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SURPLUS OF NEARLY \$45,000 IN THE TRANSACTIONS OF THE LAST PROVINCIAL FISCAL YEAR AS SHOWN BY THE BUDGET SPEECH OF HON. MR. FLEMMING IN LEGISLATURE AT FREDERICTON LAST EVENING; THIS IS AN ACTUAL AND REAL SURPLUS WITH POSITIVELY NO OVERDRAFTS IN ANY OF THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS



HON. J. K. FLEMMING.

Fredericton, N. B., April 2.—Hon. J. K. Flemming, Provincial Secretary, brought down the Budget in the Legislature this evening with a powerful and eloquent speech, lasting slight-which came not entirely from the Government benches. The Provincial Secretary excelled himself, owing to the fact that he had a satisfactory statement to place before the House, and Flemming drew particular attention to the fact that it was a clear sheet at the close of the fiscal year and without an overdrawn account in any department. To illustrate what this means thousands of dollars more floating. But a surplus had always been reported when the Budget Speech was delivered by those who had preceded him. Speaking of the future, the Provincease of \$99,901.85 it was explained that about \$70,000 of the amount is in special fund accounts, which are, under the new system of bookkeeping, all placed in the one account of consolidated revenue. Aside from Dominion subsidies which amount. to \$621,360.96 the largest item of revenue for the present year is \$380,000 for territorial revenue. With a lumber inclal Secretary, "is due to there being a new administration of the Crown Land Department with a desire to collect stumpage on all 50,160. For Public Works there is an increased expenditure 181 for Agriculture, where \$44,865 is to be voted, the largest amount ever granted to this all-important cause. In evidence of the good done by the Agricultural Commission he stated that no less than twenty new agricultural societies would be given charters during the year. To inaugurate the progressive luming a total of \$271,500.

"The policy of this Government," said he "is that ordinary expenditure shall not exceed the ordinary receipts. Honorable gentlemen opposite cannot get away from their past record, and it will stand against them for years to come as an evidence of their lack of ability and honesty in the administration of the affairs of this province. Well may we ask, "Can the leopard change his spots, or the Ethiopian change his skin?" Hon. Mr. Flemming concluded his remarks with a statement that the Government would not lack in courage when a step forward was needed to develop the natural resources and industries of the province.

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sitted the return of the consoldd revenue fund up to March 31st
presented to the Speaker the mesfrom his Honor the Lieutenant
runor, transmitting and recomting estimates for the current

The Speaker read these to the House.

Hon. Mr. Flemming moved, and it was carried that the estimates be reterred to the Committee on Supply and that portion of his Honor's speech referring to the accounts be also submitted to the same committee.

Mr. Flemming's Speech.

Hon. Mr. Flemming on rising to move the House into Committee on Supply, said that at the last session in speaking of this motion hee had been dealing with a year over which the present Government had not the slightest control. The same condition applied to a portion of the statement now submitted, for it was only about seven months out of the twelve that the finances of the province. The this administration had control of Government had been bound by agreements entered into by their predecessors. For the present year the Government was entirely responsible and he was glad to inform the House that thus far the province had enjoyed a fairly successful year. He would mention as briefly as possible the details of the estimated and actual revenue for the year ending the 31st of October last.

A Comparison.

Hon. Mr. Flemming gave a compar-son between the estimates and the ctual revenue for 1908, showing the excess in actual receipts over esti-mated receipts \$46,855.58, as follows: Estimated Actual

	Fees. Prov. Sec		
	retary Office.	16,000.00	15,275
	Private and lo-		1
	cal bills	1,000.0	810
	King's Printer.	1,300.00	1,510
	Taxes Inco.Cos.	30,000.00	34,494
2	Liquor Licenses	20,000.00	19,689
	Miscellayeous	2,500.00	3,123
ä	Succession du-		
	ties	35,000.00	32,489
	Surplus probate		
	fund	10,000.00	10,000
	Trans. Ry. For-		
	est Protection	3,000.00	3,000
	Public wharfs		
	Dom. Govern.		
	ment shares-	5.741.28 -	
	Refund fishery		
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1,691.71 ,059,882.76 \$1,086,738.34

	"The policy of this Government," said he "is that or record, and it will stand against them for years to come as a the leopard change his spots, or the Ethiopian change his skin forward was needed to develop the natural resources and independent of the control	dinary expenditure shall not exc n evidence of their lack of ability ?" Hon. Mr. Flemming conclude ustries of the province.	eed the ordinary receipts. Hone and honesty in the administrate d his remarks with a statement	orable gentlemen opposite cann tion of the affairs of this provinc that the Government would not	ot get away from their past ce. Well may we ask, "Can lack in courage when a step
ng, sol- lst es- int m- he it	Administration of Justice \$21,730.00 \$19,770.76 Agricultural 35,465.00 33,355.40 Auditor General and Department 2,200.00 2,150.00 Agent General London 1,000.00 1,000.00 Boys' Industrial Home 1,500.00 800.00 Contingencies 17,000.00 14,800.13 Educational 251,444.43 254,836.18 Educational 1,1400.00 11,460.50 Emmerson vs. Maddison 500.00 500.00 Executive Government 33,797.49 34,734.14 Factory Inspection. 1,000.00 488.39 Flish, Forest and Game Protection 25,500.00 19,451.69 Free Grants Act. 1,500.00 240.00	coal and Kaliway. When the new commissioners took charge they found there was an estimate for an expenditure of \$70,000 on that road and yet the present Government had succeeded in placing the road in fairly good condition with LESS THAN HALF THAT AMOUNT. The road when taken over was found in a dangerous condition and the commissioners reported that it was absolutely neces.	NOT A SINGLE OVERDRAFT ACCOUNT FOR ONE DOLLAR FOR ANY SERVICE WHATEVER ON THE 1ST. NOVEMBER LAST. This was so very different from past experience he thought it worthy of more than passing notice. In previous years were overdrafts in nearly every department, and while the former Provincial Secretaries were claiming	tified that for years past every lumberman was allowed to cut logs smaller than the regulation size. The Government decided it was better to change the regulation and live up to the law than to have the regulation that was openly defied. If the hon.	be prepared to pay an increasing in- terest charge. The total estimated receipts are \$1,186,639, and the ex- penditure \$1,153,294, leaving a surplus of \$33,345. While both receipts and expenditures are greater than in pre- vious years it does not mean that more money will come in or be ex- pended, it is accounted for
to Moon Mad H	Juarantee Bonds 900.03 924.30 Public Health 19,700.00 9,390.16 Hospitals 9,700.00 9,700.00 Interest 2,000.00 1,993.50 netreest 230,000.00 232,944.91 Legislature 28,677.50 28,260.20 Waltining 7,000.00 7,129.41 Vatural History Society 650.00 660.00 New Brunswick Historical Society 125.60 125.60 Provincial Hospital 50,000.00 61,208.00 Public Works 234,850.00 228,133.71 Refund Crown Lands 350.00 1,332.20	The Floating Debt. The Floating Debt. The Floating Debt. The floating debt which was funded was all due and payable before the 31st of October, 1907, and the Government felt that they should not be saddled with the old obligations due before the close of the previous fiscal year. As a matter of fact these old liabilities aggregated a much largers amount the street of the Floating Street was the first of the same of the same of the same of the previous fiscal year. As a matter of fact these old liabilities aggregated a much largers amount the same of the safety of the same	and the year 1906. On the state of the year, there was an overdraft of the Provincial Hospital of \$22,532, on Public Works, \$197. 055, on Crown Lands, \$2,910, A TOTAL OF \$222,307 OVERDRAFTS. And yet the Provincial Secretary that year CLAIMED HE HAD A SURPLUS. And the same conditions provided in 1907, but not to units so large an amount. In addition to this there were thousands and tens of thousands of floating of FLOATING	about he would know that former regulations were broken by every lumberman in the province who cut on the crown lands. A log eighteen feet long by ten inches old regulation size scaled seventy-two feet, but every scale bill that came into the department averaged about fifty-eight feet concludive proof that the regulatons were openly and knowingly violated. Mr. Flemming here read the following:	the old system or bookkeeping. Under the old system there was the Provincial Hospital account, the Probate Court account, and others in addition to the consolidated revenues, and these did not figure in the current revenue account except that any surplus was carried into current revenue. Under the new system there was but one account consolidated revenue, and every doilar coming in or going out was shown in that account. Putting the Probate Court fees into consolidated revenue.
at she sof see-	Surveys and Inspection 8,000.00 6,524.58	BILLS INCURRED BY THEIR PREDECESSORS YEARS BEFORE. The debt of the province must still further increase if the demand exists for large permanent bridges and railway subsidies and if these things are wanted by the people they must face the situation. Everyone must recognize that the Government did very well if they provided for ordinary services of the country out of	ANGIAL STATEMENTS OR AUDITORS' REPORTS. This is Different. Compare that statement with the condition of affairs Nov. 1st, 1908. Public Works overdraft nothing, Provincial Hospital nothing, Crown Lands Department nothing, Receiver General's surplus of \$44,500, NOT ONE SINGLE FIGURE OF WHICH ANY MAN IN THE HOUSE OR IN THE	Administration of Justice. \$21.848 Agriculture. 44.865 Auditor General Dept. 2.800 Boys' Industrial Home. 2.000 Education. .252.194 Education school books. 9.000 Elections. 1.700 Executive Gov. salaries. 38.133 Executive Dept. expenses. 6.612 Factory Inspector. 850 Fish, Forest and Game 28,000 Protection. 28,000 Free grants. 1.000	makes an apparent increase of \$16,000 and expenditures the same. Another item is fire insurance on the Provincial Hospital, \$27,000. Receipts \$30,000. Various items which formerly werk kept in separate accounts totalled \$70,000 leaving the actual receipts over last year \$30,000. Agriculture. A considerable increase would be moticed for agriculture. Much had been said about this industry as the
tlais:	Total	when in opposition its members stated that all services should be paid out of current revenue. Of course such statements had never been made. It could not be done if large undertakings were to be yearly incurred. Government Loans. In August last the Government found that a loan of £300,000 sterling, made by an old administration, and bearing interest at five per cent.	DISPUTE. The government did not for a moment intend that the permanent works could be constructed out of the ordinary revenue, but they did propose that the ordinary expenditure should not exceed the ordinary revenue. Hon, gentlemen opposite never had an ambition like that, and they never attempted to carry it out, they were unable when in power to provide for the ordinary services of the province out of the ordinary revenue. This government had	Immigration	societies were increased \$2,000 be- zause of the larger number of soc- leties that had been organized and WOULD BE ORGANIZED UNDER THE NEW LIFE INFUSED INTO
00 th 19 st 16 m 17 in	iscuss conditions and methods with lem, that it would take the place of istitute meetings and a portion of the year, he presented the following its futures would be devoted to the comission. This had been done. He was glad to say that Emmerson & Maddison would not again appear the provincial accounts. Provincial Hospital. Excess of the expenditure at the rovincial hospital was due to higher those of supplies last year than the following sums: Permanent bridges—\$172,591.89. Wharves and grain elevators—\$2,-00.00.	made arrangements with the Bank of Montreal in London for the redemption of the treasury bill and instituted new bills for £400,000, at three and a half per cent. Advices from banks and financial sources were that the time was not opportune to effect a loan on permanent bonds, and new is sue of treasury bills was floated for six months and matured on 15th February last. Investors today prefer inscribed registered stock to bonds and the former will sell at a better in the state of t	the determination that when they had extended the ordinary revenue for the year ordinary services must be satisfied for that rear because not one single dollar would be allowed them above the current revenue. Hon, gentlemen opposite say he should drop the past; hey say that the old Government was udged by its record and turned out of cower, and we should let the dead was bury its dead, but some of the tentlemen who composed that Gov.	Surveys	MISSION. Already twelve new agri- cultural societies had been organized and applications received for three diditional charters. The Commissioner or Agriculture looked for at least wenty new societies this year and when it was remembered there were only fifty-seven societies before it would be seen how great was the wakening and how beneficial were he results from intelligence, energy, and capability of the new Commis-
ned 4 min. the recirrical three co	Succession Duties. Regarding the succession duties as we departure was made in the payent of the commission for collecting. Ever since the act was passed e Crown officer collecting always celved five per cent for his services respective of the size of that estate, had been argued in the House that ere was a great deal of work in this ere was a great deal of work in the work ere was a great deal of work in the was a great deal of work in this ere was a great deal of work in this ere was a great deal of work in this ere was a great deal of work in this ere was a great deal of work in this ere was a great deal of work	real and other financial centres advis- ed the Government that the time was favorable for issuing such inscribed stock, but as it could not be done with- out the consent of Legislature ar- rangements were made with the Bank of Montreal to carry this £40,000 loan for some time longer at the same low rate of three and a half per cent. He trusted that when the permanent loan for about \$1,250,000 was made I that it would compare favorably with any loan made by the Dominion Gov-	or all time as A RECORD OF THEIR AS A RECORD OF THE	ndustrial Home last year. The new reasurer and Board of Governors was	ocieties and only hope that next year rill have \$12,000 because of the reater number of new societies. Agricultural Education, He believed that the greatest need of the province today and agricultithe province today was agricultate. THAT THE GOVERNMENT TAD MADE A START TO SUPPLY HAT NEED. Nearly a guarter of a
pe ce a s ye wo in in k C+ s a TC t no ke it	rectly justifiable that the five per int should be paid on large estates as measure of compensation. Last ar the Attorney General did the rork and in the case of large estates westmoriand County HE ONLY ARGED 3 1-2 PER CENT AND SO VED CONSIDERABLE MONEY O'THE PROVINCE. Regarding items of dishonored tes while these notes had been tan out of the bank and money paid did not mean that the notes were	An inconvenience. One matter which very materially Saffects interest charges paid by the province is the manner in which the Lrevenue comes in. The Dominion subsidy is received semi-annually on-1st January and ist July. Provincial receipts from January ist to July 1st are very small, consequently of necessity there is a large overdraft at the banks but after territorial revenue begins to come in, soon after July 1. receipts are much greater than p	Taxes inc. companies	or this year. Officials' Salaries. There also appears a slight increase y in the salaries of government officials. In the past in addition to the salary in thich appeared in the Auditor Genral's report, many of the officials were allowed fees which this government has eliminated. Salaries will be aid sufficient to secure capable of clais and no extra fees or allowances of any kind will be permitted.	or education but heretofore not one oblar had gone for agricultural education. We had been educating our oung men away from the farms and to the city and now we want to ght about face. It was recognized that we did not require to give our oung men a three or four year ourse. In fact the ones who most eeded agricultural education could out afford the time nor the money or three or four years' study. Short Courses.
the am per Ra had had had had had had had had had ha	rollectable. It was expected that be viewed by would be collected and the fount paid into revenue. The expected that paid into revenue. The expected that the province had paid for these toks. They owned them, they were that the province had paid for these toks. They owned them, they were that the province had paid for these toks. They owned them, they were that there were only one or two both they are the tould be expected that the RE-there would be large additional sums.	expenditure and consequently there is considerable balance in the banks. In the past the province has received 3 per cent. on Interest on credit bals, ances and had to pay 5 per cent. on overdrafts. He had an idea that the large overdraft absolutely necessary between January and July could be financed at a less rate of interest than 5 per cent., and he made arrangements for a temporary loan for \$200. for 1000 AT 234 PER CENT. which he balaced in the bank a few days ago.	ing arrears	was that forests might be amply rotected from the ravages of fire. THE PROVINCE HAD TODAY HE VALUE OF FOREST LANDS ESTROYED BY FIRE IT CO ULD AY OFF THE ENTIRE DEST. UILD THE ST. JOHN VALLEY ALLWAY AND HAVE MANY MILE TONS OF DOLLARS TO SPEND.	What the Government proposed as to provide an agricultural edu- tion for young farmers in short urses in the witter season and make to COST . WITHIN REACH OF VERY FARMER'S SON. The greatest sed of the province today was edu- ted farmers, you might just as well peet to get best services from an seducated lawyer or doctor as to the the best results from a farm than uneducated farmer. It was so that important that opportunities ould be given the young men of the
wh sho \$40 sur \$44	ole result of the years' co-operation LATE .GOVERNMENT .AND .FOR wing an actual expenditure of .WHICH LEGISLATION BOUND THE .DUS on the years' operation of TER WHAT WAS NOW THOUGHT.	SAVED.	etual cut this year will be much	rger numbers every year, and an processe in receipts from game licenses might confidently be anticipated. Interest Charge.	ovince to come up from the farm de spend the winter months in those urses of instruction in subjects which most appeal to them and when ey get through they could put on

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	Private and local bills	1.000
	Taxes inc. companies	35,000
y	Succession Duties	12,000
e	King's Printer	
e	Liquor Licenses	20,000
)-	Probate Stamps and	
t	Supreme Court fees	16,700
-	Law stamps and sten. fees	
t	Public wharves, half cost	
	from Dominion Gov	6,702
t	Fisheries leases, Quatawan-	
1	Kedgewick River from	
r	Dom. Gov	14.376
n	Provincial Hospital, includ-	
8	ing arrears	25,000
1	Insurance, hospital	
3	Miscellaneous	

2	Administration of Justice\$21.848
8	Agriculture
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	Boys' Industrial Home 2,000
	Education 950 104
	Education school books
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3	Executive Dept. expenses 6,612
d	Factory Inspector 850
1	Fish. Forest and Clame
	Protection 28,000
4	Free grants
됳	Guarantee bonds 1,000
ã	Interest
4	Legislature 35 107
4	Immigration. 5,600 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
ą	Natural History Society 650
á	N. B. Historical Society 125
¢	N. B. Rifle Association 300
ą	N. B. Coal & Ry Invest 4.000
9	Public Health 750
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4	Printing
g	Provincial Hospital maintenance
ı	ance 90,000
8	Public Works
ı	Revisors 1,850
d	Revisors 1,850 Stumpage collection
1	Succession duties collection 600 Surveys 8,000
ı	Surveys 8,000
ı	Superannuation
1	Annuity widow late Deputy