

THREE VOLUMES TELL OF WHAT THE GOV'T SPENT

Civil Service Classification
Costly Job

Fat Sums Received By Some
Engaged In It In 1919—
Matter of Uncollected Fines
for Delay in Ship Building
—Prince of Wales' Visit.

Ottawa, Ont., March 16.—In three bulky volumes the auditor-general details all the expenditures of the government during the year which ended March 31, 1920, except the expenditures on demobilization and on sundry boards and commissions. These two exceptions take a big volume to themselves, and that volume has not yet been tabulated. The tale they tell will be most interesting to parliament.

To government officials and members of parliament the most interesting portion of the first volume is a page which details the sums of money paid to Arthur Young & Co. for their expert services in classifying the civil service. Nearly \$100,000 was paid to them in the year in question, and this sum was divided among twenty-seven of them, charged from \$25 to \$40 a day, and, in addition, they collected at the rate of \$3 an hour for all the over-time they put in, \$5 a day for living allowance and whatever traveling expenses they had. Counting in all these expenses, one man, W. G. Bailey, obtained for 275 days' work \$11,475. Another man, P. H. Myers, for 298½ days' work got \$12,318, and others amounts varying from \$25 for one day's work to nearly \$10,000 for longer periods.

A Marine Matter.
In the second volume there is printed considerable correspondence which was inaugurated by the auditor-general, E. D. Sutherland, in an effort to find out why \$100 a day was not exacted from shipbuilders when they failed to deliver steamers fully completed and fit for sea according to contract at dates given in the contract. One batch of correspondence concerned four steamers being built by Gougeon & Sons, Vancouver, and the reason for delay given was the non-arrival of funds from the Dominion Steel Corporation and the Great Britain and the great railway strike in England further complicated matters.

The troubles of 1919 are further illustrated in a similar request with respect to delays in other plays and nearer east. The Port Arthur Shipbuilding Company ascribed the delay to all these reasons except fire, and also the non-arrival of construction purposes, and the delay in receipt of anchors and cables. The Port Arthur Shipbuilding Company, but no answer is shown in the correspondence.

The third volume contains correspondence with the minister of railways and canals, contending that the passage of estimates was hardly sufficient to warrant the government railways treating all receipts as applicable against expenditures. This is a great change from the financial system of the country, which requires all receipts from every department to go into the consolidated fund. However, the deputy minister of justice decided otherwise, on which authority the change was allowed to continue. This volume also showed all government expenditures in connection with the visit of the Prince of Wales to Canada in 1919, a total of \$285,073.

M. Devoe of Lillo, France best 800 rivals in a slow smoking contest by keeping his pipe going for 118 minutes. M. Chastagnol of Lyons then occupied 68 minutes in burning a cigarette three inches long. While Signor Ardini, an Italian, smoked a cigar, making it last 115 minutes.

While cutting down an old oak tree, the Morse brothers of Wilkes, Me., found an old style wooden sap spout embedded in the wood. They think that 60 years or so ago some boy, mistaking the oak for a sugar maple, had tapped the tree and, failing to get sap, left the spout driven into the tree.

In northern Siberia most of the food sold in shops is frozen. Meat is hacked with axes and milk is sold in long sticks. The cold is so intense at times that no children are to be seen in the streets.

NOTICES OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS. 50 cents.

BIRTHS

CONLON.—On the fifteenth inst., at the St. John Infirmary, to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Conlon, Jr., a daughter.
COOPER.—To Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Cooper, 140 St. James street, a daughter, Mary Elizabeth, March 14, 1925.
POLLEY.—On March 14, to Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Polley, 86 Victoria street, a son—Donald Teed.
MCLEAN.—At the Evangeline Maternity Hospital, on March 15, to Mr. and Mrs. W. Leslie McLean, Brookville, a daughter.

DEATHS

COURTNEY.—At her home, 70 Waterloo street, March 16, 1925, Melvina, widow of A. H. Courtney, leaving her sister to mourn.
Funeral notice later.
MCBEATH.—At Providence, R. I., on March 15, 1925, George E. McBeath, aged 68 years, leaving his wife, two daughters, one sister and one brother to mourn.
DELANEY.—At the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. G. Verinder, 351 Union street, in the eighty-fourth year of her age, Mary, widow of the late William Delaney of Chatham, N. B., leaving four daughters to mourn.
Notice of funeral later.
(Chatham papers please copy)

GOOD THINGS COMING TO THEATRES OF ST. JOHN.

BOX OFFICE SALE STARTS FRIDAY, 18TH

And Not Tomorrow as Erroneously Stated—Next Week's Big English Musical Show.

The sale of seats for the F. Stuart Whyte production, "The Girl From Nowhere," will commence at the Imperial Theatre box office on Friday forenoon, the 18th, at 10 o'clock. Advertisements this morning stated Thursday 17th, but this was wrong. The mail orders are still being accepted.

Possibly no show that Mr. Stuart Whyte has organized in his Canadian career is as elaborate and as entertaining as "The Girl From Nowhere." The stars include Zara Clifton, well known here also J. V. Barrett-Lennard, the grotesque comedian with the funny legs; his brother, Richard Barrett-Lennard; a riotously amusing Scotch comedian, Billy Oswald, who is a new-comer; and a large ensemble of pretty girls and chorus "boys."

The costumes, scenic wonders and dancing merits of the show are far above the ordinary, and the musical numbers include over twenty-five of the latest and best hits. In fact, Mr. Stuart Whyte has concentrated all his companies into this one big bargain production, a tremendous package for prices that are scaled lower than usual.

"The Girl From Nowhere" plays the Imperial Monday and Tuesday of next week, with a matinee on Tuesday. The prices are in the advertisement.

BILL FARNUM, BILL HARKINS AND PAUL CAZENEUVE

In the good old days—and not so very old at that—when William Farnum played season after season in St. John with Bill Harkins, the handsome big star pulled down sixty per week. Mr. Harkins in a recent day says that his ex-leading man at the Friars Club in New York lately, when Farnum told him he was drawing \$18,000 per week with the Fox picture people, and three years to go. So when you see the strenuous star at the Imperial tonight or tomorrow you'll have no added hint of interest. As Don Caesar De Bazeau, the knight errant in "The Adventure" and title that protects the real Dumas story rights—Brother Farnum is as daring and dashing as ever.

Then there is that romantic French actor, Paul Caseneuve, who used to set the St. John girls daffy in the late nineties. He, too, is in this Fox production at the Imperial tonight. Strange to relate, he played "Don Caesar" on the Opera House stage back in 1896, and what a wonderful adder of fortune he was! He was a great favorite. The singular coincidence of these two former local favorites playing the leading roles in the Imperial's feature today will be highly pleasing to theatregoers.

In "Passions Playground," Most Beautiful Screen Star Scores In Adaptation of "Guests of Hercules"

With a story, star and production that bid fair to set the pace for screen attractions for months to come, "Passions Playground," adapted from the famous story of Monte Carlo, "The Guests of Hercules," by C. N. and A. M. Will. Tarnaud, will be shown at the Queen Square Theatre commencing today.

The infinite opportunities for picture-tion of the famous gambling story introduced Katherine MacDonald, "the American beauty," to select it as the starring vehicle for her latest release under her contract with First National Exhibitors' Circuit. Despite her remarkable past successes, Miss MacDonald has never been seen in a picture that equals "Passions Playground," for dramatic moments.

PERSONAL

Mrs. F. H. Sexton of Halifax, who is in St. John attending the meetings of the Rotary Club, is visiting Mrs. L. W. Lindsay, Leinster street. Mrs. Sexton is regent of the Municipal Chapter, I. O. O. F., and was vice-president of the Halifax Red Cross during the war period.

Mrs. W. E. Hamm and Mrs. B. A. Farris, who were called home on account of the illness of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Coes, have returned home. They left them convalescent.

Mrs. Fraser of Boston, arrived in the city today and is visiting Mrs. P. X. Collins at the Elanor Apartments, Lancaster.

Miss Vera Dean of Montreal, who came to the city for the funeral of her father, John E. Dean, is visiting Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Jenner, West St. John.

"TIFLS—WARM TOWN"

Washington, March 16.—Geographers suspect the ancients knew what they were doing when they named the capital of the old Georgian kingdom Tiflis. The word comes, according to the National Geographic Society, from a phrase meaning "Warm Town" and the review adds that the town produces several kinds of language, "the handsome branch of the white race," particularly the women; is a great wine centre and much given to singing and dancing. Guides are useless in Tiflis, it says, unless they can "wheel and swear in at least a dozen languages."

RECRUITS COST LESS.

Washington, March 16.—The high price of recruits for the United States army went down in common with other falling markets in 1920. It cost an average of \$86.75 each to get 135,000 men to the colors that year as compared with \$127 in 1913. In February, 1920, the cost was \$192.85, against \$42.79 in December of the same year.

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SCHEME HAS WORKED WELL

Overseas Settlement Committee Reports Few Difficulties of Ex-Service Emigrants.

London, Feb. 26.—(By Mail, Canadian Associated Press)—The magnitude of the work which the overseas settlement committee is carrying on in connection with what Lord Milner recently described as "Migration within the Empire" is exemplified by some figures and facts given in the last annual report.

During the year ended December 31 last 19,986 letters were received and 44,000 persons interviewed granted. Applications for free passages under the government scheme for the emigration of ex-service men and women and their dependents numbered 64,048, covering about 180,000 persons, including dependents.

The number of free passages authorized was 20,155, covering about 37,000. The expenditure for free passages was 2,677,000, which will probably reach between 2,550,000 and 2,700,000 by the end of March.

The overseas settlement committee, which is a branch of the colonial office, and is under the direction of the secretary of state for the colonies, was brought into existence only two years ago for the purpose, principally, of assisting ex-service men and women who wished to settle overseas, by providing them and their dependents with free passages to any port in any part of the empire. The chief countries selected by applicants were Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa, in that order of preference, but passages were also applied for in small numbers for British East Africa, Rhodesia, etc.

After more than a year's experience of the working of this scheme the committee report: "Generally speaking it appears to have worked well." A certain number of letters have been received from overseas "indicating that the writers had failed to find employment or were otherwise in difficulties," but (says the committee's report) "such letters are few in comparison with the numbers who have proceeded overseas under the scheme, and fewer than those which are satisfactory."

The committee sound a note of warning as to the industrial conditions overseas.

CONDENSED NEWS

King Constantine of Greece last night declared there was absolutely no foundation for reports that he was considering abdication in favor of his son, Prince George.

The Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, accompanied by Lord Anne Cavendish and party, inaugurated a trip through the eastern townships yesterday at Richmond, Que.

Without amendment and without division, the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne was passed in the Nova Scotia House of Assembly last midnight.

EXCHANGE TODAY.

New York, March 16.—Sterling exchange steady. Demand, \$8.90. Cables, \$8.90 3/4. Canadian dollars, 12 3/4 per cent discount.

THE RIVER.

The Kennedycroft river is said to be clear of ice from Hampton to Robesay, and the St. John river from Indiantown to Carter's Point. It is expected that the heavy rain today will weaken the ice in the Reach.

Smallpox in Sydney.

Sydney, N. S., March 16.—Two new cases of smallpox were reported yesterday. They are of a mild type.



The Eyes of Youth!

Youngsters will not tell you when their eyes are not right. It is the parents' duty to investigate.

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LOCAL HOUSE TO OPEN TOMORROW

Government Was In Session This Morning—New Members To Be Sworn In In Morning.

Fredericton, N. B., March 16.—All is ready for the opening of the first session of the eighth legislature of New Brunswick tomorrow afternoon. Lieutenant-Governor Pugsley will formally open the new house at three o'clock to the customary accompaniment of a salute of fifteen guns and with a brilliant setting both within and without the assembly chamber.

Premier Foster and the members of the provincial government are all here and some private members have arrived. This morning a meeting of the cabinet was held and the speech from the throne finally considered and some matters of government legislation were also taken up.

The first ceremony tomorrow will be the swearing in of the members of the new legislature, in the assembly chamber at 11:30 a. m., before Sir J. Douglas Hazen, chief justice of New Brunswick. The lieutenant-governor and staff will drive to the parliament building so as to arrive there at three o'clock. His Honor's staff will consist of Lieut. Col. Alex. McMillan, D. S. O., and Major William Vassie, M. C., of St. John, and Lieut. Col. W. J. Osborne, of this city, C. at the U. N. B., under the command of Major John S. Scott, will be drawn up with the York Regimental Band to meet the gubernatorial party.

One of the first formalities will be the election of A. A. Dymally of Buctouche as speaker. He will celebrate his 41st birthday next week, and it is said will be the youngest speaker in the history of the New Brunswick legislature. A resolution will be introduced naming Very Rev. Seville Neale, dean of Fredericton, as chaplain, and the re-appointment of J. Bacon Dickson will be made as clerk assistant.

CANADIAN GIRL NOTED PIANIST

Toronto, March 16.—The triumph of Miss Mona Bates, the brilliant Canadian pianist, as soloist with the New York Symphony Orchestra conducted by Walter Damrosch, at Massey Hall here during the past week, was an event of interest not only to music-lovers but to all Canadians. It established that young artist as one of the foremost pianists of her sex in the world.

Miss Bates studied piano at the Toronto Conservatory of Music with the late Dr. Fisher, the late Dr. Anger, and Mr. Wiggo Kihl, and recently with Ernest Hutchinson in New York. At her New York recital debut she won enthusiastic praise from the New York critics. Her engagement as soloist with New York's leading orchestra for its Toronto concert was recognition of Miss Bates as a pianist of first rank. And never has a home-coming artist received such an enthusiastic reception.

Miss Bates won a triumph. She played with orchestral accompaniment the massive concerto in E flat of Liszt in masterly style. The big passages were played with a freedom and vitality amazing in a player of her dainty physique, and the delicate passages were colored with enchanting imagery. And now Toronto and all other Canadian cities will want to hear Mona Bates in a full recital programme. The new Canadian edition of the National Edition of the New York piano has all the equipment of a popular concert artist—a charming personality and a style of playing rarely beautiful and distinguished.



Jaunty or Elaborate Spring Coats

You will be wonderfully well pleased with the attractive and exceptionally smart wrappy coats that are here, some are handsomely embroidered or silk stitched—or if you have in mind a short jaunty sport coat they are here in a whole range of new designs. Some with the wide flowing backs and raglan sleeves—others short belted styles or box coats with pockets. Most popular spring colors—Tomato bisque, tan, amethyst, Pekin, etc.

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ROTARIANS OF MARITIME PROVINCES ASSEMBLE IN NOTABLE CONVENTION.

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The complete list of those who are expected from the various points for the convention is as follows:

From Charlottetown: Dr. Allen, G. H. Gorbett, J. O. Hyndman, S. B. Johnson, and Mrs. Inman, A. Irwin, R. H. Jenkins and Mrs. Jenkins, J. R. McKie and Mrs. McKie, A. E. Morrison and Mrs. Morrison, B. E. Mutch, H. H. Shaw and Mrs. Shaw, W. A. Stewart, P. W. Turner, L. E. Welner, W. S. Grant, B. Grady, G. O. Fraser, Ralph Handry, T. T. Joy, G. R. Prowse, Miss L. McMillan, T. W. L. Prowse, Miss L. McMillan, H. M. VanBuskirk and T. W. Morley.

From Halifax: A. S. Banstead, L. A. Buckley and Mrs. Buckley, C. N. Butcher, Albert Clappell and Mrs. Clappell, C. H. Cline and Mrs. Cline, R. B. Colwell and Mrs. Colwell, F. W. Dickie and Mrs. Dickie, E. O. Fraser, Ralph Handry, T. T. Joy, G. R. Marshall and Mrs. Marshall, B. H. Morrison and Mrs. Morrison, E. V. Morrow and Mrs. Morrow, W. R. Morton, J. D. O'Connor and Mrs. O'Connor, H. E. Pyke, E. B. Robb and Mrs. Robb, H. D. Romans and Mrs. Romans, W. R. Scriven, F. H. Sexton and Mrs. Sexton, P. O. Soule, W. M. P. Webster, G. W. Winters and Mrs. Winters, W. F. Walcott, Rev. E. C. Fulton, L. E. Smith, H. W. Cameron, A. R. Cobb, J. C. Gass, W. E. Hills, W. C. Moir, E. C. Plimney, A. W. Robb, H. B. Smith, H. D. Wallace, R. H. Williams, B. H. Dunfield and D. A. MacLure.

From Sydney: Dr. H. W. Black, A. S. Burdell, C. C. Curtis, Charles Walker, D. J. Buckley, W. Crowe, H. F. S. Paisley and Gower MacKay.

From St. Stephens: Dr. W. Gray, C. H. Huestis and Mrs. Huestis, D. Buchanan and Mrs. Buchanan, Lou Haley, John Clarke and Mrs. Clarke, Walter DeWolfe and Mrs. DeWolfe, Frank Sharpe and Mrs. Sharpe, W. Graham and Mrs. Graham, W. Dresser and Mrs. Dresser, J. McAllister and Mrs. McAllister, Rev. W. W. Malcolm and Mrs. Malcolm, W. Higgins and Mrs. Higgins, J. M. Flewelling and Mrs. Flewelling, W. Ward and Mrs. Purves.

From Moncton: C. H. Blakeney, F. E. Burden and Mrs. Burden, C. A. Chapman, mayor of Moncton; W. D. Charters and Mrs. Charters, E. A. Cummings and Mrs. Cummings, J. C. Keating, A. H. Lindsay, A. R. Landry, G. H. Lounsbury and Mrs. Lounsbury, A. E. McSweeney and Mrs. McSweeney, J. H. Norton and Mrs. Norton, A. E. Reilly, G. O. Spencer and Mrs. Spencer, P. M. Tompkins and Mrs. Tompkins, C. E. Trilles, W. F. Wheeler and Mrs. Wheeler, W. D. Allanach and Mrs. Allanach, W.

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Amalgamation Impracticable.

London, March 16.—After some twenty months' work and a large number of meetings, the joint committee appointed to consider whether a working arrangement for amalgamation between the Royal Colonial Institute and the Overseas Club and Patriotic League could be devised have with great difficulty been forced to the conclusion that amalgamation is impracticable. Difficulties in which the aggregate are now found to be insuperable, have arisen in the course of the negotiations, and that the final decision was unanimously arrived at. The Councils of both Societies feel assured that though amalgamation has not been attained, the Royal Colonial Institute and the Overseas Club and Patriotic League will continue to work independently in a spirit of friendly co-operation for the ideal of United Empire which they both have at heart.

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