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THE PROVINCIAL BUDGET. The confident note in Premier Tweedie's budget speech is justified by the condition of the province, and his assertion that we are awakening from a long sleep and realizing the immensity and vastness of the provincial resources is happily true.

Generally speaking the expenditures are virtually the same as last year. There is an increase for agriculture which will be regarded as justified by the immense growth of the butter and cheese industry to which the Premier made telling reference and which is due very largely to the government's intelligent and progressive policy in regard to that important subject.

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government of introduced manual training in the schools. This is a step which will meet with very general approbation, and it is a most progressive and commendable one.

The government has adopted the Premier's suggestion that the tourist associations amalgamate and carry on their important work as one organization. Indeed, if they do not unite, Hon. Mr. Tweedie says, it will be necessary to have the Survey-General's office undertake the encouragement of tourist travel and in New Brunswick, in order that the people may profit to the full by this great and growing source of revenue.

Another important step is the new highways act by which the present road grants will be done away with and the offices of road commissioners and supervisors abolished. The province will be divided into districts, and a man will look after the roads in each of them. It is believed that this plan will promote both economy and efficiency.

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A STRIKE AND ITS CAUSE. Mr. Robert Barbour, the printer, has a strike on his hands. He has in his employ an apprentice who is more than twenty years old. He employs union men.

They were satisfied with the wages. They had steady work. They simply desired to force Mr. Barbour to observe not only the principles of the union, but all the rules of their organization. He maintained that they were attempting to interfere with his rights as an employer of labor.

As both these correspondents say, if anything is to be done it must be done at once. Shall these lands be allowed to slip from the hands of the people forever when there is now a chance to regain them? How do you think the New Brunswickers a generation hence will regard the matter if the government does not take them over?

THE OPENING OF THE PROVINCIAL BUDGET. The opening of the provincial budget is far from promising. It is evident from Mr. Fleming's rambling remarks Thursday that the country is to be wearied by more petty politics.

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Men's Suits. A SPRING SUIT is the most important clothing purchase a man can make during the year and he wants the fit and style right and wants the garments to wear and keep their shape. This is what our Suits are guaranteed to do, and you can save from \$2.00 to \$5.00 on the price as well. Just try it.

J. N. HARVEY Men's and Boys' 199 Union St. Opera House Block, St. John, N. B. Hopewell Hill Notes. Hopewell Hill, April 21.—Mrs. W. J. McAlmon, who has been in poor health for the last few months, left yesterday for Montreal, where she will enter the Victoria Hospital for treatment.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY. On and after SUNDAY, October 12, 1902, trains will run daily (Sunday excepted), as follows: TRAINS LEAVE ST. JOHN. No. 3—Express for Halifax and Campobello.

SHOULD HAVE CHANGED. Our ad, sooner, but couldn't get time to think about it. Students in attendance always have first claim on us. Prospective students next. But our students are beginning to graduate now, and we will get a chance to give our attention to prospective students.

FREEHOLD PROPERTY FOR SALE OR TO LET. That substantially built two-story BRICK BUILDING on Smythe street, now occupied by Thompson Machine Works, also two lots of land adjoining Good light. Water and sewer connections. Splendid opportunity for running machine shop.

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