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TAX LEVY THIS YEAR \$25,000 IN EXCESS OF LAST YEAR

Nearly Half of This is Accounted for by Increase of School Levy—Interest Charges also Show Growth—Ferry Appropriation Cut to \$1000—How the Items Compare with Year of 1911.

According to the estimates passed by the Treasury Board yesterday, the warrant of assessment this year will be half a million dollars, or an increase of \$25,000 in taxes.

Nearly half the increase is accounted for by the increase of the estimates for school purposes, which makes the warrant on account of the schools \$11,900 larger than last year. Another \$4,000 of the increase is accounted for by the fact that the warrant to the Horticultural Association which hitherto has been taken out of general revenue will be assessed for this year. Interest charges show an increase of \$3,476.00, mainly against the St. John city bonds, though there is an increase of about \$50 on the interest against the sewerage indebtedness. The appropriation for the ferry this year is only \$1,000 as against \$10,000 last year.

	Limit of Expenditure	Warrant of Assessment	Increase of Last Year
Schools	\$153,231	\$157,828	\$11,960
Severance department	17,000	17,600	2,100
Public works department	82,500	84,500	6,500
Lighting department	27,570	28,100	1,100
Police department	52,795	48,300	800
Fire department	66,321	68,000	1,600
Hydrants	6,000	6,300	2,150
Exhibition buildings	600	636
Free library	5,000	5,750
Horticultural association	4,000	4,500
Ferry	1,000*	1,040*	8,963
Interest	79,943	3,477
Totals	\$662,497	\$25,227

*—Decrease.

Last year the ferry appropriation was \$10,000. The common clerk read the estimates of the School Board, the total of which were \$153,231.83, an increase of \$11,960 over last year.

Ald. Russell said the increases were due to the assessment of \$5,000 to take up the bank overdraft, additional interest, increased salaries, and the cost of coal. He said the overdraft was about \$201,000, and it had been accumulating for years. The total was \$80,000, as against \$75,364.02 last year. The chairman said \$4,000 of the increase was on account of interest charges.

The Mayor brought up the matter of providing a public playground out on the Marsh road. He said that with prison labor, and the assistance of the I. C. R., the marsh ought to be drained for much less than the estimate of \$11,000. He thought \$2,000 should be put in the estimates for playground purposes.

Ald. McGoldrick said he would like to have had \$100,000 for his department. The citizens were always complaining about the streets, but the board had very little money for street work after the interest charges were deducted. Instead of having an extra charge placed upon the department, he would rather have bonds issued to cover the cost of providing playgrounds.

The Mayor said a private individual had purchased the land for playground purposes, and the council was committed to the playground idea. He thought small expenditures extending over a number of years would be better than a bond issue. He said the drainage of the land would benefit the I. C. R. and it ought to bear a share of the cost.

Ald. Wignmore moved that \$2,000 be placed in the estimates for playground purposes; and this was adopted.

The chairman said the estimates were being increased all round, and if they made provision for paying the salaries of commissioners there would be an aggregate increase of \$26,000. They could not increase the rate above \$1.98, and the appropriations asked for would raise the rate to \$2.05. He did not think the assessors could find any more property to tax. Valuations were pretty high now.

Commissioners Salaries. Ald. Potts said the matter of providing playgrounds should be switched off on the school board. He added that he did not see that it was the council to provide salaries for the commissioners. They might be left to look out for themselves.

The Chairman—It might be a serious matter for the gentlemen who have their eyes on commissionerships if they got elected and found there was no money to pay them.

Ald. Potts—"I have an eye on a commissionership myself."

It was said that the salaries of the mayor and aldermen were now paid out of general revenue, and as no action was taken on the question of the commissioners' salaries, the commissioners will, no doubt, have to trust to the council to get their salaries out of general revenue.

Board of Safety. The estimates of the Board of Safety were then taken up. The amounts asked for were: \$68,000 for the fire department; \$48,300 for the police, and \$28,100 for the lighting department.

Ald. Russell said the estimate of \$600 for lighting King square could be cut out; also \$870 for firemen's uniforms.

But the estimates were allowed to stand.

Water and Sewerage. The Water and Sewerage Board asked for a levy of \$17,000 for sewerage maintenance, and \$6,000 for hydrants. Last year \$16,517 was spent on sewerage maintenance and \$4,000 for hydrants.

The estimates of \$1,000 for the ferry, and \$29,943.77 for interest charges were then passed.

The chamberlain said that in spite of his protest the aldermen had spent last year out of general revenue \$2,000 more than they had to spend. They were giving a grant to the Exhibition Association and might have to entertain the Governor General this year.

Another consideration was that the country was increasing its grants, and the city would have to pay its share of the increased taxation entailed.

The chairman said the city had the right to assess for the grant of \$4,000 to the Horticultural Society, and on motion of Ald. Wignmore it was decided to assess for this amount.

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THEY ARE COMING TO NEW BRUNSWICK

Every Day Brings Practical Evidence of Increasing Interest in Possibilities for Farming in this Province.

The growing interest in the possibilities of farming in New Brunswick is reflected in the letters received by the provincial superintendent of immigration, inquiring about opportunities and conditions here. Yesterday Mr. Wilnot received communication from parties in San Francisco, Vancouver and Saskatoon asking for information about the farm lands of the province. A Mr. Smith of San Francisco wrote that he and a party of friends were thinking of coming east, and would settle in New Brunswick if they could find farms to their liking. A young man in Saskatoon, who said he had been a cadet on the famous training ship Conway, and had been five years at sea, wrote that he was looking for a place to establish a home for his mother, and had an idea that New Brunswick would offer the best attractions. He added that his mother had some money in chancery in England.

The man from Vancouver seemed to think he would improve his condition by coming east.

A man named Daniel Stewart, arrived this week from British Columbia and located on the Wilbert Foshers farm at Sypher's Cove, Queens Co. After looking over the situation he decided to send for his son-in-law, as he was convinced that New Brunswick offers better opportunities than British Columbia. That Mr. Stewart is a man of discerning mind, is shown by the fact that the next thing he did was to subscribe for The Daily Standard.

Certainly it looks as if there was an increasing interest inside as well as outside the province regarding its possibilities, and those who are watching the signs of the times predict a general increase in property values, particularly along the St. John river valley.

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THE PLACE OF BIBLE IN THE WORLD TODAY

That in the dissemination of the Bible lies the solution of the momentous questions which the century brings with it was the gist of the addresses delivered last evening in Main Street Baptist church when the annual meeting of the Bible Society was held. The meeting which marked the 94th anniversary was attended by a large number. The chair was occupied by His Honor Judge Forbes. During the evening a programme of sacred music was rendered by the choir of the church.

Rev. Dean Schofield in a striking address showed the role the Bible must play in this age of world wide movements, and especially its share in the work of welding the different nationalities which form the Dominion into one great Canadian people. The importance of the sacred Scriptures in the Church's scheme was emphasized by Dean Schofield. He concluded with an urgent appeal to his hearers to take not only a passive but an active interest in the work of the society.

Rev. A. F. Newcombe, field secretary, spoke at length on the purpose of the society and its claims on its hearers. His Honor Judge Forbes referred to the work which the British and Foreign Society is striving to accomplish, and asked the co-operation of his hearers.

Short addresses were delivered by Rev. Dr. Hutchinson, Rev. Mr. Mc-

Kim, and the meeting closed with the singing of a hymn.

Tonight will see the closing of the week of prayer services. The Home Missions and the Jews will form the topic of the service in St. Matthew's church, led by Rev. Dr. Hutchinson. Rev. H. D. Marr will be the speaker.

SNOW BLOCKADE NOW OVER; TRAINS ON TIME

For the last few days the snow blockade on the I. C. R. lines between Campbellton and Ste. Flavie, has caused great delay to travel but it has been lifted and yesterday afternoon the trains once more started from the huge banks of snow and will by this morning be running on schedule time again. There is now a clear track over the whole system. The Maritime express left Moncton last night on time and it is expected to make the run to Montreal without delay or interruption. The Maritime which left Montreal yesterday at noon with passengers and mails for the Empire of Ireland is reported to be running on schedule time and will reach Halifax at the usual hour.

The train service which was so badly interrupted by the storm is now resumed and the railway management is breathing more easily because of the fact that weather conditions unusually severe have been overcome in such a prompt manner.

The Halifax express which is scheduled to leave here at 11.30 o'clock last night did not get away until shortly after midnight owing to the large quantity of delayed mail that came into the station on the Boston express. This was caused by the snow blockade at Ste. Flavie. The mail, and there was about three tons of it, was sent from Montreal to St. John via River du Loup, the Temiscouata, Edmundston and thence to the Boston express at McAdam. The mail was bound to Halifax and points east and it took some time to transfer at the depot.

It was reported at the depot last night that all trains would be running on time today.

INCREASE OF REVENUES LOWER NATIONAL DEBT THE CANADIAN RECORD

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The expenses per mile of railway are as follows: Maintenance of way and structures, \$1,239.39; maintenance of equipment, \$1,527.50; traffic expenses, \$1,348.1; transportation expenses, \$3,537.40, and general expenses \$152.92. Making a total of \$6,992.33.

The expenses per mile were: Maintenance of way and structures, 25.88 cents; maintenance of equipment, 1.91 cents; traffic expenses, 2.82 cents; transportation expenses, 73.87 cents; and general expenses, 3.19 cents. Making a total of 127.67 cents.

The ratio of expenses to gross earnings was as follows: Maintenance of way and structures, 18.29 per cent.; maintenance of equipment, 22.55 per cent.; traffic expenses, 1.99 per cent.; transportation expenses, 52.20 per cent., and general expenses, 2.26 per cent.

Comparing the twelve months ended March 31, 1910, with the corresponding period ending March 31, 1911, the gross earnings last year showed an increase of \$595,548. The passenger traffic produced an increase of \$132,535; the freight traffic an increase of \$295,711; and the mails and express an increase of \$166,301. The increase per mile of railway was \$371.74, and per train mile 3 cents.

A comparison of working expenses for the same periods shows an increase in the year 1910-11, of \$950,906.46, or per mile of railway, of \$618.39, and per train mile 8.67 cents.

The number of passengers carried was 3,232,895, an increase compared with the previous year, of 110,571.

Of revenue producing freight 4101,400 tons were carried, an increase compared with the previous years of 174,160 tons.

The local freight was increased by 126,795 tons, and through freight by 47,365 tons.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

Hon. Dr. Roche, Secretary of State laid on the table of the House a report of the state department for the fiscal year ending March 31 last.

A list of the foreign consular and commercial agents and consuls in Canada such that there are about 350 of these. Thirty-five countries are represented in Canada, the United States having alone one hundred agents. The report contains a list of the passports issued by Canada in the year and also the regulations which govern these. The officers and clerical of the department of external affairs number 9 in all.

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LINGLEY—In this city on January 12th, to the wife of Charles M. Lingley, a son.

DEATHS.

McROBBIE—Died on Friday evening, January 12, at the residence of his sister, Mrs. James McAvity, 43 Harrison street, Malcolm C. McRobbie, officiate of funeral hereafter.

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