

THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC HAS REDUCED ITS PUBLIC DEBT BY FIVE MILLIONS

Quebec, Aug. 10.—The Province of Quebec spent 14,659,495.17 on the public debt during the fiscal year ending June 30 last, according to the financial statement of the Provincial Treasury which shows that ordinary receipts for the year amounted to \$30,924,997.01 while total receipts reached the unprecedented figure of \$54,627,477.70.

The extra \$23,702,480.69 is made up of receipts from various water powers of the province; the Good Roads Act, the Public Charities Fund, tolls collected on the Bastian and Ile Perrot bridges, trust funds and deposits, refunds on loans to municipalities re workmen's dwellings, deferred payments by the Banque d'Hochelaga; temporary loans; roads Act Loans, etc.

The Public Charities Fund enriched the coffers of the Province by \$1,775,379.73 while the amount collected for construction and maintenance of bridges on Ile Perrot reached \$1,376,699.64.

The St. Maurice Waters storage contributed \$1 to the Provincial revenue, but the Lake Kenogami and Metis River storages were more remunerative the former paying \$129.75 and Metis \$899.32.

Under the heading of temporary loans, provincial receipts amounted to \$6,750,000 while Good Roads Loan under 13 Geo. V. Chap. 34 accounts for \$7,287,525 with Roads Act Loan under 16 Geo. V. Chap. 31 as amended being credited with \$2,970,930.

Trust Funds, Deposits.

Trust funds and deposits amounted to \$1,376,699.64 while deferred payments re Banque d'Hochelaga are tabulated as \$139,899.83 with loans to municipalities re workmen's dwellings amounting to \$4,765.88. Tolls on the Batiscau Bridge were \$35,000 but the Ile Perrot bridges more than doubled that amount their revenue being \$85,500.

The ordinary receipts show that revenue from lands and forests reached \$6,601,146.18; from the Alcoholic Liquor Act (trade account), \$4,500,000; Mines, Fisheries and Game \$881,614.79; administration of justice, buildings and jury fund law stamps, fees, etc., \$787,740.68; licenses, hotel shops, etc. \$1,472,029.13; taxes on commercial corporations, etc., \$2,523,931.36; succession duties \$3,653,897.66; motor vehicle law \$3,321,814.56; gasoline, duties and fees \$1,285,654.28; reformatory and

industrial schools \$194,013.28; maintenance of insane \$634,093.43; legislation \$25,244.89; registration stamps \$312,814.10 and minor revenues \$725,340.96.

Roads were the biggest item of expenditure during the year \$5,598,000 being utilized in this respect while public instruction including night schools which come second in the list of expenses cost \$2,753,615.21. Agriculture cost \$1,800,500.

Public works cost \$1,138,378.35; \$363,888.80 on health; \$95,600 on labor; \$1,610,972.80 on lands and forests; \$1,048,495.31 on colonization; \$60,050 on immigration and charities with the latter getting \$30,050.

Lunatic asylums cost the province \$1,428,541.02 for maintenance during the year while reformatory and industrial schools cost over \$200,000 more than their revenue, the upkeep amounting to \$420,000 as compared with revenue of \$194,013.43. Miscellaneous services cost \$798,548.23 during the year, swelling the ordinary expenditure to \$29,078,702.89.

Water Storages Deficit.

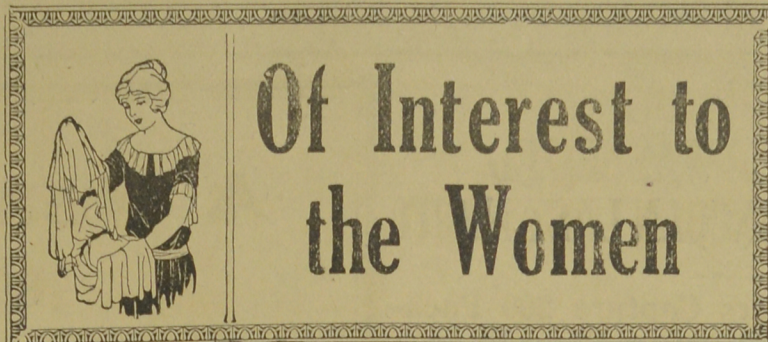
While the various water storages brought in revenue of slightly over \$1,000 during the year, no less than \$62,055.40 was expended on them, leaving the province \$61,000 on the bad side of the ledger.

The Montreal Court House annex cost \$316,473.60 during the year, while that of Quebec used \$305,118.14. The new gaol in the district of Montreal cost \$331,624.18 while a new court house and gaol in the district of Pontiac amounted to \$134,788.20 the cost of construction of a new court house and gaol at Ville Marie amounting to \$5,597.50.

Loans paid of totalled \$17,352,318.64 one of them being the \$4,000,000 loan authorized under Act 10 Geo. V. Chap. 3; the second being the loan of \$3,352,318.64 authorized under Act 11, Geo. V., Chap. 3 and the remaining \$10,000,000 being classified under temporary loans.

The province spent \$1,590,539.60 under the Public Charities Fund, while the singing fund under 14 Geo. V., Chap. 3, La Banque d'Hochelaga is listed at \$439,899.83.

After \$1,000,000 was deducted for the reduction of the provincial debt a balance of \$2,261,661.65 was in the banks on June 30 last according to the financial statement which is signed by A. P. B. Williams assistant Provincial Treasurer and Jos. Morin, Provincial Auditor.



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PAYS TO KNOW.

To prevent shoes from mildewing in a dark closet during warm damp weather keep them on shoe trees or stuffed with paper and placed in a well ventilated, dry light place. If any mildew is found wash it off with warm water and soap or simply wipe off and dry the leather well afterward.

Foods which have to be carved should be served on platters large enough to insure ample room. Foods which may have their appearance spoiled during the carving operation should not be placed around a roast.

A weak solution of washing soda boiled in tin and enamel cooking utensils will remove any food which may have stuck to them. Soda never should be used on aluminum.

A watery meringue often is due to baking at too high temperature. This has a tendency to brown the meringue over the top before the egg white is baked through causing a watery layer to form next to the custard filling. Put the pudding or pie covered with meringue into a very slow oven and allow about twenty minutes to cook it.

In selecting figured curtain materials choose conventional designs that will stand the test of being looked at day after day. Sprawling designs tend to make the window look shorter and broader. Stripes increase the apparent height and if used in excess give a stiff uncomfortable effect.

BERRY SALAD SUPREME.

Two level tablespoons gelatin, one cup cold water, two cups boiling water, two cups mild vinegar, one cup sugar, one teaspoonful salt one cup berries; one cup other fruit.

Soak gelatin in cold water and dissolve in the boiling water. Add sugar and stir until dissolved; add vinegar and salt. Allow jelly to thicken somewhat then stir prepared fruit through and turn into wet mold. Serve on lettuce with mayonnaise.

BERRY MARSHMALLOW.

Two level tablespoons gelatin one half cup cold water, one cup boiling water, one half cup orange juice or canned pineapple juice, two tablespoonfuls lemon juice, one cup sugar, three cups strawberries, raspberries or loganberries; two egg whites, stiffly beaten; one dozen marshmallows, few grains salt.

Soak gelatin in cold water five minutes and dissolve in boiling water add half the sugar, orange and lemon juice. Mash berries with remaining sugar. Add to first mixture. Let stand until slightly thickened and then beat thoroughly. Add marshmallows cut in quarters and then fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Pile in glasses and garnish with whole berries.

BERRY NESTS.

One level tablespoons gelatin, one fourth cup cold water one cup boiling water, one fourth cup lemon juice, three fourths cup sugar, whites of two eggs.

Soak gelatin in cold water five minutes, dissolve in boiling water, add sugar, lemon juice and salt and the grated rind of the lemon. Strain and when beginning to thicken beat and add a few drops green coloring add whites of eggs beaten very stiff and continue beating. Turn into shallow cups and when firm unmold scoop out centers and fill with sugared strawberries or raspberries. Or turn lemon sponge in wet mold and serve with a berry sauce.

Scalloped Potatoes and Eggs.

2 hard boiled eggs
2 cups diced cooked potatoes
1-2 cup minced ham
1-2 cups white sauce
3-4 cup bread crumbs
1 tablespoon butter

Slice the eggs and arrange in a baking dish in alternate layers with the diced potatoes. Sprinkle each layer with the minced ham and cover with the white sauce. Sprinkle the top with crumbs, dot with butter and bake in moderate oven until

the crumbs are brown. One half cupful of grated cheese may be substituted for the minced ham.

POTATO SURPRISE.

Bake large potatoes cut off tops, remove inside, put through ricer, season with salt, pepper and butter; return to shells leaving a slight depression in tops, break an egg carefully on top of each and return to oven baking long enough to pounce egg. Garnish with parsley.

A LAKE IN THE MOUNTAINS.

I know a lake in the mountains
And it is only far
Enough from the patterned highways
To mirror the morning star
And blue heights crowned forever
And on its surface plies
Between the dawn and darkness
God's squadrons of the skies.

From its blue depths are threaded
Wide tapestries of dreams
Snow water's end, beginning
Of less unearthly streams
It takes and gives forever—
And some of it must be
At last a bright wedge driven
Into a distant sea.

And only by muddled waters
Is depth's deception spread—
But here real depth by clearness
Is best interpreted.
And in the depth is beauty
No secret current mars;
Unending springs feed upward
To sunlight or the stars.

I know a lake in the mountains—
And not a heart can see
All that it is and never
Remember wistfully
Seeking somehow the power
To keep its depth as clear
Yearning sometimes the magic
To hold the skies as near.

GLENN WARD DREBACH in New York Sun.

LOST OPPORTUNITIES.

I would I were a botanist and not the very rottenest
O superficial dabblers in the mysteries of plants;
The jungle is my dwelling place—a green and sweetly smelling place

All full of lovely growing things that shame my ignorance
A thousand gorgeous genuses of flowers as fair as Venuses
Are clustered in my dooryard and are climbing up my wall;
Of species and variety I've got a huge satiety,
But if you ask me what they are I do not know at all!

Were I an ornithologist or even an entomologist
How entertainingly I'd write of bees and bugs and birds!
Of singing so seraphical my language would be graphical—
But though the music pleases me I do not know the words

In many hues appareling, melodiously carolling,
The forest's feathered choristers arouse me with the sun,
And many sorts of butterfly around my screen and shutter fly,
And I admire these creatures but I know the names of none.

And there be beasts crepuscular and creatures quick and muscular
That rustle in the twilight and that bustle in the dawn;
Some prowling, melancholy ox has eaten up my hollyhocks
(Or maybe they are peonies—at any rate, they've gone).

Some squirrel has stolen specimens of all my lovely jessamines
(Or maybe they were junipers and maybe 'twas a skunk);
I planted creeper yesterday and now my hands are festered. (Eh?—
'Twas poison ivy? Yet folks say that botany's the bunk.)

—TED ROBINSON in Cleveland Plain Dealer

C. N. R. EARNINGS.

Montreal, Aug. 9.—The gross earnings of the Canadian National Railways for the week ended Aug. 7, 1927, were \$4,592,919 as compared with \$4,696,090.53 for the same week of 1926, a decrease of \$103,171.53 or 2 per cent.

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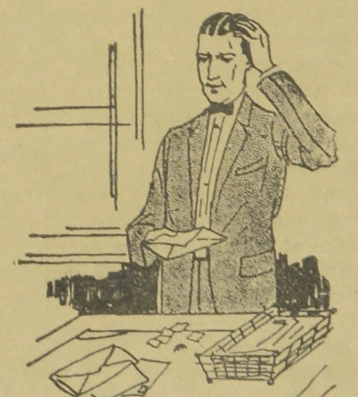
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THE SPIRIT OF ST. VITUS AT SUNNYSIDE

(Toronto Globe)

Sunnyside Beach last night got a big laugh when 35,000 Torontonians had assembled along the boardwalk to witness the "antiquated automobile parade." Even the most confirmed cynic had to give in when he viewed "The Spirit of St. Vitus" and laugh—just roar.

The parade had been called to find the oldest motor car in Ontario still doing service and 15 entrants had been recorded. Two of these hail from London, Ont. They were not present last night for the preliminaries but will be here on Thursday night when the final judging takes place.

The motorcade last night was headed by a clown band but their burlesque music was totally drowned by the din and clatter of the ancient vehicles and the noise of the spectators' mirth. Next in order followed: "The Old Grey Mare" owned by Otto Collins from Port Dover. It was the first of its make to run in Buffalo and was made in 1902. Charles Cross and C. M. Goodman were in a 1914 car, the "Spirit of Toronto" E. Browning in 1912 make and Gambin in one of 1914.

Then came the "scream" of the motorcade—"The Spirit of St. Vitus." It was everything which a modern day automobile is not. It had straw and hay in its pneumatics instead of air, and it was as high as a church steeple as compared with modern autos. The only up to date touch was an appliance to guard following cars from bumping it; this appliance took the form of a window screen to be pulled up and down and on it was printed the words: "Stop. I can't." The car has run 108,736 certified miles. It is owned by Ted Kirkpatrick of Toronto.

Parkdale Canoe Club, W. H. Sut

HIGH FUN COST CAUSES WORRY

New York, Aug. 10.—It's the woman who pays!

Back in the days of Rose Stahl and the chorus girl this was merely melodrama. Now it is a literal and disconcerting fact affecting American social relationships and causing considerable agitation among sociologists.

When a young man goes out for an evening's entertainment with a young woman his weekly salary is absolutely ruined. The result has been that the girls have had either to seek the society of middle aged men who have money enough to hurdle a cover charge gracefully, or find some devious means of paying the bills themselves. The questionable results of both alternatives have caused uneasiness among parents, educators and social workers.

Various New York social agencies have reported to the United Parents' Association that they find increasing cause for alarm in the association of high school girls with middle aged men. They point out the scarcity of wholesome recreation for boys and girls at reasonable prices and predict grave social consequences. Many case of juvenile delinquency are traced to this cause.

W. L. Barnhart, vice-president of a surety company said in an address recently: "I have no doubt that low priced and wholesome recreation for young people would accomplish a great deal in lessening certain kinds of crime."

After a man has hunted high and low for something he has mislaid a woman is an illogical person who says "Where did you have it last?" and goes there and there it is.

ton & Co of Humber Bay, William Palmer of Toronto and Fred Pearson were among the entrants.