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No More Refunding Of Saint John Debentures

Strong Financial Statement In Reports of Chamberlain and Comptroller

Bonded Debt Increased \$294,500 in Last Year, Meaning Additional Interest of \$14,146—Surplus of \$33,588.29 on Year's Operations—Taxes Better Paid—Sinking Fund for Every Bond Afloat

The annual statement of City Chamberlain Lingley and Comptroller MacIntyre were laid before the city council today. The outstanding features are that the city closed the year 1918 with a surplus of \$33,588.29; that there is now a sinking fund for every bond afloat; that the debenture debt is now \$5,015,726.66, an increase of \$294,500 in the last year; that all expenditure under capital account were made within their estimates; that of \$676,000 in debentures issued last year the sinking funds absorbed \$209,000 and the citizens largely over-subscribed the balance; that the increase in interest on the bonded debt was \$14,146; that the policy of granting a cash discount for prompt payment of water taxes met with great success; that the collection of city taxes, \$661,658.17, or over 82 per cent with an additional \$104,677.95 on 1917 taxes and arrears, was better than in the previous year; that the city's sinking fund amounts to \$1,188,232.14; and that the city's assets are considerably in excess of \$7,000,000. The city's bonded debt is less than it was ten years ago or, six years ago but a little higher than it was during the past five years. Ten years ago it was \$5,083,635.51. In 1917 it was down to \$4,721,226.66, and is now \$5,015,726.66.

CASH RECEIPTS YEAR 1918. Treasury Department. Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1918, \$ 5,028.51. General assessment, \$64,693.42. Tax delinquents, \$24,893.42. Licenses, special and general, \$15,249.04. General revenue, \$2,983.09. Deposits on contract, \$2,880.90. Espionage, \$12.18. Defelected assessment, \$2,150.83. Gormain street assessment, \$462.92. West Side fisheries, \$3,230.45. Lands and roller sales, \$5,670.75. Sinking funds, \$107,183.51. Atlantic Sugar Refineries, \$1,000.00. Coal, \$1,890.00. Hardware, \$2,326.66. Bond sales, \$17,000.00. Tax claims, \$34,940.00. N. B. Power Company, \$12,244.87. \$174,866.78

Public Safety Department. Market department, \$ 18,735.62. Police department, \$ 7,236.66. Fire department, \$ 887.17. Exhibition buildings, \$ 600.00. City Hall, \$ 1,138.95. Salvage corps, \$ 509.75. \$ 22,146.55

Public Works Department. Street permits, \$ 770.00. Street department, \$ 7,574.44. Street railway contract, \$ 14,400.00. Main street pavement, \$ 2,460.12. \$ 25,204.56

Water and Sewerage Department. Water assessment, \$ 204,412.86. Water sold steamers, etc., \$ 15,935.63. Sewer maintenance, \$ 1,147.02. Provincial government, \$ 2,139.03. \$ 223,644.54. Balance due Bank of N. S. Dec. 31, 1918, \$ 44,739.04. \$ 268,383.58

CASH EXPENDITURE YEAR 1918. Treasury Department. Dr. Balance Bank of Nova Scotia, \$ 83,835.46. General revenue, \$ 29,014.28. Expense, \$ 28,829.55. Board of School Trustees, \$ 75.58. West Side fisheries, \$ 1,575.00. Deposits on contract, \$ 2,880.90. Library, St. John, \$ 850.00. Assessment commission, \$ 3,200.86. Bonds matured, \$ 81,500.00. Sinking fund, \$ 98,698.00. Tax sales, \$ 70.88. Hard coal, \$ 627.50. Hardware, \$ 1,954.58. Rockwood Park and River-view Park and grants, \$ 11,787.50. Interest payable, \$ 290,892.77. Canadian Patriotic Fund, \$ 150,000.00. Town planning, \$ 96.46. New Brunswick Power Co., \$ 12,844.87. \$ 1,199,689.03

Public Works Department. Streets, \$ 188,169.91. Street Railway contract, \$ 1,250.21. Granite pavement, Main St., \$ 27,660.00. Street permits, \$ 760.00. Playgrounds, West End, \$ 460.10. Playgrounds, South End, \$ 805.32. Playgrounds, Victoria Square, \$ 53.12. \$ 200,378.36

JUDGE SPEAKS OF JUVENILE CRIME

Session of County Court Opened This Morning

Judge Armstrong Refers to Court House Suggestions—Reference to Recent School Case—Jurors and Docket

The first court to be held here since the burning of the court house, was convened this morning. His Honor Judge Armstrong presiding over the February term of the County Court. In addressing the grand jury he spoke of a wave of juvenile crime in the city and county, giving what he considered the causes, and making pointed reference to a recommendation of a coroner's jury lately for dismissal of a female school teacher. Since the last court was held in the St. John Court House, said His Honor, when several county court speedy trials were disposed of on February 10 last, that structure two days later was greatly damaged by fire. The court house, in its dignified solidity and in its imposing design was most creditable to the early settlers of our city and for a period of nearly a century served well the purpose for which it was designed. He said, only as a tax payer, it would seem a pity to tear down the outer stone walls, which appeared to be but little damaged, with a view of erecting a new building, which, if on the present site, would not be a great improvement from an exterior view point. The municipality might well pause before adding to the burdens of a now well taxed people the cost of a building on the magnificent site proposed by some. The court house building might well be renovated inside and repaired, which it was said could be accomplished with the amount of insurance received, making provision possibly for a portion to be used for a community purpose. Commissioner Thomson, who has had charge of providing temporary accommodations for the court, was to be heard by the grand jury on his success in securing the suitable criteria which were used for the first time so occupied, and which he said were the most obtainable. He had given his daily personal supervision to the work of preparing and furnishing these rooms.

BETTER PROSPECT OF AVERTING A RAILWAY STRIKE

London, March 25—(By the Associated Press)—The prospect of averting a railway strike was greatly improved last night. There were still some points to be negotiated, but as a result of week-end conferences at the board of trade the leaders of the men expressed satisfaction over the spirit shown by the government in seeking a tangible solution of the controversy.

WRETCHED CONDITIONS DISCLOSED TODAY IN LIQUOR CASE

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AIRPLANE FLIGHT WITH NO HUMAN GUIDE

U. S. Secretary of War Makes Statement of Wonderful Invention

Fort Worth, Texas, March 25—Under automatic control, an airplane capable of carrying a heavy load and operated without a human guide, has made a trip of 100 miles and landed to the point set out to reach, said Newton D. Baker, secretary of war, in an address here yesterday.

SOLDIER ACCIDENTALLY KILLS YOUNG BROTHER

Quebec, March 25—Rodolphe Arnaud, aged sixteen, single, of 21 Pere Arnaud street, was fatally shot last evening while target shooting with his brothers along the C. P. R. track. He was shot by his brother, a returned soldier, who was showing him how to manipulate a fire arm.

CANONIZATION OF JOAN OF ARC

Paris, March 25—(Havas Agency)—The canonization of Joan of Arc is considered to be certain, according to a despatch from Rome. Pope Benedict, it is said, will give a decision regarding it on March 26.

PROBLEMS SPREADING THROUGH AUSTRIA

Bolshevik Movement Getting Grip There—Hungarian Soldiers Called to Rejoin Colors—British and French in Budapest Reported Disarmed—Allies' Gun Boats Up Danube to Hungarian Capital

Paris, March 25—(By the Associated Press)—The conditions in Hungary seem to have affected German-Austria. Advice to the American peace conference delegates from private agents in Vienna indicate the existence of a threatening state of affairs there.

LONDON PAPERS PUT BLAME ON THE CONFERENCE

Charge it With Responsibility For Trouble In Hungary

Prompt and Combined Military Action Against Magyar Government the Remedy, Says Chronicle—League of Nations Declared Peace Obstacle

London, March 25—Morning newspapers unanimously charge the Paris peace conference with responsibility for Hungary's curtailing Bolshevism and the general dissatisfaction over the delay of peace, but the manner in which it has assumed responsibility is variously explained.

PYTHIANS TO MONCTON

Large Number Left This Afternoon for Degree Work

A large party of Knights of Pythias left for Moncton, where they will pay a fraternal visit to their brethren and work the chapters of the knights degree.

PHILIP AND PHERNAND WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, H. F. Stewart, director of meteorological service

Synopsis—Pressure is high over the northwestern and eastern portions of the continent with a trough of low extending from the western end of Lake Superior to the southwest states. The weather has turned colder in the western provinces but continues mild from Ontario eastward.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

First Session of Committee in Fredericton, Mr. Smith as Critic

Fredericton, N. B., March 25—The first meeting of the public accounts committee of the legislature was held this morning and as the first business on the programme Fred Magee was re-elected chairman and J. M. Keefe secretary.

Unable To Dock Olympic Yet; Royal George Gets to Pier

Halifax, N. S., March 25—After an unsuccessful attempt to dock the Olympic, in the teeth of a twenty-three knot northwest blow this morning, the giant liner returned to her anchorage in the stream and prepared to disembark the civilian passengers by tender.

Two Sessions a Day to Rush Decision On Big Questions Affecting Peace

Paris, March 25—(By the Associated Press)—All the delegations to the peace conference are very anxious regarding the situation in Eastern Europe and are impressed with the necessity of quickly doing something to hasten the return of normal conditions to the rest of Europe.

Canada Will Not Have Daylight Saving

OTAWA, March 25—Daylight saving is to be discontinued. In view of the objections raised, it is understood that the government has decided not to bring down legislation continuing summer time. The official announcement will probably be made this afternoon.

BUDJET SPEECH THIS AFTERNOON

Hon. Mr. Murray Ready—Several Delegations Heard by Government

Fredericton, N. B., March 25—Hon. Robert Murray has succeeded in completing his preparations for the presentation of the budget speech and the estimates will be before the house this afternoon.

LABOR LEADER AND MANUFACTURER ON THE SAME PLATFORM

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VETERANS CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN JUNE

Winnipeg, March 25—The dominion convention of the army and navy veterans will likely be held in June in Montreal instead of April. A mail vote showed the majority of the executive in favor of deferring the convention.

GOING ON CORSIKAN

Four conducting staff will embark on the Corsica, which will sail tomorrow for England.

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