

WAR TIME SURPLUS OF \$12,077.29 IS FINE RECORD OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVT.

Auditor General's Report on the Finances of the Province for 1916 Shows Prudent and Business-like Administration of Affairs.

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 27.—Another evidence of the prudent and business-like administration that is being given the province by the Clarke government is the financial statement issued in the current issue of the Royal Gazette by the Auditor-General, showing a surplus of \$12,077.29. The surplus is particularly gratifying at the present time, when phenomenal conditions prevail due to the great war crisis.

The statement follows:

EXPENDITURE, 1916.	
Administration of Justice	\$ 23,512.92
Agriculture	46,729.42
Auditor General's Office	3,800.00
Appeal to Privy Council in certain cases	3,420.57
Boys' Industrial Home	2,700.00
Campbellton Relief	5,000.00
Colonization Roads	3,981.62
Commissions to Investigate	1,957.80
Canadian Patriotic Fund, contribution	12,500.00
Contingencies, Departments and Legislature	20,934.93
Executive Government	19,909.84
Education	45,852.89
Elections	290,941.30
Factory Inspection—Inspector	1,532.74
Factory Inspection—Board Engineers	1,694.68
Fish, Forest and Game	33,800.35
Farm Settlement Board	1,270.60
Free Grants	534.52
Guarantee Bonds, Government Officials	717.48
Interest	351,004.99
Immigration	9,999.95
Jordan Memorial Sanatorium	37,838.30
Liquor License Fund	26,243.87
Legislative Assembly	27,802.64
Religious Library	738.28
Religious, Unincorporated	250.00
Mining	2,424.89
Moving Picture Censors	1,150.00
Maritime Home for Girls	272.46
N. B. Historical Society	125.00
Natural History Societies	600.00
Public Health—Salaries, Expenses	1,962.82
Public Health—Hospitals	10,000.00
Probate Fee Fund	13,517.72
Printing	16,913.31
Provincial Hospital Maintenance	94,385.62
Pensions—School Teachers	8,165.48
Public Works	346,458.03
Public Works—Motor Vehicle Law	3,391.69
Provincial Committee of the Military Hospitals Commission	2,000.00
Refunds	1,909.32
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Railway Auditor and General Accountant	1,295.50
Stumpage Collection	29,398.53
School Books	21,050.46
Succession Duties	2,639.69
Surveys—Crown Lands	4,015.41
Superannuations	1,533.32
Sinking Funds	31,613.21
Tourist Associations	2,500.00
Unforeseen Expenses	3,323.41
Total ordinary expenditure	\$1,568,454.07
Permanent Bridges	\$347,103.58
Roads, Special Improvements, (Order-in-Council)	70,548.60
Wharves, St. John	1,000.00
Classification Crown Lands	13,911.41
	432,563.59
Debitures, (Smallpox) redeemed	3,500.00
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Agriculture—Dominion subsidy	41,964.35
Contractors' deposits refunded	5,336.00
Probate Court withdrawals	375.00
Supreme Court withdrawals	2,639.34
Commuted pensions withdrawn	2,800.10
Crown Land—Temperance withdrawal	970.15
Farm Settlement Board, balance on Bond account	1,238.68
Official Committee re property of Lunatics withdrawal	520,837.18
Balance	\$2,582,427.79

RECEIPTS, 1916.	
Balance from 1915	\$ 119,282.30
Dominion subsidies	\$637,976.16
Territorial revenue	540,386.06
Territorial revenue, N. B. Settlement Lands	1,833.29
Fees, Provincial Secretary's Office	20,109.37
Taxes, Incorporated Companies	55,052.17
Succession Duties	77,352.37
Railway Taxes	53,690.00
Private and local Bills	1,180.00
King's Printer	2,223.40
School Books	18,221.78
Liquor Licenses	45,273.31
Probate Court Fund	16,737.74
Supreme Court Fund	2,336.13
Provincial Hospital	42,972.01
Jordan Memorial Sanatorium	8,998.78
Motor Vehicles	38,482.00
Factory Inspector	356.00
Seed wheat, sale of	3,673.78
Miscellaneous receipts	5,012.10
Total ordinary revenue	1,580,531.30
Crown Lands sold, (Sinking Fund Crown Lands)	2,662.60
Bonuses on Timber Licenses (Sinking Fund Crown Lands)	61.92
Temporary deposits Crown Lands Department	4,185.40
Agriculture—Dominion Subsidy	59,209.60
Contractors' deposits	22,714.25
Supreme Court deposits	1,020.70
Sinking Funds Municipalities	1,541.74
Official Committee re Property of Lunatics deposits	3,829.21
Deposit sale of property for taxes 3 Geo. V. Cap. 65	7,597.25
Proceeds of \$702,000 5 per cent. bonds sold	381.37
Proceeds of \$113,500 4 per cent. Farm Settlement Board Bonds sold to Sinking Funds	666,900.00
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BROKE INTO THE CATHEDRAL. A man who gives his name to the police as Frank Dolan, a Frenchman who claims Prince Edward Island on his home, was arrested shortly after 10 o'clock this morning by Sergeant Hankins, Constable McLeese and County Policeman Saunders. He is charged with breaking and entering the Cathedral on Waterloo street.

In the vicinity of one o'clock a man named Power who works in the Shaw bakery, saw Dolan entering the church and notified Rev. Father Duke in the Bishop's Palace. The clergyman immediately telephoned to police headquarters, and the three officers mentioned hastened to the scene and found Dolan in the church. The prisoner had taken a long deal, and was placing it to a window-sill near the

Monastery of the Good Shepherd broke a church window, and in this manner gained an entrance. Dolan was not intoxicated when placed under arrest, and could give no reason for making the break.

A Neat Calendar.

The Standard has received from J. L. Wright, of 22 Winslow street, West End, a beautiful calendar for 1917. The picture is very neat and is in itself a work of art.

Dr. Alphonse H. Bourque and Mrs. Bourque passed through the city yesterday on their return to West Newton after spending the Christmas vacation at their former home in the city. Dr. Bourque is a leading practitioner in the American centre.

THINKS WAR MAY END IN SEPTEMBER

This is the Opinion of a New Brunswick who has Spent Many Months in Action With 26th.

"The boys in the trenches are prepared to 'carry on' until the war has been honorably finished. They will not tolerate any peace unless there is the fullest reparation," said Sergeant David Palmer, of Rexton, a returned hero from the famous 26th New Brunswick Battalion. Sergeant Palmer is a son of Charles Palmer, of Rexton, and a nephew of J. D. Palmer, of Fredericton, head of the Harrit Boot and Shoe Company, Ltd.

"The boys don't want any peace on the enemy's terms," continued Sergeant Palmer. "If peace can be brought about on favorable terms they would naturally welcome it, but otherwise they are prepared to stay till the war is honorably finished."

"How much longer do you think the war will last?" asked the reporter. "I may be far astray, but I think that about September next will witness the finish," said the sergeant. "The Allies have had by far the better of the fighting during the past six months and they are going ahead all the time."

Sergeant Palmer spoke in appreciative terms of the work of the officers and men of the 26th. He was a member of the original battalion, of which scarcely forty men now remain. While going over the parapet on March 27th last, Fritz got him with a six inch shell and inflicted severe wounds.

This was at Saint Eloi, and the sergeant had previously participated in the numerous big battles without receiving a scratch. He was a patient in the 13th Stationary Hospital at France for two months and a half, after which he was transferred to the First London General Hospital, where he spent three months and a half, going from there to the Canadian Convalescent Home at Kingswood where he spent a month and a half. He still bears many marks of the severe injuries he received.

Sergeant Palmer will report today to Captain Loggie at the Parkes Convalescent Home. It is likely that he will be ordered to the Military Hospital for an operation on his leg, which is causing him much pain. The sergeant was warmly welcomed at his Rexton home, where he is most popular.

Gunner Charles Hudson, a well known Rexton man, who has been home for the Christmas vacation, accompanied Sergeant Palmer to the city. Gunner Hudson rejoins the 9th Siege Battery on Partridge Island this morning. While in the city Messrs. Hudson and Palmer registered at the Dufferin Hotel.

BRUCE M. BERRY AND MISS HELEN AITON WED

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Hartland, Dec. 27.—There was a very pretty wedding at home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Aiton, this afternoon, when their daughter, Helen G., was united in wedlock to Mr. Bruce M. Berry of Moncton, formerly principal of the Hartland school, but now in the insurance business.

Rev. P. J. Trafton tied the nuptial knot in the presence of the immediate relatives of the contracting parties. The parlor was prettily decorated for the occasion and after a dainty wedding luncheon Mr. and Mrs. Berry departed on the south bound express for their future home in Moncton. The bride was prettily attired in a travelling costume.

When departing the young couple were showered with confetti and received parting well wishes from a large number of friends who had gathered at the station to see them off.

CAPT. REV. W. S. GODFREY AND MISS PICARD WED

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Sackville, N. B., Dec. 27.—Capt. Rev. W. S. Godfrey of the 25th N. B. Kiln and Miss Clementina Moore Pickard, daughter of Mr. Humphrey Pickard of this town, were married at the home of the bride today. Rev. H. E. Thomas officiated, assisted by Rev. Prof. F. W. Desbarres. The wedding was quiet, only relatives and immediate friends being present. The bride looked charming in a gown of white bridal net wearing veil trimmed with real orange blossoms.

ST. BRITAIN AND FRANCE IN UNISON

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Every indication points to much worse conditions in Germany than the world even suspects; on the other hand, the Allies are daily better situated to wage a successful offensive. The British, who are little given to demonstrativeness, are unanimous in their expression of absolute confidence in the comparatively early defeat of the Central Powers under pressure of the Allies' gathering strength.

Agree on Terms.

London, Dec. 27.—England and France have fully agreed upon the terms of the reply to be made to the peace proposals of the Teutonic allies, the Associated Press learned at the foreign office today. It is hoped here that the answer may be despatched by the end of the week, but other nations of the Entente, although agreed in principle, may require verbal alterations which would necessitate further delay.

It is expected that once this reply had been forwarded the response to President Wilson's note will follow very shortly.

London, Dec. 27.—Russia's reply to the German peace proposals was telegraphed Monday to the French government, says a Reuter despatch from Petrograd. It adds that the Swiss minister has handed to the Russian foreign office the note of the Swiss government supporting President Wilson's note.

French Comment.

Paris, Dec. 27.—The newspapers today comment freely on Germany's reply to President Wilson's note concerning peace. All of them affirm that it contains nothing not contained in the first communication of Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German imperial chancellor, except that it proposes a conference in some neutral capital.

"Germany," says the Temps, "invites her adversaries to a conference without making to them any disclosure of what she proposes to say."

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till their delegates surround the green cloth."

The Temps then attacks, in detail, what it terms the systematic mendacity of Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg respecting the origin of the war, and alleges that he changed the date of the note of Count Von Bernstorff, the Austrian foreign minister, of which the chancellor spoke recently in the Reichstag. The newspaper asserts that while Count Von Bernstorff says one thing in the United States, Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg says another in Germany, and impressed the hope that Washington will now be able to measure the sincerity of the German government's declaration.

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settled in accordance with the wishes of the Polish people, and that "Alsace Lorraine to the Balkans those populations that have been annexed by force shall receive the right freely to dispose of themselves."

London, Dec. 27.—It is not believed in official circles here that there exists any possibility of assembling a peace conference, as proposed in the German reply to President Wilson's note, unless Germany is willing to make suggestions in advance regarding her ideas of the terms of peace.

Dutch Action.

The Hague, Dec. 26, via London, Dec. 27.—The Dutch section of the World's Union of Churches held a crowded meeting tonight in the largest church in the city. The speakers endorsed President Wilson's "act of faith" in the sending of his note to the belligerents, and exhorted their brethren in belligerent countries to foster an atmosphere in which the idea of peace might be developed.

Swiss Neutrality.

Paris, Dec. 27.—A despatch to the Journal Des Debats from Geneva says: "The Swiss federal council has, according to information received from Bern, received formal assurances from Germany guaranteeing once more Switzerland's neutrality. The assurances were given as the result of the fear recently prevailing that Germany was preparing to break through Switzerland into France and Italy."

"With the British armies in France, Dec. 27.—Never has the British army been so prepared to fight; why should we talk peace?"

"You can safely give that as the British army's answer to all peace talk," declared a staff general today, in response to questions of what he and his men thought of President Wilson's note. The note was variously commented upon by the fighting men. The feeling was that strong influences had succeeded in inducing Mr. Wilson to believe this was an opportune time to act. Such action was regarded as smothering Germany's road, and enabling her to take the second step in her peace plot.

Sentiment at the front is unconditionally against peace now.

NEWS OF BRITISH VESSELS WITHHELD AT BOSTON ALSO.

Boston, Dec. 27.—News of movements of British vessels to and from this port will be withheld by agents of the various lines as a result of an order received today from their

head offices at Liverpool.

All sailing lists have been destroyed, and newspaper advertising of expected sailings has been withdrawn.

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Gilmour 91 109 83 253 94 1-3
Cosgrove 96 97 99 292 97 1-3
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McIlveen 93 90 102 294 98
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