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On Budget Day, the interest of the Nation centred hopefully on Westminster and in particular, on a house in Smith Square. It was from here that the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Butler, left for the House ^{of Commons} to chart the financial course of the ~~Nation~~ country for the coming year. As usual, he carried that well-worn bag of secrets - though coming events seemed to cast their sunshine before them. / SOUND.

And what a lovely day it proved. ~~...~~. An increase in the personal allowances. ~~...~~ £30 for married couples. ^{£20 FOR SINGLE PEOPLE. (2)}

Good news, too, for the family man. The Children's allowance up ^{to} £15. ^{down}

Renewed hope for the textile trade. Purchase-tax reductions up to 50%.

And to crown it all - sixpence off the standard rate of income-tax. (2)

Thank you, Mr Butler, it certainly has been a nice day!