

THE PROVINCIAL ESTIMATES FOR THE YEAR 1916

Provincial Secretary Places Receipts at \$86,000 Less Than the Ordinary Revenue of Last Year, Notwithstanding Railway Tax, Which is Estimated to Yield Large Amount—Succession Duties Much Less—Dr. Landry Covers Much Old Ground But Makes No Reference to Many Things People Want to Know About.

Fredericton, March 29.—The provincial secretary, Dr. Landry, held the centre of the stage today with his budget speech. He always makes a fluent speech and uses the material to hand to the best advantage. His estimated receipts for the year are \$86,000 less than the ordinary revenue of last year and this reduction is in spite of the fact that there is a new railway tax—estimated to yield \$50,000.

The receipts, however, from several other sources will fall off considerably. Succession duties, which last year gave the province a revenue of \$135,000, this year are expected to fall to \$80,000. There is much, however, in this item that is problematical and no one can judge with any accuracy how large the revenues may be.

Incorporated companies are expected to contribute \$15,000 more than usual and motor vehicle owners will perhaps pay \$12,000 more than was estimated and \$5,000 more than was collected last year.

Liquor License Revenue.
The revenue from liquor licenses is expected to increase \$1,500.

Upon the expenditure side, public works of an ordinary character are cut \$60,000, and interest is estimated at \$80,000 more than was paid in 1915. Eight thousand more will be spent upon education, while there is a Canadian patriotic fund item of \$12,500 that is part of the \$25,000 contribution, made last fall, half of which was paid before the close of the fiscal year. The Royal Industrial Home will get \$1,500 more, and the St. John Tourist Association \$500 less.

Printing will cost \$1,000 less, so the estimate says, and public health will be \$2,000 instead of \$5,000.

There is a new item, commission to investigate. The trip should read commissions, as the labors of both W. B. Chandler, K. C., and M. G. Teed, K. C., are included. The indemnity to members is \$15 less than usual because there are only forty-five instead of forty-eight members. The decrease is more than this because the contingencies and traveling expenses follow:

ANALYSIS OF NET DEBT 31ST OCTOBER, 1915.
Net debt 1915 (public accounts) \$5,782,077.32
Net debt 1914 (public accounts, page A 40) \$5,994,669.02
Increase net debt 1915 212,591.70

Debt Increased by the Following Transactions in 1915.
Permanent bridges \$5,437.78
Normal school annex \$1,142.00
Wharves and grain elevator St. John \$1,000.00
Jordan Memorial Sanitarium \$772.78
Contribution Imperial government \$2,413.24
N. B. Settlement lands amount placed to sinking funds \$1,446.40
Outstanding coupons, increased \$85.00
Discount on 5 p.c. bonds issued 1915 \$2,981.00
\$ 207,175.89

Debt Decreased by Following Transactions in 1915.
Surplus on ordinary revenue \$7,446.98
Sinking fund investments \$4,659.22
Provincial Hospital, outstanding claims \$7,119.60
Crown land, outstanding stumpage claims increased in 1915 \$18,075.10
School book claims increased in 1915 \$2,868.58
Agriculture notes, increased \$202.82
N. B. Coal & Railway, taken from liabilities \$6,385.89
Farm Settlement Board—Increase in mortgages and unpaid \$2,707.62
Bank of N. B. A. \$4,000.00
Dominion subsidy agriculture, balance receipts over expenditure \$2,450.65
Crown land sales and bonuses \$4,788.00
Interest on treasury bills \$2,448.18
Gain on exchange in paying off treasury bills in London \$19,070.80
Amounts written off supreme court deposits and contractors' deposits (amounts long outstanding and credited back to province) \$4,608.87
Error in consolidated pension account 1915 100.00
\$187,175.89

Increase over decrease 1915 \$187,175.89

RECEIPTS ON ORDINARY REVENUE AND ESTIMATES OF 1915 AND ESTIMATES OF 1916.

Service	Estimate 1915	Receipts 1915	Estimates 1916
Dominion subsidies	\$3,979,718.16	\$3,979,718.16	\$3,979,718.16
Territorial revenue	591,000.00	591,000.00	591,000.00
Territorial N. B. settlement lands	1,646.40	1,646.40	1,646.40
Poss provincial secretary's office	31,000.00	30,749.48	19,000.00
Taxes incorporated companies	51,000.00	52,898.12	64,000.00
Railway tax	80,000.00	80,000.00	80,000.00
Private and local bills	125,000.00	125,191.68	50,000.00
Succession duties	3,000.00	2,221.50	2,600.00
School books	17,300.00	16,824.18	18,000.00
Liquor licenses	45,000.00	44,888.75	44,500.00
Motor vehicles	16,000.00	28,116.00	28,000.00
Probate court fund	16,500.00	18,018.12	18,500.00
Supreme court fund	2,500.00	2,238.25	3,000.00
Provincial hospital	31,000.00	32,221.66	36,000.00
Jordan Memorial Sanitarium	8,000.00	9,019.96	10,000.00
Factory inspection	500.00	586.20	600.00
Sales agriculture live stock	1,500.00	1,581.10	1,600.00
Seed wheat sale	10,000.00	6,570.70	4,000.00
Miscellaneous receipts	5,000.00	5,529.55	5,500.00
Wharves one-half cost dominion subsidy	5,293.55	5,293.55	5,293.55
	\$1,665,780.18	\$1,694,079.44	\$1,546,100.15

Receipts of 1915 in excess of estimates of 1915 \$1,694,079.44
Estimates of 1916 in excess of estimates of 1915 \$1,546,100.15

EXPENDITURE AND ESTIMATE OF 1915 AND ESTIMATE OF 1916.

Service	Estimate 1915	Expenditure 1915	Estimate 1916
Administration of justice	\$23,700.00	\$27,996.01	\$24,850.00
Agriculture	47,000.00	47,513.70	46,856.84
Auditor-general	8,400.00	8,700.00	8,800.00
Boys' Industrial Home	1,500.00	1,500.00	2,700.00
Campbell relief	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Colonization roads	3,000.00	4,880.72	4,000.00
Crown land classification	1,200.00	1,150.00	
Commission to investigate crown land and railway charges	4,800.00	12,936.75	2,000.00
Canadian patriotic fund	12,500.00	12,500.00	
Confederacy departments	20,000.00	20,054.89	10,100.00
Exhibitions	10,000.00	9,824.87	10,000.00
Elections	1,000.00	949.89	
Executive government	45,000.00	44,815.74	47,141.98
Education	276,485.00	282,891.00	284,480.00
Factory inspector	2,168.00	1,772.78	1,850.00
Fish, forest and game	30,000.00	31,054.48	30,000.00
Farm settlement board	1,300.00	621.26	1,500.00
Free grants	1,000.00	998.58	

THE EASTERN BATTLE FRONT.



The arrow shows the direction of the Russian offensive on the northeastern front.

CANADIAN CASUALTIES

Ottawa, March 27.—The list follows:

FIRST BATTALION.
Died of Wounds—Frank J. Duckett, England.

Wounded—Herbert Spurr, England.

SECOND BATTALION.
Slightly Wounded—Ira A. Scott, Savages Mills (Que.).

SEVENTH BATTALION.
Wounded—John W. Harris, Inver, Alberta; JAMES F. HAGEN, HOPE RIVER (P. E. I.).

TENTH BATTALION.
Wounded—Corporal Fred R. Massey, Oakton (Sask.).

THIRTEENTH BATTALION.
Dangerously Wounded—WILLIAM A. L. NICKERSON, SHELBURNE (N. S.).

FIFTEENTH BATTALION.
Wounded—H. BEARISTO, HALBURTON (P. E. I.).

Previously Reported Missing, Killed in Action, April 28—Arno Juckes, Meadford (Ont.).

EIGHTEENTH BATTALION.
Wounded—Sergeant Grover S. Crook, Oil Springs (Ont.).

TWENTY-SECOND BATTALION.
Severely Wounded—Joseph Gagnon, Montreal.

Died of Wounds—Georges Keraval, Montreal.

TWENTY-SEVENTH BATTALION.
Slightly Wounded—William C. Light, Ottawa.

TWENTY-EIGHTH BATTALION.
Killed in Action—Lance Corporal Geo. S. Tumen, Davis (Sask.).

Again there appears numerous casualties in the Pioneer battalions.

Guarantee bonds government officials.
Interest 800,000 791.88 800.00

Immigration 350,000.00 355,687.49 365,000.00

Jordan Memorial Sanitarium 25,000.00 26,990.85 25,000.00

Liquor license fund 27,000.00 26,598.19 27,000.00

Legislative assembly 29,688.75 30,021.40 27,883.75

Legislative library 800.00 799.99 800.00

Legislation, uniformity of 280.00 280.00 280.00

Mining 2,000.00 1,988.21 2,000.00

Moving picture censors 1,000.00 1,025.00 1,000.00

Maritime Home for Girls 10,000.00 10,000.00 10,000.00

N. B. Historical Society 125.00 125.01 125.00

N. B. Rifle Association 800.00 800.00 800.00

Natural history societies 600.00 600.00 600.00

Probate fee fund 18,500.00 18,457.37 18,500.00

Printing 16,100.00 16,090.88 16,100.00

Provincial hospital maintenance 91,000.00 92,875.84 90,000.00

Pensions school teachers 7,000.00 7,408.04 7,700.00

Public Health 15,200.00 14,894.20 15,200.00

Provincial Committee of the Military hospitals commission 2,000.00 2,000.00

Public works—

Ordinary bridges 140,788.28 140,788.28 140,788.28

Roads 300,000.00 317,918.87 316,000.00

Public buildings 45,000.00 44,418.57 45,000.00

Steam navigation 24,000.00 21,477.00 22,000.00

Wharves 8,000.00 4,682.10 1,000.00

Miscellaneous 5,000.00 5,871.46 5,000.00

Motor vehicles 2,000.00 2,040.40 2,000.00

Road and surveys settlement, lands 800.00 800.00 800.00

Refunds 1,800.00 1,890.64 1,870.00

Railway Auditor and general accounts 600.00 955.16 2,000.00

Stumpage collection 28,000.00 31,861.06 24,000.00

Succession duties 6,250.00 5,826.89 2,500.00

School books 16,000.00 16,000.00 16,000.00

Seed wheat purchase of 10,000.00 10,169.72 10,000.00

Supernumerary 2,000.00 2,000.00 2,000.00

Sinking funds 81,760.00 81,406.40 81,760.00

Surveys, crown lands, etc. 4,000.00 3,040.40 4,000.00

Railway inspection 8,000.00 8,908.58 8,000.00

Tourist associations 2,000.00 2,000.00 2,000.00

Unforeseen expenses 8,600.00 5,294.08 8,700.00

\$1,587,498.75 \$1,626,693.86 \$1,535,873.97

Expenditure of 1915 in excess of estimate \$38,195.11

Estimates of 1916 in excess of estimates of 1915 \$21,650.48

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GOOD WORK AT SOLDIERS' HOME

More Offers of Assistance Than Can Be Accepted—Jigsaw Work Enjoyed by the Men—Some Patients Invited Out.

The convalescent homes throughout Canada, for returned invalided soldiers under the direction of the Military Hospitals Commission, are now caring for 1,800 men—invalids and out patients.

Steps are being taken in most of these homes to form various kinds of classes for the occupation and instruction of the patients and, no doubt before long, a regular system of vocational training will be instituted by the Canadian government for these men, with all necessary equipment.

At present it is satisfactory to learn that the Patriotic Convalescent Home in St. John is not in any way behind others in this movement. Under the able management of the Women's Canadian Club, classes are now going on in knitting, jigsaw work and manual training as taught in the St. John public schools.

Useful in Future.
These occupations are not only a healthy pastime for the men but a very real training, as well as a careful training which can be turned to account in the future.

The men have knitted a number of useful articles for themselves, under the supervision of Miss Alice R. Hume, the matron, Miss Burns, Knit wool for socks, which may be acceptable from friends at any time.

As soon as H. V. Hayes learned from the ladies of their plans, he most generously offered his services in starting the manual training in the home, and his offer was warmly supported by Dr. Bridges, for the school board.

Mr. Hayes is supervising the installation of the necessary work tables, one of which has been loaned by Mrs. John McAvity and the proper outfit of tools provided, money for which has been donated by the Misses MacLaren, now in England, through Miss L. Marks.

Models and drawing instruments have been given by Mrs. D. W. Ledingham. Empty cigar boxes provide wood suitable for the jigsaw work and other work which may be acceptable at the home.

A number of the men attend Mr. Hayes' classes twice a week in the manual training school in Waterloo street, and with a good outfit of tools and necessary material in the home, should soon be able to turn out some good work.

Mrs. C. J. Coster is kindly giving lessons in jigsaw work in the making of puzzles, and a jigsaw having been given by Mrs. Murray MacLaren, it is hoped that before long the men will be turning out articles which can be sold for the benefit of some patriotic object.

The other work in the home is being done by the voluntary aid detachment, and goes on every day. It is entirely satisfactory to those in charge of the institution.

A great many kind offers of assistance have not been accepted because the amount of regular work to be done in the home is limited and no more is required at present.

The Women's Canadian Club have repeatedly thanked the people of St. John for their ever ready offers of work and aid of all kinds, and the constant supply of gifts of various kinds from city friends is a source of much pleasure and appreciation to the men.

Automobile Rides.
Mrs. Percy Thomson, Mrs. George McAvity and Mrs. F. E. Williams have taken the patients out for some delightful drives, and Mrs. Thomson has received promises from other friends to join in this good work as soon as the season is a little farther advanced.

Most of the men in the home have been able to avail themselves of kind invitations to visit homes in the city and a number of pleasant entertainments have been given for their benefit in the home. They always appreciate a visit from any kind person who can give them a little music, but as they are out a great deal, this should be arranged beforehand by telephone to the matron.

The home is open daily to visitors and its comfort and good order have been commented upon by all. It is a great credit to those in charge and to the citizens of St. John.

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NO ACTION TAKEN AT FIRST MEETING ON THE VALLEY RAILWAY SCHEME
Fredericton, March 29.—No action was taken at tonight's special meeting of the Fredericton board of trade called for the purpose of discussing the proposed change in the route of the St. John and Quebec Railway. The resolution introduced before the board, that no action be taken, was carried by a vote of 10 to 1.

It was not seconded, the attendance at the meeting being so small that it was thought advisable to postpone the discussion until a later date. The matter probably will be before the board again.

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