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"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not lay down our arms until that purpose has been fully achieved."—H. M. The King. TO THE PEOPLE OF THE EMPIRE—Every fighting unit we can send to the front means one step nearer peace.

## 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 lines 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 \$51,519.98 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 \$53,690. 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 appraising 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-Plunderbird. 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

highways. This will be continued and Hon. Mr. Smith has every reason to expect most satisfactory results. Classification of crown lands accounted for an expenditure of almost \$14,000 and none will say that this is unnecessary.

The great progress being made in the Department of Agriculture, easily one of the most up to date and comprehensive services performed by any Canadian province, is indicated by an expenditure of \$88,693.77. This includes the grant from the Dominion subsidy. To illustrate what is being done in this regard it is only necessary to say that in 1907 the old government's total expenditure for agricultural service was \$36,534.84.

The most satisfactory feature in the whole statement is that which shows that the province closes the year with a balance in the treasury of \$520,837.18. And this represents hard cash, not "I O U's" or pencilled memoranda—"W. P. \$5,000."

To Premier Clarke and every member of the Government the thanks of the people of New Brunswick are due. It is imperative at this time that there should be reasonable economy in public expenditures and an honest collection of every cent of revenue. In such a situation the tangible and gratifying evidence of governmental honesty, ability, and industry presented by the statement of the Auditor-General is eminently satisfactory. The people of New Brunswick have every cause to feel a pride in the fact that the affairs of the province are in such capable hands.

## NATIONAL SERVICE.

That national service does not necessarily mean conscription, but that the Government will not hesitate to apply the more drastic measure if it is found necessary to keep Canada's armies up to the required standard, is the very plain and absolutely fearless statement made to a delegation of labor union men by Sir Robert Borden. The Canadian premier will receive added endorsement for his plain honesty on this point. Sir Robert is determined that Canada shall do her full duty in the present crisis, and to this end will spare no effort.

National service, by which it is hoped to get an estimate of Canadian man-power is designed to prevent conscription, and it will do so if the people show a proper appreciation of their duty. The Government has provided the leadership required in this matter, it is now up to the people, but from the statement of the Premier it is quite evident that if the people fall and if appeals to manhood and patriotism do not produce the required results there will be no hesitancy in going a step further. Such a step, however, is a very grave one, and will not be taken until every other means has been exhausted.

In such a position, more trying than that faced by any government in the history of Canada, Sir Robert and his colleagues merit the unreserved support and endorsement of every citizen. There must be co-operation of the most cordial character, the Government asks for nothing more, and our Canadian duty will be satisfied by nothing less.

## THE OBJECTIONABLE CLASS.

The Times declares that Liberals whose sons are in the trenches will resent any criticism of the methods of machine Grit politicians and machine Grit newspapers, such as the Times itself, to hamper and hinder the work the Government is attempting to do. The Times makes a childish evasion of the question at issue. There is no complaint to find with those Liberals who have given their sons or brothers to the call of duty, although the Conservatives of Canada have made equal sacrifice. The fault is not with those who have done or are trying to "do their bit" in this time of national crisis. What the people of this country, Conservatives and Liberals alike, will not stand for is the few dirty, despicable opposition partisans who see only in the country's danger the opportunity to make nasty, sneering criticisms of men who are doing their level best. That is the class to which honest Canadians object, that is the class in which the fallen sisters of Canterbury street have placed themselves.

## VALUABLE POMERANIAN KILLED BY AUTOMOBILE

J. Donald McKenzie, Chauffeur for Dr. W. W. White, Loses Pet.

J. Donald Mackenzie, 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. Mackenzie 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 475 bags of candy among the happy kiddies.

The programme was as follows: National Anthem; recitation, Master Geo. Segee; chorus, "Away in a Manger," primary department; dialogue, "Christmas Rainbows," Misses Marjorie Britton, Helen Codner, Elsie Thompson, Jessie Wright, Alice McLean, Muriel Moore and Helen Craigie; recitation, Miss Isabelle Gaston; chorus, "Make Everybody Happy," girls of the Junior W.A.; recitation, "Santa's Middle Name," Miss Laura Segee; 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 Chittick; 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 Joan Andrews; canon, by the choir; recitation, Miss Dorothy Tapley.

## "GOOD OLD CAN'DIANS" 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:

"Dear 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, map-book and photos; but I have no ditch them as I can't carry them all."

## NEWS SUMMARY.

(McDUGALL & COWAN.) New York, Dec. 27.—Interboro Rapid Transit November net after taxes, increase \$134,338. 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-

J. M. HUMPHREY CO., wish all their friends A Happy and Prosperous New Year!

## MARRIAGES

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

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