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April 5

60,000 jobs in all will be lost: union

The 19,200 federal government jobs on the chopping block are just the tip of the iceberg in terms of the overall employment effect of the government's budget cuts, says one federal union.

The Canadian Association of Professional Employees said there also will be 40,825 private-sector job losses as a consequence of cutbacks.

<http://www.montrealgazette.com/business/jobs+will+lost+union/6413442/story.html>

**Government cuts will have ripple effect: union
40,000 private-sector job cuts predicted**

The 19,200 federal government jobs on the chopping block are just the tip of the iceberg of the employment effect of the Harper government's cuts, says a union.

The Canadian Association of Professional Employees, com-posed mostly of economists and social science experts working for the government, said there will also be 40,825 private-sec-tor job losses, including more than 4,000 in B.C.

<http://www.timescolonist.com/business/Government+cuts+will+have+ripple+effect+union/6414414/story.html>

Proposed 'efficiencies' are the missing link of public service cuts

The Conservatives are forcing federal departments to foot the bill for any investments to

modernize and streamline “back office” operations for the efficiency savings they need to hit their \$5.2-billion savings targets over the next three years.

<http://www.ottawacitizen.com/Proposed+efficiencies+missing+link+public+service+cuts/6418936/story.html>

April 4

Federal job cuts could be higher than projected National Defence hit first with 1,100 civilian job losses; Health Canada to lose at least 840

Canadians should expect more federal job cuts than the 19,200 the government forecast in last week's budget, the union that represents most federal public-sector employees said Wednesday.

Patty Ducharme, national executive vice-president of the Public Service Alliance of Canada, says there are temporary employees whose jobs will be eliminated, and there are still cuts from previous budget freezes to take into account.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/sudbury/story/2012/04/04/ottawa-national-defence-jobs-cut-after-federal-budget.html>

Budget Cuts: Hundreds of Public Service Professionals Receive Notices (Press release)

Public service professionals targeted by federal government cuts today started to receive notices that their positions may be eliminated, according to Professional Institute of the Public Service of Canada (PIPSC). The federal government has certainly wasted no time in implementing the destructive program laid out in its 2012 Budget.

Work Force Adjustment (WFA) letters were sent to over 400 PIPSC members who are employed at National Defence, Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, Western Economic Diversification, Economic Development Agency of Canada for Quebec Regions, the Public Service Commission and the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario.

<http://www.northumberlandview.ca/index.php?module=news&func=display&sid=14253>

April 3

\$5.2 Billion in Federal Spending Cuts Will Lead to More Than 40,000 Job Losses in the Private Sector (Press release)

According to an analysis conducted by the Canadian Association of Professional Employees (CAPE), the \$5.2-billion cutback in spending announced in the budget tabled by the federal government last week will cause 40,825 job losses in the private sector.

http://www.businessreviewcanada.ca/press_releases/52-billion-in-federal-spending-cuts-will-lead-to-more-than-40000-job-losses-in-the-private-sector

Province, judiciary put justice system squabble aside for a day

As he left the stage, shortly after a news conference involving the provincial government and the judiciary, B.C. Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert Bauman couldn't help but chuckle when the two sides were characterized as one big happy family.

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/national/british-columbia/province-judiciary-put-justice-system-squabble-aside-for-a-day/article2391361/>

April 2

Justice is facing layoffs

Re: Conservative Budget Takes The Long View, March 30.

After months of speculation, the 2012 budget unveiled last Thursday included a \$77-million cut to the federal justice portfolio over three years. This represents a significant 10% slash, despite chronic court delays and the recent passage of the crime omnibus bill (C-10).

Opinions are sharply divided on C-10, but experts agree on one thing: this legislation will further tax the justice system, which is already at the brink. The number of charges and trials has risen dramatically over the last decade. Those trends are not declining.

Canadians will have a hard time reconciling this austerity budget with all the tough talk on law and order. Six months ago, C-10 was the legislative centrepiece in the first 100 days of government. Today, not only is there a lack of sufficient funding for the bill, justice is facing layoffs.

When it comes to community safety, many will conclude that the 2012 Budget is penny wise and pound foolish, leaving the crime omnibus bill nothing but a distant memory.

Marco Mendicino, president, Association of Justice Counsel, Ottawa.

<http://fullcomment.nationalpost.com/2012/04/02/todays-letters-should-the-ndp-and-liberals-unite/>

Who are the top public-sector legal earners?

Who earned the most among lawyers working in Ontario's public sector? Once again, you can find out from the Sunshine list detailing the names, salaries, and positions of thousands of public-sector employees who earn more than \$100,000 per year.

The most recent list released last month covers salaries for 2011.

<http://www.lawtimesnews.com/201204029016/Headline-News/Who-are-the-top-public-sector-legal-earners>

Air Canada union launches challenge to back-to-work bill

The union representing 8,600 Air Canada's baggage handlers and mechanics launched a constitutional challenge Monday of a back-to-work bill that prevented its members from striking last month.

<http://www.canada.com/Canada+union+launches+challenge+back+work+bill/6398290/story.html>

April 1

Efficiency is key in court system

An extraordinary battle has broken out for control of B.C.'s court system. The main combatants in this set-to are Attorney General Shirley Bond and Lance Finch, chief justice of the B.C. Court of Appeal.

<http://www.timescolonist.com/news/Efficiency+court+system/6393714/story.html>

The coming showdown over public sector pensions

Last week, the Ontario and federal governments brought down budgets that took dead aim at the increasing costs of public sector pension plans. Public service unions immediately cried foul and newly minted NDP leader Thomas Mulcair is wasting no time in using this hugely divisive issue to hammer the Conservative government.

<http://www.moneyville.ca/article/1153138--the-coming-showdown-over-public-private-sector-pensions>

Charter protects right to strike, Superior Court judge rules

In a ground-breaking decision that ventures into territory not yet explicitly addressed by the Supreme Court of Canada, a Saskatchewan judge has declared that the right to strike is essential to the right to bargain collectively and is therefore constitutionally protected by the guarantee of freedom of association in s.2(d) of the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*.

http://www.lancasterhouse.com/about/headlines_mar30.asp

Ontario 2012 budget sets sights on justice sector expenses

Finance Minister Dwight Duncan's 2012 Ontario budget calls for reforms to the province's youth justice system, the Provincial Offences Act, several prison closures, and increased electronic court services to combat the province's rising deficit.

<http://www.canadianlawyermag.com/legalfeeds/771/Ontario-2012-budget-sets-sights-on-justice-sector-expenses.html>

Georgetti Says Budget Fails on Jobs, Pensions

The President of the Canadian Labour Congress says the federal budget tabled on March 29 has failed Canadians by destroying valuable public services and jobs and attacking pensions.

<http://www.northumberlandview.ca/index.php?module=news&func=display&sid=14122>

Federal budget 2012: Conservatives to cut 19,000 public service jobs

Tough times are coming for federal civil servants as the new federal budget announces job losses, salary cuts and smaller workspaces, and raises the age of retirement by five years.

<http://www.thestar.com/news/canada/politics/article/1153804--federal-budget-2012-conservatives-to-cut-19-000-public-service-jobs>

Public Service Professionals Warn "Cuts Must Not Impact Safety"

According to Professionals Serving Canadians, a coalition of six public service unions representing more than 75,000 government professionals, the 2012 federal budget risks cutting vital programs and services that serve to protect the safety and security of Canadians.

http://www.businessreviewcanada.ca/press_releases/public-service-professionals-warn-cuts-must-not-impact-safety

2012 BUDGET: DND, Public Safety hit hardest

Departments to cut \$5.2 billion in ongoing spending; Public Works to introduce new office space standards; civil service compensation to be brought "in line" with private sector.

<http://www.obj.ca/Other/Special-Reports/2012-03-29/article-2942826/2012-BUDGET%3A-DND,-Public-Safety-hit-hardest/1>

Médias francophones

5 avril

Le déluge de lettres a commencé

L'Alliance de la fonction publique du Canada a confirmé que 1119 employés ont reçu une lettre hier, les avisant qu'ils étaient visés par les abolitions. L'Institut professionnel de la fonction publique du Canada a rapporté, quant à elle, que 400 de ses membres ont reçu des lettres de réaménagement des effectifs. Selon l'AFPC, le nombre d'abolitions de postes liés aux réductions budgétaires friserait donc 34000 postes.

<http://www.cyberpresse.ca/le-droit/actualites/fonction-publique/201204/04/01-4512607-le-deluge-de-lettres-a-commence.php>

4 avril

Les avis envoyés à des centaines de fonctionnaires

La fonction publique fédérale a déjà vu des coupes importantes être assénées à son effectif par le passé. Jamais, cependant, les choses se sont faites avec tant d'opacité, déplorent les syndicats.

Mercredi, des centaines de fonctionnaires devaient recevoir une lettre les avisant que leur emploi était menacé.

<http://www.cyberpresse.ca/le-droit/actualites/fonction-publique/201204/04/01-4512506-les-avis-envoyes-a-des-centaines-de-fonctionnaires.php>

3 avril

Les compressions du secteur public auront des effets sur le privé

L'Association canadienne des employés professionnels (ACEP) estime que le secteur privé sera tôt ou tard touché par la vague de compressions du secteur public fédéral.

<http://lapresseaffaires.cyberpresse.ca/economie/canada/201204/03/01-4512080-les-compressions-du-secteur-public-auront-des-effets-sur-le-prive.php>

2 avril

La tension monte entre Québec et les juristes

La tension monte entre les juristes de l'État et le gouvernement Charest, neuf mois après la conclusion d'une entente de principe sur leurs conditions de travail.

<http://www.cyberpresse.ca/actualites/quebec-canada/politique-quebecoise/201204/02/01-4511825-la-tension-monte-entre-quebec-et-les-juristes.php>

31 Mars

La part des employés sera haussée à 50 % d'ici 2016

La part des employés fédéraux et des parlementaires à leur régime de retraite sera haussée progressivement à compter de 2013 jusqu'en 2016, afin qu'elle en vienne à égaler celle versée par le gouvernement.

<http://www.cyberpresse.ca/le-droit/actualites/fonction-publique/201203/30/01-4511164-la-part-des-employes-sera-haussee-a-50-dici-2016.php>