States £100,000 a day is regarded as throwing a clear light on the whole debt problem and showing the necessity of some rearrangement.

The Chancellor in the course of his address said "it seems to me that the extraordinary situation is developing. By all channels of pressure the ex- traction of debt payments will be drawn from the war devastated countries of Europe and will pass in an unbroken stream across the Atlantic to that wealthy and prosperous nation the United States."

ONTARIO KILLS LIQUOR CONTROL BY GOVERNMENT

Division In Legislature Comes After All Night Session

VOTE IS 84 TO 10

Premier Threatens Court Action Against Rancor For "Cigar Box" Remarks

Canadian Press TORONTO, Ont., March 25.—The Brackin amendment to the budget speech was defeated this morning, after an all-night session of the legislature, by a vote of 84 to 10. This amendment favored the sale of liquor in Ontario under a system of government control.

At eight o'clock the Legislature was still sitting and the debate continuing on the "government control" amendment of R. L. Brackin, Liberal, West Kent. The House had then been in continuous session since 3 p. m. on Wednesday, with the exception of the adjournment for dinner.

RANCOR IS THREATENED. W. E. N. Sinclair, Liberal leader, had floor at 8 a. m. and was followed by Premier Ferguson, who in the early hours of this morning threatened R. L. Brackin, Progressive leader, with court action if he (Mr. Rancor) repeated outside the House, ill remarks regarding the "cigar box" incident and Home Bank "trunk."

Mr. Rancor had stated "one would have thought that the Prime Minister, as a member of the former government, would have seen to it, that the matter was cleared up."

YORK DELEGATION ASKS NEW BRIDGE

Request Government to Span Saint John River at Temple

Special to The Times-Star FREDERICTON, March 25.—The Provincial Government was waited upon this morning by a delegation of representatives of the western part of York county, particularly the parishes of Southampton and Canterbury.

Premier Baxter and Hon. D. A. Stewart, Minister of Public Works, received the delegation which presented a request for construction of a bridge across the Saint John river between Temple, in the parish of Canterbury and Upper Southampton.

The delegation was accompanied by members from York county. Representations were made that traffic conditions were such that the bridge requested would be of great advantage to the residents of the districts and to the general public. A ferry service is maintained there under existing arrangements.

The site of the proposed bridge is some six miles above the so called Pokok bridge.

The Weather

SYNOPSIS—Pressure is low and the weather unsettled from the Great Lakes eastward, while pressure is high and the weather fair and moderately cold in the Western Provinces.

FORECASTS: Cloudy, Snow Flurries. MARITIME—Fresh wind, cloudy, showers tonight. Friday, Strong winds or moderate gale from northwest and west, cloudy and becoming a little colder, probably snow flurries.

NEW ENGLAND—Showers this afternoon and probably tonight. Friday fair and colder, fresh to strong southwest winds this afternoon, shifting to strong northwest tonight. Temperatures: TORONTO, March 25.—Lowest 6 a.m. Yesterday night

Table with columns: Location, Temperature. Includes Victoria, Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Toronto, Montreal, Saint John, New York.