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THE TERRITORY REVENUE INCREASED

Larger Outlay Made Possible by Greater Revenue

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Report Submitted to House Shows How Present Administration Has Husbanded Resources of the Province.

Fredericton, March 12.—The report on the public accounts as submitted by the Provincial Secretary to the House this afternoon gives the bonded indebtedness of the province as \$6,719,978.48, of which \$1,072,231.26 is still unexpended. No bonds have been issued since the registered stock was sold in London, the expenditures on the capital account having been met by temporary loans until a more favorable time for floating a permanent loan was found. All of the 6 per cent. debentures issued by the province have now been retired, but there is still an issue of \$250,000 in 4 1/2 per cent. floating, which will be due in 1914. The rest of the indebtedness bears interest at 4, 3 1/2 and 3 per cent. The total expenditures on the ordinary account during the year were \$1,403,546.85. The ordinary revenue was \$1,247,977.65. The capital expenditures for the year amounted to \$317,591.56, which is issued for the following purposes: Wharves and grain elevators in St. John, \$2,500.00; International Railway, \$56,300.00; Permanent bridges, \$156,028.29; N. B. Coal and Railway, \$102,763.33. Since the present government came into power the expenditure has been very largely due to legislation passed by the old government. With the exception of a few permanent bridges added to the list upon which legislation had been procured prior to 1908, the present administration has been exceedingly careful in adding to the permanent debt. Additions since 1909 have been as follows: 1909, \$290,185.17; 1910, \$217,340.74; 1911, \$326,407.54. Continued on page two.

FOUR-YEAR-OLD GIRL PLAYS WITH RIFLE—WILL LIKELY DIE

Margaret Speers and Companion Obtain Loaded Rifle and Former is Shot Probably Fatally.

Brandon, Man., Mar. 12.—Margaret Speers, the four-year-old daughter of J. R. Speers, a prominent farmer of Alexander District was shot and probably fatally wounded, today, before noon, during the temporary absence of the mother two children secured a rifle which had been left loaded, and while playing with it a bullet was discharged entering in Margaret's left eye in a slanting direction and passing out near the temple.

CHURCHES OF THE OTTAWA VALLEY FAVOR THE UNION

Ottawa, Mar. 12.—It is evident from returns so far that the Methodist and Presbyterian churches of Ottawa will go strongly in favor of church union. All the quarterly boards of the Methodist church have voted and the percentage in favor is about 75 per cent. The congregations are voting in about the same ratio. Throughout the Ottawa valley similar feeling prevails. Of the four Presbyterian churches which have completed the vote in Ottawa there are 524 for and 156 against. The most conclusive vote was MacKay church which voted 152 to 0. The others which have voted favorably are Glebe, St. Paul's and Bethany.

PROPOSE TO OFFER PROFESSORSHIP TO CAPTAIN AMUNDSEN

Christiansburg, Mar. 12.—A motion was presented in the Storching today for the establishment of a chair for Roald Amundsen in Christiansburg University. The matter was referred to the budget committee. The premier announced that the government on Thursday would propose that a grant be made Amundsen to enable him to undertake an Arctic expedition.

PREFER FLEMING'S SILENCES TO OPPOSITION'S CRITICISMS OF THE VALLEY RAILWAY BILL

In Legislation Introduced Yesterday He Proves That the Line Will Be Built From St. John to Grand Falls.

In Introducing Bill Premier Shows That Delay Was Clearly Due to Efforts of Opposition—Interests of Province Have Been Amply Safeguarded at Every Point—A Bad Half Hour for Mr. Copp and His Supporters.

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, March 12.—The House settled down to business this afternoon and before its adjournment no less than fourteen new measures were submitted for consideration. Among these are various bills from the City of St. John including that providing for the government of the city by an elective commission. The largest part of the other bills in which the City of St. John and the municipality are interested were submitted and will be ready for the committee when they are called together on Thursday next. The only committee that have met so far are the agricultural contingent and standing rules. The first meeting of the agricultural committee was quite an important one and an effort is to be made by Mr. Dickson its chairman to give this committee the importance which is its due during the coming session.

At the opening of the proceedings Mr. Sweeney whose failure to be present at yesterday's session has caused some comment explained that he could not get from Moncton to Fredericton because of a heavy snowfall on the Intercolonial Railway. His explanation was accepted without question.

The members of the opposition assembly in Fredericton in the production of questions for the government to answer. In the first day of two some nine queries were made, all of which it was assumed the govern-

ment would have difficulty in answering. No. 2 enquiry by Mr. Copp had reference to bridges and wharves in Queens county. Much to the surprise of Mr. Copp and the consternation of the House generally, Mr. Morrisey when he rose to make the reply stated nature that it could only be answered satisfactorily by reading the details of the various accounts rendered in connection with the structures referred to. These accounts were somewhat numerous, but if Mr. Copp were still interested in hearing them, he would have pleasure in furnishing the information. He furthermore stated that the government had nothing to conceal from the House and was most anxious to furnish the fullest information regarding the expenditures of his department. This information he would be pleased to furnish any representative calling at the office of the department.

After making the general remark, he called upon the secretary of the public works department to produce the accounts asked for by Mr. Copp in his enquiry. Mr. Blair appeared with about a bushel basket full of papers, from which Mr. Morrisey proceeded to read for over half an hour without any appreciable interruption. Mr. Blair was finally decided to stop the flow of the chief commissioner's oratory by permitting Mr. Copp to examine such accounts as he wished from those on file. The

EMPLOYEE OF RAILWAY MADE A PRACTISE OF ROBBERY

Commissioner Hears How J. W. Gaskin, Foreman in I. C. R. Electrical Department, Made Systematic Raids on Property of Line—Night Watchman Sometimes Had to Be Doped—Odd Assortment of Articles Purloined.

Special to The Standard.

Moncton, March 12.—Some interesting evidence was given before George H. Adair a commissioner appointed by the Minister of Railways to investigate charges against John W. Gaskin, foreman in the I. C. R. electrical department. The evidence was taken in the Supreme Court chambers.

The first witness was George O. Sheffington, who testified that he had been dismissed on the 30th December, 1904. At that time he was working on evidence with a view to having Gaskin arrested. He was also working on another case and believed he was dismissed because he was doing his duty. He had been informed of Gaskin taking things but did not know personally.

where various articles used by the railway were kept. He also had keys to trunks where castle soap, comb, hair brushes, comb, etc., were kept. They would gather up such things as they wanted and divide them. Gaskin took a web of factory cotton, also a web of Aeey cotton. On another occasion Gaskin took a half dozen shoes, also a side of harness leather which he put in a sack. They divided the leather. A horse came and took the stuff away.

On another occasion he took a keg of spikes, two kegs of three inch nails, a keg of shingle nails and as much lead as two men could carry. They had these behind a fence until a team came. On another occasion they took ten bundles of sheathing. On one occasion they took a cheese from a box that was billed to Sackville which Gaskin put in a sack, and at different times had taken whiskey, port wine and other liquors, a bottle at a time.

This witness also told of doping the watchman while they were taking things from the freight shed. He saw Gaskin giving the watchman a drink and the watchman went to sleep. The further hearing was adjourned until Wednesday of next week, it being represented to the commissioner that Gaskin desired to accompany his brother to Boston for medical treatment.

TOWN ALMOST WIPED OFF MAP NEWS IN BRIEF

Acme, Alta., March 12.—In a fire which has all the ear marks of being the work of incendiary, Acme was almost swept off the map at an early hour this morning. The buildings of the Merchant's Bank, the Alberta Hotel, A. Coulter's tailor shop, E. J. Collins' general store, A. McWhitney's pool hall and implement shed together with the local dance hall, lodge room and another implement warehouse, owned by L. McCook, were totally destroyed. The loss is estimated at about \$125,000 with insurance about \$39,000. A fire call was sent to Calgary when the outbreak occurred, but the flames had burned everything they could reach before the fire fighting contingent in a special train reached the town.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, March 12.—Fredericton won the deciding game of the York county championship series tonight, defeating the Marysville by a score of 16 to 9. It was a joke exhibition of hockey, and sport followers were pleased with it all over and the curtain was rung down on a season that has been far from successful. The grand jury in the case of William Wade, charged with distributing loose ballots marked for McLean in the last Federal election in Sunbury county found a true bill on two counts after being out three hours. The petit jury to hear the case was sworn in this afternoon, and trial of the case will commence tomorrow morning.

CLOUDS LIFTING IN COAL TROUBLES

Prospect of Settlement of British Strike Considered Better

INTEREST IN DAIRY FARMS

Agricultural Committee of Legislature in Opening Session.

THOUSANDS OF OPERATIVES GET INCREASE

Nearly 175,000 Textile Workers in New England Notified of Raise.

HUNDRED PRINT CLOTH MILLS WILL INCREASE WAGES OF 25,000 EMPLOYEES FIVE PER CENT. ON MARCH 25TH.

Boston, Mass., Mar. 12.—Nearly 175,000 textile operatives in the New England states have been notified of a wage advance of not less than 5 per cent. to go into effect before the end of March. The most important action taken today by any body of manufacturers was the decision of the treasurers of 100 print cloth mills owned by 35 Fall River corporations to increase the wages of their 25,000 employees 5 per cent. on March 25. Similar advance was announced by the cotton mills of Taunton, Holyoke, Chicopee and other places. The Worcester woolen mills, employing 300, also included in the 5 per cent. advance.

Col. Sheridan—You cannot compel farmers to patronize dairies and without having the interest of the farmer, you cannot stimulate dairying. Mr. McDougall—I would advocate less factories and better production. To Encourage Work. In answer to Mr. Hubbard as to suggestions to improve the stimulation of dairies, Mr. McDougall said: "I would encourage in certain districts and appropriation made to districts, as for instance, the Elgin district, if we could say to them, 'We would establish a cheese factory if they would produce it for ten years.' That is, the department finance it for that period. At the end of that time the factory would be self-supporting. Mr. Daigle gave an interesting account of the work in his district which consisted of the northern part of the province. He corroborated all the previous speaker had said. There have been many mistakes made in the establishing of dairies, and the main reason for many of the failures is that generally farmers are keeping cows not fit to keep. The success of dairying begins with the cow, and the government should encourage the better cow. The question of cow testing is the key to the situation. Good cows meant good milk, and the factories in his mind would take care of themselves. Mr. Daigle was strongly in support of consolidation of factories, and the great success of Denmark, New Zealand and Australia in the dairying business was due to consolidation and cow testing. Mr. Hubbard in speaking, said that his department for three months past had taken up this cow question, and had decided to appoint a man to work along the lines that had been suggested.

LOCAL LAWYER IS RETAINED

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Mar. 12.—Daniel Mullin, K. C., of St. John, N. B., who has been retained by the department of marine and fisheries as counsel to oppose the application of the Chicago sanitary committee to the minister of war of the United States to take 10,000 cubic feet of water per minute from Lake Michigan, is here and is engaged in the preparation of the Canadian case. The application will be made at Washington on the 27th inst., and counsel will also appear on behalf of different Canadian and United States shipping interests. It is claimed that if the application is granted, it will result in a permanent lowering of the water in the great lakes and St. Lawrence, the great injury of shipping and other interests.

MOTION OF DEFENCE TO DISCHARGE THE PACKERS REFUSED

Chicago, Mar. 12.—U. S. District Judge Carpenter today declined to take from the jury the case of ten Chicago packers charged with conspiracy in maintaining a combination in restraint of trade, under the Sherman law and discharge the defendants. The court denied the motion of the defence after five days of argument by counsel.

NO AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED HOWEVER, SAY MINERS, TILL NATIONAL RECOGNITION MINIMUM WAGE IS ACCORDED.

London, March 12.—Although nothing definite was achieved at the joint conference of the coal owners, miners and cabinet ministers today, the prospect of a settlement of the coal strike is decidedly brighter. The executive of the miners' federation met late tonight and adopted a resolution recommending that the federation agree to Premier Asquith's plan for a joint conference in the various districts for the settlement of the minimum wage proposals, on the understanding that none of the districts resume work until a national settlement is effected. Should the federation, as it is expected, adopt this recommendation, it will be a decided step forward as a general agreement on a minimum wage is likely to have considerable influence on the obdurate Scotch and Welsh owners. The prime minister again had an audience with the King and informed His Majesty of the proceedings at the joint conference. The extent to which the strike is curtailing railway services is indicated by the fact that the Northwestern Railway alone has suspended 1369 trains. It is estimated that the unions, excluding the miners are paying out \$250,000 weekly to those out of employment, while 160,000 men are working on short time. The funds of the north Wales miners' association are almost exhausted and the association has been obliged to stop strike pay. In Scotland some isolated raids on bakers, coal and wood stores are reported. A general discussion of the alternative proposals and the conference adjourned at 6.30 p. m. until 11.30 o'clock tomorrow morning. This was all the information divulged by the official statement concerning the results of the momentous conference at the Port of Office on which hangs the last hopes of settling the coal strike without recourse to legislation. The conference, which included representatives of the coal owners and miners as well as of the cabinet, was held under the presidency of Premier Asquith. Three and a half hours were devoted to a discussion of the whole subject of the strike but a basis for a settlement was not reached. It was the first time since the government intervened that the disputants had been brought together. The fact that the conference will reassemble tomorrow, indicates that there is the hope that some agreement will be reached paving the way for a settlement of the strike. Further than that all is surmise. The government is being subjected to severe criticism for veiling with secrecy, negotiations which involve the vital industries of the nation.

ADVANCE IN WAGES GOES INTO EFFECT IN HUNDRED MILLS

Portland, Me., Mar. 12.—A general advance in wages of five per cent. will go into effect in 100 print cloth mills controlled by 35 corporations in this city on March 25. The mills which made the announcement this afternoon employ 25,000 operatives.

GRAHAM TAKES HIS SEAT

Ottawa, March 12.—Hon. Geo. P. Graham took his seat in the Commons this afternoon, representing South Renfrew.

THE SUBMARINE A.3 IS CAREFULLY HIDDEN FROM VIEW

Bodies Have Been Removed from Wrecked Vessel in Coffins and Hull is Protected with Screens. Portsmouth, Eng., Mar. 12.—The dock in which the British submarine A-3 is berthed since she has been raised from the bottom after the collision with the Hazard on Feb. 2, when her crew of fourteen officers and men were drowned, has been pumped out. The bodies have been removed from the hull, placed in coffins and taken to Hasler Military Hospital where an inquest will be held tomorrow. The dock is closed to the public and a special screen has been erected around the vessels.

ITALIANS BEAT OFF TURKS AFTER FIERCE COMBAT

Desperate Onslaughts of Enemy on Fortifications in Course of Ereption Repelled by Artillery Fire. Tobruk, Tripoli, March 12.—A strong force of Turks and Arabs yesterday attacked the works which the Italians were throwing up outside the town. They delivered assault after assault, but the superiority of the Italian artillery finally told. After five hours of fighting the enemy retired. The Italians lost 13 men killed and 73 wounded.

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