

The Standard

Published by The Standard Limited, 82 Prince William Street, St. John, N. B., Canada.

SUBSCRIPTION.

Daily Edition, by Carrier, per year... \$5.00
Daily Edition, by Mail, per year... 3.00
Semi-Weekly Edition, by Mail, per year... 1.00
Single Copies Two Cents.

TELEPHONE CALLS:

Business Office... Main 1722
Editorial and News... Main 1746

ST. JOHN, N. B., TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1912.

PUBLIC WORKS EXPENDITURES.

The newspapers supporting the Opposition in the local House are endeavoring to make it appear that Mr. Fleming has committed an unpardonable offence in making necessary repairs to a large number of bridges in every section of the Province that were in a dangerous condition.

Two courses were open to the Government. One was to borrow the money as a special loan and the other was to overdraw the account, and either enlarge the grant for the ensuing year or curtail the expenditure.

An examination of the expenditures of the Public Works Department for the past two years will prove to anyone that Mr. Fleming might very easily have avoided the so-called deficit had he allowed the bridges to remain out of repair as the former Administration had done.

Table with 2 columns: 1910, 1911. Rows include Legislative buildings and offices, Normal School building, Provincial Hospital building, Steam Navigation, Wharves, Roads, Bridges (ordinary), Maces' Bay Sea Wall, etc., Miscellaneous.

The above figures show that the Government spent \$7,318,223 more in 1911 than in 1910, of which \$7,604,600 was for bridges and \$6,467,528 was for roads, and a special expenditure of \$5,402,54 for sea walls which the old Government would certainly have charged to capital account.

If anyone doubts that such methods were pursued let him carefully examine the reports of the Auditor General of 1906 and 1907 and the Public Works Report of the same year. On pages 74, 75 and 76 of the Public Works Report for 1906 the total expenditures are given in a tabulated statement as \$219,578.26 and the receipts as \$197,484.43. The balance against the department at the beginning of the year is stated at \$25,028.41, making the total over-expenditure for the two years \$47,122.24.

A Bureau of Research is maintained. Those in charge make investigations of unemployment, the social evil, the charitable situation, housing, wage conditions and other problems directly involved in the work of the department.

Current Comment

(Toronto News.)

By agreement between both sides of the House Parliament some years ago forbade civil servants to engage in politics, so that the guilty parties have gone wrong with their eyes open. But there should be no disposition whatever to remove officials who have abstained from partisan activity and performed their departmental duties efficiently.

(Toronto Mail and Empire.)

Two months' imprisonment is by no means an excessive punishment for the male suffragette who threw a brass-bound box at Lloyd George and cut his eye. British justice appears to go on the sound principle that the position of the injured man has nothing to do with the gravity of the assault upon him.

(Philadelphia Inquirer.)

A woman can wear low shoes and thin silk stockings in winter time without feeling any ill effects, but she would rapidly go into a decline if deprived of her furs.

(Edmonton Journal.)

A young Georgian claims that a ghost parted him from his bride. That is a very thin excuse.

(Detroit News.)

It is leap year, girls, but look before you leap.

\$150,000 on account of alleged damage by freshets which seemed at the time to have cleaned up all the over-expenditures of the Public Works Department and left a small balance to its credit.

In March, 1908, the old Government went out of power. They had claimed another surplus for 1907, but when the accounts were gone into it was discovered that a large number of bills in connection with the Public Works Department, all for work done prior to Oct. 31, 1907, had been paid.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows include Balance ordinary accounts, Supts. Roads, St. John County Bye-roads, Special Roads, Ordinary Bridges, Wharves, Steam Navigation, Legislative Buildings, Normal School, Provincial Hospital Buildings, Surety Bonds Supts. of Roads, Miscellaneous.

Thus in a few years the old Government not only expended all the legislative grant for public works but added to the public debt the following:

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows include On Account Freshets, Over-expenditure to Oct. 31, 1906, Over-expenditure to Oct. 31, 1907.

Here is half a million added to the debt and practically no account given of the expenditure. Mr. Fleming has not added a cent to the funded debt for the same expenditures. Every dollar has so far been met from current revenue and every dollar is accounted for.

CITY WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

Kansas City has an interesting municipal department in its Board of Public Welfare that is proving, according to a report in the Winnipeg Tribune, even more satisfactory than was expected when it was established two years ago.

The board conducts a Social Service Department in co-operation with other organizations that are working to assist the unemployed and the homeless. A municipal employment bureau and municipal stone quarry are operated by the board directly, in order to take care of those not provided for by the private societies and organizations.

A Recreation Department looks after the condition of the dance halls in the city and sees to it that no girls under seventeen are permitted in the halls; that the places are closed at midnight and that the dances are conducted in an orderly manner.

A Bureau of Research is maintained. Those in charge make investigations of unemployment, the social evil, the charitable situation, housing, wage conditions and other problems directly involved in the work of the department.

THE MORAL AND SOCIAL REFORM COUNCIL MEETS

The Council Endorses the Legislation which Calls for Removal of Screens from Windows of Saloons.

A meeting of the executive of the moral and social reform council was held yesterday at the rooms of the Y. M. C. A. There were present Bishop Richardson, J. Willard Smith, M. E. Agar, Dr. G. U. Hay, J. S. Armstrong, Rev. W. R. Robinson, Major Taylor, Amon A. Wilson, A. Malcolm and A. W. Robb.

It was arranged to hold the annual meeting in the Y. M. C. A. rooms on the 23rd inst. at 2 o'clock p. m. A communication having been received from Mrs. Shearer and Moore in reference to holding a conference during the first part of March to be addressed by some of the leading speakers of the continent on moral and social questions, it was decided to have a conference, and Dr. Flanders, A. W. Robb, Rev. W. R. Robinson, J. S. Armstrong, and M. E. Agar were appointed a committee to make the necessary arrangements.

The following resolution was unanimously passed: That in view of the fact that the question has been publicly raised as to the moral value of the section of the liquor license act which requires a full view of the barroom from the street, the executive committee of the moral and social reform council of New Brunswick, hereby place themselves on record as being emphatically of the opinion that the said legislation has been productive of great good.

A number of questions in reference to legislation along the lines of moral and social reform were also discussed and referred to a committee to prepare and submit to a meeting of the executive.

Don't Blame Her. Philadelphia Record.—Bloobs—My wife thinks it's wicked for me to play poker. Slobs—It is, the way you play it.

KING COLE TEA. You'll like the flavor. Includes logo and decorative elements.

Last year we thanked the public for the best year we had ever had. This year we give most hearty thanks for a very much better one. Our new term will begin Tuesday, January 22. Send for Catalogue.

S. KERR, Principal.

McGILL UNIVERSITY

EXAMINATIONS IN MUSIC. Local Examinations in Theoretical Music for all grades will be held on April 15th, 1912. Local Examinations in Practical Subjects will be held about a month later.

Store Fixtures

Counters, Shelving, Mantle Racks, Show Cases, Umbrella Cases, Display Tables and Wall Cases.

The Christie Woodworking Company, Ltd. (Two Factories.) 245 1/2 City Road Erin Street

20% Discount For January

Off Our Entire Line of WATCHES which is comprised of the best lines of American and Swiss movements in any style of case you may select.

We are offering a very fine 17 Jewel Adjusted Movement in an All Gold Filled Case, Ladies' or Gentlemen's size at \$18.00.

We would be pleased to have you examine these lines. All Watches Fully Guaranteed.

W. TREMINE GARD, Goldsmith, Jeweler and Optician 77 Charlotte St.

Real Estate Signs

ST. JOHN SIGN CO. 143 1-2 Prince St., St. John, N. B. Phone, Main 576.

INTERESTING VISITOR FROM NORTH OF ENGLAND

Miss Margaret Vereker, Famous Contralto, in St. John in Course of World Wide Concert Tour.

Miss Margaret Vereker, who is now in St. John for the purpose of holding a song recital in Trinity church school room on Thursday evening, is just completing a tour of over two years duration. Starting from her home in the north of England, Miss Vereker's first recital was in Paris, after which she visited Italy, Sicily, Gibraltar, Morocco, the Canaries, Madeira, Brazil and other South American ports, coming here from New York. After a brief tour of the maritime provinces, she intends returning to England.

Speaking of her former visit to Canada to a Standard reporter last evening, Miss Vereker said that she was surprised to find so wide spread an appreciation of music in a comparatively new country. Montreal in particular, where the annual opera season is an established feature of the calendar, shows an inclination to hear better music than the average city of its size will patronize. "I hope to return to Canada," said Miss Vereker, "and like your last governor general, when I return to England, I shall feel almost a native Canadian."

During her visit to Chile and Peru, Miss Vereker prepared some interesting notes descriptive of the country, which she intends for the basis of a series of lectures to be delivered at some future date. An interesting event in which Miss Vereker participated in Naples was the memorial service to King Edward, held in the church at the English colony, which, she says, is quite populous. Miss Vereker has taken part in a number of large concerts, and during her last trip to this country, her concerts were under the patronage of Her Royal Highness, the Princess Christian, sister of the Duke of Connaught.

CLOSING STOCK LETTER.

By direct private wires to J. C. Macintosh and Co.

New York, Jan. 8.—The action of today's stock market was extremely dispiriting to either bull or bear. Prices moved within a narrow range and the changes of undertone were influenced chiefly by professional scalping operations. Little significance could be attached to the fluctuation at any quarter. The undertone was heavy during the greater part of the day without, however, any particular pressure to sell. There was a complete absence of news that was at all likely to influence the list as a whole. In the last hour there was a moderate rally on room short covering leaving the average level of prices little changed from Saturday's close. There is nothing new to be said about the financial situation. Underlying conditions have materially improved but this appears to have been discounted. The market is too high to attract outside interest unless the big interests use the usual tactics to stimulate public demand. For the time being those interests seem to prefer a waiting position. Every sharp advance is met with distribution while ample support seems to be forthcoming on every pronounced reaction. The nature of developments in politics and in the business world at large during the next few weeks will determine the next wide movement of prices. Meantime a narrow and professional market seems in immediate prospect.

NEW YORK COTTON RANGE.

By direct private wires to J. C. Macintosh and Co.

Table with 3 columns: Date, High, Low, Close. Rows include Jan, Mar, May, July, Aug, Sept, Oct, Dec, Spoil.

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PRODUCE MARKETS.

By direct private wires to J. C. Macintosh and Co.

Table with 3 columns: Date, High, Low, Close. Rows include May, July, Sept, Jan, May, July, Sept, Jan, May, July, Sept.



LISTEN TO US

"We are only little ones, but we know Zam-Buk eased our pain and cured our sores. Perhaps it would cure you, too, if you tried it!"

Isn't this sound advice from "babes and sucklings"? Take it! The speakers are the children of Mrs. E. Webster, of Seignours St., Montreal, and the mother adds weight to their appeal. She says: "My little girl contracted scald disease at school. Bad gatherings formed all over her head, and not only caused the child acute pain but made her very ill. The sores discharged, and occurring on the scalp we feared she would lose all her hair. She was in a pitiable plight when we tried Zam-Buk, but a few days' treatment with this balm gave her ease. Then the sores began to heal, and we continued the Zam-Buk treatment. In a short time she was quite healed. "My little boy sustained a serious scald on the neck. It set up a bad sore, and quite a few things we tried, failed to heal it or give him ease. Once more we turned to Zam-Buk, and we were not disappointed. It acted like a charm in drawing away the pain, and soon healed the wound."

Zam-Buk is "something different" in the way of balms. It contains powerful healing herb essences, which, as soon as applied to skin diseases, kill off the germs and end the painful smarting. Other essences contained in Zam-Buk so stimulate the cells that new healthy tissue is speedily formed. Eczema, itch, ulcers, cold sores, abscesses, festering sores, blood poisoning, chronic wounds, cold cracks, etc., are healed and cured in this way. Use it for all skin injuries and diseases. It is also of great service for piles. All druggists and stores at 50 cents box, or Zam-Buk Co., Toronto, this paper.

Zam-Buk EVERY HOME NEEDS IT

FREE BOX. Send us 1 cent stamp for postage, and we will mail trial box free. Mention this paper.

WATCHES

The most critical judge of beauty of design as applied to the handicraft of watch production, will of a surety be more than satisfied with The Artistic Merchandise that we are showing in this branch of the jeweller's art. For this season's trade. GOLD WATCHES, GOLD FILLED WATCHES, also watches cased in Silver, Gun Metal and Nickel. LADIES' AND MISSES' BRACELET-WATCHES of various styles and prices. The prices throughout the whole wide range of our watch stock are Quality for Quality, the lowest obtainable.

FERGUSON & PAGE, Diamond Importers and Jewelers, 41 KING STREET.

Perfection Ankle Support

This simple device is made of best quality steel and is designed to give weak ankles perfect support while skating. A hinge and sliding attachment allows the ankles to bend forward and backward freely, but absolutely prevents them from going sideways.

Made for men, women and children. It has been widely adapted by hockey players.

Per Pair \$1.00

T. McAVITY & SONS, Ltd., 13 King St.

Stationery Supplies

A Full Line of Account Books Figuring Books, 2 to 16 columns All sizes of Loose Leaf Binders and Holders in stock and made to order.

BARNES & CO. Ltd., 84 Prince William St.

The Empire Typewriter

More than makes good because it costs less in the first place, is cheaper in the long run; does more and better work. WRITE OR CALL FOR DETAILS AND TERMS.

FRANK R. FAIRWEATHER, Agent 52 Canterbury Street, St. John, N.B. Phone Main 655.

HUTCHINGS & CO. Bedding Manufacturers

Wire Mattresses, Mattresses, Iron Bedsteads, Feather Pillows, etc. WHOLESALE AND RETAIL. 101 to 105 GERMAIN STREET. Fears. Life—"I'm so worried about the Christmas present I sent to Aunt Sarah," she says. "It cost only forty-nine cents, and I'm afraid I left the price mark on the thing when I sent it." "I'm worried, too," says her friend. "I got one that cost \$50 for my uncle, and I'm afraid I didn't leave the price mark on it."