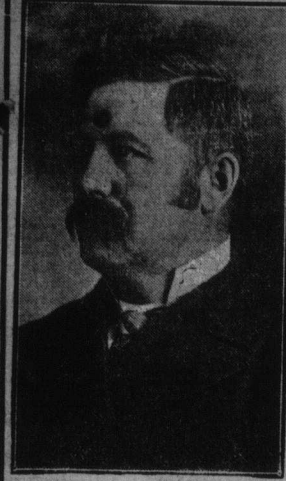


A SURPLUS OF NEARLY \$45,000 IN THE TRANSACTIONS OF THE LAST PROVINCIAL FISCAL YEAR AS SHOWN BY THE BUDGET SPEECH OF HON. MR. FLEMMING IN LEGISLATURE AT FREDERICTON LAST EVENING; THIS IS AN ACTUAL AND REAL SURPLUS WITH POSITIVE NO OVERDRAFTS IN ANY OF THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS



HON. J. K. FLEMMING, Provincial Secretary

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 slightly over two hours.

"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."

Fredericton, April 2.—Hon. Mr. Flemming on the House resuming, submitted the return of the consolidated revenue fund up to March 31st and presented to the Speaker the message from his Honor the Lieutenant Governor, transmitting and recommending estimates for the current year.

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

Hon. Mr. Flemming on rising to move the House into Committee on Supply, said that at the last session in speaking of this motion he had been dealing with a year over which the present Government had not the slightest control.

Hon. Mr. Flemming gave a comparison between the estimates and the actual revenue for 1908, showing the excess in actual receipts over estimated receipts \$45,558, as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Department Name, 1907 Actual, 1908 Actual. Rows include Administration of Justice, Agricultural, Auditor General, etc.

Total... \$1,046,451.89 \$1,042,196.49

Actual expenditure \$4,255.40 less than estimated expenditure. Agricultural Payments. Agricultural exhibitions, and also agricultural commissions. It would be remembered at the last session it was decided that as it would mean the farmers throughout the province and discuss conditions, and methods with them, that it would take the place of Institute meetings and a portion of the funds appropriated for these institutes would be devoted to the commission. This had been done.

Referring to the New Brunswick Coal and Railway. 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.

ACCOUNTS WERE SQUARED UP AND THE GOVERNMENT HAD NOT A SINGLE OVERDRAFT ACCOUNT FOR ONE DOLLAR FOR ANY SERVICE WHATSOEVER ON THE 1ST. NOVEMBER LAST.

Compare that statement with the condition of affairs Nov. 1st, 1908. Provincial Works overdraft nothing, Provincial Hospital nothing, Crown Lands Department nothing, Receiver General's surplus of \$44,500. NOT ONE SINGLE FIGURE OF WHICH ONE MAN IN THE HOUSE OR IN THE COUNTRY COULD GAIN SAY OR DISPUTE.

Government Loans. In August last the Government found that a loan of \$2,300,000 sterling, made by an old administration, and bearing interest at five per cent, would mature.

Turning to the estimate statement, he gave the following statement: Estimated Revenue for 1909. Dominion subsidies... \$821,361. Territorial revenue... 230,000. Fees Prov. Sec'y's Office... 15,000.

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