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### A SPLENDID FINANCIAL SHOWING

The annual statement of the receipts and expenditures of the province, as presented by the Auditor-General of New Brunswick and published in the current issue of the Royal Gazette, is reprinted in The Standard this morning. It is pleasant reading inasmuch as it shows that the province, despite smaller revenues, not unexpected in the general condition of all times of business, closes the year with a surplus of ordinary revenue over ordinary expenditure and a very substantial cash balance in the treasury. The ordinary receipts for the year closing October 31st last were \$1,580,531.36, and ordinary expenditures \$1,568,454.07, leaving, as shown, an ordinary surplus of \$12,077.29. This is most gratifying as it illustrates the care and ability with which the financial affairs of New Brunswick are managed.

Analysing the statement of receipts it is noted that there is a decrease in revenues compared with 1915, which is practically accounted for by two items. Territorial revenue shows a falling off of \$51,519.08 as compared with 1915. This was not unexpected for the lumbermen realized last year that the then abnormal freight rates, coupled with the shortage of steam and coal tonnage and the scarcity of labor would continue, consequently curtailed their operations and the result was a smaller lumber cut than in other years.

Succession duties also provided abnormal revenues in 1915 and this year saw a falling off of \$77,239.16. Thus, in two items of revenue, neither of which can be controlled or regulated by the administration, there was a reduction of \$128,758.24 from 1915. There are, however, some items in which revenues have been increased. Last session legislation was passed authorizing railway taxes, a new source of revenue. From this the province has \$53,490. Receipts from motor vehicles show a gain of \$15,366 over last year, due to a larger number of motor cars in use as well as to better attention given this matter by the Public Works Department. That other items of revenue are largely the same as last year will be seen by perusal of the statement published in another column. The actual receipts were in excess of estimated figures by \$32,431, a fact which shows that the gentlemen in control of provincial affairs exercised full and ample care in apportioning the moneys likely to be at the disposal of the province.

Turning from receipts to expenditures we again find evidence of administrative prudence and care. In an era of development such as the present it is natural to expect that each year will show an increase in the charge for interest. The sum on that account of \$251,004.99 is a large one for a small province like ours, but it must be remembered that a very large proportion represents the legacy of debt left to the people by the Pugsley-Tweedie-Robinson-Plunderford. Prior to 1908 the finances of New Brunswick were exploited by the same political manipulators who now, in the guise of the "purity" opposition under the direction of Mr. Edward S. Carter, seek to again control the treasury. The people are now paying for the follies and extravagances perpetrated by that party before Hon. Mr. Hazen ousted them and they will have no more of them.

Ample provision is made for the great public services. The vote for education is increased; this, also, is to be expected, but as long as the people receive good returns they will not deny the expenditure. In other departments there has been judicious economy and the exercise of business methods without any sacrifice of usefulness.

As an illustration, ordinary public works cost \$59,154 less this year than last and yet there was no falling off in efficiency of that service. Generally speaking the public highways are in good condition and what is true of highways can also be said of the bridge work. During the year a number of old and worn out bridges were replaced by modern structures and in every case there has been good value for the money spent.

In conformity with the Government's new road policy special expenditure of \$70,548.60 was made on the

### VALUABLE POMERANIAN KILLED BY AUTOMOBILE

**J. Donald McRenzie, Chauffeur for Dr. W. W. White, Loses Pet.**

J. Donald McRenzie, chauffeur for Dr. W. W. White, was not very cheerful yesterday and the reason given is that a valuable toy Pomeranian dog owned by him was run over by Dr. Loggie's automobile and killed on the corner of King and Charlotte streets yesterday morning.

The dog was not only valuable for its breed and it being the only one in Eastern Canada, but from the experience that it has had during the present war.

The tiny animal was with Lieut. Lawson on board of one of Great Britain's warships during the battles in the Dardanelles, and all the while the heaviest fighting was going on, the little dog came through safe and sound.

Lieut. Lawson, before going into the British fleet, was a captain on one of the Donaldson Line steamships, and being a personal friend of Mr. McRenzie sent the dog to the latter as a present.

It was a very pretty and lively little fellow, and was so greatly admired that the owner had been offered large amounts for it, but he prized the pet so much that money could not get it from him.

### SANTA CLAUS PAYS A VISIT TO ST. LUKE'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

The annual Christmas treat for the children of St. Luke's church and Sunday school was held last night in the school room. A splendid programme had been prepared and Santa Claus distributed no less than 476 bags of candy among the happy kiddies.

The programme was as follows: National Anthem; recitation, Master Geo. Seeger; chorus, "Away in a Manger," primary department; dialogue, "Christmas Rainbow," Misses Marjorie Brittain, Helen Cochran, Elsie Thompson, Jessie Wright, Alice Morgan, Marion Moore and Helen Craigie; recitation, Miss Isabelle Gaskin; chorus, "Make Everybody Happy," girls of the Junior W.A.; recitation, "Santa's Middle Name," Miss Laura Seeger; carol, "Holy Night," choir boys and Junior W.A.; recitation, "Song of Awe," Master Bartlett Taylor; solo, "Once in Royal David's City," Miss Bessie Chittok; recitation, "The Day After," Miss Muriel Hawker; duet and chorus, "Look to the Glory Bright," Misses Kathleen and Roberta Craft and Junior W.A.; recitation, "Mike's Prayer," Miss Jean Andrews; canon, by the choir; recitation, Miss Dorothy Tapley.

### "GOOD OLD CANADIANS" SAY BRITISH TROOPS AS MAPLE LEAF LADS PASS

Isaac Pearson of Pearseville, N. B., has received a letter from his son, George R. Pearson, who has been doing his bit in France for almost two years. The letter says in part: "The father—I am alive and well after all the storm of battle we have been through. The Canadians have made good again and when we were on the march coming here the Imperial troops would cheer and say, 'Well done Canadians.' Good old Canada, and things like that."

I have several things I got from Fritz, rifle, button, water bottle, tobacco and photos; but I have to ditch them as I can't carry them all."

### NEWS SUMMARY.

(McDUGALL & COWANS.)  
New York, Dec. 27.—Interboro Rapid Transit November net after taxes, increase \$134,328. Surplus after charges, increase \$41,194. Total income, increase \$709,773.  
Denver 3rd week December, increase \$55,900. From July 1, increase \$605,178.  
The grain trade is threatened with a complete blockade. Following east-

### MARRIAGES

**Humphrey-Wilson.**  
A very pretty wedding was solemnized last night at the residence of John O. Wilson, 48 Kennedy street, when his sister, Jessie May, youngest daughter of the late Captain Jacob and Loretta Wilson, was united in marriage to William Herbert Humphrey of McDonald's Corner. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Dr. E. M. Wilson, of St. Stephen, looked charming in a gown of grey silk with overdrapes of silver and grey. Dorothy Wilson, the little niece of the bride, acted as flower girl, and looked very winsome in a dress of white and yellow silk. The guests who numbered about 40, included only the immediate relatives of the bride and groom. After a dainty luncheon had been served the happy couple left on the Halifax express for their future home at McDonald's Corner, followed by the good wishes of all their friends.

**Thistle Club Elects New Members.**  
The Thistle Curling Club last night at their meeting elected the following new members: Frank Watson, H. G. Barnes, Walter Gamble, Harry Sullivan, Roy McIlveen, Blake Ferguson, Don Seely, F. T. Walsh, Fred P. Elkin, J. C. Mitchell, William Edgett, W. C. Murray, J. E. O'Brien and Major Weeks. Members are coming in in a very satisfactory manner at the present time, and the club is looking forward to a most successful season. On New Year's Day the president's vice president match will be continued.

**A. C. Skelton, manager of the St. John branch of British North America, was fifty-one years of age yesterday.**

### WOMAN DIES OF EXPOSURE NEAR DERBY JUNCTION

Newcastle, Dec. 27.—The body of Miss Josephine Le Breton of Derby was found by the roadside near Derby Junction station by Edward Creamer, of Bridgetown, on Saturday forenoon. Miss Le Breton, who was about forty years of age, lived with Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson, of Derby Junction, and had gone to visit her sister, Mrs. Henry Le Roi of Derby Junction on Friday night. Although she carried a lantern on her return home, Miss Le Breton lost her way in the terrific storm of wind and rain. She evidently wandered from the road and after vain efforts to find it again, fell down exhausted, near the highway road.

An inquest was held before Coroner F. J. Desmond, M. D., and it was decided that deceased died of exposure.

### NEW PROGRAMME AT THE OPERA HOUSE.

The Western Musical Company at the Opera House make a change in programme today and offer a merry musical skit, "The Travelling Man," with all new songs, dances and non-sense.

Plint and Letner's dog, gony and monkey circus also make a change in programme with all new tricks by the dogs, and Nellie, the trained pny, will show new feats of mind reading, dancing, wire walking and other stunts.

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