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St. John, N. B.,
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CITY DEFICIT OF \$41,262.86

Bonded Debt Increased by \$318,500—But City Assets Are Nearly \$3,000,000 in Excess of Liabilities.

CHAMBERLAIN ADVISES ECONOMY IN FUTURE

Harbor Shows Small Surplus—Tax Collections Poor, and \$72,000 Was Cut off on Appeals.

Last year the city had a deficit of \$41,262, and the debenture debt was increased by \$318,500 on account of public works, according to the reports of Chamberlain D. G. Langley and Comptroller A. P. MacIntyre submitted yesterday to the City Council.

Orders for unforeseen expenditures amounting to \$50,000 were made by the City Council during the year.

Probably owing to the adoption of a new assessment system the tax collections were not up to the mark.

The amount assessed for the year was \$1,121,334.74. The taxes collected amounted to \$1,107,224.30, or \$74,070.33 less than the warrants required. The Chamberlain says:

"The payment of the city and county assessment was a great disappointment. Owing to the lateness of the season and the very large amounts of adjustments necessary it was impossible to collect in cash more than 77 per cent. of the assessment, as compared with 82 per cent. in 1918.

It is noted, also, that the assessment was reduced by \$73,106.12, necessitating no doubt through the new assessment act.

The city's assets are placed at \$1,325,400, and the liabilities at \$6,548,234; the excess of assets over liabilities being \$2,945,165.

The debenture debt of the city on Dec. 31, 1919, was \$4,999,926.66. No debentures fall due this year. The amount paid on the bonded debt last year was \$217,974.10. The interest as it stood at the end of the year was \$215,678.08. The sinking fund is fully kept up and well invested, and stands at \$1,332,259.92.

The city's account at the Bank of Nova Scotia at the end of the year was \$2,000,000 to the extent of \$1,500,000.

Comptroller MacIntyre says: "Owing to these abnormal times, and the uncertainty of the interest rate on money, I am of the opinion that an amendment should be made to the Debenture Act, so as to allow a city which desires to issue bonds for any forty years, to issue in two instalments of any fifteen years, and when due re-issue for twenty-five years, carrying along all the time a sinking fund covering the forty years, which would pay them at final maturity. This would give the opportunity of a lower rate of interest on the last period, when it would be hoped that money would be near normal."

The harbor receipts for the year 1919 were \$155,372, as compared with \$152,442 in 1918. The harbor expenditures in 1919 were \$165,063, as compared with \$161,355 in 1918. For 1919 there was a surplus of \$5,819, as against a deficit of \$1,891 in 1918.

The departmental statement follows:

Expenses.	Income.	
Fire dept. and C. Corps	\$1,018,776.35	1,308.36
Lamp dept.	39,487.49	151.22
Police dept.	94,874.09	8,849.49
Exhibition dept.	990.00	1,208.32
Street dept.	168,041.65	4,949.51
Ferry dept.	100,126.73	46,806.33
Sewer main-ten-ance	22,561.15	620.05
Fire hydrants	7,680.61
Water main-ten-ance	227,504.76	231,986.11
Grants	14,411.80
City schools	317,160.19
	\$1,097,122.64	\$236,473.90

LACKED A QUORUM.

A meeting of the St. John Society of Music was called for last night, but as the number attending was not sufficient to form a quorum, another meeting is called for next Thursday evening when plans will be discussed for the bringing to St. John of two outside artists to complete the programme of five musical concerts guaranteed by the Society to its members. The next concert will be given some time in May.

The Quick Way to Stop a Cough

This home-made syrup does the work in a hurry. Ready prepared, and ready to use.

You might be surprised to know that the best thing you can use for a severe cough is a remedy which is easily prepared at home in just a few moments. It's cheap, but for prompt results it beats anything else you ever tried. Usually stops the ordinary cough or chest cold in 24 hours. Tastes pleasant, too—children like it—and it is pure and good. Four 2 1/2 ounce bottles (50 cents worth) in a 16-oz. bottle; then fill it up with plain granulated sugar syrup. Or use clarified molasses, honey, or corn syrup, instead of sugar syrup, if desired. Thus you make 16 ounces—a family supply—but costing no more than a small bottle of ready-made cough syrup.

And as a cough medicine, there is really nothing better to be had at any price. It goes right to the spot and gives quick, lasting relief. It promptly kills the inflamed membranes that line the throat and the passages, stops the annoying throat tickle, loosens the phlegm, and soothes your cough stops entirely. Splendid for bronchitis, croup, hoarseness and bronchial asthma.

There is a highly concentrated compound of Norway pine extract, famous for its healing effect on the membranes. To avoid disappointment ask your druggist for "2 1/2 ounces of Pine" with directions and don't accept anything else. Quantities over five ounces will be mailed or money refunded. The Finest Co., Toronto, Ont.

KEEP URIC ACID OUT OF JOINTS

Tells Rheumatism Sufferers to Eat Less Meat and Take Salts.

Rheumatism is easier to avoid than to cure, states a well-known authority. We are advised to dress warmly, keep the feet dry; avoid exposure; eat less meat, but drink plenty of good water.

Rheumatism is a direct result of eating too much meat and other rich foods that produce uric acid which is absorbed into the blood. It is the function of the kidneys to filter this acid from the blood and cast it out in the urine; the pores of the skin are also a means of freeing the blood of this impurity. In damp and chilly cold weather the skin pores are closed thus forcing the kidneys to do double work, they become weak and sluggish and fail to eliminate the uric acid which keeps accumulating and circulating through the system, eventually settling in the joints and muscles causing stiffness, soreness and pain called rheumatism.

At the first twinges of rheumatism rest from any pharmacy about four ounces of Jad Salts; put a tablespoonful in a glass of water and drink before breakfast, each morning for a week. This is said to eliminate uric acid by stimulating the kidneys to normal action, thus ridding the blood of these impurities.

Jad Salts is inexpensive, harmless and is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia and is used with excellent results by thousands of folks who are subject to rheumatism. Here you have a pleasant, effective, lithia-water drink which helps overcome uric acid and is beneficial to your kidneys as well.

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IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

To the Editor of The Standard, Sir:—The letter defending Superintendent Carter's bad grammar in Wednesday's Fredericton Daily Mail, is so far as grammar and composition, identical with that of the Chief Superintendent to the MacMillan firm. It forces the accepted belief that the letter, unfortunately signed U. N. B., was either written or inspired by the Chief Superintendent himself.

Quoting "The organ which at present is devoting its attention to petty attacks upon the Provincial Government and any of its officials may be in the 'firm,' the organ took considerable pains to procure, or was it Dr. Carter's letter?" The writer of this twisted mixed-up letter, that it not actually written by the Superintendent himself, is certainly a "twin brother" of the one he wrote to the MacMillan firm, borrows a word from a cannibal tribe way down in the West Indies to express his chagrin of the Gleasoner, and of all those who have expressed their indignation at a Chief Superintendent of Education who is more competent to draw his salary check, than he is to supervise the teaching in the schools of the province. But, to say the least, is it not pedantic to use a word in your own letter you are obliged to derive? It sounds like him. The whole letter, cannibal word and all, has a "tang of the east" as John Locke would say, and is a fair sample of the Chief's standard of erudition and of his notions of an educated gentleman.

But, to come back to the text-book that would still be in use in the public schools of the Province, were it not for the returned soldier that disturbed the Superintendent's slumbers. There was no very great reason for changing "Swinton's General History of the World," for the present cumbersome and unsatisfactory edition. But often it presents a show of doing something to make a change, and often it is to favor some individual or firm at the expense of poor parents or students. What valid reason was there for the last change made in the text-book on Geometry? A flimsy excuse was made that the former one was "not practical enough," and the poor people had to pay the bills. With its grossly unfair chapter on the War, Myers' History is not the only objectionable text-book in

our schools, instead of being an improvement on Robinson's Grammar (introduced by the late Dr. Hand), or the smaller edition of Maldejohn, designed for use in the common schools. Goggin's Grammar is a dismal failure. This is evidenced by some of the letters appearing in the public press. It is also shown, by the language, both written and spoken, of our younger people in all walks of life. It does not produce results. It is too much encumbered with detail and endless subdivisions—both in parsing and analysis. The latter appears at too late a stage. Our best teachers have given it a fair trial; but few approve it. Superintendent Carter, who is supposed to be at the head of our Education machine, doing any more to procure a proper text-book on grammar than he did re Myers' History?

Now, sir, about "The Gleasoner" devoting its attention to petty attacks upon the local government. I wish to say I am a Liberal, first, last, and all the time. I am not a spasmodic Liberal. Two at least of the other writers of these letters are Liberals. The only reason they put their letters in "The Gleasoner" was to reach a wider public. There never was a time in this Province when education was at so low an ebb. I believe the cause of this lies at the door of the head of the Department. He is not the man for the job. He is unpopular with our leading educationalists and with fully 90 per cent. of the teachers of this Province. Where there is no harmony, there is no progress! "He is strange education in this Province," is a remark made to me recently by one of our leading educational men. This shows the trend of public thought. Thanking you sir for so much space in your valuable paper, I am,

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