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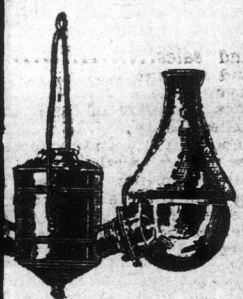
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BIG SURPLUS AGAIN
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Public Accounts for Fiscal Year
Ending June 30, 1908,
Are Brought Down

The public accounts for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1908, presented by Hon. R. G. Tatlow, minister of finance, at the opening of the session at Victoria, show a net surplus of \$1,388,817.78. The surplus for the preceding year amounted to \$1,249,594.49. Despite the resumption of debentures to the extent of \$686,000 the increase in the surplus amounts to \$139,223.29. The chief factor was the increase in the receipts from timber royalty and licenses, an increase over the previous year of \$1,103,220.53. Land sales were not as great during the same term as in the twelve months preceding. Largely owing to the government's policy of reserving land for the

pre-emptor, the sales fell off over \$100,000. There are many other reasons for the increased surplus. The province received from the Dominion government \$345,000 as its share of the Chinese headtax, and if British Columbia laments the influx of Orientals the treasury has been somewhat enriched thereby.

From the royalty and tax on coal an increase of about \$18,000 is recorded but the tax on minerals to offset this shows a decrease of nearly \$40,000. In registry fees there was an increase of nearly \$20,000. Against all this increased revenue, there is an increased expenditure shown. Civil government salaries show an increase of \$55,000; to hospitals and charities \$40,000 more than during the preceding year went. Upon education some \$60,000 more than during the preceding fiscal year, was expended. But the chief increase in expenditure was upon public works. Over \$550,000 more than during the year before was expended. The total amounting to nearly a million and a half. The increase in expenditure under all heads amounted to \$1,395,451.48. A statement of the revenue and expenditure in tabulated form for the last two years, follows:

EXPENDITURE

The following is a summary of expenditure for the year ended 30th June, 1908.		
Service	Total	Expenditure
Public debt	\$1,225,736 30	\$1,225,736 30
Civil government (salaries)	134,555 95	134,555 95
Administration of justice (salaries)	87,157 73	87,157 73
Legislation	263,284 94	263,284 94
Public institutions	163,047 57	163,047 57
Hospitals and charities	152,840 75	152,840 75
Administration of justice (other than salaries)	468,985 63	468,985 63
Education	440,953 65	440,953 65
Transport	52,100 15	52,100 15
Public Works—		
Works and buildings	\$469,942 44	\$469,942 44
Government House, Victoria	2,944 12	2,944 12
Roads, streets, bridges and wharves	866,183 59	866,183 59
Irrigation	2,990 00	2,990 00
Surveys	73,850 96	73,850 96
Miscellaneous	275,010 69	275,010 69
	\$4,541,277 54	\$4,541,277 54

The following items, not included in the above expenditure, have been paid out of the ordinary revenue of the province—

Shuswap and Okanagan railway, in excess of earnings	\$13,838 81
Nakusp and Slocan Ry., in excess of earnings	19,476 83
Victoria and Sidney railway, 2 per cent. guarantee of interest on bonds	6,030 00
Dewdney municipality (grant under Dewdney Municipality Relief Act, 1906)	10,000 00
	49,395 64
Total expenditure	\$4,590,673 18

Comparative Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Province of British Columbia

	1906-1907 1st July to 30th June	1907-1908 1st July to 30th June
REVENUE		
Annual payment of interest	\$2,151 06	\$2,151 06
Subsidy	150,000 00	150,000 00
Grant per capita	142,925 60	142,925 60
For lands conveyed	100,000 00	100,000 00
Special grant "B.N.A. Act, 1907"	100,000 00	100,000 00
Land sales	\$48,936 31	\$48,936 31
Land revenue	12,333 10	12,333 10
Survey fees	869 52	869 52
Rents, exclusive of land	152 00	152 00
Timber leases	74,043 90	74,043 90
Timber royalty and license	1,158,346 14	1,158,346 14
Free miners certificates	54,241 56	54,241 56
Mineral receipts, general	11,737 12	11,737 12
Licenses, trade and business	9,587 34	9,587 34
Licenses, game	2,545 00	2,545 00
Licenses, commercial travellers	3,955 00	3,955 00
Fines and fees of court	15,922 88	15,922 88
Probate fees	12,550 00	12,550 00
Succession duty	50,206 54	50,206 54
Law stamps	23,885 57	23,885 57
Registry fees	219,890 74	219,890 74
Sale of government property	1,688 74	1,688 74
Marriage licenses	1,985 00	1,985 00
Real property tax	193,838 00	193,838 00
Personal property tax	283,547 21	283,547 21
Wild land tax (including coal and timber lands)	126,387 80	126,387 80
Income tax	113,790 06	113,790 06
Mineral tax	151,513 84	151,513 84
Royalty and tax on coal	107,310 49	107,310 49
Revenue service refunds	1,533 33	1,533 33
Tax sale deeds	670 00	670 00
Tax on unworked Crown-granted mineral claims	34,990 95	34,990 95
Commission and fees on sales for taxes	82 90	82 90
Printing office	96,443 19	96,443 19
Registered taxes (all denominations)	160 18	160 18
Bureau of mines	860 05	860 05
Hospital for the insane	1,988 39	1,988 39
Provincial home	732 32	732 32
Reimbursements for keep of prisoners	1,039 80	1,039 80
Chinese restriction (Act, 1884, Dominion Statute)	13,800 00	13,800 00
Traffic tolls, New Westminster bridge	23,760 20	23,760 20
Interest	35,011 68	35,011 68
Dykes Assessment Act, 1905 (tax on lands against capital charges)	14,705 11	14,705 11
Log-scaling fees	13,069 05	13,069 05
Miscellaneous receipts	39,495 80	39,495 80
	\$4,382,632 22	\$4,382,632 22
Interest on investment of sinking funds	\$7,450 81	\$7,450 81
Unclaimed money deposits (reverted to the province, Act 1905)	48,511 18	48,511 18
Net revenue	\$4,444,593 81	\$4,444,593 81

	1906-1907 1st July to 30th June	1907-1908 1st July to 30th June
EXPENDITURE		
Public Debt—		
Interest	\$406,408 93	\$406,408 93
Sinking funds (chargeable to investment account) as follows:		
"Loan Act, 1877"	4,628 90	4,628 90
"Interest Invested"	15,164 20	15,164 20
"Loan Act, 1887"	8,577 22	8,577 22
"Interest Invested"	7,318 58	7,318 58
"Loan Act, 1891, '93, '95, '98 & 1902"	99,219 36	99,219 36
"Interest Invested"	34,987 53	34,987 53
Sinking fund "Dykes Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905"	13,442 30	13,442 30
Premium and commission	7,030 26	7,030 26
Discount and commission	5,457 89	5,457 89
Redemption of Debentures (Loan Act, 1887)	10,000 00	10,000 00
Redemption of Debentures (Loan Act, 1902)	100,000 00	100,000 00
Civil government (salaries)	282,522 70	282,522 70
Administration of justice (salaries)	120,290 40	120,290 40
Public Institutions (maintenance)	80,747 70	80,747 70
Printing office	53,543 97	53,543 97
Hospital for the insane	106,519 17	106,519 17
Museum	3,850 86	3,850 86
Provincial home	12,716 11	12,716 11
Bureau of mines	2,440 24	2,440 24
Fish hatchery	12,025 56	12,025 56
Hospitals and charities	125,630 61	125,630 61
Administration of justice (other than salaries)	114,009 89	114,009 89
Education	409,890 37	409,890 37
Transport	27,878 57	27,878 57
Revenue services	58,190 54	58,190 54
Public Works—		
Works and buildings	\$52,299 84	\$52,299 84
Government House, Victoria	2,944 12	2,944 12
Roads, streets, bridges and wharves	866,183 59	866,183 59
Surveys	73,850 96	73,850 96
Irrigation	2,990 00	2,990 00
Miscellaneous	275,010 69	275,010 69
	\$4,541,277 54	\$4,541,277 54

*Less amount of sinking funds as above, chargeable to investment account	\$7,450 81	\$7,450 81
Less redemption of debentures as above, chargeable against loans	110,000 00	110,000 00
Net Expenditure	\$2,849,479 97	\$2,849,479 97

CANADIAN NORTHERN
COMING TO THE COAST

Vice-President Mann Confirms
Announcement of Premier
McBride

(From Tuesday's Daily)
A fourth transcontinental line seems assured for British Columbia in the not far distant future. Already there are the C.P.R. and the Great Northern with the Grand Trunk busily engaged in building, and now the Canadian Northern enters the field. D. D. Mann, one of the vice-presidents of the line and who has been prominently associated with the enterprise from its inception, is in Victoria, and yesterday informed a Colonist reporter that he was endeavoring to make arrangements with the British Columbia government which would enable his road to push through to the coast.

This was in line with the announcement made yesterday in the house by the Premier, when Mr. McBride stated that he was engaged in negotiations with the Canadian Northern as a result of which he hoped that an arrangement, fair to all parties would result, by virtue of which another great transportation enterprise would be added to the railway facilities of the province. The Canadian Northern is an essentially Canadian road and has an unique history, taking its rise, as is done from a short line of railway taken over as a bad debt, by the big contracting firm of Mackenzie & Co. Mr. Mann is better known as a worker than as a talker, but still there will be nothing but congratulation for the management of the Canadian Club when it is learned that Mr. Mann has agreed to deliver an address to the club tomorrow. The luncheon in his honor will be given at the Grand Hotel at one o'clock tomorrow, Wednesday. Owing to the shortness of the time no notice will be sent out, and members are asked to accept this intimation.

In conversation at the Empress yesterday as to the object of his session, Mr. Mann frankly admitted that his aim in coming to Victoria was for the purpose of interviewing the Premier with a view to the extension of the Canadian Northern to the Pacific Coast.

Complete West of Edmonton.
"The Canadian Northern Railway is now complete west of Edmonton," said Mr. Mann, "and as you no doubt are aware we have now a system of more than five thousand miles of railway. Naturally having reached the mountains the full completion of the great advantages it would be to our road to have our own line direct to the coast. The construction of such a railway would be of the greatest importance to the people of this province giving them another competitive line and assisting in the development of the enormous resources of this province, which before long will need an extension of transportation facilities."

LAYMEN AND MISSIONS

Programme for Visit of Bishop of Fredericton Arranged

In connection with the Laymen's Missionary Movement, the Bishop of Fredericton, who is visiting the province of British Columbia, will deliver a missionary address to children and young people in the A.O.U.W. hall while at an evening meeting of the same hall and upon the same day his Lordship will discuss at some length the important aims and objects of the Laymen's Missionary movement preparatory to the inauguration of a plan of campaign which it is hoped will lead to the personal and faithful canvassing of all the men who belong to the Church of England, to the end that they may have an opportunity of contributing their fair share towards the support and maintenance of the missionary work of the church both at home and in the foreign field.

Memorial to Late Member.

The ladies of the St. Barnabas church congregation, who have for some time had in contemplation the provision of some suitable memorial in loving remembrance of the faithful and unassuming labors of the late Mrs. J. Dalby, who for some years was president of the Ladies' Aid Guild, have determined to place a stained glass window in the church for this purpose, and it is not at all improbable that upon one side of this window will appear the figure of Dorcas, and upon the other of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Contributions may be sent to the rectory. It is hoped to have these windows, which will probably be prepared in London, Ontario, in place in the course of the next few months.

Geo. Crandall died at Niagara Falls as the result of exposure.

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The Victoria students who wrote on the recent Christmas examinations of McGill University College of British Columbia made an excellent showing. In fact the results of the examinations are pointed to with pride by the lecturers here. In the first year Arts Gordon is in the first class in every subject and Miss Hamilton is first class in all but one physics, where she takes second class standing. In English Miss Hamilton and Gordon get first class and in French the first three students are from Victoria. In geometry Miss Hamilton, Logan and Gordon get first class, while in Latin no less than six of the seven students in first class are from Victoria and in trigonometry three of the six first class students are Victorians. In physics Miss Hamilton took perfect marks, getting one hundred per cent. In the second year Arts Victoria makes a highly satisfactory showing compared with Vancouver. In Latin and geometry the two students taking highest marks are Victorians, and in French Victoria shares honors with Vancouver.

First Year Arts.

English—Class I, Murray and Reid, equal; Mullend, Hamilton (Vic.), Gordon (Vic.), Class II, Harris, Hamilton (Vic.), Allan (Vic.), Class III, Ross (Vic.), Davidson, Bueby, Hamilton and Muttitt, and Ross (Vic.) equal; Allan, Cattell, Class III, Groggs and Wilson, equal; Stewart, Drury (Vic.), Macfarlane, Lane, Hamilton, Cowan (Vic.), Backman and Turnbull and Orme, equal; Lehman (Vic.), Kirkpatrick, Fox (Vic.), Luscombe (Vic.), Barrett and Leoholm (Vic.), Class II, Leoholm (Vic.), Corry (Vic.), Allan (Vic.), Class III, Ross (Vic.), Davidson, Luscombe (Vic.), Harris and Lehman (Vic.), equal; Logan (Vic.), Hamilton, Cowan (Vic.), Evans, Cattell and England, equal; Lane and Wilson and Drury (Vic.), equal; Groggs, Mowat (Vic.), Bueby, Logan (Vic.), Kirkpatrick, Douglas, Gordon (Vic.), McCrear, Class II, Stewart, Davidson, Murray and Ross (Vic.), equal; Class II, Leoholm (Vic.), Cowan (Vic.), Backman and Cowan (Vic.), equal; Douglas and Evans, equal; Class III, Turnbull, Reid, Fox (Vic.), Lane, Hamilton and Sowers, Davidson, Stewart, Harris, Wilson, Bueby and Jones, equal; Orme.

Trigonometry—Class I, Hamilton (Vic.), Cowan (Vic.), Reid, Leoholm (Vic.), Gordon (Vic.), Mullend, Lane, Class II, Bueby and Lehman (Vic.), equal; Hamilton, Douglas, Murray, Wilson, Ross, Drury (Vic.), Luscombe (Vic.), Raynes, Rogers and Stewart, equal; Class III, Groggs and

Second Year Arts.

English—Class I, Smith, Levinoff, Desbriay and Paterson, equal; Macleod, Lindsay and Macleod, H. E., equal; Chandler (Vic.), Class II, Spaulding, McKillop (Vic.), Bock and Boyd, equal; Class III, Willett, Howell, Taylor, MacKean, Dixon, Knowlton, Selman, Meadows (Vic.), Thomas, equal; Boyes and MacKenzie, equal; Papke (Vic.), Eberts (Vic.).

French—Class II, Desbriay, Chandler (Vic.), Class III, Taylor, Spaulding, Lindsay, Beckwith (Vic.), Bock, Macleod, Willett, Beckwith (Vic.), Solid Geometry—Class II, McKillop (Vic.), Class III, Paterson, Meadows, Boyes, Dixon and Macleod, equal; Boyd and Willett and Beckwith (Vic.), and Knowlton.

Latin—Class I, Beckwith (Vic.), Chandler (Vic.), Class II, Paterson, Spaulding, Desbriay and Smith, equal; Bunt and Howell, equal; Taylor, McKillop (Vic.), Class II, Macleod, Papke (Vic.), Macleod, H. E., Meadows, Thomas, Dixon, Bock and Knowlton and Levinoff, Selman, equal; MacKean, Boyd, Willett.

No Results from Search.

While an intermittent search has been in progress, there has not as yet been any sign of the body of Andrew David, "Speak Easy Dave," who disappeared over two weeks ago and who is believed to have fallen overboard from the launch Elwood, docked near the E. & E. bridge.

TIDE TABLE

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