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GOOD NEWS
IN THE WANT ADS TODAY
ON PAGE 20.

THREE CENTS.

DEBT AND TAX CUTS BRING ENCOURAGEMENT

McGarry Denies Receiving Commissions On Deposits

BETTER IN WINDSOR UNIFORM THAN IN WINDSOR PROPHECY IS THE HONORABLE ARTHUR

The Tories Came To Scoff—
Remained To Pray For
Adjournment.

ARTHUR WAS DAZED

When Robb Finished, Opposi-
tion Went Out Into Caucus
—or Coma.

WHISPER SILENCED

By R. C. READE,
Special to The Advertiser.
by a Staff Correspondent.

Ottawa, April 11.—The gloom has been shattered by shafts of sunlight. The fog has lifted. The clouds have rolled away. The false prophets have been put to scorn. The budget has appeared like a sun and a sun of national optimism. It is evident now that Mr. Meighen looks much better in his Windsor uniform than in his Windsor prophecy.

Yesterday Mr. Robb sang like a spring robin a vernal song that rose high and sweet and clear over the whisper of death. The famous Mr. Meighen, who he was alive, would give us his blessing. The budget was not only balanced, but overbalanced, by a huge surplus of \$67,750,000. By so much did revenue exceed ordinary expenditures.

And there was wisdom in the use of \$30,409,000 to reduce our public debt. Canada is thus not a land that is headed for ruin, but a cornucopia overflowing with the fruits of the government economies.

Budget Is Balanced.

John F. Sinclair, the American economist, has declared that a first-class nation is one that balances its budget and has a favorable balance of trade. Well, we have more than balanced our budget, and we have in the last eleven months a favorable trade balance of \$158,524,797, not including "invisibles." We are a first-class nation.

Not only as a nation have we cash on hand, but as individuals we are going to have more cash on hand. Mr. Robb promises that the coming year there will be \$24,000,000 more in our pockets, thanks to reductions in the customs and sales tax revenue. The government is doing so nicely that it feels able to bonus the taxpayer. That means more oil for the wheels of industry and more cash over the counter. In Mr. Robb's words: "We will have factories running full time and tradesmen working full time to supply the needs of those who will have money to buy."

Consumers with cash in their pockets lined up at the doors of the stores. That proves to be the national skeleton which the Tories claimed to see in their camera obscura. And their ears deceived them even more than their eyes. They mistook the jingle of coin for the rattle of bones.

Robb Was Right To Point.

Mr. Robb's reply was terse, clear and brief, as was his manner. He was positive and to the point. He did not keep his audience long in suspense. He confirmed or dashed their hopes with a minimum of delay. He never paused for dramatic effects. He was ruthlessly economic and never needlessly histrionic.

When he was done, there was no mistaking his message. He showed the Dempsey punch, the trick of delivering a fiscal knockout with a slight movement of the fist. He shot across to the Conservative benches his debt reduction, balanced budget, tariff cuts and sales tax slash all with one short-handled iron jab.

Mr. Meighen laughed at the blow started. He was dazed when it finished. His jerry-built Windsor Jeremiah fell like a house on fire. The speech from the throne, he thought, had been only a bluff.

Sir Henry Drayton declared that the acting finance minister had made "the best of an impossible job."

Made Best of Situation.

He, too, made the best of an impossible situation. He asked for time that the Conservatives might consider by what strategy they might best extricate themselves from this tariff cut de sac. Those who came to scoff remained just long enough to pray for an adjournment.

The Progressives on the whole took the budget during its reading as coolly as if they were just clipping coupons from a guaranteed bond.

The Liberals as if knowing what

5 Big Points

1. National budget is balanced with surplus of \$67,750,000.
2. Of this surplus \$30,409,000 are applied to reduce national debt.
3. National taxes are reduced by \$24,000,000.
4. Tariff reductions on implements of production in industries based on sources, including agriculture, lumbering, fisheries, and mining.
5. General reduction in sales tax with extended list of sales tax exemptions.

way to come early started an accompaniment of applause which rose at the end to a real Mendelssohn chorus climax.

The Progressives, under the lead of Mr. Robb, began to sway to the insidious lower tariff rhythm, and at the end burst suddenly into community singing. The whole chamber was covered with a thick blanket of sound at one time, of which the Conservative corner there was a very noticeable hole. After the budget the subsequent proceedings interested them no more. They went out into a caucus or into a coma. There was only a corporal's guard left to protect the treasury from more branch lines, and more estimates of the department of interior. Rapidly the remaining ten resolutions for western lines were turned into bills, given their first and second readings. Speaker Lemieux obligingly postponed his dinner for fifteen minutes to satisfy the west's impatience.

Debated Long on Budget.

In the evening the Hon. Charles Stewart, minister of the interior, made a purely formal appearance in the witness box. His examination for discovery revealed little but last night's Conservative blunder. He secured with ease a total vote of \$1,703,125 for fire prevention and surveys of water and power resources. Mr. Meighen, disappointed in the budget, was determined to have some kind of protection, and argued earnestly for forest protection.

The evening was spent by the bulk of the members, not in the House, but out of it, in the discussion of the budget. The debate was only adjourned to the members' rooms. Yet few were willing as yet to sign their diagnosis.

Mr. Meighen, however, made a long formal public statement, and was perhaps as rash in judgment as in prophecy. To him the budget was an act of apostasy. The tariff reductions were an irrational attack on special industries and localities. The reduction of the national debt and the tax reduction were in fact a betrayal of the nation.

Tommy Church's Opinion.

T. L. Church summed up his criticism in one crisp phrase, "It means the ruin of Toronto." Toronto, in short, would be torpedoed. Hamilton, he said, would be torpedoed. Brantford, he said, would be torpedoed. He said that the U. S. over the lumbering ruins of our tariff wall. The social debt reduction was a fallacious, and the tax reduction was in fact a betrayal of the nation.

Mr. Marler said it is not my budget, but it is a grand thing for the Liberal party. Many of the real, honest-to-goodness tariff-slashing Liberals were confident that it was a great thing for the country.

The Progressives did not with their lips confess the satisfaction of their heart. They claimed to regard it as only a panacea for an overdue debt. It was not a panacea for all Progressive, but a gesture of justice, a handclasp of sympathy.

The budget, one gathered from these conversations, has not quite filled the west's cup full to overflowing. The Conservatives had a very capacious cup, but it proved that there was at last water at the bottom of a long dry well. The budget was just a few first drops sprinkled in libation to crows. The question said one westerner, "Is simply this: Will it prevent the farmer from quitting the farm?" One-third are prosperous, one-third have still a fighting chance, and the remainder are bankrupt. The tariff will give the farmer hope that there is at last an end in sight to his purgatory. It cannot materially harm the manufacturer. His real trouble is the farmers' decreased purchasing power. The farmer has suffered. If the manufacturer suffers, it is his turn to suffer.

One can pictorially epitomize the budget in this way. Mr. Robb slashed and slashed with his tariff knife at the cords that tie the veiling of a monument. Down fell the canvas, and there, according to the angle of observation, stood plain to view either a statue of victory, a Tory tombstone, or a western milestone.

London Businessmen Express
Great Satisfaction With
Improved Conditions.

THORNTON IS PRAISED

Retailers in All Lines Favor the
Sales Tax—Tariff Reduction
Attacked.

MAY REDUCE HOURS

Business and financial men in London express great satisfaction with Canada's improved economic condition, as outlined in the budget speech delivered by Hon. J. A. Robb. Opinions differ regarding the effect of tariff changes, some men being openly pessimistic, but the sales tax reductions meet with general approval.

The credit balance of more than \$15,000,000, announced by Sir Henry Thornton of the C. N. R., indicates the road has now been put on a profitable basis. Col. W. M. Gartshore, head of the McClary Manufacturing Company, stated the C. N. R. report showed "good management" and would be greeted with satisfaction everywhere.

All retailers were satisfied with the reduction in sales tax. Although the decrease is only one per cent, it will make for simplified bookkeeping and will doubtless stimulate buying. The retail trade is not substantially affected one way or the other, however. It is manufacturers and wholesalers who are most vitally interested in the budget provisions.

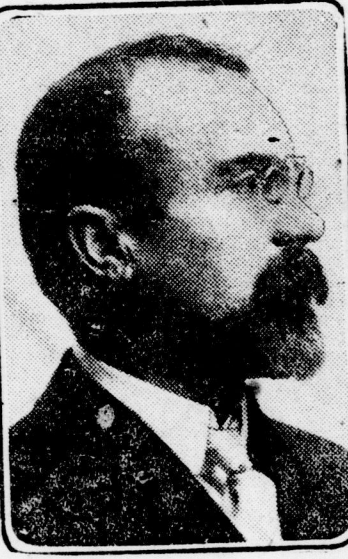
Prove Advantageous.

William Turnbull, president of the Ontario Wholesale Grocers' Association, said the sales tax cut, the reduction of the national debt and the decrease in duty on farming implements would prove eminently advantageous to the country. Only two doubtful features were contained in the taxation proposals: One, the putting into operation of the reduced sales tax without warning to wholesalers, involving loss among those who had stocked up goods under the old tax levy; the other was the exemption of sales tax for factories in the budget, which was determined to produce a loss of \$10,000,000 worth of products per annum.

"The whole country will be delighted to learn that Canada's debt has been reduced and that the sales tax has been cut," Mr. Turnbull said. "Speaking from a wholesaler's point of view, however, it is regrettable that tariff changes are to go into effect immediately. This means that wholesalers must pay the old tax on goods purchased up to date. I think the government should, in all fairness, allow us a rebate."

Boots and Shoes.
The reduction in boot and shoe taxation of more than 50 per cent will "help out a great deal," drew Garvis, manager of the Murray Shoe Company, stated. The previous sales tax was 6 per cent, and has been reduced to 3 per cent.

Please See Also Pages
6 AND 7 FOR FURTHER
DETAILS OF BUDGET.



LOUIS BARTHOU,
president of the reparations commission, who today signed the official declaration of that body accepting the recommendations in the Dawes report on the adjustment of affairs in Germany.

MARCONI'S WIFE SECURES DIVORCE

Takes Advantage of Fiume
Laws To Secure Separation
From Inventor.

Associated Press Despatch.
Rome, April 11.—Taking advantage of the laws of Fiume just before the annexation of the city to Italy, Signora Guglielmo Marconi recently obtained a divorce from the famous wireless inventor, it has just become known. The Italian laws do not allow divorce.

News of the separation became public together with the announcement that Signora Marconi had married the Marquis Liborio Marignolo. Friends of the inventor now are speculating as to whether he intends to remain single or follow the example of his former wife.

The Marconis were married in St. George's Church, London, in 1905. She was the Hon. Beatrice O'Brien, fifth daughter of Lady Inchiquin, half sister of the present Lord Inchiquin.

AIR PILOTS BOMBING HONDURAN CAPITAL

No Casualties Reported Among
U. S. Naval Forces Exercising There.

Associated Press Despatch.
Washington, April 11.—Air pilots of Honduran revolutionary forces have begun bombing raids on the capital, and have killed a number of women and children.

Four bombs were dropped near the grounds, where members of the landing force from the United States cruiser Milwaukee were exercising, but destruction to the navy department today from Rear Admiral Dayton made no mention of any casualties among the United States naval forces.

REPARATION COMMISSION APPROVES OF REPORT

Experts' Recommendations Will
Be Acted Upon If Ger-
many Agrees.

HEARING APRIL 17

Louis Barthou Signs the Official
Declaration Accepting the
Dawes Report.

Associated Press Despatch.
Paris, April 11.—The reparations commission today officially approved the report submitted to it by the experts committee Wednesday on the German reparations question. The recommendation of the commission is that the report be approved conditional upon the acceptance of it by Germany. The commission was unanimous in registering its approval.

The reparations commission will hear the German representatives regarding the report on Thursday, April 17. The commission's decision is expected to be final.

An official declaration by the commission, signed by Louis Barthou, its president, accepting the experts' report was issued shortly after 6:30 o'clock this evening.

The unanimous decision of the commission, says a Hayas Agency statement, was that the report offered a practicable basis for the settlement of the reparations problem.

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SCHOOL BOARD MAKES MOVE TOWARD ECONOMY

Dismisses J. Willis, Clerk of
Works, in Order To Save
Money.

An economy move by the London Board of Education was instituted when it decided after some discussion to give J. Willis, clerk of works, who has been looking after the construction on the new London West School on Empress avenue, notice that his services would not be required in future.

It was stated by Trustee Lawson, who initiated the move, that the board would thereby save as much money as would erect the proposed new dressing rooms below the stage in the auditorium. He was backed up in this by Trustee Rev. R. D. Mess, and both trustees felt sure that Architect Carothers could quite well do the work himself. They agreed that Mr. Willis should get the customary time allowance, and added that if new work was started by the board in the summer or fall that Mr. Willis should get the first offer of it.

132 JOB CERTIFICATES ARE HELD BY CHILDREN

This Is Nineteen Less Than
Were in Force in
1923.

Chief Attendance Officer M. M. Sims in his monthly report told the board of education that there were at present 132 employment certificates in force in the city, allowing children below 16 years of age to work in factories in accordance with the terms of the adolescent act.

This is 19 less than were in force in March, 1923. In general, public school attendance shows an increase of 1 per cent over March of last year, which was characterized by the trustees as very commendable in view of the vaccination situation in the city.

LEADERS VICTORIOUS.

There was a softball game at the "Y" last night. It created a great deal of excitement and resulted in the Leaders trimming the Staff by a score of 3-2.

There was a pitcher's battle between Gordon Butler of the Y. M. C. A. staff and Earl Cadwallader. The batters leaned so heavily on two of the "fast ones" that two bats were broken.



JOHN GREER,
who was unanimously chosen president of the Irish Benevolent Society at the annual meeting held in the Tecumseh House last night. Preliminary plans were also made for the big Irish picnic in the summer.

STINNES' DEATH IS BLOW TO GERMANY

Great Industrial Leader Fought
in Vain Against Ravages
of Death.

Associated Press Despatch.
Berlin, April 11.—Germany's "strong man of industry" is gone, with the passing of Hugo Stinnes, and speculation was rife today as to the ultimate effect, both on the internal situation and on the reparations settlement. The end came at 8:30 o'clock last night when his frame, weakened by the effects of three major operations within four weeks, the man who would admit of no defeat in the marts of trade, bowed to the ravages of disease.

It was characteristic of him that even in the final hours he asked for the details of the Dawes report on the reparations problem.

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M'GARRY JUSTIFIES U.F.O. PURCHASE OF INSCRIBED STOCK

Former Provincial Treasurer
Approves Transactions of
Harry Pepall.

SMITH NOT PRESENT

Receiving of Commissions On
Deposits Vigorously Denied
by McGarry.

Special to The Advertiser.
Toronto, April 11.—Breathing fire and defiance to any and all who would impugn his honesty, Hon. T. W. McGarry, former provincial treasurer in the Tory cabinet, came before the public accounts committee of the Legislature today and gave it a noisy and tumultuous hour.

He denied that he had received a nickel for himself or the Tory party funds out of the deals with the Home Bank. But he admitted that while provincial treasurer he had helped the bank was known as a Catholic institution and some of the directors were personal friends of his, and at that J. Harvey's request, in 1918, he had made a large deposit of provincial funds so that the Home Bank deposits might reach the total of \$20,000,000. This was not done to fool the shareholders or depositors, he added, but to help the bank make a good annual statement.

When Mr. McGarry crossed swords with Liberal Leader Sinclair and U. F. O. Leader Doherty, Mr. McGarry grew somewhat excited and he declared that he would like to see the session turned into a political meeting.

Celebrated U.F.O. Victory.

He caused laughter also by telling savagely how he celebrated the U. F. O. victory of 1919, and had to go to French Lick Springs to thaw out. He Please See Page 4, Columns 6 and 7.

DAMAGE CLAIMS LAID AGAINST SCHOOL BOARD

Father of the Late Vera Keyes
Claims \$3,000 Expended
On Doctor Bills.

The school trustees are faced with two claims for damages in connection with accidents said to have occurred in the school buildings. One is the case of Vera Keyes, who while a pupil in St. George's School in 1908 was injured when the ceiling fell in. She has been ill ever since until her death a few days ago. Her father, in a letter to the board read at last night's meeting, stated that he had spent over \$2,000 in nursing and doctor's bills, his daughter being confined to her bed for 16 years. He asked the board whether it could do anything to meet this expense.

The other case is that of the daughter of A. F. Kelly, a pupil of the school, who while playing in the grounds fell and cut her knee on a tin. He claims \$50 from the board and encloses doctor's bills for this amount. No 2 committee of the board will go into both these cases and suggest what action the board should take.

SPRAYING EXPERT TELLS GROWERS OF METHODS

James A. Neilson of the Vineland horticultural experimental station conducted spraying and bridge grafting demonstration in the Byron Sanatorium orchard yesterday afternoon. Many members of the London Fruit Growers' Association were present and derived much new information from Mr. Neilson.

CONSIDER MARINE ACT.

Associated Press Despatch.
Washington, April 11.—Consideration of Section 28, of the Merchant Marine Act, was continued today by the House merchant marine committee, with representatives of the Interstate Commerce Commission present to testify in regard to its enforcement.

THE LAST TEN YEARS

The following table shows Canada's receipts and expenditures during the last ten years:

	Receipts.	Expenditures.
1915	\$123,070,481	\$126,523,206
1916	172,147,838	126,559,727
1917	232,701,294	148,599,343
1918	269,778,553	178,284,313
1919	312,946,747	232,781,383
1920	349,740,335	303,843,930
1921	434,386,537	361,118,145
1922	381,952,387	347,560,691
1923	394,614,960	332,293,732
1924	396,000,000	328,250,000



PRESENTS ATTACK.
Lieut.-Col. L. C. Amery, former first lord of the admiralty, who punched the jaw of a Labor member, G. Buchanan, after the latter had called him a "little swine and guttersnipe" in a House of Commons Wednesday.

WESTERN PLANS FINAL RECEPTION

Winter Garden Will Be Scene
of Convocation Party
For Graduates.

The annual reception to the graduating class of the University of Western Ontario is to be held at the Winter Garden on April 28.

It was hoped that a date during convocation week could be chosen, but on account of the medical council examinations the idea could not be entertained without the possibility of creating a break between the faculties. The new university buildings will widen the present long distance between the faculties, and everything is being done to promote good fellowship and help to keep the faculties together in spirit. Cooperation is being urged on by the students of the different faculties.

The 1924 graduating dance will be the finest ever put on at Western. Novelties never used before in Canada will be introduced. The committee is sparing neither time nor expense to make the dance one that will be remembered for years to come. Unusual features have been planned.

The committee has secured the chairmanship of Lord and Lady Margaret Jones, and the chair of the dance will be occupied by Rennie and the daughter of the four of the province.

E. J. Jensen, secretary of the Y. M. C. A., is speaking at the weekly Y. M. C. A. service on Sunday. The subject of his address will be "Jesus' Death." He will also give a series of lectures on the life of Christ that have been given at the meetings of the Y. M. C. A. Club. Easter Sunday will mark the conclusion of the meetings for the year.

The Weather

FORECASTS.
Moderate winds, fair today and Saturday; cool tonight. The pressure is high from Manitoba to the Southwest States, the Gulf of Mexico and off the Atlantic coast.

The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours from 7 a.m. today were:

Locations	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	48	44	Cloudy
Calgary	38	24	Cloudy
Winnipeg	28	19	Fair
Fort Arthur	30	12	Cloudy
Sault Ste. Marie	26	22	Cloudy
Cochrane	24	4	Clear
Toronto	51	36	Fair
Kingston	40	30	Clear
Ottawa	48	26	Fair
Montreal	46	33	Clear
Quebec	43	36	Cloudy
St. John	35	32	Cloudy
Halifax	52	36	Cloudy

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 50; lowest, 28.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 35; lowest, 24.

Barometric Readings.
Thursday—8 a.m., 29.11.
Today—8 a.m., 29.62.

Newsy Bits From Today's Classified Ads.

- Acres adjoining city.
- Four colts for sale.
- Boy, with bicycle, wanted.
- First-floor apartment to let.
- Used furniture for sale.