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A WARNING SOUNDED

If there is a single thinking resident of New Brunswick who had not previously become alarmed, the address of Hon. A. A. Dyrart in the Legislature a few days ago should be sufficient to open his eyes to the dangerous state of affairs now existing. The opposition leader spoke, making political capital out of the misfortune of his opponents, but as a man thoroughly worried over the predicament in which his province finds itself.

As pointed out by Mr. Dyrart the provincial debt is now more than \$55,000,000, and over \$3,000,000 is required annually to pay the interest on it. The extravagance of the present administration is responsible for the excessive size of the debt. When times were good and funds were plentiful, they not only spent money like drunken sailors, but they also alienated the resources of the province which might have been expected to be big revenue producers.

As a result, the province is now very badly in the hole, and without any apparent means of getting out of it. Mr. Dyrart's plea for strict economy will be echoed by every taxpayer. So will his statement that the present time is not one for imposition of more taxes, especially direct taxes on the people.

The government is in somewhat the same position as most of the business houses find themselves. It no longer finds its income requisite to its needs. Its revenue is less than its expenditures. It will have to do like the business houses have done and cut its expenditures.

If, however, a business house found itself in a similar position through the mismanagement and extravagance of its directors, it is altogether probable that the first shareholders meeting would turn that board of directors out and choose a new one. New Brunswick needs a new board of directors, and needs it badly.

STARTED SOMETHING

D. Leo Dolan, head of the New Brunswick Government's publicity service, started something when he contributed an article to Maclean's Magazine on the high price of hockey in the Maritimes. Mr. Dolan alleged that the cost of running hockey teams in five of the leading hockey towns in the Maritimes would not be less this season than \$100,000. He further stated that several of the players were drawing salaries of \$75 a week or upwards, and charged by implication at least, that the brand of hockey as played in these provinces is amateur only in name.

Mr. Dolan's article has provoked a storm of protest from hockey moguls all over the Maritimes. One or two of these come from officials who seem to feel that they and their clubs have really been unjustly accused, and it may be that there is some basis for their complaint. In the most cases, however, the protests sound more like bluster than anything

DOESN'T LOOK LIKE BUSINESS

The Saint John Common Council and the Saint John Board of School Trustees are at loggerheads over the purchase of a quantity of desks. The school board wants to purchase the desks in Sussex, while the council says they must be bought in Saint John. The quotation received from the Sussex firm is roughly about twenty per cent less than that of their Saint John competitor. The feeling between the two bodies, judging by the newspaper reports of their deliberations, is keen, and some of the statements made by members of the council were sufficiently heated to be almost lacking in dignity.

It is Saint John's own business, of course, where and at what price it buys its desks. One would think, however, that a dangerous precedent would be set if the rule is laid down that articles required by the board must be purchased in Saint John regardless of the market value of the commodity.

Perhaps Saint John could take a lesson from some of the smaller towns. In Woodstock a few weeks ago the town council and the school board did not see precisely eye to eye on the question of expenditures for the coming year. The two bodies got together and talked things over. Some result of the conference was shown immediately and it is possible that greater results will follow, and at the same time a clearer understanding between the board and the council was brought about.

Perhaps the method is too simple to appeal to the great minds which run large cities, but to the man in the street it looks more sensible.

A REAL ASSET

The new motor pumper passed its first severe test in service in Woodstock on Monday with flying colors. Its value to the town was well demonstrated when it enabled the fire in

the Dunbar Foundry to be controlled quickly and with a minimum of loss to property. The blaze was an ugly looking one and if the pressure had been poor it is altogether probable that another of Woodstock's industries would now be lying in ruins, and it is possible that other property would also have been destroyed. Citizens who saw the machine in action and noted its effects can hardly fail to have a greater feeling of security, and a knowledge that there is now a real protection against the fire menace.

HISTORY REPEATS

Following is an extract from a bulletin issued by the Ford Co., to its dealers:
"It is a gloomy moment in history. Not for many years—not in the lifetime of most men who read this paper—has there been so much gray and deep apprehension; never has the future seemed so incalculable as at this time. In our own country there is universal commercial prostration and panic, and thousands of our poorest fellow-citizens are turned out against the winter without employment and without the prospect of it."

In France the political caldron seethes and bubbles with uncertainty. Russia hanes as usual like a cloud dark and silent upon the horizon of Europe, while all the energies, resources and influences of the British Empire are sorely tried and are yet to be tried more sorely in coping with the vast and deadly Indian rebellion and with its disturbed relations in China.

It is a solemn moment and none and no man can feel an indifference (which happily no man pretends to feel) in the issue of events. Of our own troubles no man can

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see the end. They are fortunately as yet mainly commercial; and if we are only to lose money and by painful poverty to be taught wisdom—the wisdom of honour, of faith, of sympathy and of charity—no man need seriously to despair. And yet the very haste to be rich, which is the occasion of this widespread calamity, has also tended to destroy the moral forces with which we are to resist and subdue the calamity."

The foregoing article appeared in "Harper's Weekly," Volume 1, page 642, of the issue of October 10, 1857—nearly 75 years ago. Please read it again now that you know it describes the world situation nearly three quarters of a century ago. Could it not be taken word for word as describing today's situation? Yet, following this gloomy statement about a very gloomy state of affairs, the world made the greatest progress in history.

LADIES' BRIDGE

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion B. E. S. L. will hold a ladies afternoon bridge on Thursday, March 17. Price and place to be announced later.

Bargains in Trunks and Luggage on Dollar Days—F. L. ATHERTON.

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Charles Henderson, who retired a few years ago after a long period as conductor with the C. P. R. was a life-long friend of Saunders and was on the same train for a great many years.

Saunders is a charter member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, which was organized at Vanceboro in 1887. He was born at Dunbarton, Charlotte County, in 1865, when his father, W. J. Saunders, was section foreman on the C. P. R. He moved to Woodstock and was married in 1889 to Mary Maud Davidson, who passed away in 1912. Mr. and Mrs. Saunders had two sons, Arthur and Walter, both Great War veterans, who reside in St. Stephen. Arthur is customs officer at the international bridge.

Although Saunders is in his 67th year, he is enjoying the best of health and looks twenty years young.

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Quaker Oats 1ge.	4 pkgs.	"
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Dairy Salt	12 for	"
P. & G. Soap	28 for	"
Rolled Oats	25 lb	"
Rice	13 lb	"
Sliced Pineapple	9 for	"
Fairy Soap	20 for	"
Kraft Cheese	4 lb	"
Large 40-50 Prunes	10 lb	"
Smoked Fillets	10 lb	"
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