

9. That the Government will have to meet heavy charges in connection with the cost of providing added storage accommodation and for the change-over from butter to cheese.

10. That subsidies payable to primary producers amount to £1,398,000.

11. That the trading banks have agreed to reduce overdraft rates to a minimum of 4 per cent. and a maximum of 5 per cent. with a corresponding reduction in deposit rates.

12. That to help in the stabilization of prices, subsidies are being provided for bread, sugar, and coal and that other commodities will be stabilized in price as soon as the detailed work is completed.

13. That the retail-price index in the Dominion has advanced by 6½ per cent. only as compared with 8½ per cent. in Australia and 27½ per cent. in the United Kingdom.

14. That last year's surplus of £1,726,000 is being transferred from the Consolidated Fund to the War Expenses Account and that it is proposed to transfer a further £1,500,000 during the present financial year.

15. That some adjustment of income-tax procedure will be provided for during the present session of Parliament.

16. That there will be no increase in taxation during the current year.

17. That £600,000 has been set aside to meet the cost of medical benefits when agreement is reached with the doctors.

18. That the estimated expenditure on the Social Security benefits during the year amounts to £14,673,000.

19. That the Social Security benefits will be extended to—

(a) Providing family benefit for the first child under the same conditions as now operate for the second and subsequent children:

(b) Increasing from 5s. to 10s. per week the allowance payable to an age beneficiary in respect of his dependent wife and each of his children:

(c) Extending the maximum benefit for invalids with wife and children to £4 10s. per week.

(d) Increasing from 5s. to 10s. per week the allowance for children of War Veterans.

20. That a soldier's domestic allowance of 1s. per day will be paid to the families of all soldiers where there are children.

21. That the estimates of war expenditure during the present year total £69,700,000.

22. That the pay, allowances, and allotments of all soldiers will continue for three months after they are reported killed or missing.

23. That it is proposed to raise war loans in the Dominion for £10,000,000 at 2½ per cent. and 3 per cent. interest.

24. That it is anticipated that at least £3,000,000 will be subscribed this year to National Savings Accounts and Bonds.

25. That plans for rehabilitation, repatriation, and post-war expansion are in preparation.

26. That a War Damages Bill to cover loss through enemy action will be introduced during the present session of Parliament.

27. That the overseas debt (apart from war debt) has been reduced by £3,903,000 during the past year.

28. That the war costs incurred overseas up to 31st March last amounting to £5,988,000 have been repaid to the United Kingdom Government.

29. That internal war borrowing for last financial year amounted to £11,886,000.

30. That the debt domiciled in the Dominion, including the war debt, increased by £26,012,000 during the year.

31. That since 1935 the overseas debt, apart from war debt, has been reduced by £5,716,000.

32. That it is proposed to spend £12,950,000 loan-money on national development during the present financial year.

33. That 3,966 State houses were built in 1940–41, making a total of 10,425 from the inception of the scheme to 31st March last.