

These excise tax changes in the 1949-50 Budget, and the yearly amount of revenue reduction involved, were as follows:—

(a) Excise taxes repealed on the following items:—

Soft drinks (previously 25 p.c. plus 1 cent per bottle).....	\$28,000,000
Candy (previously 30 p.c.).....	19,000,000
Chewing gum (previously 30 p.c.).....	2,000,000
Transportation tickets (previously 15 p.c.).....	20,500,000
Berths and parlour car seats (previously various rates).....	1,500,000
Long distance calls, extension telephones, telegrams and cables (previously various rates).....	7,500,000
Transportation buses (previously 5 p.c.).....	150,000
Carbonic acid gas (previously 50 cents per lb.).....	350,000
TOTAL.....	\$79,000,000

(b) Excise taxes reduced to 10 p.c. at manufacturers' level on the following items:—

Retail purchase tax on jewellery, etc. (previously 25 p.c. retail).....	\$ 8,000,000
Cosmetics and toilet preparations (previously 25 p.c.).....	4,000,000
Luggage, handbags, etc. (previously 35 p.c.).....	4,000,000
Matches (previously various rates).....	2,000,000
Smokers' supplies, pipes, ashtrays, etc. (previously 35 p.c.)...	600,000
Pens and pencils, desk sets, etc. (previously 35 p.c.).....	1,000,000
Cigarette lighters (previously 25 p.c.).....	250,000
TOTAL.....	\$19,850,000

(c) Tires and tubes (previously taxed at 5 cents per lb. converted to 10 p.c. *ad valorem* tax with no loss of revenue).

These changes became effective at midnight Mar. 22, 1949.

