That "Surplus" is

Really a Deficit



Whooping Cough or Scarlet Fever

Rome, Jan. 3-The careful watch in a somewhat unusual incident yester-day when Dr. Ashby, director of the British school, and Mr. Van Buren, librarian of the American Academy here while wandering along the seacoast, were mistaken for German spies and arrested.
They were brought to Rome and taken

COBALT SECTION.

to police headquarters. There the misunderstanding was quickly cleared away, and the men were released. RUSH TO STAKE CLAIMS IN THE

Cobalt, Ont., Jan. 3—A thousand claims have been staked at Rutherglen, forty miles east of North Bay, on the strength of some samples containing an appreciable quantity of platinum. There are some other metals found in the ore, but it is in platinum that the greater

value lies.

An old prospector has been working these claims in the Gneiss and Granite, as a forlorn hope, for a year. Some months ago a business man in North Bay was induced to take some samples and send them to some platinum refiners in Pittsburg. They found the results so highly interesting that they sent out their own representative to Rutherglen, and it is understood that they have bought considerable quantities of the pre.

---The Biggest Yet An Over-Expenditure of More Than \$667,000 for the Last Year is the Record of the Local Government-A Clear Statement by Hon. C. W. Moncton, Jan. 2—The over-expenditure by the Flemming-Clark government for 1914 was more than \$667,000, not counting interest on bonds for railways.

When the thoughtful men in this province look the facts in the face they Hon, C. W. Robinson, opposition leader, in an interview today gave The Telegraph a very clear and complete review of the provincial accounts made public a few days ago by the local government. For several years past the government of the day has been actually asserting that it has been paying its expenditures out of revenue. Mr. Robinson, with the thoroughness of a business man, makes it clear that there has not been any surplus, and the manner which the province is being run into debt is astounding. He says: To arrive at a clear idea of the real situation of the provincial finances for the year ending October 31, 1914, it is necessary to e ng entries from both sides of the accounts as published. On the expenditure side the following Debentures (46 Vic., Cap. 12) red contractors' deposits refunded .

STATES TELLING ON NATION	Canadian Security Company deposit withdrawn Masonic Hall Company deposit withdrawn Crown Land Department deposit withdrawn
ladelphia, Jan. 4—"American vital- waning as compared with British ty," declared Dr. Eugene L. Fisk, tw. York, before the American As- tion for the Advancement of the Britain for thirty years, but has the best preparation for peace, as the best preparation for peace of the the trightful pace of our the day life." The trightful pace of our the trightful pace of	Total to be deducted On the receipts side also must be subtracted the follow Contractors' deposits Commuted pensions Probate court deposits Supreme court deposits Municipalities sinking funds Reversing Falls bridge deposit Proceeds Farm Settlement bonds Bonds sold to Crown Land Sinking Fund Temporary deposits Crown Land Masonic Hall Company deposit Proceeds of treasury bills Balance shown Total to be deducted
nny-D'you mean my big brother	Total expenditure shown\$2,7
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This means that the provincial debt has been increased nearly \$700,000 during the year in the ordinary business transactions and without taking any account of the enormous liability of an indirect nature careful. count of the enormous liability of an indirect nature resulting from guaranteeing

There may be differences of opinion as to the method of classification of accounts and while the auditor shows a nominal surplus on the ordinary accounts of about \$12,000 he could just as easily have shown a deficit of very large proportions. No doubt he felt constrained to follow the custom and so classify the accounts as to return a surplus, but after all it is a matter of book-keeping and classification of a few items on each side of an extraordinary nature Contribution to Imperial government\$ 90,630.62 Farm Settlement Board accounts

government for fishery claim, and the reason is apparent.

Notwithstanding the receipt during the year of the timber license bonuses and the fishery claims, the province has gone behind nearly \$700,000. Without these unusual receipts we would have had to record an added debt of nearly \$1,000,000.

There has been an increase in receipts from most of the usual items except the liquor licenses and the Dominion subsidies. Unfortunately for the province the Dominion subsidy is fixed on the basis of population. If the Fathers of Confederation had been gifted with a little more foresight and planned these subsidies in some relation to the customs revenues the provinces would be in better circumstances today. What the provinces are receiving is a very poor return for what they gave up at that time. The territorial revenue would seem to indicate a falling off in the quantity of lumber cut on crown lands, as the increase is not what we expected from the increase in the rate of stumpage from \$1.25 to \$1.50. It may be that we have passed the high water mark in this industry and a reduction in the revenue may be expected.

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Of the total expenditure of \$2,385,888 over 40 per cent, or over \$1,000,000, passed through the hands or under the control of the Hon. John Morrissy as head of the chief spending department of the government.

This is, roughly speaking, four times the average amount handled by the same department under the former government.

It is more than the whole expenditure of the province for years in the days in the same department.

More than half the amount, or \$619,000, is borrowed money and swells the

We may naturally inquire what the province has to show for the money. Possibly some of the cost of the new bridge at the falls of the St. John river is included, and the good people of Newcastle are able to fraternize more freely with their neighbors at Nelson as they pass and repass over the monumental structure which spans the mighty Miramichi, but the citizens of Moncton and Albert county still travel with fear and trembling over the decrepit old bridge

No appreciable increase has been made in the road mileage of the province.

Permanent roads are still only a dream. Complaints about bad roads are still numerous. Two new road laws have been tried in the past six years and

another try seems necessary.

The expenditure of so large a proportion of the provincial budget calls for greater care as to methods of letting contracts, the selection of qualified and reliable inspectors and a searching inspection of accounts rendered. A more detailed statement might well be published at this time and would be more interesting and useful than many of the items given in the annual statement.

The statement published only gives actual payments and receipts for the year, and no statement is ever made of the liabilities incurred and outstanding at the close of the year, as for example, the amount required to complete contracts entered into, or even the amount actually owing for work done and not settled for. Judging from the magnitude of the operations of the department of public works a very large amount is still outstanding in this one department.

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INTERVIEW ON RETURN

Praises Work Done and Says Lay-out is Good-Courtenay Bay-The Extension of the Breakwater

(Montreal Gazette.) On their return yesterday from St ohn, N. B., where they had gone at the nvitation of Hon. J. D. Hazen, Min-

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Was a very good prospect of a large grain business this winter if sufficient vessels could be brought in after it.

Of the work which has just been accomplished on the west side, Mr. Robertson spoke in appreciative terms, saying that ample accommodation had been provided for the needs of shipping visiting the harbor, when added to facilities already in existence. Of the plans for work in Courtenay Bay to the north of the breakwater, of which all but some hundred seet has been constructed, he was not so certain that at this stage the great expenditure necessary would be justifiable.

"While I question the utility of it at the present time," he said, "it has to be remembered that two other transcontinental railroads will come into the port, naturally increasing its trade to a considerable extent, and it will take a long time to finish the work intended. There was a heavy sea breaking over it. It would be a serious matter over it, as there was a heavy sea breaking over it. It would be a serious matter of the U. S. army as to the advisability of introducing a system of this breakwater was not there."

W. G. Ross, chairman of the harbor commission, was unable to go to St. John on account of illness.

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