

SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Our Readers are Asked to Contribute Items to this Column.

Mr. Wm. P. Gray is in New York this week.

Mrs. W. J. Miller of Charlco was in town Thursday.

Mr. Lloyd Irons of Jacquet River spent Sunday in town.

Miss Madge Gerrard, leaves today on a visit to Vancouver.

Mr. J. Y. Merseureau of Chatham was in town this week.

Miss Ethel Malcolm is visiting in Fredericton.

Mr. Jack Stevens spent the week end at Newcastle.

Mr. H. G. Hagen of Amherst was in town Thursday.

Mr. W. H. Edgett of Reed Co., Moncton was in town Wednesday.

Mrs. W. S. Montgomery of Dalhousie was in town for a few days this week.

Rev. Geo. Morris was visiting at his home in P. E. Island for the past week.

Mrs. E. W. Gillis and children of Tide Head spent Sunday with friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Jamieson are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a baby boy.

Miss Edith McLennan who was visiting her aunt in Chatham has returned home.

Miss Tessie Lingley is visiting Mrs. H. H. Woodworth Sackville, and enjoying a round of gaiety.

Mr. John Cripps of Chatham is visiting his daughter, Mrs. D. A. Harquail.

Miss Miller of Toronto arrived Wednesday and has accepted a position as head milliner with Miss McNeil, Dalhousie.

It is satisfactory to hear that Mr. Rolland Moffat is making a good recovery from his serious illness in Montreal.

Mr. T. G. Marquis, manager of Haymarket Branch of the Bank of New Brunswick, St. John, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Marquis.

A number of our young people intend driving to Pritchard's Lake tonight. While enjoying the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard no doubt some tripping of the light fantastic toe will be indulged in.

Miss A. McNeill returned to Dalhousie Tuesday morning from St. John, N. B., where she was attending the millinery openings. She has opened up a millinery department in the McLeod building, Dalhousie, N. B.

Ladies Suits are now on display at S. M. Moores

A COLD CRACK

We are informed that the Conservative government have appointed a medical officer to the Indians from Causapsal. Campbellton is too far away from Cross Point. Perhaps one of our medical men here will be appointed when we get the bridge over the Restigouche.

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DEBATE ON BUDGET

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without liberal expenses. Mr. McDougall has \$1500, Mr. Daigle \$1400, Mr. Turner, the Horticulturist, draws \$1500 and his assistant, Mr. Gorham, \$1000. Then there is Mr. Wilmot, the Immigration Agent, with \$1200 and Mr. Bowder his London associate, gets \$1500. These last named gentlemen each have office establishments to keep up and the expense of them rise into the thousands. So far the Province has seen little if any, results from this expenditure and it is hoped that some good will soon come out of the generosity of the people. There are a couple of lady stenographers, one of whom, Mrs. Dunbrack occasionally goes upon a demonstrating tour in the country. Then there are a couple of clerks at \$800 and \$300; and last but not least there is the Poultry Expert, Mr. Jones' salary is not as large as either the Dairy Inspectors or the Horticulture man but he is not without hope and he need not be. He has not been long in office and \$900 may be easily increased if one has proper friends at court and there is no doubt that Mr. Jones has them. His expenses too for the first nine months were nearly \$500 and that must be a source of considerable satisfaction to him. The expenses of the Dairy Superintendent are not by any means small for the Auditor-General's report says that Mr. Daigle for the last twelve months drew \$1068.44 for that purpose.

That is how the money goes, or a lot of it. That is how these make-believe farmers are enjoying themselves at the expense of the public.

The Budget debate this week was interesting. Mr. McLeod's presentation of a bad case was as wordy as only Mr. McLeod can make it. It was his first attempt as Provincial Secretary and it probably will be his last. He has not been used to dealing in sums of large amounts or transactions of the kind that the necessary in the affairs of the province. His promotion from the post of Solicitor General to that of Provincial Secretary was somewhat unexpected but the result of the election of Sept. 21st. was unexpected itself and the things that follow it might naturally be of a like character. It is said that Mr. McLeod would have preferred to be Surveyor General and the story also goes that his colleague who enjoyed that office did not look with delight upon him as his successor and so a truce or an agreement was necessary and the Premier himself retired from the Provincial Secretaryship, assumed the office of Hon. Mr. Grimmer who was made Attorney General. Be that as it may, the change involved the presentation of the Budget by the Hon. Mr. McLeod on Tuesday. If one could have listened to him without knowing where he was speaking they would have imagined that he was hearing a second time one of the campaign speeches of last winter. It was the old issue

and the old government. There was nothing new. There is nothing original in this government. They are simply following in the footsteps of those who went out of power in 1908, doing far worse in a financial way, and far worse in every way because they have adopted a standstill policy and in some of the departments they are retrograding. The legislation that was placed upon the statue books by the old government which hardly had time to mature and certainly did not have time to be acted upon, is now giving this administration the chance to put some of it into effect. Only the other day a bill was brought down to amend the act relating to the coal areas in Queen's county. Those coal areas were discovered, developed, assisted and encouraged in every way by the former administration. They spent a lot of money in doing it, they placed some debt upon the province with respect to the Central Railway, but they opened up the coal mines of Queens and Sunbury and made it possible for one of the richest mineral deposits in this part of Canada to be exploited. See what has happened. The most astute business men, that longheaded corporation the Canadian Pacific Railway, through its agents and officials, have sought and acquired control of large sections of the coal fields and today one of the best known railway men in the world, Sir Thos. Tait, who for years after he had graduated from the Canadian Pacific Railway, had charge of the Australian system of Railways, is President of the company which is to build the Gibson Minto Railway, assisted by the province to the extent of \$15,000 a mile guarantee. This is one result of the legislation introduced years ago by the old government.

The mines of Gloucester came to the front under this Administration, but the apparatus, the legislation, everything that fostered and encouraged the search for iron, was begun by the old government. This is also true of the oil wells of Albert and Westmorland.

But to return to the budget. Mr. McLeod had a hard task before him to say to the people that the Province had enjoyed the largest revenue in its history and at the same time to announce that his economic Government, had spent \$56,000 more than it had received. In the speech that followed by Hon. Mr. Sweeney he said that while there was a record revenue there was also a record debt; that it was a government of broken promises and boastful expenditures of deficits and favoritism; of unbusinesslike methods; of profession rather than performance; of a multitude of officials with increased salaries; of concealed accounts and wasted money; with no crown land policy but waste and depletion of the country's principal source of revenue, and nothing to safeguard the rights and privileges of invested interests in the lumber business. Upon these lines the ex-Surveyor General criticized the speech of the Provincial Secretary and before he concluded on the following day he had made one of the best addresses that his friends had ever listened to. He exposed in detail the false argument of the Provincial Secretary that they owned their increased revenue not to an increased cut on Crown Lands but rather to an honest collection of the stumpage and in exposing it he told the House that it was a strange thing that the officials in the crown land department who were in the main the same who had worked under him, could be dishonest at one time and honest at another. He proved the absurdity of the "Honest Stumpage" claim by showing that the Government took no count of the tremendous quantities of lumber shipped to the United States in recent years, of the large quantities of pulp wood cut from crown lands and shipped to the same market, and the increased demand from United Kingdom ports for New Brunswick deal.

In the Public Accounts committee the Chairman, Mr. Pinder of York, shines out as the chief apologist of the Government expenditure. He is still at loggerheads with the old Administration and so long as he lives will find that a skeleton in his closet. For a man who was once so vigilant in the interests of his province, and one who saw a thief on every page of the Auditor-General's report, who looked for graft and rakeoff in almost every line, the change is most remarkable. He takes the Auditor-General's explanation without word of comment. He believes that the thousands of dollars of postage stamps are all used in the work of the department. He can even tolerate fountain pens and pocket knives for the clerical forces without blinking an eyelid. It does not apparently worry him to find

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that G. T. Pinder who happens to be a son of his, got \$6 a cord for wood for the legislative buildings and offices while J. Richardson only received \$3 and J. J. F. Winslow \$5 per cord. It looks as if Mr. Pinder was like a great many other people who believed in the bridges that carried them safely over the stream. The Chairman of the Public Accounts committee is looking for very large assistance on the part of the Province to assist in the completion of his Southampt railway. If he does not do his duty as a loyal supporter in the House, he may not get it, and Mr. Pinder does not propose to lose any such thing as a large bond guarantee.