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Budget Brought Down in Legislature This Afternoon

Hon. Mr. Leger Estimates a Deficit of \$671,317 on the Financial Transactions of the Year—Increased Subsidy Recommended by the Duncan Report Will Almost Fill the Gap—More Money for Road Patrol and the Encouragement of Tourist Travel.

An Estimated revenue of \$4,160,524, expenditures totalling \$4,831,841, and a deficit on current account of \$671,317, were the outstanding features of the budget brought down in the Legislature this afternoon by Hon. Antoine J. Leger, the Provincial Secretary-Treasurer. It is Hon. Mr. Leger's second budget since his acceptance of office in the Baxter administration in September, 1925. Last year he estimated a deficit of \$700,000, but some nice windfalls fell into the hands of the government, and this together with vigorous use of the pruning knife and a firm grip kept on the debit side of the ledger, enabled the administration to emerge at the end of the year with a deficit of only \$61,000, even after the Valley Railway interest had been provided for out of current revenue. Whether or not the government will be equally fortunate during the coming year time alone can determine. Should the Duncan report be implemented by legislation, \$600,000 of the estimated deficit will disappear right off the bat, and the Provincial Secretary-Treasurer, while very cautious in compiling his estimates, entertains the hope that he may possibly have a Christmas box for the people in the form of a substantial surplus. In the meantime he is not making any promises and economy will be his watchword during the remainder of the fiscal year.

REVENUE ITEMS

Last year the revenue was \$4,382,655.02, while this year the estimate is \$4,160,534.00, a decrease of \$222,121.02. The Department of Lands and Mines estimates an increase of \$138,561, due to the boost in the stumpage rate, but in the Department of the Provincial Secretary there is an estimated decrease of \$452,199.93. Last year taxes for two years amounting to \$238,000 was collected from the C. N. R. but this year only \$119,000 will be paid in by that railway. Succession duties last year totalled the respectable sum of \$595,372.77, while this year the estimate is \$300,000 or a little more than one half of the amount collected last year. Still succession duties is not an easy item to estimate and the collections may be greater than expected. Last year the receipts from the gasoline tax, which became effective on May 1st, amounted to \$144,359.85, while this year an increase to \$225,000 is looked for.

Expenditure Side.

The expenditure for the fiscal year has been estimated at \$4,831,841, an increase of \$337,662.54 over the actual expenditure of last year. The sinking fund is increased from \$175,799 to \$208,703, and while it is a charge on the revenue it does not mean an increased expenditure. The appropriation for agriculture is increased by \$40,000, an increase which should meet with general approval. In the Department of Lands and Mines there is an increase of \$45,000 forest service and colonization, getting the bulk of it. In the Department of Public Works the item of road patrol is increased from \$251,000 to \$300,000, and ordinary roads from \$211,089.64 to \$275,000. For ordinary bridges the appropriation is a trifle less than last year. In the Department of Health there is an increase of \$7,000 as compared with last year, and the increase for education is \$15,000. In the Department of the Provincial Secretary-Treasurer there is an increase of nearly \$27,000 in the item for consolidation of the statutes. The amount appropriated for development of tourist travel is increased from \$7,500 to \$25,000. The sum of \$3,000 is to be set aside to defray the cost of a survey of the mentally defective. Other items for this department are about the same as last year.

The estimated cost of prohibition enforcement has been reduced from \$86,282.68 to \$60,000, and the estimate for Motor Vehicle law is increased from \$353,956.39 to \$423,120.

Of the estimated expenditure of \$4,831,841 the sum of \$2,708,840 is authorized by law and the balance of \$2,123,001 is to be voted by the Legislature.

Well Governed Province.

Truro, N. S., News: Premier Baxter's Government in our sister Province of New Brunswick has a surplus of current revenue over current expenditure for the fiscal year, amounting to \$230,000, the largest since Confederation. It is also very gratifying to note that for the first time in many years the expenditure in the several departments was kept well within the legislative appropriations.

Mrs. N. N. Walsh of Chatham is a guest at the Barker House.

TWO YEARS AND TEN LASHES FOR WM. LANGLEY

Stiff Sentence For Indecent Assault on Little Girl Last Autumn in This City.

William Langley was sentenced Thursday afternoon by His Honor Judge Slipp to a term of two years in the penitentiary and ten lashes at the expiration of the first year. Sentence was imposed late in the afternoon. The prisoner did not appear to be greatly affected.

The offence for which the sentence was imposed was attempted assault on a girl under the age of fifteen years. It was committed last autumn. The accused has been under arrest ever since, his case having been transferred from one court to another and delayed for various reasons.

PETITION TO WIND UP THE BESCO CONCERN

Halifax, N. S., March 17—The application of the National Trust Company receiver and manager of the British Empire Steel Corporation, for leave to petition for the winding up of the company was today taken under advisement by Mr. Justice Chisholm, of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, with the intimation that a decision would be rendered speedily. In elaborating the reasons for the application, G. R. Munnoch, of Toronto, representing the National Trust Company contended that in the opinion of the receiver and manager, the interests of all could be secured best by liquidating both the British Empire Steel Corporation and the Dominion Steel Corporation and held that the court need not concern itself with the merits or demerits of the decision reached.

ACCUSED OF BOLSHEVISTIC ACTIVITY

German Suspect Taken Into Custody on His Arrival at Manila.

(Special cable to The Daily Mail by the British United Press)

Manila, March 18—Secret service officers today arrested Rudolph Hildebrand, a German subject who arrived from San Francisco aboard the steamer President Cleveland, charging him with Bolshevist activity. Hildebrand was declared as a priest.

The Cleveland docked today and the arrest was made immediately presumably upon the order of Governor General Leonard Wood. Hildebrand will be held for investigation.

N. B. ALLIANCE INTERVIEWED HOUSE MEMBERS

President Fraser Warns His Organization to Expect No Aid From Opposition — Deficit Was Reported.

The annual meeting of the New Brunswick Temperance Alliance came to a close Thursday afternoon with the last business session. Officers were elected as follows:

President, Donald Fraser, Plaster Rock; Vice-president, C. N. Vroom, St. Stephen; Treasurer, W. G. Clark, Fredericton; Secretary, Rev. I. A. Corbett, Fredericton.

Executive: Rev. H. A. Goodwin, Saint John; J. M. Lemont and Rev. Dr. J. S. Sutherland, Fredericton; Rev. C. T. Clark, Fairville; Ald. Moses Mitchell, Fredericton; Mrs. Effie Bruce, Campbellton; Miss Clara R. Fullerton, Saint John; T. A. Clark, Newcastle; Hanford Price, Moncton; W. B. Evans, M. P. P., Miramichi.

Adjourned to House

On the adjournment of the afternoon session the delegates repaired to the House of Assembly where the members of the House were interviewed concerning their stand on the expected liquor legislation.

The report of the treasurer, Mayor W. G. Clark of this city, showed a deficit of \$2,751.84.

President Fraser informed the Alliance in session that its members need not depend on the Opposition to defeat the Government liquor bill.

James Lewis, M. P. P., of Saint John announced his intention to oppose the bill.

GENERAL STRIKE IS CALLED FOR THE WEEK-END

(Special cable to The Daily Mail by the British United Press)

London, March 18—A general strike has been called in Shanghai for Saturday and Sunday as a test to see whether a strike for a long period would be practicable. E. Ashmead-Bartlett, the Daily Telegraph's correspondent reported today.

Ashmead-Bartlett cabled that the Cantonese had occupied Lishui and that guerilla bands had cut the Shanghai-Nanking railroad again above Soochow.

Moncton Transcript: Miss Vandynne, Sackville received a cable from England, Saturday, stating that Dr. J. M. Palmer and his wife had arrived safely in Oxford, England after a good passage.

MUSSOLINI MAY ACCEPT INVITATION

Will Likely Send an Observer to the Geneva Conference.

**NO CHOICE
IS YET MADE**

Name of the Chief of Naval Staff is Mentioned.

(Special cable to The Daily Mail by the British United Press)

Rome, March 18—Premier Mussolini today was inclined to accept President Coolidge's invitation to send an observer to the forthcoming naval limitations conference at Geneva.

The Italian reply has not been completed and no choice of an observer has been made although it was believed that Italy would send an Admiral, perhaps Alfredo Acton the present chief of Naval Staff, or Admiral Thaon Di Reval or Admiral Solari.



HON. G. S. HARRINGTON, K.C., Minister of Works and Mines in the Nova Scotia Legislature, who has introduced an amendment to the Coal Mines Regulations Act in the Legislative Assembly. The proposal calls for an eight-hour day for miners and an embargo upon the importation of mine-workers from outside the province.

DOUBT ABOUT LENGTH OF THE ADJOURNMENT

Suggested That House Meet Monday Night—Hon. J. E. Michaud May Open Debate on Budget.

With the budget being brought down this afternoon by the Provincial Secretary-Treasurer, Hon. A. J. Leger, and the entire afternoon being devoted to his presentation of the finances, there is some doubt concerning the length of the week-end adjournment. It has been suggested in certain quarters that it be until Monday night instead of Tuesday afternoon but that had not been decided when the House resumed this afternoon.

A speaker on the Opposition side will follow Hon. Mr. Leger upon the House resuming after adjournment. If Hon. J. E. Michaud is able to take his seat it is likely that he will be the speaker.

The Provincial Government in session today dealt with matters of routine.

Writer of Adventure Stories.

Paul F. Kuhring a former undergraduate at the University of New Brunswick has entered the world of letters as a writer of stories of adventure. The well known American publication "Adventure" which is widely circulated here has published several stories written by him. He writes under the pen-name of L. Paul. He is now located in Ottawa.

Capture of Nanking By Cantonese Army Seems to be Imminent

Northern Chinese Forces are Preparing to Make a Desperate Stand — Position of Shanghai Would Become Perilous if Nanking Should Fall—Labor Troubles in Shanghai Increase.

(Special to the Daily Mail by the British United Press)

SHANGHAI, March 18—Capture of Nanking by the Cantonese was reported imminent today after the fall of Wu Kiang and Iching to the Nationalists. Northern forces defending Nanking prepared to make a desperate stand in that city, the capture of which would make the already perilous position of Shanghai still more critical.

A general strike was believed to be near in Shanghai as labor troubles increased to serious proportions.

Terrorists were intimidating laborers in the city. Strikes were gaining headway, with 15,000 reported out of work. Labor murders have occurred almost daily. Police accused provisional court judges of being intimidated into releasing gunmen.

A Big Advantage

Capture of Nanking would give the Nationalist armies a new advantage in their drive to cross the Yangtze River. Nanking is on the river north-west of Shanghai and once they had it in their possession the Cantonese would be in a position to push across Kiangsu Province to the Yellow Sea cutting off Chang Chung-Chang's Army at Shanghai from its northern allies.

Nanking is a terminal of the only railroad connecting Shanghai with Northern China and its fall virtually would isolate Chang Chung-Chang from his chief Chang Tso-Lin.

FINAL ACTION ON HYDRO IS IN DOUBT

Augusta, Me., March 17—After a protracted session last night, the joint committees on the so-called hydro electric bill, the most important measure before the present Maine Legislature, adjourned in a deadlock.

The proposed legislation is based upon the abolishing of the so-called Fernald Law, which prohibits the exportation of hydro electric energy out of the State and several different bills in modification have been presented.

The vote last night was upon the so-called Smith bill, which provides for the exportation of such energy as is not needed and under restrictions by a holding organization claimed to fully protect all Maine interests. The vote on the bill was tied but all members were not present. It is predicted that final action on the general measure is doubtful at this term of the legislature.

FLIGHT PLANE RETURNED TO THE ISLAND

(Special to the Daily Mail by British United Press)

Buenos Aires, March 18—The Portuguese trans-Atlantic flight plane which left the Island of Fernando Noronhi for the mainland of Brazil this morning returned at 11.55 a. m. and alighted about two miles off the island, according to a despatch received here.

Mrs. M. O'Brien of Saint John is a guest at the Barker House.

WILL CREATE TWO VACANT JUDGESHIPS

Ottawa, March 18—When the legislation which is now before Parliament goes through there will be two vacant judgeships on the Bench of the Supreme Court of Canada one caused by the retirement of Mr. Justice Ildington who is ten years over the newly prescribed age limit and the other by the enlargement of the court from six to seven judges.

For the prospective Ontario vacancy, there are presentations on behalf of Mr. Justice Riddell and Mr. Justice Middleton of the Supreme Court of that province, although others of the Ontario judiciary are also mentioned, notably Justices Wright and Smith.

The new judgeship, to be filled from the West will it be believed go to Chief Justice Mathers of Manitoba although Mr. Justice Martin of the Supreme Court of Saskatchewan is also spoken of.

DOC. COOK IS PAROLLED

Fort Worth, Texas, March 17—Dr. Frederick A. Cook, explorer and oil stock promoter, was granted a parole today from the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth by Judge James O. Wilson, of the United States District Court.

Cook was sentenced in 1923 for misuse of the mails in promoting oil companies. Dr. Cook has been in poor health and this was one of the reasons why he applied for a parole.

Rev. Father Donohoe of Johnville, Carleton County, is in the city.