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THE PROVINCIAL ACCOUNTS FOR 1919

Deficit, Due to High Cost of
Labor and Material,
Amounts to \$327,000.

Fredericton, Jan. 31.—The financial
statement of the Province of New Brun-

wick for the fiscal year which ended
October 31, 1919, is published in an
extra of the Royal Gazette just issued.
The statement is accompanied by a
certificate of Messrs. Price, Waterhouse
& Co., chartered accountants, whose
chief Canadian office is in Montreal, and
this certificate states:
"Balance sheet attached hereto ex-
hibits a true and correct view of the
financial position of the Province as at
October 31st, 1919, according to the best of our infor-
mation, the explanation given to us and

as shown by the books of the Province."
The expenditures for the year exceeded
the revenue by \$327,000. Such a
statement as this will undoubtedly at-
tract the attention of every business man
in the Province, and every taxpayer in
the Province will realize more clearly
that the expenditures of the government
are increased for the same reasons as the
expenditures of corporations and private
individuals.

The cost of service, professional and
manual, the prices of materials, have all
soared in government circles just as they
have elsewhere, and no estimates of cost
prepared at the beginning of the fiscal
year were sufficient to cope with the de-
mands upon the treasury to pay for the
necessities of the public service.

Where the Money Went.

More than the amount of the deficit
can be found in the over-expenditures
in two departments of the government
and the maintenance of the Provincial
Hospital for Nervous Diseases. One of
the government departments, the Crown
Lands, which is the greatest revenue pro-
ducer, over-expended \$53,346.72, and at
the same time exceeded its revenue esti-
mate by about \$80,000. The other de-
partment, Public Works, in which lies
the greatest outlay of the administration,
over-expended by \$283,654.51, and the
Provincial Hospital, to maintain the
patients, over-expended by \$24,949.80.

The over-expenditure in the Depart-
ment of Lands and Mines was found to
be necessary, for one reason, to get at
more accurately the lumber cut of the
province, and for another reason the
more fully to protect the great lumber
asset as well as the game, which former
must, for all time probably, be the chief
source of revenue.

The expenditures of the forest service,
to afford greater protection to the forests
from fire, have been very large, and this
is accounted for by the fact that the
materials for the construction of tele-
phone lines and the additional wages
paid to labor of this class exceeded the
estimates by thousands of dollars.

While the accounts closed on October
31 last, the comptroller, W. A. A. A.,
makes the statement that every account
for work done or goods furnished, re-
ceived after that date, which covered
transactions before the 31st of October,
has been included in the statement of the
auditors Messrs. Price, Waterhouse &
Co.

Under the former government the
books were kept open for ten days after
the close of the fiscal year, but Mr.
Loudon says that all accounts this
year that were received up to the latter
part of December, when the statement
was compiled, were included.

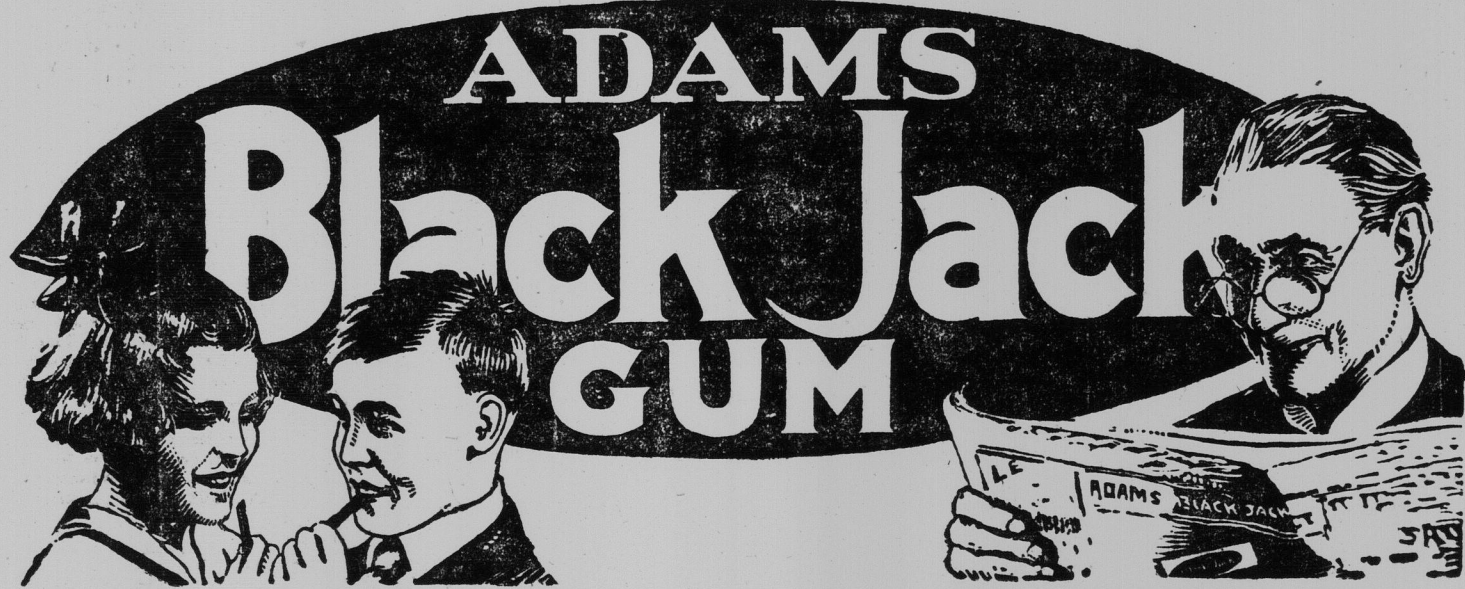
More Revenue.
While there must be considerable
satisfaction that the government has in-
structed the operations of every year to
be shown in the statement for the year
and thereby shows the people the true
condition of affairs, yet the demands of
the public service which necessitated so
large an over-expenditure will cause not
only members of the government and
those supporting it, but all representa-
tives of the people and the people them-
selves, to give grave consideration to
such reasonable suggestions as will in-
crease the revenue of the province to
such a point that they will meet the ex-
penditures easily.

The crown lands will afford more
revenue next year because on the first of
August, 1919, the government announced
an increase in stumpage. The lumber
cut will, no doubt, be very large, as the
reports so far have surely indicated, but
there is a general impression that too
much dependence has been placed upon
crown lands as a source of income in the
past and not enough attention paid to
other possible sources of taxation to ob-
tain revenue. Other provinces of the
Dominion have differed from New
Brunswick in this respect and have placed
taxation in many quarters which have
hitherto escaped paying tribute here.

If there is any consolation in the fact,
the government can find it in knowing
that this province does not figure alone
in the deficit class. Nova Scotia had the
same experience last year. The new
government of Prince Edward Island
found a large deficit awaiting them.
British Columbia, a short time ago, had
a deficit of over \$2,000,000, and the
Prairie Provinces were likewise unfor-
tunate. The richer provinces of Quebec
and Ontario have been freer from such
experiences than other parts of Canada,
but this can be explained by the fact
that they contain the largest centres of
population and have great manufacturing
zones in their areas. Taxation and
license fees of all kinds upon business
are imposed by the governments in both
of these provinces, from which New
Brunswick happily in the past has been
free.

An interview with the minister of pub-
lic works which is sent herewith, gives
a very full and frank explanation of the
over-expenditure in his department. He
makes no excuses for absolutely needed
expenditures but deals with the facts
as they exist, just as he dealt with the
necessities as they were reported to his
department during the many months
that additional and unexpected repairs
were needed to the bridges of the prov-
ince. He says that any other course
would have been criminal—that the
safety of the people was the first con-
sideration.

A fair sale was realized on Saturday
in a pantry sale in the school room by
the Girls Mission Circle of Carleton
Methodist church. Mrs. J. Thompson
was convener.



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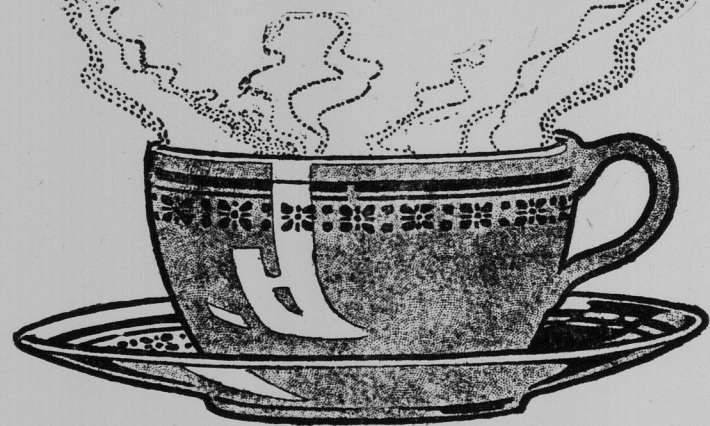
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JEWISH RABBI IN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH YESTERDAY

An innovation in Christian church
services was presented to the congrega-
tion of the First Presbyterian church,
West End, last night, when B. L. Am-
thur, one of the leaders of the Jewish
church in this city, read Psalm 121, in
the language in which it was originally
written, and then explained some of the
untranslated Hebrew terms to his gen-
tle audience.

Mr. Auditt, the speaker, is one of the
foremost Hebrew scholars of eastern
Canada, with considerable experience as
teacher and rabbi in the Yiddish temple

in Buffalo, the synagogue in Hamilton,
and the Jewish synagogue in this city.
The Rev. Dr. Morrison, pastor of the
church, conducted the regular part of the
evening service, which was largely at-
tended.

ST. VINCENT'S ALUMNAE.

The St. Vincent's Alumnae met in the
St. Vincent's high school yesterday af-
ternoon, when the chair was taken by
the president, Miss Annie Gonnell. It
was announced at the meeting that the
proceeds of the recent sale and tea had
amounted to about \$250. The Alumnae
decided to make garments for the chil-
dren in the infants' home in Cliff street,
which now has 150 inmates. For this
purpose sewing meetings will be held

weekly during Lent. A donation was
voted for the International Federation
of Catholic Alumnae to be spent for the
extension of the Braille studies for the
blind. Further investigations regarding
the Braille studies will be made by the
alumnae. A social gathering of the so-
ciety was arranged for the future.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.

At the services yesterday in Exmouth
street Methodist church in honor of the
63rd anniversary of its founding, Rev.
O. P. Brown preached in the morning
and the Rev. J. J. Armitage of Windsor, N. S.,
in the evening on "Indian
Missions." It has been planned to meet
J. B. Belys in the evening; Mission church,
W. H. Harrison; Stone church, Dr. James
Manning.

able to reach the city owing to train de-
lays. The sermons were heard with
much enjoyment by large congregations.
Rev. George Dawson presided and the
singing was led by E. E. Thomas.

FORWARD MOVEMENT.

Some of the laymen who spoke in the
Anglican churches yesterday in the in-
terests of the forward movement were
as follows: Trinity church in the morn-
ing, R. Frith; St. Paul's, H. Usher Miller
and E. T. Sturdee; St. Mary's, A. C.
Skilton in the evening; Good Shepherd,
J. Belys in the evening; Mission church,
W. H. Harrison; Stone church, Dr. James
Manning.

MUTT AND JEFF—QUITE SO! IT'S NOT A BAD OLD WORLD AFTER ALL
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