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OPPOSITION THUNDER.

It is quite evident that Mr. Copp and his friends in the Local Legislature are to make their fight against the Government on their expenditures for roads and bridges. Every effort has been made to convince the electors that the Government has not been well spent. With the assistance of the Auditor General's report last year they furnished a garbled statement of Government expenditures on York County roads and bridges. This year the Auditor General made up his accounts much as he did when the old Government was in power, which were in much less detail than those of 1909 and 1910. The names and amounts paid to work men on the bridges appear as a single item under the heading of "wages" or "various persons." The omission of these names from the public accounts has stirred the Opposition into a desperate mood. These names were considered excellent campaign material. They were handed round in the neighborhood where the expenditures were made and it was pointed out that Bill This got 50 cents more for the work he did than Tom What got. By such powerful argument as this it was sought to stir up enmity between Bill and Tom and thereby get at least one vote if not two. This is the reason why the details of the accounts are demanded and the Government denounced for withholding them. That the details are all in the accounts; that the accounts themselves are attested to under oath are now before the Accounts Committee, where they are at liberty to examine and copy them if they wish, of course, not explained. This would be a truthful and honest statement and such a statement is not expected from any member of the Opposition. It serves their purpose better to put forward the accusation that the Government is withholding information which ought to be in the hands of the people.

The Government has nothing whatever to do with the making up of the Auditor General's report. The Auditor General, since the present Administration came into power, is an independent official, and he makes up his report in a manner pleasing to himself and is not dictated to by the Government or the Opposition. The Auditor has not always been in such a position, for as late as 1907 it will be found on page 146, that the Public Works expenditures of that year were \$212,975.35, and on page 10 \$230,421.61; neither of which is the correct amount expended by the department during that year. These varying statements were not the fault of the Auditor but the direct result of the vicious system of account keeping practiced by the old Government—a system conceived for the purpose of deceiving the people and worked out with that end in view. The expenditures of the present Administration are not held over for a year before being placed before the people. Suspense accounts are a thing of the past, and if there has been any wrong doing—any false swearing, any misrepresentation it must come out at once.

The publicity that is now given to the public accounts is not the result of what the Opposition has done, but is due entirely to the Government. In the old days everything was done in secret and not in the full light of day, and to have the disciples of the past secret-loving rulers of the province come forward with the false assertion that the Government is trying to conceal their expenditures is amusing.

NEW BRUNSWICK FOR SPORTSMEN.

It is not so many years ago that there was a popular belief that all the big game of the country had been killed. About this time the Government of the Province decided to prevent the slaughter of moose, caribou and deer, which had been going on for a great many years, and established a close season for three years when the killing of all big game was prohibited. At the end of the close season they passed a law fixing certain penalties on those who shot or otherwise destroyed big game during the close season established under the act. This was not the first game law that New Brunswick had, but it was an advance on any of its predecessors, as it provided for the appointment and pay of officials to protect the game.

When this act had served its purpose another and better law was passed until at the present time New Brunswick has about as good a game law as can be found in any part of the continent, and occasionally the legislation originating in New Brunswick has been copied by other legislative bodies in Canada and the United States. One of the principles introduced into the game legislation of New Brunswick was that the non-resident should pay more for the privilege of hunting than the resident. This principle has now been universally adopted and in some States of the Union non-residents and aliens are prohibited from hunting altogether.

Few people realize what an important asset New Brunswick has in her big game. During the past year 607 non-resident licenses were issued at \$50 each. This represents a total of over \$25,000 and is in very strong contrast to the \$9,269 received from the sale of resident licenses. While the revenue of the Province is certainly entitled to a great deal of consideration, it must not be forgotten that the payment of \$1 entitles him to kill one bull moose, one bull caribou and three deer. There have been several attempts to have the licence fee increased but it has not been considered advisable to do so, principally for the reason that everyone who goes into the woods now appears willing to take out a licence at \$1, whereas it was felt that an increase would result in fewer licences and in greater difficulty and expense in protecting the game. There is a good deal to be said in favor of both arguments, but the latter is the one which has so far ruled.

In point of revenue New Brunswick has had a somewhat remarkable experience with its game law. In 1897 two years after the nucleus of the present act was passed, the receipts from game licences amounted to \$1,933, and in 1906, ten years later, the total receipts from this source had increased to \$27,063.19. For last year the revenue from licences alone was \$28,672.17 and from other sources about \$300 in addition. The receipts from game licences now amount to about the cost of forest protection in New Brunswick.

This is only one end of the benefits the Province derives from an effective protection of its game. As already stated something over five hundred non-resident licences were issued during the year. No non-resident is permitted to enter the forest without a licensed guide and no guide is permitted to accompany a larger party than two at a time. As the majority of non-residents

coming to this Province are people of wealth they usually engage two or three camp help to go along with them. In 1911 there were 290 licensed guides and 69 licensed camp help in the Province, all of whom were steadily employed during the open season for big game. Just what it costs a non-resident to secure a moose has not been definitely ascertained, but it is generally fixed at \$500. This includes transportation, hotel bills and other charges within the Province. Last year there were over two thousand moose killed in New Brunswick, perhaps 250 by non-residents. If the figures given are anywhere near correct the 500 sportsmen who came to New Brunswick in search of big game spent anywhere from \$125,000 to \$250,000, and the latter figures are likely more nearly correct than the first mentioned.

Another question which has been frequently considered by those interested in the big game protection is whether the game is being killed off or is still as plentiful as formerly. For some years many persons have believed that two many moose were shot. This belief was apparently based on the fact that in some years the antlers of the animals shot were much inferior to others. Experience has shown that for some reason or other the spread of the antlers of the moose is greater than in other years. The indications are that the number of moose in this Province has increased and is still increasing. This is due largely to the better protection given during the close season and also during the open season. Another somewhat remarkable feature of the last few years is that moose are now being found in every section of the country. In the recent reports of the Chief Game Commissioners, moose and deer have been shot in every county of New Brunswick, and caribou in all of the counties except Albert, St. John, Charlotte and Carleton.

The following table compiled from the returns made by the Chief Game Wardens will be interesting to many. It shows the number of moose, caribou and deer killed in the Province during the open season of 1911:

County.	Moose.	Caribou.	Deer.
Gloucester .. .	167	15	90
Restigouche .. .	64	7	77
Northumberland .. .	456	213	576
Albert .. .	105	..	173
Kings .. .	128	4	123
Westmorland .. .	128	5	185
York .. .	123	1	194
Sunbury .. .	119	4	143
Queens .. .	215	13	223
St. John .. .	83	..	59
Charlotte .. .	74	..	45
Carleton .. .	50	..	30
Victoria .. .	100	5	65
Madawaska .. .	85	3	50
Totals .. .	2,052	276	2,260

It is very likely that the returns from Victoria, Madawaska and Restigouche are incomplete. All of the wardens complain of the manner in which the holders of resident licences send in their returns.

Of the many distinguished sons of New Brunswick who have been selected to represent their Province in the Senate of Canada, few have had greater claims to public consideration than Dr. J. W. Daniel, and his appointment has met with general approval in the city and throughout the Province. Dr. Daniel has served the public in many capacities with credit to himself and satisfaction to the people. As a member of the City Council and other public bodies, he gave good service to the community, and as a representative of the city in the Federal Parliament he exhibited a broad grasp of public affairs and stood for sterling honesty in political life. A man of unblemished reputation, always possessed of the courage of his convictions, he has a host of friends in both political parties who will be pleased at his elevation to the Senate and will wish him many years in which to enjoy his well earned honors.

Current Comment

(Montreal Star.)

The woman suffragists should consider the case of Mexico. They are not a very backward people down there and they live on an enlightened continent; and yet they still hold their "general elections" with bullets and not with ballots. Civilization is only a thin veneer over the naked form of force; and we must be very careful how we destroy public confidence in the reality of the peaceful tests we now provide for discovering on which side of a question the greatest amount of force is to be found.

(Hamilton Spectator.)

Can the Grit press discern the guiding hand of Bourassa—with a double million magnifying telescope—in the recent vote on the boundaries bill? It will be equally discernible in the Conservative settlement of naval defence, which will be alike honorable as satisfying to every patriotic Canadian.

(Montreal Gazette.)

The German coal miners had a conflict with the representatives of the law on practically the first day of their strike. The British strikers, though counted more turbulent, got along for more than a week without figuring in any specially bloody encounter. Perhaps this means that the Britons have more confidence in their cause and can hold their feelings in check best.

(Montreal Gazette.)

Herr von Jagow, head of the Berlin police, has notified proprietors of taxicabs that they must provide wraps for their customers all the year round, as the weather is liable to sudden change at any moment. The state in Germany has long been a pater to its subjects, and, judging by Herr Jagow's order, it aims to be a mater, too.

(Calgary Herald.)

The Liberal papers of this country do not hesitate to injure the country itself in their blue ruin cries if by so doing they can only "get a crack" at the Borden Government. In Calgary, Lethbridge and Edmonton they are injuring Alberta and injuring the business of every man in Alberta by false statements calculated to excite the farmer to unjust resentment.

(London Advertiser.)

Senator La Follette has thrown a bomb into the Roosevelt camp. As the Senator is the most pugnacious man in the Republican party next to the Colonel himself, there will be wigs as well as hats in the ring.

(Kingston Standard.)

Alcohol of every kind was absolutely barred by Amundsen in his trip to the South Pole, especially on sledging expeditions. It was felt that the men needed all their wits about them on the dangerous journey they had undertaken.

(Montreal Gazette.)

The unrest in the Orient has spread to Siam and there are rumors of a conspiracy against the throne, with the object of establishing a republic. The East slumbered for a long time, but since it began to stir it seems bent on showing that as far as revolution is concerned it is as advanced as any of the western countries.

The Bell Hop

By Berton Braley.

The Nipper is the bell-hop of the mine. And the wise guy's always "pretty good to him." For he may be fresh and flip, but he has you in his grip. And your chance to wriggle out of it is slim. He's the wisest little devil that you know. As he scampers like a monkey here and there. Though he's often known to tarry with the tools he has to carry. You'll be wiser if you smile than if you swear.

When you're in an awful hurry for your kit, He will linger, he will loiter on his way. He will loaf and lag and "mope" as he goes from matinee to stope. While you're cursing at the waiting and delay: But when you want a good excuse to loaf, And you hope and pray he never will appear, He is Johnny on the spot and he makes you mighty hot. With his cheery salutation, "Well I'm here."

He is made of mingled peppe-plant and lye, He's the latest thing in repartee and slang. Underground he raises calm to the miners' grief and pain. And on top he's often leader of a gang. His amusements they are various and vain. He's the owner of a most amazing gait. He's no model kid, 'tis true, he will drink and smoke and chew. But we've got to have the Nipper, after all.

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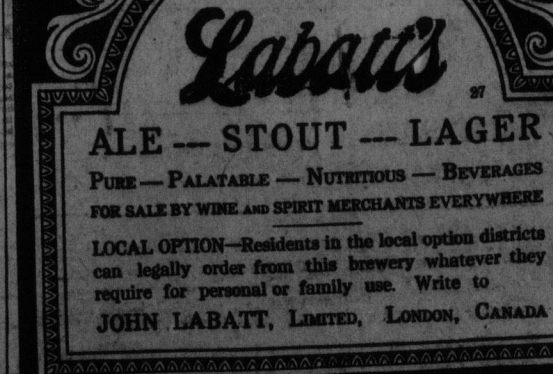
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