

BIG FOUR TO HELP AUSTRALIA

Plan to Balance All Budgets REPORT FOR LOAN COUNCIL IN FORTNIGHT

CANBERRA, Today.

To draw up a concerted plan for balancing Commonwealth and State budgets over a definite period of years, an expert committee has been appointed. It is comprised of

- Prof. L. F. Giblin (acting Commonwealth Statistician).
- Prof. D. B. Copland (Dean of the Faculty of Commerce, Melbourne University).
- Prof. L. G. Melville (adviser to the Commonwealth Bank).
- Prof. E. O. G. Shann (adviser to the Bank of New South Wales).

The committee, which was formed at the request of the budget sub-committee appointed by the Loan Council, will meet in Melbourne next week to formulate a definite scheme for submission to the sub-committee, which in turn will examine the proposals and report to the next meeting of the Loan Council in a fortnight's time.

The Loan Council meeting will be followed by the Premiers' Conference, which, it is hoped, will come to an agreement aiming at balancing budgets within a specified terms of years.

MEMBERS of the expert committee are now receiving exhaustive information from the Commonwealth and State Treasuries with a view to determining the minimum period within which each Government can hope to pay its way.

It is possible that a proposal will be made under which the various States will be allowed varying periods within which to balance, according to their ability to do so.

The professors who comprise the expert committee to advise the Loan Council are men of outstanding ability, and will no doubt go down in Australian history as "The Big Four."

Prof. Giblin was born in Tasmania, and graduated at the university there. Later he studied at Cambridge. After several years' teaching and lecturing in Tasmania he entered politics and was a member of the House of Assembly. He served in the war as a major, and was decorated with the Military Cross and Distinguished Service Order.

Returning to Australia he became Government Statistician in Tasmania, but resigned that post to become Ritchie Professor of Economics at the Melbourne University.

His lucid writings on economics under the caption of "Letters to John Smith," which appeared in "The News" recently, were widely read and received favorable comment.



Prof. L. F. Giblin Prof. D. P. Copland

PROF. SHANN, who has come to the forefront during the economic troubles of Australia, is professor of history and economics at Perth University. Born in Tasmania 47 years ago, he has had a brilliant career. He was acting professor of philosophy at Adelaide University between

1906 and 1909. In 1910, when leaving England, he was offered the Chair of Political Science in the Imperial University of Peking, but returned to Australia to the University of Queensland.

PROF. MELVILLE, who is professor of economics at Adelaide University, is a brilliant young man who occupies a high place among the economists of Australia. The greatest tribute to his skill in this direction was his appointment in an advisory capacity to the Commonwealth Bank Board, to which he is now on loan from the University for a year.

Prof. Melville has played a prominent part as adviser to the State Government. He was a member of the State Advisory Committee on Finance, and assisted in the preparation of the case for South Australia on the question of disabilities under Federation.

He was born near Sydney, and educated there, completing his studies at Sydney University. From the actuarial staff of the New South Wales State Superannuation Fund Board he came to this State as Public Actuary, and later was appointed to the Chair of Economics at Adelaide University.

PROF. COPLAND was the first economist to occupy the Chair of Commerce at Melbourne University when it was established in 1925. Comparatively young and extremely popular with students taking the commerce course, he has been thrust into the fierce limelight since financial troubles have crowded on Australia.

His qualifications for the task just undertaken are undoubted. Prof. Copland is co-editor of "The Economic Record" and author of several books on economics, of which perhaps the most important is Credit and Currency Control. In April, 1926, at the invitation of Laura Spelman Rockefeller Memorial, he spent a year investigating the organisation of economic studies at universities throughout the United States of America and the principal European countries.



Prof. L. G. Melville

University Men

Sir—I read with interest the letter of "Genius is Inborn" on university men. He was right in saying that it would be of interest to know to what university Shakespeare belonged.

It would also be of interest to know to what university belonged Spenser, Milton, Oliver Cromwell, Francis Bacon (Viscount Verulam), Roger Bacon, Cecil (Lord Burleigh), Dryden, Addison, Swift, Pope, and Samuel Johnson, William Harvey, William Pitt, Charles James Fox, Byron, Keats, Shelley, Wordsworth, Coleridge, Gray, Tennyson, Macaulay, Thackeray, Isaac Newton, Kelvin, Darwin, Lord Salisbury, Gladstone, Balfour, Asquith, David Livingstone, Simpson (who first applied anaesthetics in childbirth, or at all), Lord Lister, Pasteur, M. and Mme Curie, Descartes, Georges Clemenceau and Raymond Poincare, Marconi, Leyden, Goethe, Schiller, Rontgen, Russell Lowell, Theodore Roosevelt, Emerson, Woodrow Wilson, Gen. Smuts, Cecil Rhodes, Field-Marshal Earl Haig, and the Prince of Wales. These were all university undergraduates in their time. Are they "pebbles" that universities have "polished" or "diamonds" which they have "dimmed"?

It was interesting to read in the letter of the correspondent what a physician had to say about doctors. But it might be more interesting still to read what doctors might have to say about some politicians.—Yours etc.,

Adelaide. NO GENIUS.

News 9-5-31

Agricultural Economy Prize

The Hon. S. R. Whitford (Minister of Agriculture) has received particulars of a special prize, known as the Prix Humbert-Marie Jose, in honor of the marriage of Prince Humbert, the heir-apparent of Italy, for the best work on agricultural economy, which includes all questions relating to agricultural economy and statistics.

The prize, consisting of a gold medal and 10,000 lira (equal at present rate of exchange to about £108 in London) is issued annually by the International Institute of Agriculture, Rome.

The period for submission of works for consideration in connection with the 1931 prize expires on September 30, and the award will be made on December 31, 1931. From the particulars of the general conditions pertaining to the offer of this prize, which may be inspected at the offices of the Minister of agriculture and the registrar of the Adelaide University, it is apparent that only work of a fairly high standard should be submitted.

Adv. 15-5-31

Lunch Hour Organ Recital

The Elder Conservatorium Hall was thronged yesterday for Mr. John Horner's organ recital. The opening Bach toccata, adagio, and fugue in C proved particularly interesting. In the first movement the instrument's richly resonant reeds were skilfully used. The adagio section, revealing Bach in an unusual mood, and the final fugue, replete with those glories of sound that one associates with this composer, were rendered in crystal-clear fashion. Two movements from Boellmann's "Suite Gothique" followed. The minuet was delightfully done, and the toccata, though receiving unconventional treatment, proved pleasing.

Cesar Franck was drawn upon for one of his noblest compositions, the first choral in E. From wistful opening to triumphant conclusion, this sounded as though written around Robert Browning's line, "When eternity affirms the conception of an hour." Eugene Gigout's carol rhapsody, brilliantly played, followed.

Miss Kathleen Penny sang, "O Love, from Thy Power," from Saint-Saens' "Samson and Delilah," with good effect, to the recitalist's pianoforte accompaniment. At his next recital, on May 21, Mr. Horner's programme will range from Bach to Coleridge Taylor.

DR. DAWSON TO LEAVE

Appointed Professor of N.Z. University

Dr. J. Bernard Dawson, M.D. (London), F.R.C.S. (Eng.), an authority on gynaecology, has been appointed professor of midwifery and gynaecology at the University of New Zealand, Dunedin.

Next month he will leave Adelaide on a six months' tour of Europe and America. He will begin duties at Dunedin in February next year.

The University of New Zealand recently created a chair for midwifery and gynaecology, and called for applications throughout the British Empire. Dr. Dawson was the man selected. He was officially advised of his appointment this morning.

Born at Erdington, Warwickshire, England, he studied at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London. In 1912 he came to



Dr. Dawson

South Australia and began in practice at Glenelg, where he remained until the outbreak of war. Returning to England, Dr. Dawson joined the Royal Army Medical Corps, and was appointed surgical specialist to the 12th Casualty Clearing Station.

On his return to this State after the cessation of hostilities the doctor continued his practice at Glenelg for a time, and then removed to Adelaide as a consultant, confining his work to gynaecology.

One of the conditions of his appointment is that he should spend the first six months visiting medical centres in Europe and America. He proposes to leave Adelaide by the Mongolia early in June, and will be accompanied by his wife, two daughters, and one son, Mr. J. Richard Dawson, the eldest son, will proceed direct to Dunedin to continue his medical studies.

Dr. Dawson has been a vice-president of Minda Home for several years, and also a member of the executive committee of the Blind, Deaf, and Dumb Institution, Brighton. For a number of years he has served as honorary assistant in gynaecology at Adelaide Hospital, and has also been attached to the honorary staff at Queen's Home. For some time he has been tutor in obstetrics at Adelaide University.

Dr. Dawson said this morning that he appreciated the honor, which had been conferred upon him, but he felt a tinge of regret in leaving Adelaide, where he had made many friends.

Adv. 16-5-31

ADELAIDE DOCTOR FOR N.Z.

Dr. Dawson to Leave

Dr. J. Bernard Dawson, M.D. (Lond.), F.R.C.S. (England), of North Adelaide, has been appointed to the new chair of midwifery and gynaecology at the University of New Zealand, for which applications were called from all parts of the Empire. The first six months of Dr. Dawson's duties will be occupied in travelling around the medical centres of Europe and America. He will leave Adelaide for Europe on June 18, and will begin work at the University in Dunedin early in February.

Dr. Dawson holds the positions of honorary assistant in gynaecology at the Adelaide Hospital, tutor in obstetrics to the University of Adelaide, and is on the honorary staff of the Queen's Home. He will be accompanied to Europe by his wife and three children. Mr. Richard Dawson, the elder son, will go to Dunedin immediately to continue his medical studies there.



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