

HOW IT WAS DONE

The Government Has Never Kept the Expenditure Within the Income—Bills Kept Back Until Accounts of Fiscal Year are Closed—Many Suspicious Transactions—The "Worst is Yet to Come"

Fredericton, N. B., April 3rd, 1914.

How easy it is to have money on hand if you don't pay your bills. That accounts for the government surplus October 31st last of \$12,087.38. And yet the Department of Public Works alone in the month of November following the presentation of this statement paid out nearly \$80,000 for work done on roads and bridges.

Nearly \$80,000! Think of it! In one department of the government this very large amount was paid out as soon as the accounts for the year were closed.

No one, not even the most enthusiastic supporter of the government can imagine for a moment that this amount of work was performed, the bills sent in, checked, and the warrants issued all in the month of November. The people of New Brunswick know that but little work is done upon roads and bridges in the month of November. There is but little and there should be none done upon the roads in the month of October. Therefore the only conclusion to arrive at is that the accounts that should have been included in the year's operations were held back for payment in order that a surplus might be shown. But in order to be fair suppose that \$20,000 worth of work was done in November. That would leave \$60,000 that should have been included in the accounts of 1913. What then becomes of the \$12,087 surplus?

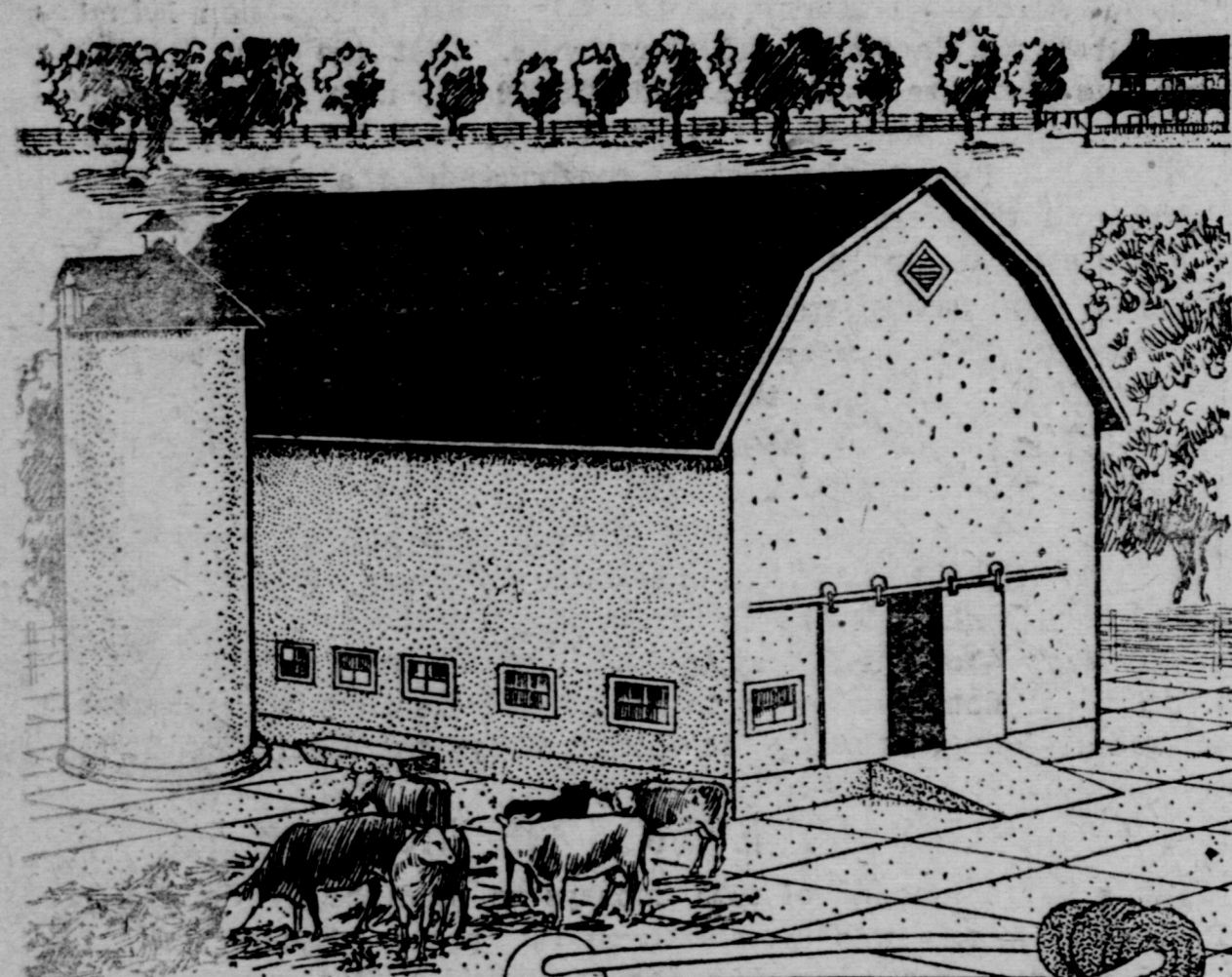
But those who work for the government throughout the province know that the bills are not paid so promptly. The money paid out in November was in all probability not for work done in October but for that done in the summer and early fall months. If all the expenditure of the years accounts no one outside the department can know just what the deficit would have been.

But the department of public works is not the only transgressor in this respect. Only the other day in answer to an inquiry the government said that the Ex. Attorney General—how Judge Grimmer—was paid over \$2,000 on account of the collection of succession duties after the close of the fiscal year. Why after the close of the fiscal year? The money was paid in by the estates

Estate B. Kilburn	\$13,957.00
" Sir James King	2,184.00
" Hazen Copp	1,750.00
" L. C. Dearborn	575.00
1 " P. S. Archibald	1,540.25
" E. G. Kaye	85.00
" Jas. Ready	34,222.72
" Hon. J. V. Ellis	2,581.25
" P. J. McLellan	700.00
" Emma H. Merritt	659.00
" Thos. Gilbert	3,000.00
" James Gaynor	500.00
" C. R. Palmer	825.00
" Sarah Titus	896.00
" Chas. Pickard	1,929.56
" Isabella Yeats	1,062.00
" Fulton McDougall	700.00
" Charlotte Patterson	477.50
" Geo. A. Moore	655.00
" W. A. Hickson	1,500.00
" W. F. Pipes	224.20
" James Byrne	875.00
" Wm. L. Duke	330.00
" C. Smith	3,225.00
" T. W. Thomson	3,000.00
" Jane Ingraham	169.20
" Geo. F. Barnhill	295.00
" Henry Osborne	1,026.00
" Geo. H. White	1,250.00
" H. A. Calhoun	17,000.00
" R. J. Humphrey	805.40
" Dr. W. T. Black	60.00
	\$38,043.08

The money was there for Mr. Grimmer. Why then did he not take it? But he only took \$2,520 while the five per cent upon the amount collected, \$38,000, in round figures, was \$4,900. Here was \$2,380 that should have been added to the expenditure for the year but Attorney General Grimmer was only paid his percentage upon the following collections. (See Auditor's Report page 156).

W. A. Hickson	\$ 75.00
Sir J. King	103.20
Louise C. Deraborn	28.75
Hazen Copp	87.50
James Hodge	68.75
W. T. Pipes	11.21
James Byrne	43.75
W. L. Duke	16.50
C. Smith	161.25
T. W. Thomson	150.00
Jane Ingraham	8.46



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G. E. Barnhill	14.75
Henry Osborne	51.30
G. H. White	62.50
H. A. Calhoun	850.00
B. Kilburn	522.85
P. J. Humphrey	40.27
Isabel Yeats	53.10
W. F. Black	2.50
W. McDougall	35.00
C. Patterson	23.88
G. A. Moore	32.75
P. A. Archibald	66.76
E. G. Kaye	4.25
	\$2,520.28

If any one will take the trouble to check off the names he will find that Mr. Grimmer permitted his percentage from the duties collected from the estates of James Ready, Hon. J. V. Ellis, P. J. McLellan, Emma H. Merritt, Thomas Gilbert, James Gaynor, C. R. Palmer, Sarah Titus and Chas. Pickard to remain in the hands of the provincial treasurer until after the close of the fiscal year and this amount of over \$2,000 was added to the surplus.

This is not the first time the same thing has been done. Year after year this government has been boasting of its surplus—except the famous \$56,000 deficit year—and they have not kept the expenditure really within the income in any one year. And yet that was one of their strong pleas for public support when they sought power. "The expenditure must not exceed the income" was one of their campaign cries and notwithstanding the fact that they have half a million more revenue every year, the sum total of their deficits is far in excess of their small imaginary surpluses.

To give another example of their keeping back accounts. The Duke of Connaught was entertained in Fredericton in August 1912 at a cost of over two thousand dollars. Was this expenditure included in the accounts which closed October 31st following? No. They were held back in great part and were not paid until after the close of that fiscal year. They appear in this year's report of the Auditor General.

This shows how the accounts are juggled to show surpluses. The new provincial secretary in his budget speech boasts of their new system of bookkeeping—of the absence of

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suspense accounts, etc. In the light of the facts what are his words worth? If ever the province needed an independent audit of its accounts it is to-day. If all the bills were in and settled to-day there would be mighty little to spend before October 31st, 1914, and have a clean sheet.

But there won't be an accounting until the people change their minds and place new men in control. Only six years in office and what a record of helplessness and extravagance! They were going to make all things right with a million of revenue, as the old government had and to-day with \$1,500,000 every year they are resorting to such petty subterfuges as are shown above to make the expenditures appear within the income.

The members of the old government had their faults but as adopts in deceiving the people they were only in the Kindergarten class with the gentlemen now in control.

There are only two men in opposition in the House and they are able to speak but little English. Yet they have made over one hundred inquiries of the government respecting transactions in which the people are interested. They have been sneered at by the Government press because they asked for information and the ministers, with the exception of the Attorney General and the Minister of Agriculture, have evaded replying frankly and fully to their questions. But in spite of this they have persisted and much information has been obtained in the end.

It is natural for an opposition to inquire into anything that appears suspicious and perhaps it is natural for a government to avoid giving facts that will damage it in the eyes of the people. But the people have a right to the facts. They will come out sometime if not when they



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are in power when they are out of power. The reason why there are so many inquiries is because there are so many suspicious transactions. Not one-tenth of them have been inquired into.

To show how loose and extravagant are the methods in the greatest spending department look over this information giving the estimated cost of the work upon certain bridges and the actual cost of the work to date. It may astonish people to read it but the facts were brought out by one of the inquiries sneered at. Bear in mind that there is no statement that the work is yet completed but simply the expenditure to date. Perhaps "the worst is yet to come."

Name of Bridge	Esti. Cost	Expendi.
Horn Bridge	\$865.00	\$3,266.59
North River Break-water	400.00	804.03
Medunakeag Mouth	125.00	838.06
Marie (Jean)	1,000.00	2,263.75
Meenan Cove	750.00	1,050.77
Stewart Mill Brook	1,500.00	1,760.37
Baker Lake	2,600.00	3,739.08
Burnt Church River Mouth	1,200.00	1,970.00
Bel River Bar Protection	3,600.00	4,644.81
Thoroughfare	600.00	1,621.29
Marysville	1,200.00	1,663.35

What would a business man say if an architect or a builder gave him an estimate upon a building and the cost was twice as much. Would he employ such a man again? Not likely. What do the people think of the Minister of Public Works who does things in the same way? Will they employ him again? Not likely.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

From the Sentinel
April 14th, 1894

On Friday evening a number of his friends met Mr. W. P. Hunt, in the reception hall of the Wilbur. Mr. W. W. Hay was called to the chair and, after delivering an excellent impromptu address, in which he emphasized the feelings of regret with which the intended departure of Mr. Hunt was regarded, on behalf of his friends, presented that gentleman with a handsome diamond ring and a set of pearl studs.

Mr. Hunt made a feeling reply, in acknowledgment, expressing the satisfaction derived from his residence in Woodstock and the hope that at some future day he might return here.

Previous to retiring from the principalship of the Woodstock Grammar school, Mr. Steeves applied to Dr. Selwyn, for a full line of specimens of Canadian minerals for the use of the school. The minerals have just reached Woodstock, and must prove of great value to the Grammar School; the principal, Mr. Harrison, pronounces the specimens fine ones.

J. T. A. Dibblee, after spending a few days in town, returned to his Legislative duties, on Wednesday.

A Minot, North Dakota, paper has an account, with highly complimentary allusions, of the re-election for the third time to the office of mayor of Mr. Allan Tompkins, a former resident of Carleton County.

Mrs. Bisbrow, Lynn, Mass., was in Woodstock, Saturday, on her return home from Hartland, where she had been to accompany the remains of her mother, which were laid beside those of her son in the Hartland graveyard.

Rev. G. M. Campbell, St. John, and Mrs. Campbell, arrived in town on Saturday, and remained, the guests of Mrs. Jas. Watts, till Tuesday morning. On Sunday Mr. Campbell preached, morning and evening, in the Methodist church, to large congregations.

Mr. A. F. Garden, of Garden Bros, returned home on Friday last, after an extended tour of some ten months, during which he visited the chief cities and towns of Canada including those on the Pacific coast. Mr. Garden is well and looks as if his trip had been an enjoyable, and healthy one.

The adjourned meeting for establishment of a Board of Trade, was held on Tuesday evening. There was quite a large and representative gathering of business men present. The formalities as to securing a charter, etc., having been fully completed with, the corporators were in a position to proceed to organization of the board, whereupon the following gentlemen were elected by ballot:

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Council—John Graham, Wm. Dibblee, W. P. Jones, C. D. Dickinson, C. L. Tiley, Alex. Henderson, U. R. Hanson, W. W. Hay.

A Board of Trade for Woodstock has been incorporated and organized. There was some forty business men, representing the several commercial and industrial enterprises of the town, present at the meeting Tuesday night. The list of officers appointed is given elsewhere. The chief officers are clever young business men and this is a promising feature, and the selection of councillors was a good one.

The druggist business has been honored in the selection of president and vice; this should assure the healthfulness of the movement.

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