

Budget Brought Down In The Legislature

Net Debt Nearly Six Millions--Revenue Over \$1,500,000--
Good Agricultural Chances for N. B.--Censorship
of Movies--Miramichi Matters--Urged That
School Buildings Come Under Factory
Inspector

House of Assembly, March 28th, 1916.
The House met at three o'clock.
Captain Tilley presented the report of the Corporation Committee.
The answers to the inquiries being somewhat numerous.

Hon. Mr. Baxter said he regretted that honorable gentlemen making the inquiries did not take some steps to obtain a little information before hand and make the inquiry afterwards as a bit of trouble would thereby be saved to the members of the Government and their official staffs. Some of the inquiries made were of such a nature as to require a great amount of time to prepare the answer out of all proportion to the value of the information to the general public.

Mr. Dugal gave notice of inquiry as to the report of M. G. Teed, K. C., on the Coby affidavit inquiry.
Mr. Pelletier gave notice of inquiry as to whether agricultural officials travel by train at reduced rates. Also as to who had been engaged to classify the Crown Lands of New Brunswick; also as to tenders for the construction of the Valley Railway from Gagetown south.

Mr. Dugal pursued to notice moved for a return of the correspondence and all other papers in connection with the purchase of the potatoes for the patriotic gift.

Hon. Mr. Murray said that the papers asked for were in course of preparation, and would be brought down within the next day or two.

Mr. Dugal gave notice of motion that in view of the findings in Commissioner Chandler's report Mr. A. J. H. Stewart of Gloucester, was not a fit and proper person to have a seat in the House of Assembly.

The House then went into committee. Mr. Murray in the chair, and agreed to the bill to amend the Public Health Act and to incorporate rural telephone companies, with some slight amendments.

Further consideration of a bill respecting companies was then taken up.

Mr. Slipp said he desired once more to urge that the requisite number of incorporators should be reduced from five to three. Since he had referred to that matter when the bill was last in committee he had received communications from several parties approving of the course he suggested.

After some little discussion the Attorney-General assented to Mr. Slipp's suggestion and the section was amended accordingly.

Clauses were added permitting companies formed for philanthropic, educational, literary or any other non-profit making objects to become incorporated without capital stock, and with these amendments the bill was agreed to.

Censorship of Movies
The House then took up consideration of a bill to amend the theatres and cinematograph act which provides for the appointment of an additional inspector of picture films.

Mr. Slipp said the members would remember that last year he had drawn attention to the very lax method of inspection which appeared to prevail in the Province, and he had hoped that the discussion which then took place would have caused an improvement in conditions. Films were being passed by the censors which were certainly most detrimental to the minds of children, and certainly could not be described as of much educational value to older people. It appeared to him that the censors either displayed very poor judgment in passing the films that went before them or else many films got by without being censored at all. A few evenings ago he attended a picture show in which the principal features of

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House will fix the amount later.
Hon. Dr. Landry submitted his annual budget. The analysis of the net debt, and the estimates of receipts and expenditures follow:

ANALYSIS OF NET DEBT 31st OCTOBER, 1915

Net debt 1915 (public accounts)	\$5,782,077.26
Net debt 1914 (public accounts, page A 40)	5,596,669.02
Increase net debt 1915	\$185,408.24
During the year the net debt was increased \$397,175.89 and decreased \$211,767.65--net increase \$185,408.24	

RECEIPTS ON ORDINARY REVENUE AND ESTIMATES OF 1915 AND ESTIMATES OF 1916

Service	Estimate 1915	Receipts 1915	Estimates 1916
Dominion subsidies	\$ 637,976.16	\$ 637,976.16	\$ 637,976.16
Territorial revenue	550,000.00	591,005.14	550,000.00
Territorial N. B. settlement lands		1,646.40	
Fees provincial secretary's office	31,000.00	20,749.42	19,000.00
Taxes incorporated companies	51,000.00	52,383.12	64,000.00
Railway tax			50,000.00
Private and local bills	500.00	725.00	600.00
Succession duties	135,000.00	155,191.63	50,000.00
King's printer	3,000.00	2,521.50	2,600.00
School books	17,200.00	16,824.18	18,000.00
Liquor licenses	43,000.00	44,383.75	44,500.00
Motor vehicles	16,000.00	23,116.00	28,000.00
Probate court fund	16,500.00	18,013.12	18,500.00
Supreme court fund	2,500.00	2,232.25	3,000.00
Provincial hospital	31,000.00	34,321.66	34,000.00
Jordan Memorial Sanitarium	8,000.00	9,019.96	10,000.00
Factory inspection	550.00	585.50	500.00
Sales agriculture live stock	1,600.00	183.10	1,600.00
Seed wheat sale of	10,000.00	5,570.00	4,400.00
Miscellaneous receipts	5,000.00	6,529.55	5,500.00
Wharves one-half cost dominion subsidy	5,923.99		5,923.99
	\$1,562,750.15	\$1,634,079.44	\$1,548,100.15

Receipts of 1915 in excess of estimates of 1915 \$68,329.29
Estimates of 1915 in excess of estimates of 1916 17,650.00

EXPENDITURE AND ESTIMATE OF 1915 AND ESTIMATE OF 1916

Service	Estimate 1915	Receipts 1915	Estimates 1916
Administration of justice	\$ 22,700.00	\$ 27,298.01	\$ 24,350.00
Agriculture	47,500.00	47,515.79	48,558.34
Auditor-general	3,400.00	3,700.00	3,800.00
Beys' Industrial Home	1,500.00	1,500.00	2,700.00
Campbellton relief	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Colonization roads	3,000.00	4,830.72	4,000.00
Crown land classification	1,200.00	1,160.00	
Commission to investigate crown land and railway charges	4,300.00	12,293.75	2,000.00
Canadian patriotic fund		12,500.00	12,500.00
Contingencies departments	20,600.00	22,054.93	19,100.00
Exhibitions	10,000.00	9,824.87	10,000.00
Elections	1,000.00	948.69	
Executive government	45,500.00	44,615.74	47,141.66
Education	278,450.00	282,891.00	284,500.00
Factory inspector	3,185.00	3,772.72	1,850.00
Fish, forest and game	30,000.00	31,005.48	30,000.00
Farm settlement board	1,800.00	862.48	1,500.00
Free grants	1,000.00	995.83	534.52
Guarantee bonds government officials	800.00	721.88	800.00
Interest	350,000.00	325,637.49	365,000.00
Immigration	10,700.00	10,680.11	10,000.00
Jordan Memorial Sanitarium	25,000.00	33,990.35	25,000.00
Liquor license fund	27,000.00	28,593.19	27,000.00
Legislative assembly	29,658.75	30,021.40	27,583.75
Legislative library	800.00	769.99	600.00
Legislation, uniformity of	250.00		250.00
Mining	2,000.00	1,938.21	2,000.00
Moving Picture censors	1,000.00	1,025.00	1,000.00
Maritime Home for Girls		101.61	500.00
N. B. Historical Society	125.00	125.00	125.00
N. B. Rifle Association	300.00	300.00	
Natural history societies	600.00	600.00	600.00
Probate fee fund	13,500.00	13,457.37	13,500.00
Printing	16,100.00	16,590.38	15,100.00
Provincial Hospital maintenance	91,000.00	92,375.84	90,000.00
Pensions school teachers	7,000.00	7,498.04	7,700.00
Public Health	15,200.00	14,834.29	12,000.00
Provincial Committee of the Military hospitals commission			2,000.00
Public works--			
Ordinary bridges		149,788.23	
Roads	200,000.00	179,919.57	285,000.00
Public buildings	45,000.00	44,418.57	31,000.00
Steam navigation	24,000.00	21,477.00	32,000.00
Wharves	3,000.00	4,632.10	1,000.00
Miscellaneous	5,000.00	5,377.45	5,000.00
Motor vehicles	2,000.00	2,040.40	3,200.00
Road and surveys settlement, lands	800.00		
Revisors	1,800.00	1,930.64	1,870.00
Refunds	600.00	955.16	2,000.00
Railway Auditor and general accountant			1,250.00
Stumpage collection	28,000.00	31,861.06	24,000.00
Succession duties	6,250.00	6,826.89	2,500.00
School books	16,000.00	20,448.84	16,000.00
Seed wheat purchase of	10,000.00	10,169.72	
Superannuation	2,000.00	2,200.00	1,500.00
Sinking funds	31,760.00	31,406.40	31,760.00
Surveys, crown lands, etc.	4,000.00	3,940.40	4,000.00
Railway inspection	3,000.00	3,800.63	
Tourist association	2,500.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Unforeseen expense	3,600.00	5,294.03	3,700.00
	\$1,557,493.75	\$1,626,633.86	\$1,535,873.27

Expenditure of 1915 in excess of estimates of 1915 \$69,140.11
Estimates of 1915 in excess of estimates of 1916 21,620.48

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Hon. Dr. Landry in reply to Mr. Pelletier's inquiry:

1. Have the salaries of any officials in the public service of the Province of New Brunswick been increased since July 1st, 1915.

Answer--Yes.
2--If so, who have received increases, at what date, and what was their salary June 30th, 1915 and what now?

Answer--The following have received increases:

Name	Salary June 30, 1915	Salary now
Hazel Palmer	\$ 600.00	\$ 800.00
H. M. Blair	1,700.00	2,066.67
(200.00 extra allowed for Motor Vehicle work)		
H. H. Morton	750.00	850.00
Frank Sadler	900.00	1,000.00
J. H. Ramsay	1,200.00	1,300.00
M. E. Hipwell	1,000.00	1,100.00
M. C. Robinson	600.00	700.00
Wm. Cruikshank	2,000.00	2,100.00
Nan H. Mersereau	500.00	600.00
R. A. Malloy	1,300.00	1,400.00
Stirling Limerick	600.00	700.00
Hazel Winter	550.00	700.00
J. E. DeGrace	1,050.00	1,100.00
R. P. Steeves	1,600.00	1,700.00
H. B. Durost	1,100.00	1,200.00

Fredericton, March 30--The Corporation Committee met this morning and took up the consideration of the North West Boom Company's bill.

Mr. J. P. Burchill, on behalf of the promoters, explained that the bill became necessary because the company's charter was about expiring and it was desired to have it renewed, and at the same time provide for some additional charges for rafting on account of the higher cost of labor and other causes now prevalent.

Mr. J. H. Ferguson, of Newcastle, appeared for a number of the smaller owners and operators along the river who objected to any increase in the charges unless it were shown to be absolutely necessary in order to enable the company to carry on its business.

Mr. R. B. Hanson, who appeared for Frasers Limited, took a similar objection.

Ultimately further consideration of the bill was postponed until Thursday next.

The bill relating to the South West Boom Company was also stood over until Thursday next.

The bill to incorporate the Miramichi Hospital was then taken up and after some little discussion was agreed to.

The House met at 3 o'clock. Chances to Make 3 1/2 Million Dollars in Sheep Raising

In connection with the item of encouragement of stock raising Hon. Mr. Murray said he would like to refer to the system of bonusing of live stock which was now in operation and which was proving highly successful. Under the provision of this system only two breeds kept by one secretary could bonus. It was for the secretary to select two breeds of animals and bonus amounted to twenty per cent. on purchase price the year of purchase and one per cent. for succeeding years while the animals were kept for use of members of the society. In this way a great deal of good had been done in the encouragement of raising pure bred stock and it was hoped by a continuation and elaboration of this policy to make New Brunswick one of the leading livestock countries. There was no better place in the world for sheep raising than New Brunswick and his only wonder was that this industry was not more generally taken up. He had said on a previous occasion that the people of the provinces were losing half a million dollars, but he would now attempt that and make it three quarters of a million dollars that they were losing because the people would rather keep some useless dogs than to have profitable flocks of sheep. In its encouragement of agriculture, generally it would be the policy of the department to pay particular attention to the encouragement and improvement of livestock. One item of \$1,500 was for encouragement of poultry raising.

Seed Fairs
On the item of \$3,000 for standing crop competition and seed fairs, Mr. Slipp said that he did not think that the system excited any general public interest; he had never heard much of it himself and he noted from the account in the Auditor General's report that a number of counties took no advantage of it whatever.

He saw that Queens county was not included in the list of those participating and he had never heard of there being any competitors in the county. Hon. Mr. Murray said that if the hon. member would even look at the annual report on agriculture which he had brought down in the House a few days ago, he would find striking evidence on page 40 of just what standing field crop competitions were and the success which had attended them. The first field crop competition to be held in New Brunswick was conducted by Chatham Agricultural Society in 1909, twenty-six farmers taking part. From this small beginning the movement has spread until this year competitions were held in these counties with a total of over 500 entries. Publicity had been given to these competitions as well as to provincial seed fairs which were held in Fredericton each winter in connection with the annual convention of the Farmers' and Dairymen's Association and reports had been published showing the success which had attended them. He would like to have it understood that department was anxious that other counties should have competitions of their own, and personally he believed that standing field crop competitions were of high importance and he hoped that next year instead of having nine counties they would have all provinces represented. Mr. Manzer doing Good Work in Cuba
On the item of \$2,500 miscellaneous, including increases on exhibition buildings and representatives in Cuba, Hon. Mr. Murray, in reply to Tilley's enquiry said that New Brunswick was very fortunate in having such a successful representative in Cuba as Mr. Manzer is proving to be. He (Murray) had permitted Sir George E. Foster, as Minister of Trade and Commerce, to have his

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