

NEW BRUNSWICK SHOWS SURPLUS FOR YEAR IN SPITE OF PERIOD OF DEPRESSION IN THE DOMINION

Hon. Dr. Landry, Provincial Secretary's First Budget Speech Tells of Progress in the Province, Careful Expenditure of the People's Monies and Balance of \$12,000.

PROVISION MADE IN ESTIMATES FOR CONTINUING ADVANCE POLICY

Estimated Revenue for the Coming Year Placed at One Million Four Hundred and Seventy-seven Thousand Dollars and Expenditures at \$1,468,420.84—Strong Presentation of Financial Condition Made by Hon. Dr. Landry.

Fredericton, March 12.—The Fleming government and especially the Provincial Secretary, Hon. D. V. Landry, scored a complete and sweeping triumph in the legislature and before the people of the province today when in the budget speech, splendidly presented by the provincial secretary, they showed for the year just closed a surplus of current receipts over current expenditures of \$12,057.35.

Larger surpluses have been shown by the same government and by that of Hon. J. D. Hazen which preceded it but when it is remembered that the past year has been remarkable for the condition of business depression all over the world the showing made by the Province of New Brunswick is really remarkable.

Second only in importance to the fact that during the past twelve months the province through wise and prudent administration has been able to more than pay its way is the announcement of the estimated revenue and expenditures for the year to come. Ample provision has been made for all the great public services as will be seen by reference to the estimates published elsewhere in this issue of The Standard but special attention will be devoted to the interests of the agriculturists during the coming year, and no opportunity that may be embraced for the benefit of those interested in the agricultural industry will be lost.

The statement presented today showed that the estimated receipts of the year 1913 was placed at \$1,468,576.16 but the actual receipts exceeded the estimates by more than \$60,000. The expenditures for the year were \$1,446,962.54 and the surplus as stated slightly more than \$12,000.

For the coming year the estimated revenue is \$1,477,406.84 and the estimated expenditure \$1,468,420.39. Hon. Dr. Landry made an especially strong and aggressive presentation of the financial statement. With moderation he compared the system under the former governments with the businesslike manner in which the finances of the province are handled today. The galleries were crowded during his address and he was liberally applauded throughout.

House met at 3.25 p. m. Mr. Dugal gave notice of inquiry with regard to charges against chief of police of St. John.

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

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

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

Hon. Mr. Morrisey presented petition in favor of passing an act to incorporate the Barnaby River Boom Company.

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

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

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

Estimates for 1914.

Hon. Dr. Landry presented a message from His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, submitting the estimates of the current year, and moved that the consideration of such message and estimates be referred to the committee on supply.

The estimates follow:

Estimated income, 1914.	
Dominion Subsidies	\$37,976.16
Territorial Revenue	560,000.00
Fees Provincial Secretary's office	32,000.00
Taxes Incorporated Companies	51,000.00
Private and Local Bills	1,250.00
Succession Duties	59,000.00
King's Printer	2,500.00
School Books	17,000.00
Court Fund	16,000.00
Supreme Court Fund	2,500.00
Provincial Hospital	30,000.00
Jordan	8,000.00
Liquor Inspector	600.00
Factory Inspector	40,000.00
Motor Vehicles	12,000.00
Agricultural Department	1,765.93
Wharves, one-half cost from Dominion Gov't	5,323.99
Statistical Receipts	5,600.00
	\$1,477,406.84
N. B. Mould Strong Position.	
These statements and the fact that loans had been placed on the London market under such advantageous conditions, showed that New Brunswick stands well in the eyes of the world from a financial standpoint.	
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BIG NEW GLASGOW INDUSTRY SWEEP BY DISASTROUS FIRE

Standard Clay Products Plant Scene of Spectacular Blaze Last Night—Main Portion Destroyed and Loss About \$75,000

New Glasgow, N. S., Mar. 12.—One of New Glasgow's most prosperous industries was wiped out 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 considerable headway and was breaking out through the roof.

The plant was destroyed and the loss is about \$60,000. The firemen of New Glasgow hurried through the town apparatus to 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.

Agreement Reached in the C.N.R. Proposal

Understood Arrangement Arrived at and Matter Will Go Before House—Experts Will Estimate Amount Needed and Outlay Made Under Government Supervision.

Ottawa, Mar. 12.—The Standard understands that Sir William Mackenzie representing the Canadian Northern Railway reached a definite understanding with the government at a late hour tonight under which the proposal to grant a federal guarantee of bonds will be submitted to the House of Commons.

Experts will furnish estimates of the amount required for this purpose and their report will determine the amount of bonds to be guaranteed. The total figure, while at present speculative, is estimated to be about forty million dollars.

Hon. Mr. Cochrane Has Authorized I.C.R. Survey

Will Be Carried on from Moncton to Halifax and Sydney With a View to Eliminating Present Heavy Grades on Line.

Ottawa, March 12.—The Minister of Railways, Hon. Frank Cochrane, has authorized the International Corporation from Moncton to Halifax and Sydney, with a view to eliminating the present heavy grades, replacing light bridges with trestles, and finding out the cost and feasibility of a cut-off at Truro.

The cost of the large improvements suggested will be but the survey which will be now undertaken will determine this.

In regard to the proposed line between Sydney and Moncton, the Canadian Northern Railway will formally pledge themselves that no further aid will be asked on the system as at present projected.

The Canadian Northern state that they have made efforts to secure a loan on the London and Wall Street money markets and claim they would have succeeded had it not been for the persistent organized opposition of competing corporations.

The proposed improvements are carried out the road could handle a train of 1,600 tons.

Mr. Goutelle's says: "That would enable us to handle the Sydney business at less than half the present cost of transportation and would reduce the total operation cost by twenty-five per cent."

No estimate is given as to what the cost of the improvements suggested will be.

INSPECTION AND SALE ACT

Bill Introduced in House Yesterday by Hon. George E. Foster.

FINES FOR VIOLATING FISHERY LAWS \$6,319.

Bill to Amend and Consolidate Merchants' Shipping Act Sent to Marine and Fisheries Committee.

Ottawa, Mar. 12.—During question hour in the House of Commons the Minister of Marine told Mr. J. H. Sinclair that \$10,738 had been collected from United States fishing vessels for mokus vivendi licenses during 1913.

One hundred complaints for violation of the fishing laws had been tried before fishery officers and \$6,319 levied in fines.

Hon. J. D. Hazen's bill to amend and consolidate the Merchants' Shipping Act was given second reading and sent to the Marine and Fisheries Committee. Mr. W. F. MacLean stating he thought it would be possible to insert provisions for the regulation of ocean freight rates.

Hon. Geo. E. Foster introduced his bill to amend the Inspection and Sale Act by providing that Canadian binder twine, manufactured for export only, need not be labelled with the name of the dealer and the quantity of twine.

Dr. Beaud, Beauce, urged that a more rigid system of inspection of immigrants should be adopted.

Mr. Boulay of Rimouski, advocated the barring out of Jews, Chinese and Hindus from Canada. Too many immigrants had come in to cause him this encouraging criminal idea.

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NEW BRUNSWICK REDISTRIBUTION

Plan for Rearrangement is Sent to Special Committee.

PLAN HAS BEEN GENERALLY ACCEPTED

Two Seats for St. John and Albert Combined—Eleven Seats for the Province Altogether.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, March 12.—The redistribution of New Brunswick constituencies over which the Liberal and Conservative members in the province have been in consultation was submitted to the special committee today.

There is general agreement with the plan and unless the committee decides to make some changes, the eleven seats in New Brunswick will be as follows:

St. John and Albert, 2 members; Madawaska and Restigouche, 1 member; Victoria and Carleton, 1 member; Sunbury and York, 1 member; Queens and Kings, 1 member; Charlotte, Westmoreland, Kent, Northumberland, Gloucester, one each.

Premier Matheson and Hon. John McLean of Prince Edward Island are here representing the claim of the latter province to the six members to which they entered Confederation.

They feel confident that P. E. I. will be given four seats at present. Nothing, however, regarding this matter has been definitely agreed upon. New Brunswick is the second province to come to an agreement, Manitoba being the other.

British Columbia has been decided upon but the only new feature there is that Vancouver will have three members.

PRES. WILSON SIGNS ALASKA RAILWAY BILL

Authorizes Expenditure of \$35,000,000 Construction of United States' First Government Owned Railroad.

Washington, March 12.—President Wilson today extended what he termed "the hand of real helpfulness and brotherhood to Alaska," when he signed the bill authorizing the expenditure of \$35,000,000 for the first government owned railway constructed by the United States.

Secretary Lane immediately afterward had a long talk with the President about the selection of engineers for the work. Though Col. Goethals had been mentioned it is unlikely he will be through with the Panama Canal in time for the present undertaking, which Mr. Lane intends to get into operation at once.

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