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THAT FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Some of the graft newspapers are making a terrible howl because a copy of the Provincial Government's annual statement was not handed to them on a silver tray before being made public through the medium of a paper friendly to the administration. The St. John Standard, in a burst of wrath gets off the following:

"For the first time in the history of New Brunswick a government has deemed it expedient to refuse to opposition newspapers the financial report of its year's business until that report, in a misleading form, had been presented by its own journals. . . . More than this—and although members of the government and officials paid by the Veniot-Foster administration—attempted flimsy excuses to explain why opposition newspapers were denied a privilege which has been extended to the press of the province since financial statements were first issued—there is abundant evidence to show that the whole thing has been a deliberate plot, framed by members of the government and their friends for the sole purpose of deceiving the public."

For the benefit of the St. John organ, which shows a lamentable ignorance of the facts, it might be pointed out that the Foster administration is the first in the history of the province to make public a complete statement of the year's financial operations prior to the meeting of the Legislature. It was never done before in the history of the province by any administration, Tory or Grit. It was the government which preceded the Hazen-Flemming regime which enacted a law requiring a statement of the transactions of the fiscal year to appear in the Royal Gazette prior to the close of the calendar year. This practice was followed by succeeding governments down to the close of the year 1918. The statement given out, however, was only a cash statement and did not show the actual financial position of the province. During the last session of the Legislature the law was amended and the time limit for publishing the statement was extended from sixty to ninety days. This enabled the accounts to be audited and gave the Comptroller General sufficient time to prepare a complete statement showing the actual financial status of the province at the close of the fiscal year.

The Standard is sore because it did not get the statement for publication as soon as did one of its contemporaries. In other words, it howls because it came in for precisely the same treatment that the Hazen-Flemming regime invariably handed out to newspapers opposed to it.

The old government was in office nine years and in all that time the cash statement of the financial transactions of the province which it handed out at the end of the year always appeared first in one of its own newspapers before a then opposition paper set eyes upon it. This can be established by the records, and the Standard's loud talk about the Foster government breaking long-standing precedent is pure buncombe. In its ravings at the government the Standard is no doubt voicing the sentiments of its political backers. It is not a matter for surprise that the men who when in office played the part of cheap politicians, should now, when in the cool shades of opposition, prove themselves to be cheap sports.

Mr. H. H. Dewar, the Liberal leader of Ontario, has been looking into the record of Hon. Manning Doherty, the Minister of Agriculture in the Farmers' government of Ontario. He points out that Mr. Doherty was living in St. John in 1911, and took an active part in the Federal election of that year in opposition to reciprocity. After the election he organized the Maritime Dredging Company and secured many fat contracts from the Federal government. When the dredging business became dull during the war, Mr. Doherty returned to Ontario and soon afterwards blossomed forth as a fi-

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fledged farmer. The astute Liberal leader seems to have the right dope on the new Minister of Agriculture.

It is pretty hard to please the local opposition, and its newspapers. They howled last year because the annual financial statement did not contain sufficient information; this year they are howling because it contains too much. They howled last year because the deficit was too small, and this year they are howling because it is too large.

The Smythe street school has been closed for nearly three weeks, and there is no announcement yet in regard to the date when it will reopen. The accident, which was responsible for the trouble may have been unavoidable, but it is passing strange that so much time should be consumed in repairing the damage.

The Mayor and aldermen of the fo-ahead town of Sackville entertained the members of the Board of Trade of that town at a get together dinner on Friday evening. It was a grand success and will likely be followed by other such functions during the year.

** THROUGH OUR SIEVE **

The seed catalogues are now due.

Many a man says he is nervous when he is merely ill-tempered.

It isn't what a man is going to do that adds to his bank balance.

Nothing to watch for but the first robin now.

It is sometimes hard to distinguish whether one's peace of mind is due to stupidity or weariness.

The former Kaiser is said to have written a friend that he looks upon the future as uncertain. At last he has a modern point of view.

High price of gasoline, tires and oil isn't all. The humble pedestrian also pays from 25 to 50 per cent more for shoes.

Dr. Elizabeth Rixey says the average woman's limbs are as straight as the average man's limbs—which isn't saying much as anyone who has seen a troop of men in cavalry breeches can testify.

SIX CLASSES FOR THURSDAY

There will be six classes for tomorrow's matinee racing at the trotting park and some lively racing is expected. The classes are as follows:

Class 1—Garry A., J. T. G. Hall; Starr Todd, R. W. Smith; Roy Volo, W. B. Lint.

Class 2—Lady Wilkes, A. M. Gibson; Shadeland Fausetta, P. S. Watson; Peter K., Mr. Mann.

Class 3—Ozone D., S. O. McDonald; Dandy O., Dr. G. C. McCoy.

Class 4—Minnie Bingen, George Camp; Linda Bingen, D. W. Olts; Zom Q., Junior, H. M. Young.

Class 5—Tommy Raymond, George Camp; Peter S., J. Watson; Dr. Mac, Mr. Burt.

Class 6—Bearcat, T. Owens; Kitty Hayward, Mr. Hayward; K. P., Mr. Pearce.

Change in Management

A change in the management of the New Brunswick Power Company is soon to take place according to present arrangements. H. M. Hopper will become secretary-treasurer of the company and manager of the subsidiary concern, the Eastern Electric Co. while Thomas McCauley is to come in about a fortnight from Calgary, Alta., to become general manager of the power company. An extension of the Eastern Electric Co. is planned for Mr. Hopper married a daughter of the late Thomas Hobson of Gibson and is well known in this vicinity although an official of various electric companies at St. John for some years.

RECORD NUMBER OF FIRE ALARMS LAST YEAR

Report of Chief Rutter Gives Details—Insurance Loss \$54,479—Some Recommendations.

Harry C. Rutter, Chief of the Fredericton Fire Department has made the following report for the year 1919: To His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen: In compliance with the rules governing the Fire Department, I have the honor to again submit the Annual Report of the Department for the year ending December 31st, 1919, giving a detailed statement of the fires and losses which have occurred during the year. I am also submitting a yearly statement of the losses for the past thirty-six years, with the average loss covering the above time.

Record Number of Alarms

During the year the Department received and answered 178 alarms. This number exceeds 1918, (which was the previous high mark) by 39 alarms. Bell alarms, 83. Still alarms, 95.

There were 38 actual fires, some of them very serious, entailing very heavy losses. The most serious fires were those in the VanBuskirk residence, Kirk Apartments and Gem Theatre, the losses of which, with their contents, amounted to \$39,963.00.

The Most Strenuous

This has been the most strenuous year that the Department have had to cope with, a number of the fires causing very laborious and dangerous work, and it is very fortunate that all came through without serious injury, considering weather and other conditions.

Insurance Losses

Insurance losses for the year were: On buildings \$38,282.50 On contents 16,197.30

Total \$54,479.80

Total insurance on buildings where fires have occurred:

On buildings \$94,050.00

On contents 31,000.00

Average insurance loss for the past 36 years \$8,783.00.

Recommendations

The quantity of hose on hand is 3700 feet, and I would make the following recommendations:

That 500 feet of cotton rubber-lined hose be contracted for.

That one dozen water-proof coats be procured, also a small number of salvage covers.

I would suggest that the whistle on the Electric Light Station be raised several feet higher, so that the sound will be better heard by the members of the Department who reside in the back part of the city.

In closing, I desire to thank the Chairman and Members of the Fire Committee for the interest taken in the Department.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. RUTTER,

Chief Fire Department

Challengers Beat St. Andrews

The four rinks of McLellan Cup challengers from Truro which are playing here today defeated the St. Andrews' Club at St. John last night 63 to 55.

Arctic Roll-Off

The weekly roll-off at the Arctic Alleys was won by Sterling with a score of 273, Poore second with a score of 272 and T. Upton third with a score of 269.

McLellan Cup

Four rinks of the Truro Curling Club arrived here this morning and registered at the Barker House. They will play the Fredericton curlers for the McLellan Cup. Two rinks are playing this afternoon and two will play tonight.

Want Guarantee for Train

It was thought that a special train would be run from Gagetown to Fredericton and return on the tenth for Dollar Day. The C. N. R. has asked for a guarantee of \$232 before it will run the special to the city. The Retail Merchants' Association has not as yet decided whether to have the special make the trip.

NOTICE OF LEGISLATION.

Notice is hereby given that a bill will be presented to the Legislative Assembly at the next session thereof to provide for the incorporation of the Professional Engineers of the Province of New Brunswick, and to establish the terms under which persons may be authorized to practice as professional engineers in this Province, and to regulate the conditions under which persons may be admitted as professional engineers.

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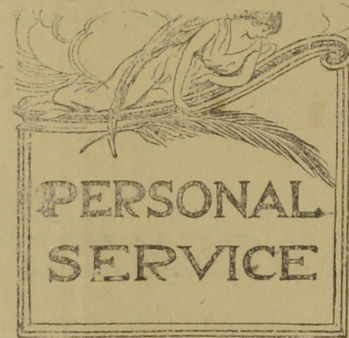
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