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THE BUDGET.

Mr. Fielding's budget statement of this year is rendered in a minor key quite unusual with him, and rather dispiriting to the company. It is a story of decreased trade, diminished revenue, increased expenditure, large maturing obligations and rapidly growing debt; an account of struggles with creditors and money lenders, of higher rates of interest, of new commissions to be paid by borrowers and of various pathetic devices to raise money on over-drafts, temporary loans, and long term debentures. Mr. Fielding even gives public thanks to Mr. Lloyd George for lending the Government ten pounds, even though the rate of interest was rather high, since the Imperial Chancellor thus set a generous example to others with money to spare.

The larger part of the discourse appears to have been devoted to debts and borrowings, which is natural, seeing that Mr. Fielding has been mostly occupied with these matters during the past year. The increase of net debt in the twelve months was $46,000,000, or about double the largest increase in any previous year. New loans call for interest rates much higher than were paid on loans when he took office. He has to pay underwriters, which was not done before his time. The Government is required to keep up a sinking fund which had not been demanded for more than twelve years. And notwithstanding all this the Minister has to tell of loans offered that were not more than half taken up.

Instead of a surplus of $19,000,000 claimed last year, Mr. Fielding concludes that when the accounts for the year are made up he will have a balance to the good of $1,500,000; always provided he does not include in the expenditure the sums paid as bounties on iron, steel, oil and lead. If these are included there will be a deficit. The Minister of Finance proposes to meet the embarrassing situation by reducing the expenditure. So far as we are informed he does not give particulars of the reduction, further than to make a comparison of the first or main estimates of this session with the total estimate of last year. This of course is frivolous. The same process last session showed that the expenditure for the year just ended should be lower than before, whereas it proves to be much higner. There are many signs of increased expenditure in the year on which we have entered. The Civil Service will cost more. There will be an increase in postal expenditure. The interest charge will be greatly increased. All hope of cutting the Militia expenditure has vanished. So far the only sign of reduced outlay is on the Public Works estimates and we have not seen the end of that matter.

The only call for tariff changes to which Mr. Fielding seems to have responded is that of the sugar industry. The protection of the refiners is slightly increased by an extension of the preference so that one-fifth of the raw sugar imported for refining may be obtained from foreign countries at preferential rates. This is a new break in the preference system as it offers to foreign sugars the same terms as the British product to the extent of one-fifth of the quantity required for the refinery. The purpose of the charge as explained by Mr. Fielding is to prevent the British Colonies getting the full benefit of the preference. An incidental result of this provision is some loss of revenue.

THE CITY ELECTION.

Unusual interest was taken in the city elections yesterday. This was largely brought about by the machine element of the Government party undertaking to get control of the council. The group brought out a number of candidates, whom it rather impudently called the Citizens' Ticket, though they were wholly from one party, and were used to attack only Conservatives. This underhand attempt to gain a faction advantage, was exposed at an early stage, and it was also recognized that the purpose of the promoters was more personal and more selfish than mere party gain.

When the candidates saw under what auspices they were appearing, some made haste to repudiate the machine that had brought them forward. One managed to get elected without repudiation. But he had two competitors. A few former aldermen who were endorsed by the machine found the recommendation a serious injury and tried to shake themselves clear of their endorsers.

The scheme has failed. The alderman specially singled out for attack is one of the leaders of the poll, and comes back with over 700 majority. The control of the council has not passed to the contractors and the Minister of Public Works.

THE MACHINE AND ALDERMAN BAXTER.

It was the good fortune of Alderman Baxter that the Pugsley machine in this city determined to have him out of the City Council. There were many grounds on which he could have demanded support, but the most popular appeal on his behalf was that he was assailed and hunted by this contractors' combination. It is understood that the Minister of Public Works used his personal influence to have a strong opponent brought out against Alderman Baxter. The campaign against him was organized by the heads of the party machine in this city, who happen also to be the chief beneficiaries of Government patronage. For two or three weeks the Telegraph and Times, owned by Mr. Pugsley himself in partnership with his chief local contractor for dredging, and the hero of the $35,920 deal, have been representing Alderman Baxter as a sort of public enemy. They have made him the dominant issue of the election contest, and have tried all their powers of persuasion and misrepresentation to destroy him. Alderman Baxter might have been elected without this opposition, but it helped him immensely in spite of the considerable vote against him that was gathered by the appeal to party loyalty and the use of a costly and industrious organization. These attacks brought to Alderman Baxter's support many citizens who resented these attacks, and who knew the cause of them. The voters who gave Mr. Baxter his splendid majority, contributed by every ward in the city save one, not only expressed their opinion of him, but their opinion of the group that had marked him for slaughter.

The Telegraph and the element which it represents have chosen to bring the McAvity contract into this campaign. Perhaps now they will begin to understand what the people of St. John think of that affair.

THE VOTE ON LICENSE.

Three wards out of four which voted on the license question yesterday, have decided against license. The effect of this action is that the sale of liquor will be illegal in five of the thirteen wards of the city. Eight remain in which licenses may be given. It is undoubtedly the intention to attack these in their turn. The interests supporting licenses know this and the strenuous fight they made yesterday shows that they regarded the four wards as strategical positions. It is impossible to draw a clear distinction between business and residence wards. Every ward has a resident population, and all have some streets or parts of streets largely given over to business. Of the four wards contested on the license issue, business interests would be relatively larger in Lansdowne than in the other three and Lansdowne retains licenses. This result will show the opponents of license that they will meet with greater resistance as they press their campaign into the trading sections of the town. But the knowledge that he is to meet with resistence does not intimidate the serious campaigner. There is sufficient encouragement in yesterday's victory to furnish enthusiasm for future conflicts. The temperance forces have always gone into these contests with vigor and enthusiasm. They have not gained in this element, but have decidedly gained knowledge and skill in organization. They formerly fought as an undisciplined mob. Now they have learned how to campaign as an organized force and to use the machinery necessary to give effectiveness to their exertions. Yesterday's vote probably reflects pretty clearly the sentiment and desire of the male voting population. It will be remembered that the license vote went on the Provincial lists so that while women voted for aldermen they did not vote on the license question.

Whatever may happen in other wards in the future, we shall have a fair test of no license in three wards distributed through the city. The law will be much better enforced than the Scott Act is in other cities and towns. Whatever may happen in other wards during that period this result stands and at the end of the period we shall know whether the people wish to recall what they did yesterday.

A NON-POLITICAL VIEW.

The Canadian Courier, a family weekly, which is non-political, discusses the Central Railway report in an interesting way, partly excusing and party accusing. The Courier puts it this way:—

"New Brunswick possesses a report of a Royal Commission which promises to be historical. This Commission, consisting of three members with Judge Landry at their head, were appointed to investigate the history and transactions of the Central Railway which, in 1905, was taken over by the New Brunswick Government from those who built it. The railway was placed under Mr. George McAvity and Senator King as commissioners and apparently these gentlemen failed to keep proper books. Indeed, the whole case is direct evidence that New Brunswick needs civil service reform just as much as Ottawa or any other province. Politicians put into the Government service for political purposes cannot be expected to adopt business methods. Even if expected to do so, they have proven through a series of years that they are not likely to live up to such expectations.

Then this report of the Royal Commission involves Hon. Mr. Tweedie, now Lieutenant Governor, and Hon. Mr. Pugsley, now Federal Minister of Public Works. It appears, as has been apparent through all New Brunswick's recent political history, that there were not enough lawyers and financiers outside the Government to do the business of the Government. New Brunswick is a small province, and of course trained and experienced men were scarce. As a consequence, the members of the Government were obliged to act one day as ministers and the next day as employes of the Government. On the first day they drew salary as ministers and on the second they drew salary as special legal advisers, bond brokers, financiers, and so on. Some people call this graft, but that is because they do not understand the circumstances. If New Brunswick cabinet ministers were not allowed to do this, how would they make a living? Their official salaries would not provide for their wives and families, and few of them had private fortunes.

"The whole miserable story indicates first, the necessity for civil service reform in New Brunswick, and secondly, the need for Maritime union. In a province so small that it cannot provide a proper salary for its political cabinet members, it is impossible to distinguish between the public and private citizens. Politics have been the curse of the beautiful provinces by the sea, and it is to be hoped that they will be given an opportunity to outgrow these infantile political conditions which are the mark of the small."

When the Courier speaks of the small salaries of Provincial ministers it does not know that Mr. Pugsley while Provincial Minister, drew from the treasury an average amount equal to the salary and public expenses of a member of the Dominion Administration, and a much larger sum than is paid to any Ontario ministers.

CENTRAL RAILWAY QUESTIONS.

Some person of the inner circle has been giving the Provincial Opposition careful instruction on the matter of questions about the Central Railway Report. Mr. Hazen was not a commissioner and could hardly be expected to answer every question as to the financial matters brought out in the inquiry. But so far he has given full information in reply to all questions which admitted of such categorical answers. These replies show that the criticisms of the Minister of Public Works were altogether mistaken. Mr. Robinson, Mr. McKeown, Mr. Labillois, and Mr. Sweeney, members of the Government which operated the railway, ought to have information of their own about it. It is a pity that they did not in the days when they were responsible for the enterprise ask, say, one quarter as many questions about it as they ask now.

These are the payments by Mr. Mayes to Mr. McAvity. The cheques are ready to be offered in evidence:

1906—	
Jan. 29	$ 4,000
July 6	2,000
Aug. 8	2,000
Aug. 24	2,000
Oct. 4	4,000
Oct. 30	2,000
Nov. 23	2,000
1907—	
April 6	4,300
Aug. 1	5,000
Nov. 12	8,633
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ONE JURYMAN REMAINS TO BE CHOSEN

Special to The Standard.

Andover, N. B., April 20.—The County Court opened this morning at 10 o'clock, and after the usual formalities it was adjourned.

The special court opened at 11.15 a. m. with Judge McLeod presiding. The Grand Jury being summoned and sworn consisted of Messrs. Weaver, Parois, White, Martin, J. Stewart, Pickett, Gallope, G. W. Bishop, James Clark, Lewis, D. Craig, Amos, S. Brown, Armstrong, Appleby, Dionne, Burgoine, Campbell, Green, Stewart, Putra and James McPhail, foreman. The jury, after being addressed by His Honor, retired to consider the case of the alleged murderers, Sandy Murray and the Hatches. Joseph D. Leavy was sworn as interpreter. The Grand Jury resumed their seats about 4 o'clock p. m., and through foreman James McPhail they signified that a true bill was found against Sandy Murray, and the two Hatches. His Honor thanked and dismissed the jury. Paneling of the petit jury was taken up.

Of the thirty-six jurymen, twenty-five were objected to. Only eleven jurers have been chosen so far.

The names of the jury are J. Edward Cameron, Robert Beveridge, Frank Henderson, Herbert Camber, Albert Dionne, Fred Reid, John K. Larlee, Georgfie McDougal, Harry W. Beveridge, Bruce Ritchie, and James Lamereau.

The judge ordered Sheriff Tibbitts to summon twenty more jurymen in order to fill the vacant position. The defense objected to twenty-two, the Crown to only three. Most of the eleven jurors are strong opposition, while the Government supporters as a rule were objected to.

The Court adjourned until 2 o'clock tomorrow to enable the sheriff to summon additional jurymen.

FUNERALS

Mr. Fred Miles.

The funeral of Mr. Fred Dunbar Miles took place yesterday afternoon from his late residence, 127 Douglas avenue. There was a large attendance of friends of the deceased to pay the last sad tribute. Members of Hibernia Lodge F. and A. M. and St. John Lodge K. of P. and visiting knights preceded the hearse also the Thistle Curling Club. The funeral services at the house were private and were conducted by Revs. S. W. Anthony and D. Hutchinson. The flags on many of the vessels about the harbor were at half mast as a tribute to Mr. Miles. Interment was in Fernhill cemetery.

Mr. E. Newcombe.

The funeral of Mr. Ezekiel Newcombe took place yesterday afternoon from his late residence, Lancaster street, West Side. Rev. M. E. Fletcher officiated at the funeral services. Interment was in Cedar Hill cemetery. Mr. Newcombe is survived by his wife who was Miss Janie Purdy, of West St. John. Five daughters and two sons. also survive. The sons are Charles Newcombe, pilot of S .S. Calvin Austin, and Frederick Newcombe, of Port Greville, N. S. The daughters are Mrs. (Capt.) Fisher, New York; Misses Sadie and Mildred, Boston; Mrs. Joseph Walker, Fredericton; Miss Emma Newcombe, at home. The children with the exception of Mrs. Fisher, were present when Mr. Newcombe died.

Mr. Mulholland.

The body of Mr. Michael Mulholland arrived on the Boston boat yesterday afternoon from Arlington, Mass. The remains were interred in the new Catholic cemetery.

Mrs. McDonald.

The remains of Mrs. H. A. McDonald were interred in the new Catholic cemetery yesterday afternoon, the funeral taking place from her late residence 14 Millidge street. The prayers were recited in Holy Trinity church by Rev. J. J. Walsh.

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WEDDINGS

Murphy—McLean.

A pretty wedding was solemnized at the Cathedral at three o'clock yesterday afternoon when Miss Katherine Agnes Murphy, daughter of Mrs. Margaret Murphy of this city, was united in the holy bonds with Mr. John Patrick McLean of Montreal. Rev. A. W. Meahan performed the ceremony. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. J. J. Murphy. The bride made a charming appearance in a dainty princess costume of embroidered net over taffeta and chiffon. She wore a white mohair hat trimmed with pink roses, and carried a shower boquet of cream roses. Miss Margaret Murphy, the bride's sister, was bridesmaid. She wore a pretty pale blue empire gown and hat of corresponding tints and carried pink carnations. Little Miss Miriam Dorothy Hughes, of Montreal, was flower girl. Mr. J. L. McLean, brother of the groom, was groomsman.

The groom's gift to the bride was a handsome pendant sunburst of pearls and to the groomsman a pearl scarf pin. The bride is widely known and esteemed. The groom for several years was a resident of this city during the winter season, having been connected with the office staff of one of the steamship companies. He is now assistant manager of the Montreal elevated railroad. The young couple will leave for a trip to Boston and New York returning by way of Niagara Falls and Toronto to Montreal, where they will reside at 168 Versailles street. The bride's going-away gown was of grey with hat to match. Among the guests at the wedding was Mrs. L. M. Fraser of Montreal.

DEATHS

Charles W. Waters.

The death took place at his home at Birch Ridge, Kent County, N. B., on Thursday last, April 15th, of Charles W. Waters, one of the oldest and most highly respected residents of that place, having lived there since 1876. Deceased was 76 years of age, was born at Westfield, Kings county, of Loyalist descent, and is survived by a wife and six children. The children are George E., of St. John; William M. and Jacob B., of Boston; William, of Vancouver, B. C.; Sydney, of Moncton, and Bartlett at home. He is also survived by one sister, Mrs. A. M. Lyon, of Westfield, Kings county. Mr. Watters has been in failing health for more than a year with cancer and had his hand amputated at the Moncton hospital last summer but to no avail.

DEATHS

Graves—At Granville, N. S., on the morning of the 18th inst., Mrs. A. M. Graves, in the 70th year of her age.

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NOTICE OF MEETING

A large attendance is expected at the concert to be given under the auspices of the West End Every Day Club by the stewards of R. M. S. Empress of Britain this evening. A feature of the entertainment will be a laughable sketch entitled "Black Justice."

Estate Chas. R. Reed

All persons having claims against the late Chas. R. Reed, or his estate, are required to file same, duly attested to, within two weeks from this date.

H. H. PICKETT, Executor.
Dated April 20th, 1909. 20-4-12

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF CO-PARTNERSHIP.

Notice is hereby given that the co-partnership firm composed of John F. Estabrook and William G. Estabrook doing business as wholesale fruit and general produce merchants at the City of Saint John, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent, the said John F. Estabrook having retired from the said firm.

The said business will in the future be conducted by William G. Estabrook, under the name of John F. Estabrook & Son, to whom all bills are payable.

Dated this thirteenth day of April, A. D. 1909.

JOHN F. ESTABROOK,
WM. G. ESTABROOK.
LEONARD R. TILLEY, Witness.
20-4-12.

New Brunswick Southern Railway

On and after MONDAY, Jan. 4 1909, trains will run daily, Sunday excepted, as follows:

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Lv. West St. John.....7.45 a. m.
Arr. St. Stephen.....12.00 p. m.
Lv. St. Stephen.....1.30 p. m.
Lv. St. Stephen.....1.30 p. m.
Arr. West St. John.....5.40 p. m.

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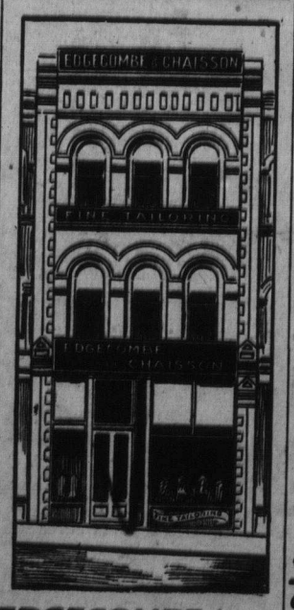

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ASSESSORS' NOTICE

The Board of Assessors of Taxes for the City of Saint John, in the present year, hereby require all persons liable to be rated forthwith to furnish to the Assessors true statements of all their Real Estate, Personal Estate and Income, and hereby give notice that Blank Forms, on which statements may be furnished under the City Assessment Law, can be obtained at the Office of the Assessors, and that such statements must be perfected under oath and filed in the Office of the Assessors within thirty days from the date of this notice.

Dated this thirty-first day of March, A. D. 1909.

ARTHUR W. SHARP, Chairman.
URIAH DRAKE,
TIMOTHY T. LANTALUM,
HARTLEY C. VANWART,
JOHN ROSS,
Assessors of Taxes.

Extracts from "The St. John City Assessment Law of 1889."

"Sec. 112. The Assessors shall ascertain, as nearly as possible, the particulars of the Real Estate, the Personal Estate, and the income of any person who has not brought in a statement in accordance with their notice, and as required by this law, and shall make an estimate thereof, as the true value and amount, to the best of their information and belief; and such estimate shall be conclusive upon all persons who have not filed their statements in due time, unless they can show a reasonable excuse for the omission.

"Sec. 133. No person shall have an abatement unless he has filed with the Assessors the statement, under oath, within the time hereinbefore required; nor shall the Common Council in any such case, sustain an appeal from the judgment of the Assessors, unless they shall be satisfied that there was good cause why the statement was not filed in due time as herein provided.

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PUBLIC NOTICE.

THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS for the County of the City and County of Saint John under the Liquor License Act, 1896, have fixed Friday, the Twenty-third day of April, instant, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at the office of the Chief Inspector, 42 Princess street, in the City of Saint John, as the time and place for considering applications for licenses under said Act for the ensuing license year.

Dated at the City of Saint John, this Seventh day of April, A. D. 1909.

GEORGE R. VINCENT,
Chief Inspector.
16-4-7