PUBLIC ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR

For Nine Months the Balance Over Expenditure is $919,330

The promise contained in His Honor's Speech from the Throne of yesterday that the Public Accounts would be laid before the House at the earliest possible date, was redeemed within twenty minutes of His Honor's withdrawal from the Chamber, when Hon. Mr. Bowser, Minister of Finance, presented the treasury statement referred to. As has been previously explained, the return on this occasion (in consequence of the alteration of the provincial fiscal year) covers but the nine months extending from the 1st July, 1908, to the 31st March, 1909, instead of the usual twelvemonth, in consequence of which comparative analyses are impossible.

For the nine months in question, the balance of revenue over expenditure was almost $1,000,000, to be quite exact $919,330, and it is known that the ratio of increase in revenue has been continually mounting since the 31st March—the expiry period of the present return. As illustrating the present position of Provincial business, the appended figures tell their own conclusive story:

Comparative Revenues and Expenditures.

Summary of Receipts.

REVENUE	1908-1909 1st July to 31st March. (9 Months).
Dominion of Canada:—	
Annual payment of Interest	$ 29,151 06
Annual payment of Subsidy	150,000 00
Annual payment of grant per capita	142,925 60
Annual payment for lands conveyed	100,000 00
Annual payment special grant "B.N.A. Act, 1907"	100,000 00
Land Sales	528,604 64
Land Revenue	120,007 50
Survey Fees	2,887 31
Rents, exclusive of Land	96 50
Timber Leases	59,085 59
Timber Royalty and Licenses	1,848,254 95
Free Miners' Certificates	13,739 42
Mining Receipts, General	78,502 60
Licenses, Trade and Liquor (see note)	35,460 80
Licenses, Game	7,920 00
Licenses, Commercial Travelers	200 00
Fines and Fees of Court	16,960 23
Probate Fees	15,211 28
Succession Duty	77,518 97
Law Stamps	16,718 10
Registry Fees	195,797 82
Sale of Gov. Pty.	467 45
Marriage Licenses	8,965 00
Revenue Tax	153,750 00
Real Property Tax	49,487 94
Personal Property Tax	23,294 47
Wild Land Tax (including Coal and Timber Lands)	37,312 97
Income Tax	15,981 97
Mineral Tax	22,927 16
Royalty and Tax on Coal	143,223 50
Revenue Service Refunds	1,216 50
Tax Sale Deeds	640 00
Tax on unworked Crown-granted Mineral Claims	22,525 03
Commission and Fees on Sale of Taxes	20 00
Printing Office	27,693 68
Registered Taxes (all denominations)	24 32
Bureau of Mines	507 50
Hospital for Insane	22,943 78
Provincial Homes	1,477 07
Reimbursements for keep of prisoners	555 65
Chinese Restriction (Act, 1884, Dominion Statues)	304,500 00
Traffic Tolls, New Westminster Bridge	23,064 50
Interest	82,461 84
Dykes Assessment Act, 1905 (tax on lands against capital charge)	19,090 07
Log-scaling Fees	13,010 59
Fishing and Cannery Licences	23,072 50
Miscellaneous Receipts	41,240 89
	4,638,562 35
Interest on Investment of Sinking Funds	25,938 64
Net Revenue	4,664,500 99
Deposits on account of Intestates Estates (receipts)	131,802 66
Deposits on account of Suitor's Fund (receipts)	42,607 20
Deposits on account of Tax Sales surplus (receipts)	4,045 97
Shuswap and Okanagan Railway receipts (Act, 1890)	27,202 40
Naksup and Slocan Railway receipts (Act, 1894)	4,575 52

EXPENDITURE	1908-1909 1st July to 31st March (9 months)
1—Public Debt:	
Interest	$ 182,091 27
Sinking Fund (chargeable to investment acc't) as follows:	
Trustees' account, "Loan Act, 1887"	4,288 61
Trustees' account Interest invested, "Loan Act 1887"	4,167 30
Trustees' account, "Loan Acts, 1891, '93, '95, '99, and 1902"	49,609 68
Trustees' account Interest invested, "Loan Acts, 1891, '92, '95, '99 '99 and 1902"	21,771 34
Sinking Fund, "Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905"	16,176 05
Premium and Exchange	1,103 24
Discount and Commission	2,459 42
Redemption of debentures (Loan Act, 1903)	4,000 00
Redemption og $100,000 Dyking Debentures (purchased before maturity at 91	91,047 61
II—Civil Government (Salaries)	264,273 87
III—Administration of Justice (Salaries)	106,233 50
IV—Legislation	68,075 08
V—Public Institutions (Maintenance)	
Printing Office	56,542 52
Hospital for the Insane	93,372 67
Museum	3,747 82
Provincial Home	11,124 47
Bureau of Mines	2,206 88
Fisheries hatcheries and administration)	16,548 34
VI—Hospitals and Charities	178,379 49
VII—Administration of Justice (other than salaries)	143,305 70
VIII—Education	373,769 42
IX—Transport	27,023 40
X—Rent	
XI—Revenue Service	54,243 00
XII—Public Works—	
Works and Buildings	529,900 59
Government House, Victoria	10,448 64
Roads, Streets, Bridges and Wharves	1,115,598 88
Surveys	190,118 31
XIII—Miscellaneous	310,607 43
	3,932,231 57
Less amount of Sinking Funds as above, chargeable to investment acc't	96,013 01
	3,836,218 56
Less Redemption of Debentures as above, chargeable against Loans	91,047 61
Net Expenditure	3,745,170 95
Deposits on account of Intestate Estates (repaid)	132,443 24
Deposits on account of Suitors' Fund (repaid)	48,223 50
Deposits on account of Tax Sales' surplus (repaid)	3,835 67
Shuswap and Okanagan Railway payments (Act, 1890)	26,113 89
Nakusp and Slocan Railway payments (Act, 1894)	13,131 26

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Timber Licenses	1,614,291 23
Timber Royalties	233,963 69
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Fishing and Cannery Licenses	23,072 50
Commission and Fees on Tax Sales	20 00
Miscellaneous Receipts	41,240 89
	$4,664,500 99
Public Debt	Total Expenditure $ 376,711 55
Civil Gov't (Salaries)	264,273 87
Admin't of Just. (sal's)	106,233 50
Legislation	68,075 80
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Gov't House Victoria 10,448 64	
Roads, Sts. etc. 1,115,598 88	
Surveys 190,118 32	1,846,066 43
Miscellane's	310,607 43
The following not included in the above paid out of ordinary revenue	
N. and S. Ry. in excess of earnings 8,555 74	
V. and S Ry 2 pc. guar ins on bonds 6,030 00	14,585 74
Total Ex	$3,946,817 31

IS CONCLUDED FOR THE PRESENT

With but Two Ballots to Consider Local Option Loses by 1187

Beginning the third day of the official count of the Local Option plebiscite with 1,304 votes to make up, out of a total of 17,707 in order to win the required percentage, the champions of what now seems for the present a lost cause in British Columbia, during yesterday succeeded in increasing allowances out of the rejected ballots reconsidered to the extent of 117 in the total, thus reducing the adverse figures at the close of the day to 1,187. There remains, however, but the one district of Skeena to be reviewed, the ballot boxes not yet having put in an appearance, and the completion of the count has accordingly been adjourned indefinitely—it being understood that the Deputy Provincial Secretary will notify all interested parties so soon as the delinquent ballots present themselves.

As the total vote polled for members in the Skeena district was 1,336, and only two ballots are reported as rejected, it may be seen that the prospect of reversing the verdict against a change of system with respect to liquor traffic regulation at present amounts to nil.

Argument will be offered before the Provincial Executive, however, by the Local Option champions, in the hope of reducing the negative margin, although with little or any real hope of present success.

Analysis of Result.

There have now been counted and checked by the special representatives of both parties, a total of 46,540 votes, the aggregate gain by the Local Option-ists through allowances being 381, while about 250 ballots are understood to have been reserved, to form the basis of appeal to the Executive. The affirmative vote fell short of the required 50 per cent. originally by 1,568, so that, conceding everything—claimed the allowances plus the so-called "reserved ballots" intended to be laid before the Executive council, would only slightly reduce the margin of failure—not remove it.

Yesterday's allowance of 117 votes for Local Option were gained on a reconsideration in all of 16,321 ballots, the details being as follows: Cowichan one; Newcastle, five; Nanaimo, eight; Alberni, eleven; Comox, ten; Delta, two; Chilliwack, 17; Richmond, six; Cariboo, one; Yale, twenty-five; Revelstoke, seventeen; Rossland, two (three over the percentage); Fernie six; and Dewdney, six.

It has been noted as the official count has progressed that the rural districts—in which, if anywhere, the complete enforcement of local option would be possible—have voted adversely to the application of the system. This circumstance, almost as much as the directly negative vote, convinces many who are personally in sympathy with prohibition, and with Local Option, that it would be most unwise at the present juncture for friends of Local Option to further press the claims of that principle in B. C.

Local Option Convention

On Thursday, February 10th, the annual British Columbia local option convention will be held at the Broad street hall, Victoria. Delegates will be present from all provincial centres, arrangements for reduced transportation rates having been made from these points. The session will last throughout the day and speeches will be delivered by a number of able men on the subject in which the organization is interested. A cordial invitation is extended to all local optionists. No distinction whatever is made, everyone who has the local option issue at heart being heartily welcome.

Westminster's Fair Grounds

Former Mayor Keary and Mr. T. J. Trapp, the two foremost "hustlers" for the New Westminster Show, have returned home, after an interview with the Premier and his colleagues in which they urged Provincial assistance toward the improvement of the Fair Association's grounds and buildings, a Horse Show Building, which could also be used for indoor stock judging, being especially required. The Premier and Hon. Dr. Young were also interviewed relative to the increasing of the grant now allowed the Royal Columbian Hospital. Both matters will receive consideration—probably favorable.

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JOHNSON STREET HOTEL SOLD

Grand Pacific Changes Hands for $50,000—Other Sales Recorded

The latest sales reported in the realty market are proof of the continued interest in local property. A number of people from the prairies have arrived in the city, and the local agents report that they are all on the lookout for investments. The arrivals are principally Winnipegers, the majority of whom intend settling here.

The agents yesterday were perhaps more optimistic than at any time during the present activity. The opening of the provincial session and the approaching introduction of railway legislation which will lead to construction out of Victoria, is responsible for the optimism. Property, they state, will move faster during the next few weeks, than at any time in the history of the city.

The sales completed yesterday comprise the purchase of the Grand Pacific hotel at the corner of Johnson and Store streets to Dr. Frank Hall for the sum of $50,000. The deal was negotiated by Allen & Sons.

Joshua Kingham has purchased a lot on Langley street adjoining the Bank Exchange at the corner of Yates and Langley. This property has a frontage of 30 feet and a depth of 60.

Coles & Oddy put through the sale of two lots in Spring Ridge.

Three lots on Government street have passed through the market, the aggregate price being $10,000.

A lot in the Finlayson estate measuring 50 feet by 110, on the east side of the property, was sold yesterday.

T. P. McConnell has sold two lots on Quadra street to outside buyers.

The Island Investment Company during the last few days has put through a number of lots in the Empress subdivision, as well as several pieces of property on Pembroke street. In the majority of instances the buyers were local people.

No Federal Insurance Law.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—President Taft in an address today at the annual meeting of the association of life insurance presidents held out no hope the enactment of a federal law to govern the companies, and advised the executive officers to bend their efforts towards securing uniform legislation in the states.

PAPKE EN ROUTE TO "GAY PAREE"

CHICAGO, Jan. 20.—Billy Papke passed through Chicago on Tuesday night on his way to Paris. With him was his brother Edward, who is acting as manager.

"I am going over to see what they can offer in the fight line," said Papke. "I expect to meet Willie Lewis first. Later I may go to England and try to persuade Tom Thomas to meet me. The middleweight limit in England is higher than here, but I have no fear of Thomas."

Papke did not know how long he would stay on the other side, but asserted that he would remain as long as he could get matches. He expects to sail from New York on the Baltic morrow.

U. S. AND JAPAN

English Paper States That Great Britain Has Been Asked to Act as Mediator

BIRMINGHAM, Jan. 20.—The Post today states that for some time past the American and Japanese governments have been trying to negotiate a new immigration treaty. It was found that the two countries could not reach an agreement on certain vital points, and it was thereupon decided to seek the good offices of the British government as mediator. This offer was accepted by Great Britain, but action by this country in the matter has been delayed, owing to the general election, which has taken up the time of all the members of the cabinet.

Bank Profits

TORONTO, Jan. 20.—Net profits of the Farmers' Bank of Canada last year were $41,107.86.

Duncan Case in Court.

VANCOUVER, Jan. 19.—A battle of affidavits, followed by examination of several witnesses, is proceeding before Mr. Justice Gregory today in a renewed application on behalf of Malcolm Cameron, formerly of Duncan, Vancouver Island, for custody of his three children, now living with their mother at Cedar Cottage. It was stated by council appearing for her, that she had obtained a divorce in Tacoma several years ago, and had remarried. The validity of this divorce is also in question. The case was not concluded at adjournment.

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