

ANSWERS TO ENQUIRIES IN THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY;

No. 24—
HON. MR. BAXTER in reply to Mr. Niles.

1. Q. Has the Liquor Control Board or the Government authorized the opening of a beer store or stores or separate store or stores from the recognized Liquor Store for the sale of beer in the City of Saint John?

(a) If so, under what authority have these stores been so opened and when?

(b) Are these beer stores operated under the control of the government or the liquor control board?

A. (a) The New Brunswick Liquor Control Board, nor any other body, does not operate beer stores in the City of Saint John.

(b) Answered by (a).

2. Q. State the opening and closing hours of these stores.

A. Answered by 1.

3. Q. How long is it intended to operate these stores?

A. Answered by 1.

4. Q. Is it the intention of the government to inaugurate this policy in other cities and towns in the Province?

A. Answered by 1.

No. 32—
HON. MR. BAXTER in reply to Mr. Dysart.

1. Q. When did the New Brunswick Liquor Control Board first open a store or dispensary at Minto, Sunbury County?

A. September 6th, 1927.

2. Q. What were the regulations governing sale of liquors, wines, beers, etc., when opened for business?

A. Spirits could only be purchased on a prescription from a medical physician. Beer and wine could be purchased in quantities to suit the purchaser.

3. Q. Has any change been made by regulation or otherwise for change in the sale of liquors or wines or beers in said store, and if by regulation, what was the date of said regulation? Attach copy.

A. Yes, June 10th, 1929, by order of the Board.

4. Q. On what date did the Minto Liquor Store attain majority?

A. Do not understand this question.

No. 63—
HON. MR. BAXTER in reply to Mr. Dysart.

1. Q. Reference Public Accounts, 1929, appears on page 343 an item of \$725.25 and on page 347 an item of \$152.51 paid respectively to J. D. P. Lewin for professional services rendered the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission. Is this the Mr. Lewin who is a member of the legal firm of Bexter, Lewin & Carter of St. John?

A. Yes.

2. Q. What is his professional connection with the Premier?

A. No connection whatever in reference to the business mentioned; Mr. Lewin has been solicitor of the Commissioner since 1920, some years before forming a professional connection with the Premier and has kept the solicitorship as his personal business entirely outside of the partnership.

No. 82—
HON. MR. BAXTER in reply to Mr. Dysart.

1. Q. How many prisoners confined under convictions on offences against the Liquor Act have been released by the orders of the Liquor Control Board, or the members thereof since January 1st, 1928? Give names of prisoners, offences for which committed, penalties remitted and dates of release.

A. 138 prisoners; penalties reduced from one to four months. In view of the fact that less than five per cent. of the prisoners released have been convicted for a second offence against the Act, it is not in the public interest to publish the names and offences of the prisoners concerned. Will furnish the Leader of the Opposition information on any individual case which he may specify.

2. Q. What reports were made to the Department of the Attorney General on the several cases? Will the Government lay on the table of the House such reports, and the correspondence connected therewith?

A. Copy of minutes of the Board in the case of each and every prisoner is submitted to the Attorney General. Not in the public interest to lay on the table the reports and correspondence in connection therewith.

No. 83—
HON. MR. BAXTER in reply to Mr. Dysart.

1. Q. Has the Department of the Attorney-General received any complaints concerning the conduct of the Keeper of the Carleton County Gaol, or concerning the management of the said Gaol? If so, what were the complaints?

A. No complaint received.

2. Q. Did any of these complaints relate to the conduct of the said Gaoler in allowing the prisoners to be at large during their term of imprisonment? If so, how many prisoners were involved?

A. It was reported that one prisoner was at large during his term of imprisonment.

3. Q. Has the Attorney-General received reports that a certain prisoner was on different occasions seen in the State of Maine when supposed to be serving his sentence in the Carleton County Gaol?

A. No.

4. Q. Has the Attorney-General received reports that prisoners confin-

ed in the said Gaol have been supplied with liquor, or that liquor has been found upon the gaol premises?

A. No.

5. Q. Has any inquiry been made into said reports, or any investigations into the conduct of the said gaoler? If so, what was the outcome? If not, what has been done in the matter?

A. The Sheriff gave positive assurance that the prisoner supposed to have been out of the gaol was not at large and in the absence of any positive evidence to the contrary, his statement was accepted.

DEPARTMENT OF PROVINCIAL SECRETARY-TREASURER.

No. 4—
HON. MR. LEGER in reply to Mr. Dysart.

1. Q. Did the Workmen's Compensation Board have under consideration the application of one Jacques LeBlanc of Westmorland County for compensation for injuries alleged to have been sustained by him some years ago?

A. Yes.

2. Q. Was the award made by said Board in accordance with its findings? If so, give details and particulars thereof?

A. The Government made the award on the findings of Doctors Rowley and Addy designated by the Government to pass an independent medical examination of Jacques LeBlanc.

3. Q. It is not a fact that the Government by Order-in-Council or otherwise, compelled the Board to make an award in LeBlanc's behalf or carry out an award arrived at or determined upon by the Government or otherwise? If so, what was said amount, and on whose recommendation was it made?

Answered by No. 2, amount \$1,200.00 in addition to any sums paid for medical aid and hospitalization.

4. Q. Is it not a fact that the Board after careful examination found that LeBlanc was not entitled to compensation as claimed?

A. The Board acted on the report of Doctor Corbett.

5. Q. Will the Government lay on the table of the House all correspondence including copies of Orders-in-Council, if any, touching this matter?

A. Yes, if so required.

6. Q. Since when has the Government arrogated to itself the right to interfere and override the decisions of the Board?

A. The Crown has never parted by legislation or otherwise with the control of compensation to the employees of the Government—Jacques LeBlanc, an employee of the Government was compensated by Government through the Board under recommendation as aforesaid.

No. 17—
HON. MR. LEGER in reply to Mr. Richard (Kent).

1. Q. What was the net debt of the Province at the end of the fiscal year ending October 31st, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929 respectively?

A. The net debt of the Province for the following years was:

1925	\$32,197,629.00
1926	33,736,939.15
1927	35,208,662.02
1928	38,254,371.93
1929	33,236,579.74

No. 20—
HON. MR. LEGER in reply to Mr. Dysart.

1. Q. What was the amount of Bank overdraft at the close of the fiscal year 1929?

A. (\$3,193,472.55) See Public Accounts Page A 46.

2. Q. Was any part of this account charged to Capital Account?

A. This overdraft included advances to Capital amounting to \$2,275,386.44.

3. Q. What Capital expenditures were included in such overdraft?

Answered by 2.

4. Q. If for bridges, give names and location of bridges and cost of each, and state if work was done under contract or under direct departmental supervision? If under contract, give names of contractors, and amount of tenders, and who was successful tenderers?

5. Q. If for roads, give name and location of roads and amount expended on each road, either by contract or departmental supervision, as well as mileage of work done in each case? State if roads are Main Trunk, Secondary Trunk or By-roads.

Answer to 4 and 5. The Bank Overdraft is the result of receipts and expenditures of all kinds both capital and current—a bank account cannot be kept for each contract or class of expenditure. Bridges or roads are not segregated in so far as bank account is concerned. For expenditures, see Public Accounts, 1929.

6. Q. Has such overdraft been paid? If so, how? If not, how is it proposed to meet same?

A. It is proposed to issue bonds for the capital overdraft. The overdraft for current expenditure is taken care of by the accounts receivable mentioned in the Auditor's report within the last fiscal year.

7. Q. What were the bank overdrafts at the end of each of the fiscal years 1923, 1924 and 1925?

A. 1923, \$774,803.62; 1924, \$620,237.53; 1925, \$1,780,541.14.

No. 23—
HON. MR. LEGER in reply to Mr. Richard (Kent).

1. Q. What was the amount paid by the government for interest for the

years 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929 respectively?

2. Q. What was the amount received by the Government for interest, if any, for these same years respectively?

Answer. The Government received and paid interest as follows:—

1916, paid	\$359,004.99 net.
1917 received	\$6,710.78, paid \$444,096.76 ordinary.
1918 received	\$9,914.84, paid \$473,728.45 ordinary.
1919 received	\$11,294.94, paid \$531,300.70 ordinary.
1920 received	\$11,930.05, paid \$636,110.76 ordinary.
1921 received	\$12,273.77, paid \$752,175.32 ordinary.
1922 received	\$21,994.22, paid \$804,477.21 ordinary.
1923 received	\$18,900.90, paid \$831,969.34 ordinary.
1924 received	\$17,320.38, paid \$886,194.41 ordinary.
1925 received	\$17,953.96, paid \$961,432.98 ordinary.
1926 received	\$3,864.20, paid \$1,066,647.95 ordinary.
1927 received	\$19,705.17, paid \$1,396,721.88 including St. John Valley Railway.
1928 received	\$15,153.16, paid \$1,420,799.35 including St. John Valley Railway.
1929 received	\$7,736.58, paid \$1,448,743.93 including St. John Valley Railway.

No. 28—
HON. MR. LEGER in reply to Mr. Dysart.

1. Q. Were the several conditions embodied in the legislation re government guaranteeing bonds of the British Canadian Packing Company fully complied with before Government guaranteed said bonds?

A. Yes.

2. Q. What was the amount of said guarantee, and date of same?

A. Amount, \$100,000. The bonds were dated February 1st, 1927.

3. Q. To whom were the bonds in question sold; to whom or through what brokerage house or houses; when; and what were the net proceeds realized thereon?

A. Sold to Provincial Sinking Funds at par through negotiation with the Government.

4. Q. Were proceeds of said bonds handed over in block to the Company or retained by the Province? If by the Province, when and under what dates, and in what amounts were funds transferred?

A. Handed over to Company by two cheques, as follows:—

April 21st, 1927	\$65,000.00
July 18th, 1927	35,000.00

5. Q. Who were the Directors of said Company from the time the enterprise started operations until it closed its doors; indicating when each was elected or appointed with date of resignation and reason thereof?

6. Q. Did the Company pay interest on said bonds? If so, indicate dates and amounts. If Government paid interest, give date and amounts? Who holds said Bonds at present time?

A. The Company paid interest on bonds up to and including August 1st, 1929, as follows:

December 10th, 1927	\$1,593.69
August 1st, 1928	2,625.00
September 24th, 1928	3,656.31
February 1st, 1929	2,625.00
October 28th, 1929	2,625.00

7. Q. In connection with said enterprise, did the government assume any further responsibility in the way of guarantee or otherwise? (a) when. (b) amount. (c) for what purpose?

A. Guaranteed payment of bank overdraft, \$100,000.

8. Q. If guarantees were made, has the Government been called upon to pay these as yet? If so, to whom, when and what amount, and out of what fund were payments made?

A. Paid Bank of Nova Scotia, \$100,000 on December 30th 1929 from revenue money.

9. Q. Is it the intention of the government to fund for this last mentioned amount, or to pay same out of current revenue?

A. The government proposes to take power to issue bonds but will delay acting upon same as a sale is in prospect which may relieve the government of any obligation.

No. 30—
HON. MR. LEGER in reply to Mr. Dysart.

1. Q. Having regard to item \$1,522,496.54, appearing under statement of Revenue and Expenditure Account for the year ending October 31st, 1929, as "New Brunswick Liquor Control Board Net Profits."

(a) What amount of this was received by Provincial Secretary at date October 31st, 1929?

(b) What amount received at date March 1st, 1930?

(c) If above amount represents profits on year's business, why is same not paid over to Provincial Treasury?

(d) If said amount is not available to be so paid over, where, how and when was it invested, and what is the nature of the assets represented thereby?

(e) Is it the intention of the Government to finance the Liquor Control Board?

(f) From what source does the government expect to become reimbursed for interest accruals on bank overdrafts on current account arising or developing in consequence of delay on the part of the New Brunswick Liquor Control Board in turning said profits into the Provincial Treasury, and what is the estimated amount of said interest charge?

A. (a) No net profits of the New Brunswick Liquor Control Board for 1929 were received by Provincial Secretary before the end of the fiscal year, 31st October, 1929, but the net profits of \$1,042,923.32 of 1928 were

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NEW BRUNSWICK

A Request for Co-operation

made by the

NEW BRUNSWICK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

THE Highways of the Province of New Brunswick have grown in importance and have been improved until they now represent an investment of more than \$26,000,000. Millions are being added to this investment this year, and it now requires almost a million dollars annually to adequately maintain the roads of the Province.

Large as these sums may seem, they would be still larger were it not for the co-operation of the people of the Province who are realizing more and more each year that care, courtesy and common sense all pay in the operation of a motor vehicle and in the use of the public highways. Thousands of dollars that would otherwise have to be spent for repairs to highways are being saved through care being exercised by our automobile and truck drivers.

Confident that the co-operation of the people of the Province generally would be given to a large degree and realizing the increased use of automobiles for many essential purposes, the Minister of Public Works, exercising authority given him under Section 67 of the Highway Act, decided not to close the roads this spring, and instead put restrictions in effect for the danger period, as follows:

Only Passenger Cars up to 3,200 lbs. registered weight and Commercial Vehicles with a combined weight of load and truck not exceeding 3,500 lbs. are allowed use of the highways while the frost is coming out of the ground.
Speed limit for any vehicle during this period is not to exceed 20 miles per hour.

In the public interest it is necessary that these restrictions be enforced and in this the co-operation of the people of the Province is sought. Motorists are asked to drive slowly and carefully and to refrain from using the highways except when necessary until the frost has all come out of the ground. Those who are guilty of infractions should consider this a warning that defiance of the law will result in vigorous prosecution of all offenders.

We hope you will help us. Thank you!

New Brunswick Department of Public Works

THE HON. D. A. STEWART, MINISTER

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