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HON. DR. LANDRY'S BUDGET SPEECH

Says the Province Is Prosperous With Little Unemployment

Government Had Record Revenue and Record Expenditure

Fleming Administration Praised for Its Many Virtues

Estimates the Coming Year are Still Bigger—Will Saddle

Another Burden on the Municipalities—Praises School

System But Says It Should Be Sectarian.

Fredericton, March 12.—The house met at 2:35 p.m.

Mr. Dugal gave notice of inquiry with regard to charges against the chief of police of St. John.

Mr. Pelletier gave notice of inquiry with regard to the payment of license fees by extra provincial companies.

Mr. Dugal gave notice of inquiry with regard to leases of oysters beds.

Mr. Pelletier gave notice of inquiry as to the number of bridges photographed by J. A. McCreary of Chatham.

Mr. Morley presented petition in favor of passing an act to incorporate the Bay of Fundy River Boom Co.

Mr. Baxter introduced a bill relating to the paving of streets in the city of St. John.

Mr. Grimmer introduced a bill to enable town of St. Stephen to issue debentures.

Mr. Perley (for Mr. Young) introduced a bill to amend the act incorporating the Fredericton Gaslight Co.

Hon. Mr. Landry presented a message from His Honour The Lieutenant Governor, in which he said that the session of the legislature had been adjourned for the present year, and moved that the consideration of such message and estimates be referred to the committee of supply.

The estimates follow.

EXPENDITURE AND ESTIMATES OF 1913, AND ESTIMATES OF 1914

Estimates 1913	Expenditure 1913	Estimates 1914
Administration of justice \$ 20,150.00	\$ 19,810.89	\$ 20,476.64
Agriculture 47,300.00	40,005.21	47,700.00
Auditor general's office 3,400.00	3,150.00	4,400.00
Boys' Industrial Home 1,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00
Colonization 5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Contingencies 8,000.00	3,684.67	3,000.00
Confederated departments 10,800.00	9,015.54	21,000.00
Crown land classification 2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Exhibitions 10,000.00	8,897.86	12,000.00
Executive government 45,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00
Education 271,900.00	273,180.88	274,600.00
Factory protection 1,750.00	1,548.51	1,900.00
Board of engineers 800.00	427.11	200.00
Fish, forest and game 30,000.00	29,082.76	30,000.00
Farm settlement board 1,500.00	2,016.14	1,500.00
Free grants 1,000.00	987.90	1,000.00
Guarantee bonds government officials 900.00	884.29	800.00
Interest 27,400.00	27,180.00	29,000.00
Jordan Memorial Sanatorium 10,000.00	11,762.96	12,000.00
Liquor license fund 13,000.00	13,056.25	20,000.00
Legislative assembly 27,000.00	27,518.17	27,500.00
Legislative library 29,000.75	29,626.22	30,008.75
Mining and mineral development 850.00	807.61	750.00
Moving picture censors 2,000.00	2,357.68	2,000.00
Newspaper tax 1,200.00	1,061.07	1,100.00
Navy 100.00	100.00	100.00
P. B. histories—speciales 100.00	100.00	125.00
P. B. Rifle Association 300.00	300.00	300.00
Public health—smallpox 7,000.00	1,677.21	4,000.00
Public health—Salaries, board, etc. 2,300.00	2,166.90	1,700.00
Public health—Hospitals 10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Probate fee fund 18,000.00	13,082.70	18,000.00
Printing 15,000.00	19,180.00	18,100.00
Roads and bridges—maintenance 57,000.00	87,709.94	89,000.00
Pensions—School Teachers 5,500.00	5,825.38	6,200.00
Public Works—Ordinary bridges 272,500.00	178,910.86	295,000.00
Roads 100,000.00	185,286.12	100,000.00
Public buildings 30,500.00	27,101.58	82,000.00
Steam navigation, wharves, etc. 45,000.00	45,800.00	41,000.00
Refunds 1,500.00	1,244.68	1,250.00
Revisors 1,000.00	1,374.64	1,800.00
Roads & settlement lands 1,100.00	809.50	900.00
Stampage collection 29,000.00	28,652.09	30,000.00
Succession duties collection 2,500.00	2,600.28	5,000.00
School books 17,500.00	17,095.46	17,000.00
Sinking funds 25,000.00	25,544.00	25,000.00
Surveys & inspection—Crown land 8,500.00	4,827.88	4,000.00
Surveys & inspection—Railway 8,000.00	3,969.88	4,000.00
Supernanigans, etc. 2,250.00	2,260.00	2,250.00
Tourist Associations 2,500.00	2,600.00	2,000.00
Unexpended expenses 3,000.00	6,371.89	8,000.00
Canada Forestry Association 1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Carter Monument grant 3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
	\$1,400,668.74	\$1,446,962.54
Expenditure of 1913 in Excess of Estimates 1913 \$46,445.80		\$1,468,420.89
Estimated of 1914 in Excess of Estimates 1913 \$57,851.85		

Mr. Dr. Landry in rising to move the house into committee on supply, said it was with hesitancy and emotion that he followed two such eminent predecessors as the men who had held the position of provincial secretary since the advent of the present administration into power in 1909, and did not feel it was common known as the "Budget Speech".

Moreover it was not quite two months since he became head of the Finance department of the province of New Brunswick and he felt that he now had the confidence of the house if, under these circumstances, he did not present as complete a statement as he otherwise might be able to.

On the other hand his task was made heavy by the fact that never in its history had a man from New Brunswick stood so far from a financial standpoint as it did at the present time.

The financial straits which had paralyzed industry in other parts of the dominion and throughout the whole world had affected this province less than any part of Canada which is evidence of the fact that this province was on a sound and substantial basis financially.

Another evidence of this fact was to be found in the results from loans which had been made on the London market. In its regard he would quote from a newspaper dispatch, which said that the dominion of Canada had sold £5,000,000

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GUTELIUS TO LOWER THE INTERCOLONIAL GRADES

Survey Will Be Made At Once

General Manager Says Change to 6-10 Per Cent. Will Treble Present Handling Capacity of Engines and Cut Cost of Operation 25 Per Cent.—Line From Moncton to Halifax and Sydney to be Scene of Operations.

(Canadian Press).

Ottawa, March 12.—The minister of railways, Hon. Frank Cochrane, has authorized a survey of the Intercolonial from Moncton to Halifax and Sydney, with a view to eliminating the present heavy grades, replacing light bridges with heavier steel structures, and finding out the cost and feasibility of a cut-off at Truro. The authority for carrying out the survey was given to the Standard Clay Products Company's plant wiped out in spectacular blaze—large quantities of products also destroyed—another plant about ready for operations.

New Glasgow, N. S., March 12.—One of the new Glasgow's most prosperous industries was destroyed tonight by fire.

One of the watchmen in the plant of the Standard Clay Products discovered fire near the press almost in the centre of the main building of the works. The blaze had already made headway through the roof.

The loss is about \$50,000.

No time was lost in sounding an alarm

and a score of men living near hunted out the fire fighting equipment belonging to the works and had water from two hydrants playing on the fire.

The fire burned until the works which are located a mile from the centre of the town.

Soon the main portion of the plant was doomed and the fire fighters directed their energies to saving the boiler and engine houses on the one side and the large kilns on the opposite side.

Fortunately the night was calm and the men were successful in their efforts.

The fire was a very spectacular one, as the building covered a large area, and

\$60,000 FIRE AT NEW GLASGOW

Standard Clay Products Company's Plant Wiped Out in Spectacular Blaze—Large Quantities of Products Also Destroyed—Another Plant About Ready for Operations.

the illumination lit up the whole country-side.

In the building were the large presses for moulding the different sizes of sewer pipe and the dry rooms where the pipes are first hardened before being put in the kiln. In addition to the expensive moulding machinery, the dry rooms were also equipped with pipe racks, the kilns, and there is estimated to be about seven thousand dollars will have to be spent to replace the loss which is complete so far as the dry room and press plant is concerned.

Sixty years ago the plant was similarly hit by fire and wiped out. Last year they began the erection of a second plant separated by the highway from the older works to double the output of the works.

This new plant which is uncompleted at present will be put into operation as soon as possible.

It is estimated that after the new plant is completed, the present plant will be turned into the new plant.

The head office of the Standard Clay Products is in St. John's (Que.), where they have another large plant.

TARIFF CHANGES MOOTED AT OTTAWA

Report That Budget Speech Will Announce Cut in Farm Implements Duty

Some Help May Be Extended to the Iron and Steel Industry

No Likelihood of Free Wheat or Its Products—Col.

Sam Disavows Mobilization Scheme—Lively Debate on

Immigration—Newcomers Not Going On the Land.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Ottawa, March 12.—With the budget speech coming some two weeks hence, rumors of tariff changes are beginning to be whispered in the government ranks.

There is an old belief held by

farmers that the government

would do something for their particular interests.

It is not believed that there will be any

drastic changes in the present iron and steel schedules, but some minor

changes calculated to help the industry

are known to be contemplated.

The whole question will probably be threshed out at a party caucus to be held before the finance minister makes his budget speech.

It is practically certain that free wheat

and free flour will not be granted this season at least.

Col. Sam Not to Blame.

Ottawa, March 12.—At the opening of the house today Col. Sam Hughes, minister of militia, rose to explain the origin of the militia poster produced yesterday by Hon. H. R. Emerson, calling upon all men to signify their willingness to enlist.

Col. Hughes read a telegram received from Captain L. G. Carrie, of the 14th Regiment, in regard to the matter, which said:

"Issued circular at own expense as usual means of obtaining information by assistant auditor-general, sixth division, as to resources for recruiting company to full strength if ever necessary."

Col. Hughes said the department had noted no difficulty with the men in getting recruits.

Cham. Murphy asked to know why there had been a delay in bringing down a return as to the number of honorary colonels created by the minister of militia.

Col. Hughes, in reply, said:

"We fully realize that the return is of importance to the honorable gentleman that he will want to see it turn up."

He did not think the return was so voluminous," said Mr. Murphy.

"There are other returns in front of him which are," said the minister. "Can assure the honorable gentleman that his name is not yet among the honorary colonels."

"That is a distinction which none of us would care to enjoy very long," said Mr. Murphy.

During question hour the minister of marine told J. H. Sinclair that \$10,700

had been collected from United States fishing vessels for modus vivendi licenses during 1913. One hundred complaints for violation of the fishing laws had been tried before fishery officers and 200 fines imposed.

Hon. J. D. Hazen's bill to amend and consolidate the Merchants' Shipping act was given a second reading, an amendment to the marine and fisheries committee, W. F. MacLean stating he thought it would be possible to insert provisions for the regulation of ocean freight rates.