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Press Clippings for the period of February 26 – March 4, 2011  
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### English Media

March 4

#### Quebec public lawyers forced back to work

Indignant lawyers vehemently admonish Quebec government

<http://www.lawyersweekly.ca/index.php?section=article&volume=30&number=40&article=1>

March 3

#### Crown loses appeal in case involving Ottawa actuary's pension credits plan

Former government employees were owed a higher duty of care by Treasury Board, Ontario court affirms.

<http://www.ottawacitizen.com/news/Federal+Crown+loses+Loba+appeal/4375260/story.html>

#### Canada warned not to follow U.S. tough-on-crime 'mistakes'

The man who headed the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency under U.S. president George W. Bush says Canada should avoid the mistakes that caused incarceration rates to soar in his country.

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/politics/canada-warned-not-to-follow-us-tough-on-crime-mistakes/article1929448/>

## **\$1-billion federal outsourcing bill raises spectre of 'shadow public service'**

The federal government is being pressed to take a critical look at its outsourcing costs if it wants to get serious about spending controls.

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/politics/1-billion-federal-outsourcing-bill-raises-spectre-of-shadow-public-service/article1928390/>

**March 2**

## **The deck is stacked**

Firms should be able to fight back in court of public opinion

<http://www.calgaryherald.com/news/deck+stacked/4369390/story.html#ixzz1Fb1LwLZF>

## **Clark must put cash in place to restore our justice system**

On the eve of B.C. getting a new premier, will Christy Clark stand up for law and order and ensure that victims have their day in court?

<http://www.theprovince.com/news/Clark+must+cash+place+restore+justice+system/4370324/story.html#ixzz1Fb9rQTNw>

**March 1**

**February 28**

## **Legal system doesn't work for ordinary people, top judge says**

Canada's top judge is warning that the legal system doesn't work for ordinary people and courts are fast becoming the domain of the rich -or the indigent.

<http://www.vancouversun.com/life/Legal+system+doesn+work+ordinary+people+judge+says/4358066/story.html#ixzz1FbD6Rwsp>

## **Another voice: Premier-designate faces some big challenges**

The first message from premier-designate Christy Clark is not what anyone could call substantial

<http://www.timescolonist.com/business/Another+voice+Premier+designate+faces+some+challenges/4362225/story.html#ixzz1FbHKoWJl>

## **Dexter should resist Ottawa's cheap talk on crime**

<http://thechronicleherald.ca/Opinion/1230559.html>

## **A tale of two Crown prosecutors**

OTTAWA—Robert Wadden has practised law for nearly 20 years as a prosecutor in Ottawa after a brief stint on Bay Street.

In Montreal, John Dennis Gerols has 30 years under his belt — the first five as a defence lawyer, the last 25 as a Crown attorney.

<http://www.thestar.com/news/canada/article/946235--a-tale-of-two-crown-prosecutors>

February 27

## **Harper gov't giving taxpayers silent treatment on spending**

A scathing report released Friday reveals the contempt Stephen Harper's government holds for the Canadian taxpayer.

<http://www.theprovince.com/news/Harper+giving+taxpayers+silent+treatment+spending/4354853/story.html#ixzz1FbBHdFSJ>

February 26

## **Opinion: Conservatives' tough-on-crime agenda based on false premises**

Program will replicate what has failed in the U.S., and critics say a study that supports the government plan is sloppy and 'embarrassing'

<http://www.vancouversun.com/news/Opinion+Conservatives+tough+crime+agenda+based+fals+premises/4344907/story.html#ixzz1FbCO8j00>

### **Editorial: Court system is under stress (February 18)**

Max Rose and Cody Wellard might not have paid much attention to the provincial budget, but they are among its victims.

<http://www.timescolonist.com/news/Editorial+Court+system+under+stress/4312335/story.html#ixzz1FbFHevxn>

### **Prosecution services can't withstand more cuts: Crown Counsel Association (February 18)**

The B.C. Crown Counsel Association is raising concerns that projected cuts of nearly 100 jobs to the province's prosecution services will have a serious impact on the existing court backlog and on future cases.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/story/2009/02/18/bc-cuts-court-system.html>

### **Tough-on-crime government is too soft on tax crimes: internal report (February 16)**

OTTAWA - An internal report on Canada's efforts to catch and prosecute tax crooks says the federal government is letting too many criminals off the hook.

<http://www.winnipegfreepress.com/canada/breakingnews/tough-on-crime-government-is-too-soft-on-tax-crimes-internal-report-116342064.html>

## Média francophones

4 mars

3 mars

2 mars

## **Dépenses fédérales - Ottawa donne aux prisons et coupe en environnement**

Ottawa — Le gouvernement conservateur a déposé hier des prévisions de dépenses pour l'année 2011-2012 à l'image de ses priorités: on y trouve une augmentation marquée des programmes reliés à la sécurité (10 %) et à la justice (4,8 %), et une diminution des programmes axés sur l'environnement (-14 %) et la culture (-4,5 %).

<http://www.ledevoir.com/economie/actualites-economiques/317879/depenses-federales-ottawa-donne-aux-prisons-et-coupe-en-environnement>

1er mars

## **Couronne contre criminalistes: remettons les pendules à l'heure**

Qu'on me comprenne bien. Nous souhaitons aux procureurs de la Couronne d'obtenir les meilleures conditions de travail possibles et nous déplorons l'adoption par le gouvernement du Québec d'une loi spéciale afin de forcer leur retour au travail.

<http://www.cyberpresse.ca/place-publique/opinions/cyberpresse/201103/01/01-4375081-couronne-contre-criminalistes-remettons-les-pendules-a-lheure.php>

28 février

## **Loi forçant le retour au travail des procureurs et juristes de l'État - Une mesure illégitime, contraire à la Constitution ?**

À la suite de l'adoption par l'Assemblée nationale du projet de loi 135 assurant la continuité de la prestation des services juridiques au sein du gouvernement et de certains organismes publics, les deux associations en cause (les procureurs aux poursuites criminelles et pénales et les juristes de l'État) ont annoncé leur intention de contester la validité de la loi devant les tribunaux.

<http://www.ledevoir.com/societe/justice/317724/loi-forcant-le-retour-au-travail-des-procureurs-et-juristes-de-l-etat-une-mesure-illegitime-contraire-a-la-constitution>

27 février

26 février

## **La Couronne a «besoin d'oxygène», dit le Directeur des poursuites criminelles**

La Couronne québécoise a «besoin d'oxygène», a reconnu le directeur des poursuites criminelles et pénales (DPCP), Me Louis Dionne, hier, en entrevue à La Presse.

<http://www.cyberpresse.ca/actualites/quebec-canada/politique-quebecoise/201102/26/01-4374244-la-couronne-a-besoin-doxygene-dit-le-directeur-des-poursuites-criminelles.php>

## **Procureurs de la Couronne - La fin des illusions**

Les procureurs et juristes ne se remettent pas d'avoir subi l'affront d'une deuxième loi spéciale en moins de cinq ans. Le bris de confiance avec l'État n'est pas un slogan syndical creux, loin de là. Le ressort est brisé.

<http://www.ledevoir.com/societe/justice/317655/procureurs-de-la-couronne-la-fin-des-illusions>