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We have reduced prices on all our Furs, notwithstanding the Great Advance in skins. If you are considering an investment in Furs, we would advise your early attendance. It would be impossible for us to duplicate any garment now in stock except at advance prices: Out-of-town customers are assured of prompt attention.

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RACCOON MUFFS—$32.50 to $18.50 .... For $26.00 to $114.50
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PERSIAN LAMB—Less 1-3 regular price.
NATURAL WOLF—$35.00 to $25.00 .... For 28.00 to 20.00
BLACK WOLF—$35.00 to $17.50 .... For 28.00 to 14.00
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SIBERIAN WOLF—$14.00 to $15.00 .... For 11.50 to 12.00
BLUE WOLF—$25.00 .... For 20.00
CINNAMON WOLF—$25.00 .... For 20.00
BLACK LYNX—$60.00 to $40.00 .... For 48.00 to 32.00
NAT LYNX—$45.00 .... For 36.00
BLACK FOX—$60.00 to $30.00 .... For 48.00 to 24.00
TAUPE FOX—$60.00 .... 48.00
CROSS FOX—$45.00 .... For 36.00
SILVER FOX—$125.00 .... For 105.00
BLUE FOX—$30.00 .... For 24.00
POINTED FOX—$45.00 .... For 36.00
SEAL MUFFS—$45.00 to $30.00 .... For 36.00 to 24.00
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MARMOT MUFFS—$17.50 to $13.25 .... For 14.00 to $11.50

HUDSON SEAL COATS.

We have fifteen of these coats, 35 in. to 45 in. long and the prices are all reduced to figures that give exceptional values, as these skins are now selling at a great advance over prices quoted two months ago. These garments are all made up from our Finest Skins. Prices range from $150.00 to $375.00. Some coats are plain while others are fancy trimmed, with collars and cuffs of other materials.

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$ 75.00 .... For $ 60.00
135.00 .... For 108.00

PERSIAN LAMB COATS

All Coats are less 1-3 regular price.

NEAR OR ELECTRIC SEAL

$150.00 .... For $120.00
135.00 .... For 108.00

STOLES

NATURAL RACCOON—$24.00 to $15.00 .... For $19.50 to $12.00
MINK STOLES—$80.00 to $30.00 .... For 64.00 to 24.00
PERSIAN LAMB—Less 1-3 off regular price.
NATURAL WOLF—$30.00 to $18.50 .... For 24.00 to 15.00
BLACK WOLF—$35.00 to $12.50 .... For 28.00 to 10.50
POINTED WOLF—$50.00 .... For 40.00
SIBERIAN WOLF—$15.00 .... For 12.00
CINNAMON WOLF—$25.00 .... For 20.00
BLACK LYNX—$50.00 to $40.00 .... For 48.00 to 32.00
NATURAL LYNX—$65.00 to $55.00 .... For 52.00 to 44.00
BLACK FOX—$60.00 to .40.00 .... For 48.00 to 32.00
TAUPE FOX—$60.00 .... For 48.00
RED FOX—$45.00 .... For 36.00
SILVER FOX—$75.00 .... For 60.00
BLUE FOX—$25.00 .... For 20.00
POINTED FOX—$40.00 .... For 32.00
SEAL SCARFS—$25.00 to $17.50 .... For 20.00 to 14.00
MARMOT—$27.00 to $4.00 .... For 22.50 to 3.00

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HON. J. B. M. BAXTER DISCUSSES ACHIEVEMENTS OF GOVERNMENT AND ANSWERS OPPOSITISON CRITICISM

Attorney-General Shows That Mr. Foster Made Misleading and Inaccurate Statements Relative to Ordinary Expenditure for Past Year, While He Quoted Item of Interest for 1907 As That of 1908---Other Reckless Statements of Opposition Critic Are Effectively Disposed of---Our Finances in Splendid Condition and Credit of the Province Never So High As at the Present Time---Government Confident of Victory When Next Appeal to Electorate is Made---A Masterly Review of Government's Conduct of Affairs.

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Asked by a Standard reporter if he had anything to say yith respect to W. E. Foster's criticism of Auditor-General Loudon's published statement, Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, Attorney-General of the province, answered:

"Mr. Foster has certainly not covered himself with glory; and were it not that his criticism might possibly affect the credit of the province—though I do not think it would, even if treated at present with silence—no notice would be taken of it until Hon. Dr. Landry, provincial secretary-treasurer thought proper to deal with it in his own way on the floors of the Legislative Assembly chamber. Mr. Foster shows as childish a simplicity in dealing with provincial finances as did a certain upper province politician regarding poets and poetry, when he concluded a public address in these words: 'And now, ladies and gentlemen, I shall conclude in the words of Shakespeare, who wrote Paradise Lost, 'a man's a man for all that.'

Mr. Foster's Absurd Methods.

"Mr. Foster begins with the bold declaration that there was a deficit of over three hundred and seventy-one thousand dollars last year between revenue and expenditure; and to prove that wild assertion he jumbles all kinds of accounts together, putting in bond issues with the ordinary revenues and expenditures. His method beats hollow that of the bookkeeper who had figured out for his employer a profit nearly $2,000 more than could be found. The employer upon investigation, discovered that the bookkeeper had added into the accounts the year of our Lord!

"The absurdity of Mr. Foster's method can be best illustrated to himself and the public in this way: Mr. Foster is generol manager and one of the chief owners of the St. Martins Railway. Let us imagine that the gross earnings under his management and joint ownership to be $50,000 a year, and the expenditure to be $40,000 a year. That would show receipts over expenditure to be $10,000. Now, supposing Mr. Foster decided to expend this year $75,000 in repairs on his railway and that his ordinary expenditure and revenue were the same as in other years. Would he for an instant admit that his railway had gone behind $65,000 on the year's operation because of the repairs he had made? Of course he would not. He would have made for himself and his associates his usual $10,000; and the $75,000 spent in repairs would make his railway asset that much more valuable. In the meantime if he had borrowed the money to make the repairs, his debt account and interest must necessarily have increased.

"Just so with the provincial government's financing. If they live within their income in the matter of ordinary revenue and expenditure, who will say that the cost of such permanent bridges, as those at Reversible Falls at St. John; at Newcastle on the Miramichi, and at Grand Falls should be built out of ordinary revenue? And if they could not be constructed out of ordinary revenue, who among the opposition will declare that they should not be built at all?

Pertinent Questions.

"Will Mr. Foster tell the electors of St. John county, for which constituency he has been nominated, after having nearly lost his deposit when running against the government in the city, that the magnificent bridge over the Reversible Falls should not have been built unless it was possible to build it out of the ordinary revenue of the province? Let him have the hardihood to say that in the important parish of Lancaster, and I will make the prediction that he will lose his election deposit in the county. Or will Hon. C. W. Robinson and his associates on the opposition ticket in Westmorland dare challenge the government on its wise policy of issuing bonds to build a splendid permanent bridge over the Petitcodiac River at Moncton? Such structures could not possibly be built at all by the province except through the issue of bonds, and no one knows it better than Mr. Foster or former Premier Robinson.

"The question after all is: Are these great works necessary, and has the work been well done, and at the lowest possible cost? Without any undue reflection on Mr. Foster's railway management the province cannot be run on the system that he applies to the St. Martins Railway.

"It is not my intention to follow Mr. Foster in all his reckless statements. But I shall convict him of sufficient inaccuracies to discredit his whole csiticism.

Inaccuracies Easily Proven.

"Mr. Foster says the ordinary expenditure for the past year was $1,580,531.86, pretending to quote the exact figures of the Auditor-General. A reference to the Auditor's statement itself shows these figures:

Total ordinary revenue ..	$1,580,531.36
Total ordinary expenditure ..	1,568,454.07

which is over $12,000 against Mr. Foster's statement. Was Mr. Foster's assertion due to his not understanding the difference between revenue and expenditure, or to an attempt to mislead the public?

"A little further along Mr. Foster in dealing with the item of interest gives the figures for 1908, the year the old government was defeated, at $178,569. Let anyone who wants to see for himself examine the public accounts for 1908 and he will find that the interest for 1908 is given at $248,126.14, including $15,181.23 charged to funded debt, or nearly $70,000 more than stated by Mr. Foster. (See page 93). What does Mr. Foster hope to secure by such inaccurate and reckless statements?

Old Gang Suppressed Facts.

"But while under the bookkeeping methods of his political friends the interest account of 1908 was placed at nearly $70,000 more than Mr. Foster states; the amount given in the accounts of that year did not represent nearly all that should have been charged to interest. Several important items that should have appeared under that heading were smuggled away under other headings. For upwards of five months of that year the bookkeeping was in the hands of Mr. Foster's political friends.

"What did the Hazen government find respecting the item of interest for 1907 when they came into power in 1908? They found that although interest for 1907 was given at $178,569 (which Mr. Foster attempts to make appear as being the figures for 1908) that amount did not begin to cover all the items of interest. They found that tens of thousands of dollars additional had been paid in interest. Neither did it include one cent of the interest paid on the London loan of £300,000 sterling, although the government had been compelled to pay the full interest before they got the money.

Paying Predecessors' Bills.

"To complete the works undertaken by the old government and clean up their fag ends this government early in 1909 had to sell New Brunswick stock on the London market to the tune of $2,190,000, adding that much to the public debt and increasing the interest account. Here is the story in detail of that addition to the public debt and interest for which the old government was responsible before going out of office in 1908, as taken from the Auditor-General's reports, beginning in 1909 and published in the report annually since that year:

Statement.

N. B. Government Stock—9. Ed. VII., Cap. 4. Amount of stock £450,000 sold in London at 4% 1909.	$2,190,000.00
Payments Charged to stock.	
Redemption of 6% Debentures, 4 Ed. VII., Cap. 25	$377,000.00
Permanent Bridges, 3 Ed. VII., Cap. 13	200,000.00
Permanent Bridges, 5 Ed. VII., Cap. 12	300,000.00
Permanent Bridges, 7 Ed. VII., Cap. 18	350,000.00
Permanent Bridges, 10 Ed. VII., Cap. 3	2,856.07
N. B. Coal and Railway, 5 Ed. VII., Cap. 16	250,000.00
N. B. Coal and Railway, 7 Ed. VII., Cap. 18	110,431.72
N. B. Coal and Railway, 9 Ed. VII., Cap. 3	30,000.00
Public Works overexpenditure 1906, 7 Ed. VII., Cap. 18	197,065.97
Provincial Hospital overexpenditure 1906, 7 Ed. VII., Cap. 18	22,502.31
Wharves and Grain Elevator to 31st October, 1909, 56 Vic., Cap. 6	5,000.00
International Railway Subsidy to 31st October, 1909, 54 Vic., Cap. 11	120,000.00
Funded Debt 1908, 8 Ed. VII., Cap. 23	215,781.40
Late Deputy Surveyor General's Deficit, 8 E. VII., Cap. 23	9,362.53
	$2,190,000.00

Foster's Untrue Comparisons.

"Mr. Foster says that this Government spent more last year by $600,000 on ordinary expenditure than the old government did in 1907. Little credence can be placed in his statement when one is face to face with the fact that the published statement for 1907 did not include sums amounting to over $400,000 for expenditures incurred prior to October 31st, 1907, and not provided for by appropriation. The particulars of this miserable condition are given on page 66 of the Legislative debates of 1908.

Where Credit is Due.

"But supposing Mr. Foster were nearly correct in his statement of expenditures in 1907 and 1916. Look at the splendid increases this Government has given to the great public services of the country. We paid last year out of ordinary revenue for agriculture some $24,000 more than was paid in 1908; we paid our second instalment of the $25,000 given by the province for patriotic purposes—an item the old government did not of course have on their books at any time; we paid $35,000 more than was paid in 1908 for education. We paid nearly $25,000 more than was paid in 1908 for stumpage collections, but under our methods of stumpage collections we have collected in eight years more money for the province than the old government had collected in the first twenty-one years of their existence. We spenton pdblic works last year some $120,000 over and above what was spent in 1908 out of ordinary revenue. We gave $37,839 to the Jordan Sanitarium; and needless to say, that worthy institution was not in existence under the old government. Add to these amounts—and there are additions to many other public services—the additional interest on the stock sold in London to square the accounts of the old government besides a sinking fund in connection with that London loan of about $11,000 a year. Besides all this our invested sinking funds in 1915 amounted to $511,812 as against $185,277 in 1908.

"Mr. Foster pretends to sorrow at the thought that $438,217, obtained for the renewal of lumber licenses, is not treated as an invested sinking fund, or as a sacred trust, as he puts it. The Fredericton Gleaner so well answers Mr. Foster respecting this matter that you might quote the following:

An Answer From The Gleaner.

"'Following the line of his carelessly or designedly prepared statement, Mr. Foster charges among other things that the half million and more dollars on hand at the end of the fiscal year is a trust fund, or as sacred as such, and is, therefore, not available to begin the new year with. Again Mr. Foster's position is absurd This balance is made up of an accumulation of the surpluses in the ordinary business of other years, and the bonus moneys. There is no bond or security against it, and it is, therefore, not a trust fund. It is left solely to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to say what debt may or may not be liquidated by it. It may be set aside for the reduction of the public debt; by remaining in the consolidated revenue account it reduces the net debt; and, by having it available, it saves the province from the necessity of making temporary borrowings at high rates of interest during the period of the war, and while awaiting moneys from other sources which become due at stated periods. The position of the Government, therefore, in this respect, it will be conceded, is the position of sound business men. In so far as the proceeds of

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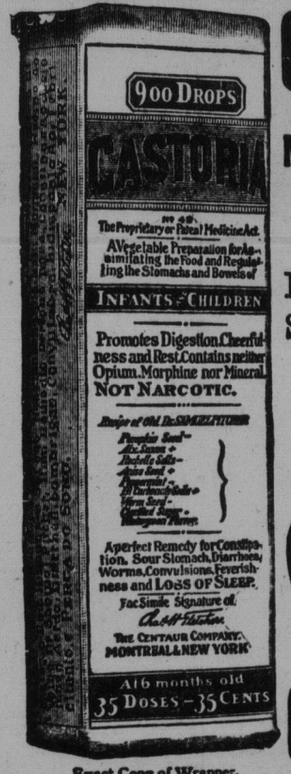

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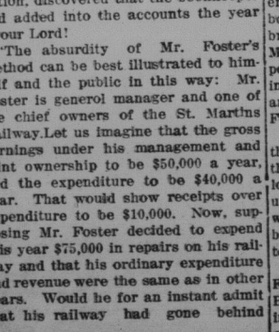

EATING MEAT REGULAR CLOGS THE KIDNEYS, THEN YOUR BACK HURTS

Flush your Kidneys occasionally with a tablespoonful of Salts to avoid danger.

Most folks forget that the kidneys, like the bowels, get sluggish and clogged and need a flushing occasionally, else we have backache and dull misery in the kidney region, severe headaches, rheumatic twinges, torpid liver, acid stomach, sleeplessness and all sorts of bladder disorders.

You simply must keep your kidneys active and clean, and the moment you feel an ache or pain in the kidney region, get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any good drug store here, take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and is harmless to flush clogged kidneys and stimulate them to normal activity. It also neutralizes the acids in the urine so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder disorders.

Jad Salts is harmless; inexpensive; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which everybody should take now and then to keep their kidneys clean, thus avoiding serious complications.

A well-known local druggist says he sells lots of Jad Salts to folks who believe in overcoming kidney trouble while it is only trouble.

CONTESTS For Kiddies

WHAT SUBJECT DO YOU LIKE BEST, AT SCHOOL, AND WHY?

To the boy or girl who sends in what is considered as the best answer to the above question, a **Fully Illustrated Bound Volume of One of the Best Monthly Magazines for Children** will be awarded, whilst a second prize of ONE DOLLAR will go to the sender of the next in order of merit. All entries must reach this office by Wednesday, January 17, accompanied by the usual coupon, filled in, and addressed to

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Name of Teacher.....