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PROVINCIAL FINANCES.

The Hon. Mr. Murray, Provincial Secretary-Treasurer, is deserving of hearty congratulations on the admirable manner in which he dealt with the financial affairs of the Province in his Budget Speech yesterday. It is a comparatively easy task to paint an attractive looking picture of provincial progress when conditions are such as to warrant it; but under conditions as they actually exist, when the province is groaning under burdens of debt and otherwise from which there appears to be no avenue of escape, it calls for the exercise of considerable talent to make a decent presentation of affairs. Mr. Murray, however, showed that he was fully equal to the occasion; and while it might be wished that the facts and figures he had put before the House could have been of such a nature as to warrant a more optimistic outlook for the future, he nevertheless made it clear to his hearers that the Foster Government has the situation awkward though it may be, well in hand, and is capable of dealing with it in such a manner as will be quite satisfactory to the people.

The task which confronted Mr. Baxter, who followed Mr. Murray, was scarcely an enviable one, for he had to justify the course which the Murray Government, of which he was a member, had taken, which has landed the province into the financial maelstrom in which it is now struggling, and from the vortex of which it will need all the wisdom and business capabilities which the present government can bring to bear, to extricate it if irretrievable disaster is to be avoided. Under the circumstances it is not to be wondered at that Mr. Baxter's efforts should have been heavily laboured, and while they no doubt satisfied the gentlemen who sit immediately around him, he will scarcely expect the intelligent people who read of what he had to say when it appears in cold type, to take very much stock in his protestations. He doubtless made the best of what he and colleagues must realize can only be a bad job under any circumstances. But all his oratorical persuasiveness, persiflage and camouflage, will not succeed in convincing the people of New Brunswick that their Province is not several millions of dollars to the bad as the result of the state-manship of the late government.

Mr. Baxter, the opposition financial critic in the Legislature is an able lawyer and give him a brief he can be counted upon to get about all there is out of a case. He delivered a good speech on the budget, but it was clear to all who heard him that he was not happy in his remarks. Had he been defending the budget and the record of the government, he would have undoubtedly made a much better showing.

Mr. George B. Jones, M. P. P. for Kings is generally supposed to be the custodian of any funds which the members of the loyal opposition are able to raise these days. Naturally Mr. Jones was deeply interested in the observations Mr. Baxter made on the subject in his address on the budget last evening. Mr. Jones is called upon to do considerable financing for a St. John newspaper of which he is part owner and for that reason is not anxious to take on any additional burdens of the kind. This explains why during his attendance at the House he is so frequently compelled to play the role of the artful dodger.

Mr. Baxter in his address on the budget, in discussing party funds, spoke of candidates using the questions "How much will it cost?" and "Where will I get the money?" He also referred to the "hordes" who follow a candidate. Mr. Baxter, of course, has been through the mill and knows all about it. He also knows that there has been a Nemesis pursuing the members of the loyal opposition during the present session and already they have had to dig down pretty deeply into their jeans for alleged party pur-

poses. The present government will have no truck with the grafters and hold-up men who bled white the old administration.

Lloyd George in his great speech in Parliament yesterday voiced the true sentiments of the nation when he declared that as long as Great Britain had a ship left she would never accept a German peace.

Through Our Sieve

The Kaiser puzzled the Crown Prince by sending him a telegram of congratulations.

The Germans captured Ham, but failed to take home the bacon.

Von Hin's delusion concerning dinner in Paris is now diagnosed as a form of Parisitis.

Jules Verne invented the first long range gun and came very near knocking a piece off the moon at the first shot.

Eat a lot and have indigestion. Eat less, and have it anyhow.

No man can be as virtuous and sweet and noble as his voice sounds over the telephone when he is "explaining" to a woman that he may have to work late at the office.

The financial critic of the opposition is sometimes known as John Bachelor Manipulator Baxter.

The acting clerk of the Legislature is certainly an impressive reader. Him to "explain" next morning.

Absence makes the heart grow fonder, but it also makes the head grow steadier and cures that dizzy feeling caused by propinquity and moonlight.

Some men are so pessimistic that they wear sunshades to keep from seeing the bright side of things.

Being appointed minister of war in Russia means about the same thing as being made first sea lord of Switzerland.

The only difference between living in the city and living in the country is that in the country a fellow goes to bed feeling all in and gets up feeling fine, and in the city he goes to bed feeling fine and gets up feeling all in.

Claims of Kings

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Sisam of Moncton, preached the sermon.

Yesterday Afternoon.

At the conclusion of the charge of His Lordship Bishop Richardson at Tuesday afternoon's business session the Synod proceeded to business.

Ven. Archdeacon Newnam, secretary, presented the report of the board of missions. It showed that during the year students had been employed at Westfield, St. Mary's, Grand Falls, Derby, Blackwell and Chatham.

Statistics showed that the diocese had 7,516 families with a total church population of 31,222. The grand total of money spent for all purposes amounted to \$103,699.08.

For the year ending December 31, the treasurer's report showed a balance of \$7,653.54. The receipts had been \$72,203.39 and expenditures \$65,532.73.

Rev. Canon R. A. Armstrong of St. John, gave notice of motion that women be given equal rights with men in voting on church matters.

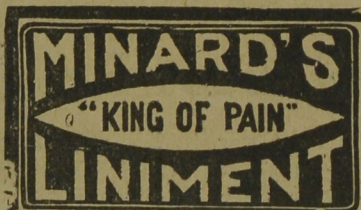
Rev. G. A. Kuhring of St. John, gave notice of motion that steps be taken to have the scriptures memorized.

MUNICIPALITY OF YORK.

Pursuant to the proclamation published in the Royal Gazette of the 3rd inst., a meeting of the County Council of the Municipality of York will be held in the County Council Chambers, Fredericton, on SATURDAY, the 13th, at the hour of 10 o'clock a.m.

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MARYSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL ORGANIZES

Marysville, Apr. 10. — The newly elected Town Council held its first regular meeting of the year last evening. His Worship Mayor Stafford presided in a very able manner. The following were present: Couns. McDowell, Sloat, Finnamore, Wister, Minue, Stephenson and MacPherson, Coun. Long being the only absentee. The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meeting were read and confirmed.

A communication from the Poor Commissioner for the parish of St. Mary's was placed before the meeting in which objection was made to the payment of two accounts which had been contracted in connection with the poor. The commissioner stated that these were properly chargeable to the Board of Health. The matter was left with the poor committee to be dealt with. The salary of the town auditor was ordered paid.

The appointment of town officers was then made as follows: Town clerk, A. D. MacPherson; town treasurer, John Finnamore. Samuel Stafford, Sr., was appointed to look after the duties of town marshal, road commissioner, inspector of the Board of Health and Poor Commissioner, and salary to be \$2.50 per day. His appointment was to be made monthly and two weeks' notice to be given in case of resignation or dismissal.

The following were appointed as constables: Ward No. 1, E. J. Morton; ward No. 2, Frank Robinson; ward No. 3, Roy Moore; ward No. 4, Fred Robinson and John Doherty. Pound keepers, William Kane and Joseph Elliott. Official weigher, Henry Hanson. Surveyor of wool and bark, S. J. Hallett. Assessor, D. P. Reid, D. E. Pickard and Col. W. H. Grey. The services of Samuel Stafford Jr. as chairman of the Board of Health were retained.

The different committees were then chosen as follows: Roads, Couns. Sloat, Stephenson, McDowell and Minue; finance, Couns. McDowell, Sloat, Minue and MacPherson; poor, Minue, Stephenson, Finnamore and Long; police, MacPherson, Long, Finnamore and Minue; assessment and appeals, Long, Minue, Sloat and Stephenson; light, Wister, Stephenson, McDowell and Finnamore.

The assessment for the year was ordered as follows: County fund, \$1,226.19; Patriotic fund, \$3,344.10; Police, \$1,000; Contingent, \$200; Poor, \$600; Sidewalks, \$350; Roads and streets, \$700; Lights, \$700; Board of Health, \$25; Sewerage, \$75; Salaries, \$225; Victoria Hospital, \$100, making a total assessment of \$8,545.29 which is considerably less than the amount assessed for the past year. The decrease is due to the fact that the amount of the county warrant is about \$1,000 less than the amount last year. The town clerk stated that there was no outstanding indebtedness to the county by the town.

The report of E. S. Pettigrove, secretary of the meeting of the ratepayers held at the Dawson Club assembly room some few weeks ago for the purpose of considering town affairs was placed before the meeting and was ordered filed for future reference.

The town clerk was instructed to arrange for a membership in the New Brunswick Union of Municipalities, for the town. This was one of the matters which was recommended for adoption by the meeting of the ratepayers above referred to.

The finance committee was authorized to arrange for an overdraft at the bank to meet current expenses until

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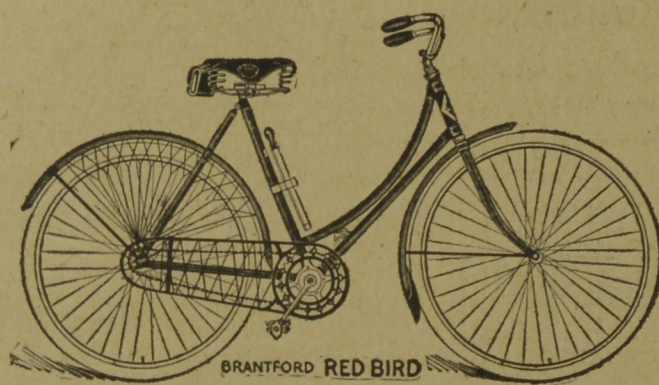
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and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas,

KING, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of

India.

WILLIAM PUGSLEY

To All to Whom These Presents Shall Come, or Whom the Same may Concern:—Greeting:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, it has been made clear that an adequate supply of foodstuffs to Great Britain and her Allies is now one of the most critical and essential problems in connection with carrying the war to a triumph;

And Whereas, Our Province of New Brunswick, by virtue of its geographical situation in comparative proximity to the Motherland, occupies a position of special responsibility and opportunity.

And Whereas, the season approaches which shall determine for another year the amount of foodstuffs which this Province shall produce.

We, therefore, believing it to be the aspiration of our people to discharge every responsibility as in the past, and confident of their willingness to take advantage of the opportunity involved, to the end that the cause of righteousness for which we struggle may be advanced, have thought fit, by and

some return for assessment was made.

Coun. Stephenson drew the attention of the light committee to a resolution which had been passed by the Council of last year that additional lights be installed. The mayor and town clerk were chosen a committee to provide a suitable filling cabinet for the use of the town clerk.

The Budget

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rest at the rate of 4 per cent. from the motor vehicle money. In reference to the motor vehicle law, \$14,000 of the proceeds would be set aside to meet 4 per cent. redemption of serial bonds issued for road purposes. The sum of \$166,000 would be used to meet the interest on the bond and

\$6,400 would be used for administering the department.

A Frank Statement.

HON. MA. MURRAY in concluding his address, said that he had presented a simple, frank, straightforward and comprehensive statement which portrayed the financial position of the province in a fuller and more complete manner than had those of preceding administrations for some years past at least. By this time it must be evident to the people of the province that the late administration had had a habit from year to year of concealing from the public some or many of its transactions. The present government had nothing to conceal, had no desire to conceal, and was a unit in that respect. If he understood the spirit that animated the members of the administration, the latter was determined to keep faith with the people of New Brunswick, and to allow no improper influence to deflect it

with the advice of our Executive Council for our Province of New Brunswick, to appoint, and do hereby appoint a week of Dedication and Preparation for the period of production approaching, beginning on the fifteenth April instant.

And we do hereby urge and request that the County Council of each and every County of Our Province of New Brunswick be convened in special Session on Saturday, the thirteenth April instant, to consider ways and means to stimulate or assist in the maximum production of essential foodstuffs in the respective Counties.

And We do hereby further urge and request that each and every Clergyman in Our Province of New Brunswick shall, from his pulpit on Sunday, the fourteenth of April instant, set forth the facts of the food situation as it affects the Allied cause, emphasizing the responsibility resting on this favored land, and invoking the blessing of Almighty God on the human efforts put forth towards production, that they may be blessed by Him who alone giveth the increase.

And We do hereby still further urge and request the careful consideration and patriotic co-operation of all Our people in the matters herein set forth.

All of which premises all Our loving subjects and all others whom it doth or may in anywise concern, are hereby required to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

In Testimony Whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our Province of New Brunswick to be hereunto affixed.

Witness, His Honour William Pugsley, D. C. L., K. C., One of Our Privy Council for Canada, Lieutenant-Governor of Our Province of New Brunswick, this second day of April, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and eighteen, and, in the eighth year of Our Reign.

By Command,
ROBERT MURRAY,
Provincial Secretary-Treasurer.

from its purpose of serving the people faithfully and well. As the leader of the opposition had claimed last session "mistakes will be made," so the government might make some mistakes but there would be no wilful mistakes and the sole object would be the serving of the people of the province as a whole to the very utmost of the several abilities of the members of the executive.

It being six o'clock the Speaker left the chair, to resume at 8.30.

HON. MR. BAXTER followed after recess, speaking for two hours, and Hon. Mr. Robinson moved the adjournment of the debate.

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