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"Instead of getting representative government since the election of the present legislature in 1912, the people of New Brunswick have suffered a period of misgovernment and incompetence and political corruption. One Prime Minister has been convicted by a royal commission and forced to retire; another royal commission has reported broadcast petty thieving and dishonesty among political officials and members of the legislature."—Ottawa Citizen, Ind. Con.

## THE POSTAL DEFICIT.

The Nationalist-Conservative Government, since it came into power in 1911 has increased annual expenditures in all departments of the government to such an extent that whereas prior to 1911 a Liberal Minister of Finance was able to show a handsome surplus of revenue over expenditure in many succeeding years, since then the annual budget has shown a deficit which increased taxes have failed to wipe out. It will be readily seen from official figures of revenue and expenditure that this department, possibly the best known to the people in its workings because practically everybody uses the post office, presents the most startling evidence of the lack of business method and carelessness of public trust which has characterized the Borden Government.

The history of Liberal management of the Post Office Department is that a heavy annual deficit obtaining in 1896 when the Laurier Government assumed power, was in a short time turned into a handsome annual net surplus of earnings over expenditure, while the postal service was tremendously increased in efficiency. The history of Nationalist-Conservative management of the department since 1911 shows a record absolutely the reverse.

In 1896 there was a deficit between expenditure and revenue in the Post Office Department of \$781,152 and in 1902 there was a surplus of \$1,509, and this surplus increased yearly until in 1911 it amounted to the very considerable addition to the revenue of the country of \$1,192,729. In 1914, however, it had again been reduced to \$134,157, and at the end of the fiscal year, 1914-15, the old and almost forgotten deficit, unknown since 1902, was once more in evidence.

The amount of money voted for the administration of the department for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1915, was \$14,956,030, and the revenue collected was \$13,046,664.

This means a deficit—the largest on record—of \$1,909,366 in the Post Office Department for 1914-15. To that extent the post office service, instead of being a contributor toward the treasury of the country, has become a burden upon it.

The following table tells the story better than words can do, the figures being secured from the annual report of the department:

Year.	Expenditure.	Revenue.	Difference.
1911	\$ 7,954,222	\$ 9,146,952	\$ 1,192,726
1912	9,172,035	10,482,255	1,310,219
1913	10,882,804	12,060,476	1,177,671
1914	12,822,058	12,956,216	134,157
1915	14,956,030	13,046,664	1,909,366

\*Voted. †Deficit.  
A study of these figures will show that the gradual transformation of a handsome surplus into a very heavy deficit is not due to a falling off in the revenue, which has increased every year, but to heavy additions annually to the cost of administering the department. It will be noticed that the expenditure in this department just about doubled during the past four years.

In 1896 the expenditure in the Post Office Department was \$3,752,805. In 1911, when a handsome surplus was shown, it had increased to \$7,954,222, or a little over four millions in fifteen years. In the years following it has increased from \$7,954,222 in 1911 to \$12,822,058 in 1914, and to \$14,956,030 (voted) in 1915, an increase of nearly five millions in the three years and of nearly seven millions in the four. In other words, the increase in the annual administration of the department for the fifteen years prior to 1911 was something like four millions, while the increase for the four years following was something like seven millions under the Borden Nationalist-Conservative management.

vative management.

In this connection the claim (that added expenditure was partly due to the inauguration of the parcels post system in the Dominion can have little weight, as the parcels post system was not put into effect until February of 1914, or about the end of that fiscal year.

During the past few years the Post Office Department has had an unenviable record for dismissals. From returns brought down in the House last session it is shown that in a little over two years the minister in charge dismissed 1,507 employees, while the resignations of 3,860 were called for. In the place of this total of 5,367 who thus left the service, no less a number than 9,903 were appointed.

Included in the "war taxes" of last session was an increase of one cent in the postage rate on all letters sent through the mail. By means of this tax an increase of about two millions has been recorded in the revenue from the post office for the first six months of the fiscal year. But this amount is required to make up the increase in the expenditure of the department voted for the year over that for the preceding year, with which comparison is made in connection with the increased revenue. In other words, six months' extra taxing of the people has only served to pay for the extra extravagance of the Government during the year.

In fact, every stamp licked by the people of Canada for the whole of the fiscal year must go toward defraying the increased cost of administration of the Post Office Department since 1913. If the expenditures in the post office had not been doubled in the last four years there would be no need of the letter stamp tax, or at least the proceeds of it could be used for purposes more directly concerned with the war.

## THE BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA.

The outstanding feature of the 84th annual report of the Bank of Nova Scotia is its exceptional strength, which in the circumstances prevailing today should cause considerable satisfaction not only to shareholders and depositors of this institution, but to the public generally; for it is a matter of vital importance to the country that the banks should emerge from the present trying conditions in a satisfactory manner.

The steady growth of the Bank of Nova Scotia is evidenced by the increase in total assets from \$95,733,670 to \$104,244,467 during the year, while net profits for the year ending December 31st, 1915, were \$1,220,057, as compared with \$1,196,116 for the previous year. Cash alone, exclusive of the deposits in the Central Gold Reserves, amounted to 20 per cent. of the liabilities to the public, while immediately available assets have reached a total of \$59,990,461—an exceedingly strong position.

FRANK McINNIS, C. E.  
LOSES HIS POSITION

Recent Boston papers announce that Mr. Frank McInnis, a Fredericton boy who has for many years been connected with the sewer and water system of that city, has been dismissed from office by Mayor Curley on account of "political spite." Mr. McInnis has since the year 1911 been head of the water and sewerage department and in receipt of a salary of \$5000 per year.

The Boston Record, speaking of the shake-up among the officials, says: "Several of the men charge the Mayor Curley had 'spotters' prowling about in order to get 'political stuff' on them. They state that their removals were due to nothing but politics."

Mr. McInnis graduated from the University of New Brunswick in 1877 and has since been a resident of Boston. He is regarded as one of the most expert sanitary engineers in America.

## CHURCH SERVICE

ST. PAUL'S.  
Rev. Dr. W. H. Smith, pastor.  
11 a.m. Service, Compulsory and Voluntary.

7 p.m. Is the World Growing Better?  
2.30 p.m., Bible Class for all ages.  
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A. F. Newcomb, M.A., B.D., pastor.

Preaching service at 11 a.m. Subject, "Dollars and Cents" and at 7 p.m. Subject, "The Most Pressing Question that Can be Asked."

2.30 p.m., Bible School.  
METHODIST.  
Rev. T. Marshall, pastor.

10 a.m., Morning prayer.  
11 a.m. and 7 p.m., preaching services.

2.30 p.m., Sunday School.

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SERGT. GEORGE SEARS, R.C.R.  
MET BROTHERS IN FLANDERS

Sergt. George Sears of A Company, R.C.R., in a recent letter to his mother at Centerville, N.B., says as follows:

"Well, mother dear, at last I have met my young brothers—here in the battlefields of Flanders, after nearly five years! I don't think I should have known them, they have altered so much—and are looking fine, but they knew me at once and a few days later both came up to see me. We had a right royal time to celebrate our meeting. Unfortunately we were moved soon after and I have not been able to see them since. Shall hope to locate them soon. Tell Dad I am sure following his advice but there is no fear that I shall pity any German for what I saw of my old schoolmates among the gassed and wounded at Shorncliffe!"

(Sergt. Sears left Fredericton with H Company, R.C.R. He was color sergeant of D Company, 71st York Regt., some years ago and is well known here.)

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CLERKS WON FROM ARCTIC  
CLUB IN FORTY FOUR

The Clerks won from the Arctic Club by 44 pins last night, the totals being 1266 and 1222.

The score was as follows:

Clerks.			
W. Carten	74	85	91—250
M. Williams	90	87	87—264
V. Staples	77	83	95—255
G. Dennison	86	78	80—244
A. Smith	83	75	95—253

1266

Arctic Club.			
J. Crawford	79	82	87—243
T. Powers	79	77	77—233
R. Armstrong	78	73	87—238
L. Carten	81	88	70—239
T. Duffy	97	89	78—264

1222

On January 26 the Pin Ticklers and clerks will play and on January 28 the 36th Battery will play the Arctic Club.

NEXT WEEK AT THE GAIETY.

On Monday of next week the first presentation of the Famous Metro Pictures will be given their initial showing at the popular Gaiety Theatre. The opening production will be "My Madonna," starring the world famous Mrs. Petrova. For Wednesday of next week, Bessie Barriscale, who made such a hit in "The Cup of Life," will be featured in "The Painted Soul," a Thomas H. Ince masterpiece in five reels. For next Friday and Saturday "The Broken Coin" and special two-part drama with the celebrated Helen Holmes, "A Leap for Life," will be presented. Next week's attractions appear to be about the best that the Gaiety has ever offered to its patrons and that is saying a great deal.

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