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MAXWELL TELLS OF GREAT PROGRESS

President of the Council
Flays Opposition Mis-statements.

Describes Magnificent Work of Present Local Government in Interests of the Welfare of the Province.

Hon. Robert Maxwell, continuing his speech in the legislature Wednesday night said: In 1908 when the legislature met, Mr. LaBillois submitted a statement of a payment by the Board of Works between the close of the fiscal year and February 8th which showed the amount expended to be \$91,586. There was abundance of evidence that that was not a correct statement of the expenditures of the Public Works Department between the dates mentioned and that perhaps as much more was hidden away in a suspense account of which the legislature had no knowledge. This view was sustained by the fact that in 1906 the government obtained authority to issue bonds to the extent of \$197,065 on account of public works over expenditures, a statement of which appeared in the report of the Board of Public Works for 1907.

The legislature was of the opinion that this large bond issue cleaned up the over expenditure of the department, but when the government changed in 1908 it was found that there was another over expenditure of \$157,579. This over expenditure was not confined to any one particular branch of the service, but included them all, that for ordinary bridges wharves, etc. alone amounting to \$85,147. So far as could be made out from the public accounts the over expenditure of the public works department in the last three years of Mr. LaBillois' management amounted to \$254,946, every dollar of which was added to the permanent debt of the province and none of this was by authority of the legislature until long after the bills were paid. Even after such enormous expenditure on the bridges of the country were left in such a wretched condition that the present administration has been called upon to expend many thousands of dollars that would have been unnecessary had Mr. LaBillois done his work properly. Some sneering references had been made to the over expenditure of the present government, but there was nothing in the record of this government that in any way approached that of the administration of the Public Works Department under Mr. LaBillois, and now having brought the bridges up to a high standard it is believed that the deficit of last year can be paid out of the ordinary revenue.

An Analysis.
In order to analyse Mr. LaBillois' management of the Public Works Department it is necessary to divide his term of office into two periods, the first from 1900 to 1902 inclusive and the second from 1903 to 1907 inclusive. The total expenditures of the Public Works Department during the first period mentioned amounted to \$872,997 and after adding \$250,000 to the permanent debt besides getting about \$20,000 from the Eastern Extension claim the department had \$11,738 to its credit. The following is a statement of the receipts and expenditures for public works for the second period:

Year	Receipts	Expres.
1903	\$183,909	\$184,298
1904	198,026	205,526
1905	201,083	218,611
1906	197,484	219,576
1907	212,793	212,793

The statement gives the expenditure and receipts for 1907 as exactly the same amounts. The statement was not correct for in the Auditor General's report for the same year the over-expenditure for the department was given as \$78,998. The only possible explanation for omitting this large over-expenditure lay in the fact that a few months before the legislature had consented to the issue of \$197,065 bonds to pay off the over-expenditure of 1906 and the department hoped by omitting any reference to the new over-expenditure to escape the attention of the investigating members of the House.

During Mr. LaBillois' term of office the additions to the permanent debt on account of public works over-expenditures were:

For freights	\$150,000
For permanent bridges	100,000
To meet over-expenditure	197,065
Over-expenditure funded in	
1908	157,879
Total	\$604,946

During the eight years of his administration the average yearly expenditure of the Public Works Department was \$283,593. Since the change of government the expenditures of the department were as follows:

1908	\$216,779
1909	310,097
1910	328,443
1911	416,265

These expenditures make a total of \$1,271,585 in four years, or an annual average of \$317,896 or \$34,302 more than was expended by the old government. These expenditures have been made without adding a single cent to the permanent debt of the province, whereas the old government added over \$600,000 during the last few years they were in power and when they were hurried out of office left the bridges of the country in a deplorable condition. This went to show that a part of the money charged to the construction and repair of bridges of the late administration was squandered for political purposes. During the first three years this government had surpluses amounting to as follows:

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1908	\$44,541
1909	4,454
1910	6,563
Total	\$55,558

How They Spent.

In 1911 the over expenditure was \$56,463. Deducting the total surplus from the sum total of the over-expenditure of this government for four years left \$929. That was a mighty change from the condition which prevailed under the old administration when the over-expenditure shown in their accounts totaled \$294,494 for the last three years of office. This was not all, for the present government, when they came into power discovered unsorted accounts due or paid prior to October 31, 1907, amounting to \$128,785, more than shown in the balance sheet, and which was carried on suspense accounts. Add this large sum to the over-expenditures shown in the accounts and a comprehensive idea is given of the manner in which the finances of the country were dealt with by the men who now occupy the opposition benches, but who keep on talking about a deficit of \$50,000 for the past year, and which is not to be added to the debt.

Realizing the necessity for honest government in this province the present administration passed an audit act which prevented fraudulent transaction of the kind the old government were guilty of, and compels the Auditor General to make a full statement of the receipts and expenditures of the province. Every bill that is paid every financial transaction that takes place during the year must now be set out in detail in the accounts and proper vouchers must be filed showing the particulars of each expenditure. The government has nothing to be ashamed of in the over-expenditure of the past. It was not their fault that the bridges were falling to pieces, but the fault of the old administration.

tion, which failed to collect the territorial revenue, and was compelled to starve the public service or to sell bonds to provide for ordinary expenses, a course that was taken on several occasions.

There had been some criticism to the effect that the province had lost, through the failure of the government to collect the revenues, and the honorable member for Westmorland (Mr. Leger) wanted to know why this government did not collect as much in 1908 as last year. He would remind the honorable gentlemen of the fact that when this government came into office in the spring of 1908, all the scale for that year was completed, but nevertheless, by having that scale amended in one or two instances, it was possible for this government to increase the stumpage for that year by over \$12,000 more than the old government would have secured. His honest conviction was that during the last ten years of the old government by the mismanagement of the ex-Surveyor-General of the crown land department, and the failure to collect the stumpage due the province, \$1,500,000 was lost to the country, and which, if it had been collected, might have been used so that the roads and bridges would not have been allowed to get into such a deplorable condition, and it would not have been necessary for the old government to have bonded the large amounts which should have been paid out of ordinary revenue.

He would now like to show the amounts of extraordinary receipts of

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IN THE COURTS

The matter of settling the list of contributors in the winding up of the D'Iarrell Asbestos Co. was before Mr. Justice McLeod in chambers yesterday morning and adjourned till April 28.

In Fox vs. Allingham, a motion was made for a summons directing Dr. L. A. Currey appear for the plaintiff, M. G. Teed, acting for the defendant, applied for security for costs. The court considers.

CHURCH NOTICES.

Exmouth Street Church.—9.45 society classes; 11, Divine service; preacher, the assistant pastor, 2.30 p. m. Sunday school and Bible class; also Glad Tidings Hall Sunday school, 1 p. m. Divine service; preacher, Rev. Harold T. Rae.

Cashier Willet paid out \$3,946.76 in wages to civic employes for work during the past two weeks as follows: Ferry, \$210.08; water and sewerage, \$1,357.01; public works, \$2,379.67.

Plenty to Do.

"Don't you think the government ought to regulate corporations?" "I don't know," replied Senator Sorghum; "sometimes I think a government official has enough to do to get elected to a job and hold on to it without assuming any more responsibility."

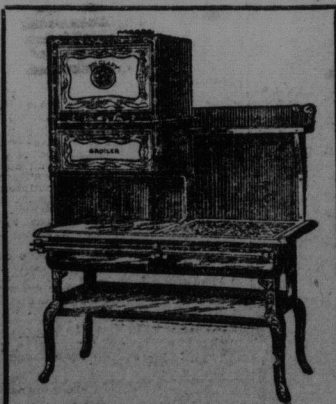
"You must not talk all the time, Ethel," said the mother who had been interrupted. "When will I be old enough, to, mama?" asked the little girl.

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