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Monday, January 25, 1954.

Death Of Mr. Wrong: Ottawa, Jan. 24 (CP) -- Mr. H. Hume Wrong, Canada's second highest foreign affairs officer and a former Ambassador to Washington died here today. He was 59.

He was Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs and previously had served in London, Geneva and Washington. Mr. Wrong was one of Canada's most polished and seasoned diplomats.

More than half his nearly 27 years in the service was spent in Washington where he helped establish the first Canadian Legation.

He was a familiar figure to most international diplomats because of his service on Canadian delegations to wartime and post-war conferences and was a friend of the last four United States Presidents.

Mr. Pearson, a close friend of Mr. Wrong since their comradeship in France in the First World War, described him today as "the finest type of public servant" and said "no man has made a greater contribution to the building up of Canada's foreign service or to the wise administration of Canada's foreign policies".

Mr. St. Laurent said: "I have heard with deep regret - personal and official - of the passing of Hume Wrong. Canada has lost a great public servant. I shall lose a good friend and wise counsellor."

Mr. Wrong died of a heart ailment. He entered hospital for treatment last November only a fortnight after taking over his latest assignment, as Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs. He had appeared to be making a good recovery but a second attack caused him to re-enter hospital Saturday....

December Deficit Reduces "Surplus": Ottawa, Jan. 22 (CP) -- The Government went into the red \$34,687,000 in December, cutting the nine-month surplus to \$240,381,000.

Expenditures declined slightly through lower defence payments, but revenues took a more pronounced drop, the monthly treasury statement showed today.

Second monthly decline in the 1953-54 fiscal year, revenues slid by \$19,308,000 in December to \$379,106,000 from \$398,414,000 in the previous year. This compared with the \$2,000,000 drop in October.

Expenditures decreased by \$12,375,000 to \$413,793,000 from \$426,168,000. Increases showed on the civilian side of Government expenditures, but defence spending was cut by \$26,390,000.

The December deficit of \$34,687,000 was up from the \$27,754,000 deficit in December, 1952, while the nine-month surplus of \$240,381,000 was down from the \$264,099,000 favourable balance in the similar 1952-53 period.

The treasury, budgeting for a year-end surplus of \$11,000,000, said collections and disbursements are running true to forecasts.

In the first nine months, about 71 per cent of total revenues of \$4,473,000,000 forecast for the year in last February's budget were collected. About 66 per cent of forecast expenditures of \$4,462,000,000 were made. This same percentage pattern prevailed in the previous fiscal year.

During December, collections from income taxes and customs duties declined. Personal income taxes deducted at source totalled \$72,308,000, down from \$77,319,000 in the previous year. Corporation income tax collections dropped to \$99,037,000 from \$106,573,000.

Collections from customs import duties slid to \$28,124,000 from \$33,223,000; excise duties to \$22,920,000 from \$25,236,000; and excise taxes to \$74,735,000 from \$83,457,000.