

Auditor General's Adverse Report on Overdrafts.

OVERDRAFTS ON APPROPRIATION VOTES

14. The following are the actual overdrafts on Appropriation Votes to January 31st last, viz:—

	Vote.	Expenditure.	Increase.
11. Fuel and Light, Post Office	\$4,500.00	\$4,929.85	\$429.85
Fuel and Light, Museum	529.30	529.30	—
Ins. and Keepers, Museum	308.15	308.15	—
Repairs Government House	2,900.00	2,943.56	43.56
Registration of Jurors	500.00	547.00	47.00
VII. Public Health Contingencies	1,053.00	2,428.41	1,375.41
Public Health, Labrador	2,500.00	2,613.96	113.96
Sick Fishermen, Labrador	800.00	1,497.69	697.69
Able-bodied Pauper Relief	3,102.62	3,102.62	—
Repairs General Hospital	1,000.00	1,372.48	372.48
IX. Forest Fires and Timber Inspection	1,500.00	2,336.31	836.31
Exploration Coal Areas	15,000.00	15,845.90	845.90
XI. Steam Service Bay of Islands	1,000.00	1,100.00	100.00
Steam Service Fogo District	10,000.00	12,500.00	2,500.00
XVI. General Contingencies	10,000.00	16,130.56	6,130.56

\$17,123.79

15. Fuel and Light Post Office. — A constantly increasing expenditure due to an expanding service. No corresponding increase in the vote is made.

No. 2. Fuel and Light and Insurance and Keepers Museum.—New services which should have been provided for in the estimates for 1909-10.

No. 3. Repairs Government House.—This vote is always overdrawn.

No. 4. Registration of Jurors.—There should have been no possibility of error in estimating for this service.

No. 5. Public Health Contingencies.—An overdraft of nearly 150 per cent. in seven months. I am of opinion that a little more care should be exercised in connection with expenditure under this vote.

No. 6. Public Health, Labrador.—A short estimate.

No. 7. Sick Fishermen, Labrador.—Partly due to an increased movement of sick people from Labrador last summer, partly, in my opinion, to ill-considered expenditure.

No. 8. Able-bodied Pauper Relief.—While there is no regular vote for unforseen cases of destitution among our people, discretionary power was given by the Government (I think in 1892) to the Commissioner of Public Charities to relieve such cases, of this

nature, as he deemed deserving. The expenditure under this head has never been very large. It has been charged to the vote for Permanent and Casual Poor, which has always been sufficient to contain the charge. It cannot therefore, be properly considered as a bona-fide overdraft but I have to report it as the authority is executive not legislative.

No. 9. Repairs General Hospital.—Due to the effecting of some repairs which were not anticipated.

No. 10. Forest Fires and Timber Inspection.—Due to the unusually large number of Forest Fires which occurred last summer.

No. 11. Exploration of Coal Areas.—Boring for coal under contract with a skilled operator was carried on last summer and proved more costly than was anticipated.

No. 12. Steam Service Bay of Islands.—Short estimate.

No. 13. Steam Service Fogo.—The estimate for this service was placed at a much lower figure per trip than could be obtained. The same applies to the Fortune Bay Service which, if it is not overdrawn at present, is practically exhausted and will require a large Supplementary Vote to cover its cost to the end of the year.

No. 14. General Contingencies.—The overdraft on this vote has been caused by the following expenditures, viz:—

New Appointment—W. J. Garew, Salary	\$302.16
Hague Tribunal, payments to—	
Sir E. F. Morris, expenses, etc.	1,000.00
Sir J. S. Winter, expenses, etc.	2,000.00
Hon. D. Morison, K.C., expenses, etc.	1,000.00
J. J. O'Reilly, I.S.O., expenses, etc.	590.00
Rd. Furneaux, expenses, etc.	19.00
Jos. Mackey, attesting signatures witnesses	12.50
Shea & Co., passage	21.90
J. J. O'Reilly, I.S.O., expenses	24.54
Labrador Boundary Question, payments to—	4,559.94
P. T. McGrath, compilation, extracts, etc.	300.00
F. J. Morris, K.C., services	100.00
Judge Labrador—F. J. Morris, K.C., services	400.00
Grand Bank Dredging—J. LeMoine	1,000.00
Training Equipment for care reindeer—Dr. Grenfell	1,836.05
Railway Telegraph Enquiry—Payments to—	800.00
A. McNeily, K.C.	1,000.00
J. M. Kent, K.C.	100.00
Dr. Lloyd	200.00
Pensions—Proportion of pension to pensioners given	1,300.00
F. D. 6 and 7	2,040.90
	\$12,239.05

The date to which the Legislature sat last year was so near to the opening of the new fiscal year that it must have been recognized that most of the expenditure noted under the head of General Contingencies would be incurred before the close of the next fiscal year, and Legislative provision should have been sought therefor. If from the expenditure for General Contingencies, i.e., \$16,130.56, is deducted the above amount of \$12,239.05, a credit balance of \$4,591.51 would be left to the vote, sufficient, with ordinary care, to meet the normal requirements of the service to the end of the fiscal year.

16. Deducting from the sum of \$12,239.05 noted against General Contingencies, the sum of \$6,130.56 shown as the actual overdraft on this vote (see page 7) which is contained in the \$12,239.05, and adding to the remainder the total overdrafts (\$17,123.79) shown on the said page, it will be seen that Supplementary Supply for \$23,232.28 will be required to meet undue expenditures to January 31st, 1910. This amount is distinct from any sum which may be required to meet increased overdrafts on the votes indicated and to supplement others which are at present nearly exhausted.

17. I have so often advised a proper distribution of the present votes so as to make them more in accordance with the actual requirements of the respective services, and an increase of \$20,000 to the vote for General Contingencies which, if done, would obviate the necessity for anything more than a very moderate Supplementary Vote, that it is unnecessary that I should say anything more on this subject.

18. I have refrained from refusing repayment on some of these overdrafts as there are sufficient funds at present available from credits to kindred services to cover them by transfer. While this may be the case at present, it certainly will not be so long before the end of the present fiscal year as the services in question

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Fire To-Day.

Reid's Street Car Barn Destroyed.
At 1.35 p.m. to-day a fire broke out in the Reid Nfld. Co's. car barn, Water Street West, near the entrance to the freight sheds. An alarm of fire sent in three minutes after the blaze was seen called out the West End and Central firemen, who worked so well that they prevented the fire from completely destroying the building. It is, however, all gutted out inside, and street car No. 4, that was stalled there for repairs, is almost completely destroyed. The fire originated from a stove which was being used by the workmen on the shed while repairing the street car. All the men were away to dinner when the fire broke out, and this accounts for the fact that the fire had such headway before it was discovered. Inspector General Sullivan was on the spot early and directed the men, who looked well in their new rubber coats. The all-out signal came in shortly after 2 o'clock. A large crowd of people gathered on the premises and the policemen had quite a job in keeping the way clear for the firemen.

Broke His Leg.

As Philip Keefe, of Torbay, was driving home from town at noon to-day over King's Bridge Hill he met with a serious mishap. He was sitting on some baled hay on the slide and when he turned his head around to salute some one whom he met the slide took a lurch and Keefe was pitched off. The result of the fall was so serious that he was unable to rise. Mr. J. Hayes and others there hastened to his assistance, lifted him on a sleigh and drove to town to Dr. Tait's surgery, where the limb was set.

Local Marine Board Examination

It is pleasing to record the passing of Charles W. Green, of this city, for an Ordinary Master's Certificate. Three and a half years ago he obtained his mate's certificate at the hands of Captains English and Moss. He served as an officer on the Dominion ship "Arctic," Capt. Bernier, on his two last voyages to the frozen north.

Shorthand Passes.

Messrs. Joseph Joyce, William Callahan, Ronald Martin, J. Murphy, Misses Nina Osmond, Violet Green, May Butt and Susie Snelgrove, pupils of Miss Nellie Vinicombe, received diplomas from J. M. Sloan, Esq., Ramsgate, Eng.; also speed certificates for Miss Elsie Couch, 128 words a minute; Miss S. Miller, 123 words a minute; Miss Violet Bradbury, 119 words a minute; and Miss M. Ryan, 115 words a minute.

Seized With Illness.

Shortly before beginning the 8.30 Mass at St. Patrick's Church yesterday, and again after its conclusion, Rev. Fr. McDermott was seized with a sudden illness. In each instance, however, the attack was only of short duration, and after proceeding to the Deanery, the rev. gentleman was soon as well as ever. He last night preached a very eloquent and instructive sermon at the Cathedral, and seemed to have fully recovered from his indisposition.

Hockey Match.

The teams for to-night are as follows:—
Crescents. Thomas goal, Cunningham point, Gus Herder cover, Paddon Marshall cover, Bulley Pearce rover, Hunt R. Stick right, Brien H. Herder centre, Tobin Trappell left, Shortall

Coastal Boats.

REID NFDL. CO.
The Argyle arrived at Placentia at 3.55 p.m. yesterday and sailed this morning for the west.
The Home left Placentia this a.m.

Here and There.

CAUGHT A FOX.—Mr. J. Mercer, living at the head of Mundy Pond, caught a young fox in a rabbit snare in the woods there last Saturday.

HERRING.—On sale 30 barrels bright, large No. 1 Herring. At LARACY'S, 345 and 347 Water Street, opposite Post Office.—Jan. 11.

WEATHER REPORT.—To-day the wind is S.W., light and dull up country; temperature 20 to 30 above. At the Quarry last night the lowest temperature was 5 below.

WILD DUCKS PLENTIFUL.—Wild ducks were very plentiful at Blackhead (Cape Spear) on Friday and Saturday last. Several good shots were made by the men residing there.

S.S. Tobasco Here.

Saturday night at 11 o'clock the s.s. Tobasco, Capt. Newman, arrived here from Liverpool, 14 days out. Leaving there, on the 9th, good weather prevailed till the 12th, when a heavy N. E. gale was encountered. Last Saturday, about 150 miles off this coast, the ship passed through several strings of ice and the crew saw a good many old seals beating northwards. The cargo for St. John's is 380 tons. Mr. Whiteley came as passenger.

Revised New Testament

Full Marginal References Completed After Thirty-Seven Years.

London, Feb. 10.—After thirty-seven years' work the task of compiling full marginal references for the Revised New Testament has been completed. A new edition will shortly be issued by the University Presses, in which the new references will be substituted for the abridged references of 1898. Since the deaths of the original compilers, Dr. Scrivener and Professor Moulton, the work has been done by the Rev. Albert Greenup, Principal of the London College of Divinity, and Dr. MacNeil, Professor of Biblical Exegesis in that institution, and the Rev. James M. Moulton, Professor of Hellenistic Greek and Indo-European Philology at Manchester University, who is a son of the late Professor W. F. Moulton.

Professor Greenup says he believes that every published commentary on the New Testament has been read, besides many issues of the authorized versions, giving marginal references, including French, German, Greek and Hebrew. As an instance of the detail with which the work has been carried out, he cites one verse, the references to which it took ten years to complete. Many verses in the Gospels and Epistles have nearly a hundred references each in the new addition.

Judge and Preacher.

Judge Rentoul, who has been making some strong observations with regard to imprisonment for debt, was both a Presbyterian minister and a member of Parliament before he took to the law as a profession. As a fact, his honour, to all intents and purposes, is still a "reverend," though not on the active list, for, once admitted to the Presbyterian Church, a minister is always a minister, and can only be reduced to a layman through some act of misconduct. It is not so very long ago since Judge Rentoul was pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Woolwich. Then, becoming M. P. for East own, he started to practise at the Bar, carrying on his three callings at the same time. Not long ago Judge Rentoul told an amusing story of the first illuminated address he ever received. It was presented to him on his first election to Parliament. Scanning it closely, he was rather chagrined to find that following his name the word "barrister-at-law" was inscribed in very large characters, whilst "Member of Parliament" was very small. On drawing the attention of the artist to the fact, he got the answer: "Well, sir, it requires a clever man to be a barrister, but any duffer can be a Member of Parliament."

Burglar a Gentle Nurse

Gave Man of the House His Medicine While Pals Cleaned Out the Silverware.

Chicago, Feb. 10.—J. S. McCullough, an official of the Southern Railway Co., lying ill in bed to-day, told friends how one of two robbers acted as his nurse yesterday while the other looted the house of its valuables. McCullough has been ill for several weeks. The burglars entered the flat with skeleton keys and were surprised by the sight of the invalid in bed. "You get busy, Bill," said the leader, "I'll take care of our friend here."

"Bill" promptly cut the telephone wire and began gathering up the silverware. Meanwhile the other burglar chatted with McCullough. He observed that the glass of water on the table was "stale" and brought him another. Then he asked the railroad man if it was not time to take his medicine and when told it was, the thief measured out a dose and administered it.

When the burglars departed with \$500 worth of jewelry and silverware they wished the sick man a speedy recovery.

Personal.

Mrs. W. D. Reid went to New York by the express last evening taking her little boy with her for medical treatment and the removal of a growth from his neck.

The s.s. Rosalind left Halifax yesterday for St. John's. The Dunure arrived from Pernambuco to Bowring's to-day, 33 days out.

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