

DIRECT TAX IN N. B. LIKELY HELD UP THIS YEAR, BAXTER SAYS

Premier Declares Splendid Prospects Following Grand Falls Start Defers New Imposit

IMPOSITION of a direct tax in New Brunswick in 1926 will be held in abeyance and the Provincial Government is hopeful of not having to put it in force at all this year, Premier John B. M. Baxter announced last evening here following an important meeting of the executive. Coupled with this was the announcement of increases in the stumpage rate for this year over 1925. On spruce, pine, fir, hemlock and cedar the rate will be \$3.50 as compared with \$2.50 for last year.

In a comprehensive review of the present situation Hon. Dr. Baxter declared that the Canadian National Railways had agreed to pay \$238,000 to the province this year in lieu of taxes for 1925 and 1926. The Provincial Secretary-Treasurer, he said, has anticipated that receipts this year will exceed the estimate by \$150,000. The splendid prospects created through commencement of the great hydro development at Grand Falls and the investigation being undertaken by the Duncan Commission and other factors operating to induce the Government to reach this decision regarding the direct tax, Hon. Dr. Baxter declared.

"Under these circumstances," he said, "I am not in a position to propose to the Government not to impose direct taxation at the present time and we are hopeful it will not be necessary at all this year."

HOPE IS RETURNING.

"I said at Grand Falls that hope was returning to New Brunswick. I trust this statement will show that my remark was justified."

The stumpage rates for 1926 are as follows:

Spruce, fir, pine, hemlock, cedar, \$3.50 against \$2.50 last year.
Hemlock logs, \$3 as against \$2.50 last year.
Hardwood logs, \$4 as against \$2 last year.
Poplar logs, \$2 as against \$2.50 last year.
White birch spoolwood, \$2.50 as against \$2 last year.
Railway ties, 12 cents each.
Telegraph poles, from 20 to 29 inches, 4 cents per lineal foot; from 30 to 38, 2 1/2 cents; 40 feet and over, 3 cents.

TEXT OF STATEMENT.

The complete text of Hon. Dr. Baxter's statement is as follows:

"During the last session of the New Brunswick legislature, the Provincial Secretary-Treasurer, Hon. A. J. Leger, estimated the receipts for the year at \$3,700,000, and predicted an expenditure of \$4,600,000, meaning an estimated deficit, including the Valley Railway interest, of a little less than \$700,000. The amount of the receipts from the gasoline tax will not come quite up to the estimate, because at the close of the fiscal year we will not have the benefit of a full year's tax, yet even allowing for this, it is anticipated that at the close of the year on October 31, the receipts will exceed the estimate by about \$100,000."

C. N. R. CONTRIBUTION.

"While at Ottawa attending the inter-provincial conference of Premiers, the members from the Maritime Provinces took up the matter of contribution from the Canadian National Railways in lieu of taxation. These provinces cannot tax the old Intercolonial Railway because the title is directly vested in the crown and, therefore, it is not subject to provincial taxation. For some years, there has been a suggestion that the C. N. R. should pay to the Maritime Provinces a sum equal to what the taxation would be, if it were privately-owned. I think I may say that we were very successful in that we were able to secure a larger amount than had ever before been suggested. A few days ago, I received word that an order-in-council was being prepared, authorizing the payment of the amounts agreed on and this year, New Brunswick will receive \$238,000 in lieu of taxes this year and the year preceding. This will go a long way toward balancing the budget we have to bear in respect to the Valley Railway."

DEFICIT CUT IN HALF.

"The total result of the year's financing probably will be to cut the estimated deficit in half. If we have additional relief from the Valley Railway charge, the deficit would be less than \$100,000."

"Under these circumstances, I have felt justified in proposing to the Government not to impose direct taxation at the present time and we are hopeful it will not be necessary at all this year."

PERIOD OF EXPANSION.

"With the commencement of the great work at Grand Falls, northern New Brunswick is entering a period of great industrial expansion which must indirectly be helpful to the southern part as well. Two or three years' time must elapse before we can receive the full benefit from the new pulp and paper mills. In the meantime, it is desirable to avoid imposing a direct tax."

ONLY 2 OUT OF 400 HAVE PERFECT LUNGS

Astonishing Test Carried Out in London by Brazilian Medical Man

LONDON, Aug. 28.—Out of four hundred people who underwent a test here recently, varying from a girl of 10 years old to a man of 70, only two were found to possess perfect respiratory systems.

Dr. Pedross, a young Brazilian medical man, was responsible for carrying out these tests. He has recently invented a mechanical apparatus, the "Vitameter," with which it is possible to form an accurate estimate of the condition of a person's health.

The "Vitameter" is composed of two long glass tubes partly filled with a dark liquid; to these a rubber tube is attached, fitted with two small tensions which fit closely into the nostrils. The breathing of the patient causes the liquid in the glass tube to rise and fall, and numbers showing the height to which the liquid rises define the state of the patient's health.

With the "Vitameter," Dr. Pedross claims, it is possible to detect the normal and healthy contraction and expansion of the lungs.

APPEALS TO POPE TO RESTORE CHAPEL

Body of Napoleon's Sister Lying in Neglected Crypt in Rome

ROME, Aug. 28.—The body of Napoleon's beautiful sister, Pauline Bonaparte Princess Borghese, lies buried in a neglected crypt in a half-open coffin standing amid pieces of ruined masonry.

This is the appeal which Prince Flavio Borghese has just made to the Pope for a restoration of the Borghese chapel in the Roman basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore. He says: "The coffin which contains the body of Pauline Borghese, that woman so famous for her beauty, lies half-open, and shows signs of having been roughly handled. One can see amid the fragments of rotting wood all that remains, a few bones."

Prince Borghese also complains that the Guido Reni frescoes in the Borghese chapel are suffering badly from the rain which comes through the chapel roof. Besides Pauline Bonaparte, two Borghese Popes, Clement VIII. and Paul V., as well as a number of distinguished cardinals and other members of the family are buried in the chapel crypt.

IN 1905 they said, "Why, you can't any more do that than you can fly."

BOOST THE SAINT JOHN EXHIBITION!

ON AUGUST 31, The Telegraph-Journal will publish a fine Saint John Exhibition number. Every reader should mail a copy of this to at least three friends, and help boost the attendance at the Exhibition. All the reader has to do is send in three names and addresses and fifteen cents. The Telegraph-Journal will address, wrap, stamp and mail. If citizens will co-operate, the Exhibition of this year can be made the greatest in the history of the city. A coupon will be found on another page. Names must be in by August 30.

MEETINGS HELD IN LOCAL CAMPAIGN

Liberals at Two County Points; Conservatives Make Tour of Albert

The Liberal candidates in Saint John-Albert, Mr. Hayes and William M. Ryan, addressed two meetings in the Saint John County last night. John T. O'Brien presided at a meeting held in Fairville at which Dr. L. M. Curran was a speaker in addition to the candidates. Mr. Hayes said the Conservatives had spent millions of dollars without parliamentary authority. He also discussed tariff matters and advocated lower tariffs and better trade arrangements with other countries.

Mr. Ryan said that Premier Baxter had condemned the Venetian contract for Grand Falls work and then signed the same contract, but giving the Grand Falls power to U. S. people. Mr. Ryan said one of the first things he would strive for if elected was the nationalization of the Port of Saint John.

At a meeting at Glen Falls, Keith Barbour presided. The candidates and Arthur W. Carton were the speakers. H. J. Nixon moved a vote of thanks to them.

WITH THE CONSERVATIVES.

The Conservative candidates in the coming Federal elections for the constituency of Saint John-Albert, Dr. Murray MacLaren and Thomas Bell, arrived in the city yesterday afternoon for a campaign of Albert county.

The speakers were accompanied by Hon. Lewis Smith, Minister of Agriculture, and John L. Peck, M.L.A.

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DEMOCRATS PLAN TO CREATE TARIFF REDUCTION ISSUE

Speakers Declaring High Duties in U. S. Burden to Farmers

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 28.—Democratic leaders, as the "off year" election campaign begins to get under way, say more and more openly they intend to make the tariff the leading issue. In their campaign literature and in the speeches they are beginning to make, they are stressing the tariff and emphasizing the idea that the present high rates are

a burden to the farmer and labor, and in general to the consumer. In the agricultural states of the west especially they intend to emphasize the tariff.

It is too early to tell what the political effect of this will be. But it is clear that if the Democrats should carry Congress on this issue they will be bound at once to set in motion a bill for tariff revision. Of course, such a bill would be vetoed by President Coolidge. What would defeat it unless—something which is hardly probable, but nevertheless possible—two-thirds of both houses should favor lower tariffs and vote to pass the bill over the veto.

IN NEW CHURCH.

The first mass in the new church at Westfield, N. B., now under course of construction, will be celebrated tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock by Rev. Roy M. McDonald, S. T. D., of the Cathedral. While not completed, the new building is sufficiently advanced to have the first mass celebrated tomorrow. The pews have not been installed but the exterior of the building has been well advanced.

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MORE HARVESTERS ARE APPEALED FOR

Manitoba Short 3,000, Says Winnipeg Mayor; Women Volunteer

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