

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

THURSDAY, APRIL 9th, 8 P.M.

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of white crepe de chine. One's gloves are either very long circular swing to the skirt is wrinkled, or the short mosquito-tail model, in beige, black, putty or gray.

The Budget Speech

(Continued from 12th page.)

"this—such as tables, desks, pigeon holes, etc., might have been used in fitting up outport offices instead of purchasing new material as was frequently done.

"It will be noticed that we have elaborated a system of inspection in respect of the several outport offices. We cannot too strongly emphasize the necessity for a thorough inspection, conducted at irregular intervals. To a lack of this inspection in the past is due the many defalcations which have occurred and are still occurring in outport offices. These irregularities cannot be discovered in the central offices for the reason that outport Postmasters can falsify their returns. They can and do take credit for cash in hand pay Money Orders, to pay which money has been transmitted

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Salaries, increases and appointments	16,000.00
	\$4,874.00

"Furthermore, a number of new appointments were made to the Department as well as several increases to salaries, all of which were made without Executive authority and without the necessary legislative provision therefor. All payments in respect of these have naturally been disallowed by the Auditor General and will be reported to the Legislature as coming within a fiscal year for the administration of the votes of which the present Minister is responsible. He has therefore been obliged to obtain an Order-in-Council legitimizing these irregular appointments, and he will have to ask for Supplementary Supply to cover expenditures for which he is not really accountable.

"In connection with expenditure, we beg to advise that the practice which has obtained in the past of ordering enormous quantities of stock sufficient to last for years, should be discontinued. There are now in the department hundreds of thousands of envelopes sufficient to last for years which apparently have been overlooked while new stocks have been purchased, and four large boxes of twine which are absolutely useless to the Department. These are only a few of the many instances which came under our notice.

"We venture to think that with the introduction of an improved accounting system, the adoption of a pre-audit, the changes in interior structural arrangements, the cleaning and painting of the building and the application of the organization suggested by us, together with the adoption of our recommendations as to general guidance, the Postal Telegraph Department will compare satisfactorily with any Government Department, and we trust that its Executive will see to it that it does not lose on that comparison in future."

I make no apology for quoting thus lengthily on the investigation held by us into the Department, for I consider it desirable to acquaint Honourable members of the condition into which physically, morally and from a financial point of view past administrations had permitted this Department to fall. I fear the question of Post and Telegraph work has not been given that serious attention which such an important Department requires.

I understand from the Auditor General, who was associated with myself and the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs in the conduct of the enquiry, that his Department had no authority in respect of the taking of stocks or other internal audit and that the matter of inspection of outport offices was one which was so colossal in its survey that with the small staff at his command it could not be attempted.

As a result of this want of inspection of outport offices, I decided to have a personal inspection last fall, the result of which revealed an utter want of method in the accounting system with regard to the offices visited. There was never a complete audit of these offices taken, so that any Postmaster handling Money Order, Telegraph, Customs and Stamp cash in the one office (and most of them do) might very easily cover a shortage in cash on Money Order by cash from any of the other accounts, and the same thing applied as far as the other accounts were concerned. In other words, there was no concurrent effort on the part of the several inspectors of the Service; the Customs' Inspector simply inspected the Customs; the Money Order Inspector, the Money Orders; the Telegraphs, the Telegraphs and so on. Of course it will be evident to Honourable members that an audit inspection of this kind was useless insofar as the cash check of any combined office in the outports could be taken.

Immediately upon my return to St. John's I arranged with the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs for a complete audit of several offices which had not satisfied me upon visiting

to them, when they have used such cash for their personal use. Again, the receipts for the first week of a month can be and are transmitted to cover the balance in hand at the end of the previous month. It is quite evident, therefore, that without direct inspection, these irregularities are likely to continue.

"Before concluding we deem it advisable to ask attention to the position of the Minister (in connection with the financial affairs of the Department) in respect of its appropriation votes for the current fiscal year and this we do in common justice to him and to the Executive Council which will have to bear the responsibility of asking the Legislature for Supplementary Supply. We refer to the very large expenditure on account of the last fiscal year which, by reason of the exhaustion of that year's votes, had to be carried on this year's expenditure. Among the many important items of this are the following, viz:

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them. The reports of the two Inspectors sent to Corner Brook and Deer Lake proved that my suspicions were unfortunately too true. Further inspection has proven that speculation on the part of Postmasters in respect of cash receipts has not been confined to these stations, but exists in other parts of the country. It is only fair for me to say, with regard to Corner Brook and Deer Lake, that the conditions existing there were disgraceful from what I saw. The officials were overworked, they had no facilities despite the fact that they had placed themselves on record as requiring office furniture on several occasions. No notice was taken of their repeated requests for assistance and the blame for the sad condition of affairs in these stations (Corner Brook and Deer Lake) can only be laid to Headquarters at St. John's. To give the House an idea of the facilities, I need only say that the Deer Lake cash drawer consisted of a biscuit box improved as a cash drawer by Postmaster Boland and that he frequently threw considerable sums of cash under a brin bag in the office as the most unlikely place for a possible thief to discover it. While I can



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only deplore the neglect displayed by the responsible officials in St. John's, I cannot but express to Honourable members the idea which occurred to the Honourables the Minister of Justice, Mr. Sullivan (who were my companions) and myself, and that was that Newfoundlanders were the most honest people in the world. Upon return to St. John's I took immediate steps to have all these matters rectified and happily, to-day things are somewhat better than in September last. Arrangements are being made to have suitable offices at both Corner Brook and Deer Lake and I think the Government may feel assured of no recurrence of this state of affairs.

Subsequent to the above discovery, Colonel Ross, who has had a lifelong experience in Canadian Postal matters, was appointed by the Government to go further into Postal, Telegraph and Money Order matters. He has made his report to the Government through the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs but, the Executive have not had time to consider same up to the present, owing to other important matters engaging their attention. I may say that it will receive consideration as quickly as possible.

The accounts and management of the Public Charities, including the public institutions thereunder, are at present in the hands of a Committee of Council for enquiry. Upon submission of their report, executive action will be taken, the necessary arrangements made and pre-audit will

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