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WEEK'S EVENTS IN REVIEW

SPECIAL BUDGET TAXES LUXURIES: The following are the highlights of the special budget submitted to Parliament by the Minister of Finance, Mr. Abbott, on September 7, which is designed to curb inflationary pressures and finance Canada's increased defence expenditures:

- Personal income taxes unchanged.
- Corporation income taxes increased five per cent, retroactive to September 1, 1950.
- Liquor taxes increased from \$11 to \$12 a proof gallon, effective immediately.
- Tax on malt used in beer increased from 16 to 21 cents a pound, effective immediately.
- New 30 per cent tax levied on soft drinks, candy and chewing gum, effective immediately.
- Tax of 50 cents a pound levied on carbonic acid gas used in fountain drinks, effective immediately.
- No change in rate or application of eight-per-cent sales tax; no revival of excess profits tax; no increase in tobacco taxes.
- Excise taxes increased from 10 to 15 per cent on motor cars, tires and tubes, effective immediately.
- Excise tax of 15 per cent levied on motorcycles and similar motor-driven vehicles, effective immediately.
- Excise taxes increased from 10 to 15 per cent on variety of semi-luxury goods, effective immediately.
- Excise tax of 15 per cent levied on golf clubs, golf balls, fishing rods and reels, effective immediately.

Excise tax of 15 per cent levied on variety of electrical household appliances, effective immediately.

Excise tax of 15 per cent levied on firearms and ammunition, except for military and police use, effective immediately.

Yield from new taxes estimated at \$58,900,000 for remainder current fiscal year ending March 31, 1951; \$189,500,000 over a full year.

Surplus of \$15,000,000 expected with revenues estimated at \$2,669,000,000 and expenditures at \$2,654,000,000.

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CONFERENCE ON TARIFFS AND TRADE: The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Pearson, announced on September 6 the composition of the Canadian delegation to the international Conference on Tariffs and Trade which is scheduled to open in Torquay, England, on September 28.

- The delegation will be as follows:
- Chairman of Delegation:** Mr. L.D. Wilgress, High Commissioner for Canada in the United Kingdom.
- Deputy Chairman:** Mr. H.B. McKinnon, Chairman, Canadian Tariff Board.
- Representatives:** Mr. J.J. Deutsch, Department of Finance; Dr. C.M. Isbister, Department of Trade and Commerce; Mr. W.J. Callaghan, Department of Finance; Mr. Louis Couillard, Department of External Affairs; Mr. A.L. Neal, Department of Trade and Commerce; Mr. S.S. Reisman, Department of