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ST. JOHN, N. B., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1911.

THE NEW MEMBERS.

The election yesterday by acclamation of Col. J. B.

M. Baxter, Recorder of the city of St. John, and Mr. Geo.
Perley, Warden of Sunbury County, fills two of the three vacant seats in the House of Assembly. Both the gentle Government. Col. Baxter has long been a prominent figure in civic politics and has played a very important part in the management of the affairs of the city of cannot part in the management of the affairs of the city of cannot part in the management of the affairs of the city of cannot part in the management of the affairs of the city of cannot part in the management of the affairs of the city of cannot part in the management of the affairs of the city of cannot part in the management of the affairs of the city of cannot part in the management of the affairs of the city of cannot part in the management of the affairs of the city of cannot part in the management of the affairs of the city of cannot part in the management of the affairs of the city of cannot part in the management of the affairs of the city of cannot part in the management of the affairs of the city of cannot part in the management of the affairs of the city of cannot part in the management of the affairs of the city of cannot part in the management of the affairs of the city of cannot part in the management of the affairs of the city of cannot part in the management of the affairs of the city of cannot part in the management of the affairs of the city of cannot part in the management of the affairs of the city of cannot part in the management of the affairs of the city of cannot part in the management of the affairs of the city of cannot part in the management of the affairs of the city of cannot part in the management of the affairs of the city of cannot part in the management of the affairs of the city of cannot part in the management of the affairs of the city of cannot part in the management of the affairs of the city of cannot part in the management of the affairs of the city of cannot part in the management of the affair

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labor and cash made directly by the people does not exceed in value \$100,000. it will readily be seen that to give the country the best of roads would eatail a charge on the treasury greater than it could bear. The present Government has spent much more freely on highways than its predecessors, but even while the increased expenditures have given better roads almost everywhere, there are no funds available for macadamizing which would cost at least between \$2,500 to \$4,000 for each mile of highway so treated. When to the mileage of the roads is added practically one hundred miles of bridges in all sections of the country, the whole expense of the construction and upkeep of which is borne by the Public Works Department of the Province, it will readily be seen that the maintenance of the highways is easily the largest of the expenditures of the Province.

For three years the Government has been making extensive repairs to bridges in all the counties and in more than one instance have been called upon to practically rebuild bridges that were erected as permanent structures and paid for by bond issues a few years ago by their predecessors.

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It was while Mr. Baxter was chairman of the Treasury Board of St. John that the present excellent financial system of the city was inaugurated—a system which has stopped over-expenditure, placed the depleted sinking funds where they ought to be and compelled the alderment to live within the appropriations made for various services. While Mr. Baxter will not claim the whole credit of bringing about this very desirable state of things, there is no doubt that his was the paramount influence. He will make a good member of the House and will add strength to the debating power on the Government side.

Mr. Perley, who has been chosen by the elegtors of Sunbury to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Hon. J. D. Hagen, is regarded as a safe representative, who will do his duty to his constituency and to the whole Province. He has long been prominent in the affairs of

who will do his duty to his constituency and to the whole Province. He has long been prominent in the affairs of the county. The next session of the Legislature will be a very important one, as measures will be discussed that will have an important bearing on the present and future of the Province. Among these is the St. John Valley Railway, the contract for the construction of which is now almost ready for signature. The Minto Railway and the development of the coal areas of Queens and Sumbury are other matters that the Legislature will be called upon to consider. There is still a vacancy in Charlotte county which will be filled before the House opens.

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