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**EX-PREMIER VENIOT DISCUSSES
THE FINANCES OF THE PROVINCE;
SAYS EXPENDITURE JUSTIFIED**

Bathurst, Sept. 30.—Hon. Dr. P. J. Veniot, recent Premier of New Brunswick, today issued a statement in reply to that made a few days ago by Hon. Dr. J. B. M. Baxter, K. C., the new Premier, in which Dr. Baxter, in charging the eVniot Government with a "riot of expenditure," declared that the debt of the Province now stood at \$32,364,909 and that outstanding bills would send it up another \$1,744,223 with this figure to be still further increased, perhaps hundreds of thousands of dollars, by bills for roads and bridges chargeable to capital account which were still to come in.

Dr. Veniot maintains that until the audit is completed in January, 1926, neither himself nor Dr. Baxter is in a position to deal intelligently and fairly with the finances as a whole. He intimates that Dr. Baxter has been unfair in that, while he stresses overexpenditure, he did not deal with the possibility of revenue exceeding the estimate to meet that expenditure.

Leaves it to Fair-Minded.

Dr. Veniot endeavors to justify his Government's action in anticipating legislation and expending half a million on the roads which, according to the legislation, should not have been spent until 1926 and 1927, by declaring that the needs of the province demanded the outlay to meet the unprecedented growth in tourist traffic and the very large increase in province-owned automobiles. The Government felt that the increased revenue from automobiles would warrant the expenditure.

Dr. Veniot thinks that the haste displayed by Dr. Baxter in dealing with the finances of the province months before the proper audit is due "would almost indicate a desire on his part to mislead the public in the hope that an unfavorable impression might be created against the late Government for effect in the pending federal elections. "When all the transactions of the last year will have been laid before the Legislature it will be found that an honest and proper explanation can be given, one which will be accepted as an ample justification by any fair-minded man for the conduct of the Government," Dr. Veniot declares.

Makes Explanation.

In the course of his statement Hon. Mr. Veniot says:—

"I am in a position to state positively that there has been no payment to date, nor will there be any payment before the end of the fiscal year, in excess of the authorized amount voted for permanent bridges. There has not been any warrant asked for or issued by the outgoing Government for permanent bridges. The amount of the bond issue will be sufficient to meet all expenditures that have been made and that may be made to the end of the fiscal year. Should there be any excess it will be very small. But it is true that when all the contracts let have been completed, which will not be in the year 1925, there will be needed an extra sum to pay in full the contractors. This is a practice that is followed every year and by all Governments. This is quite different from the statement issued by the Premier, which leaves the impression that the outgoing Government has in this item, as he tries to show in other items, over-expended."

"No Such Classification."

"I also notice that in dealing with the capital expenditure for highway construction he has little items charged against what is known as the 'Road Auto Fund.' One of these he charges to 'Main Auto Trunk Roads.' There is no such classification for the 'Auto Road Fund.' This fund has been used entirely, since 1919, for the construction and improvement of secondary trunk and branch roads and has no connection whatever with the expenditures on main trunk roads, for which an entirely separate fund is provided. The item he includes is \$499,753. But the worst feature of his criticism is in the fact that after he endeavors to show up what he calls our wrongdoing in connection with the authorized bond issue of \$1,250,000 for main roads he includes the above item in this calculation as well as in his calculation touching what he calls the 'Auto Main Trunk Roads.' He cannot be right in both cases. When the proper time comes in the Legislature I will deal with this question in detail."

On Borrowing Powers.

"I have an important reason for pointing this out in a general way just now and it is this: By classifying this item as he does he lessens by a half million dollars the borrowing powers of the 'Auto Fund' for branch roads, etc. This fund today is sufficient to meet all expenses of administration, as well as the interest and sinking fund, on the bonds already issued against it, without taking one cent out of the direct ordinary revenue of the province and without the imposi-

tion of one cent of extra taxation, and still leave for the new Government future borrowing powers amounting to practically \$1,000,000, and this holds good if the automobiles would not increase in number for the next three years."

Offers Justification.

"While it is true we have exceeded the amount authorized under the Act for a yearly expenditure, we did so because the needs of the roads of the province required it in order to meet the unprecedented growth of tourist traffic as well as the very large increase in the number of province-owned automobiles. We also felt justified in doing so because we knew that the increased revenue from automobiles would warrant it, and that in increasing the debt to that extent we were also increasing the revenue from a source which was earmarked for road expenditure only. The incoming Government has, therefore, a source of revenue which will not only meet any over-expenditure in this respect, but will leave to their credit the means of carrying on the improvements of our highways for several years without having to resort to direct ordinary revenue for interest and sinking fund on the bonds they may issue for that purpose."

On Overexpenditures.

"No such favorable condition of affairs was left as a legacy to the Foster Government in 1917 by the Murray-Baxter regime, when they went out of power. On the contrary they left behind them more than three million dollars of obligations which had to be met by bond issues, the interest and sinking fund on which had to become a direct charge upon the ordinary revenues of the province, and still continue to be a charge on these revenues."

"Premier Baxter, in dealing with the ordinary expenditures, refers to overexpenditures in several departments. For instance, he shows an overexpenditure in the department of Public Health of \$2,000. If he had studied his subject more carefully he would have discovered that this over-expenditure pertains to a certain branch of that department, but that on the total expenditure of that department there will not be an excess of expenditure over the receipts estimated, and the same may apply to branches of other departments of the public service."

Part Patrol Work.

"Let me point out another item in which the Premier is in error. In dealing with the patrol accounts he refers to an item of \$11,000, which he says 'belonged apparently to the last fiscal year.' No doubt he wished to leave the impression that we were carrying over accounts from one year to the other. Such a method prevailed under the Murray-Baxter Government, but could not obtain under the new audit system introduced by Hon. W. E. Foster in 1917 and still in practice. The truth about this item could have been readily ascertained by making inquiry of the Comptroller-General. That item was for patrol work done after the close of the fiscal year 1924, during the month of November, which being a very open month, it was necessary to organize what is known as a part patrol in order to protect the roads from being damaged by the heavy automobile traffic at that late season of the year."

Can Be Explained, He says.

"When all the transactions of the last year will have been laid before the Legislature, it will be found that an honest and proper explanation can be given, one which will be accepted as an ample justification by any fair-minded man for the conduct of the Government in this respect. It will be found that the policy adopted by us during the summer in connection with the opening of new country by the construction of the road from Campbellton to St. Quentin, if put into effect by the new Government, will still leave the sum of \$250,000 or more to the credit of that \$1,250,000 which he claims we expended all in three years when we should have carried the expenditure over a period of five years."

"Your celebrated prisoner got away?"

"Yes," said the jailer. "When he borrowed my keys and told me somebody wanted to see me in the alley on important business, I found his picture, I knew he was up to something."

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**SPECIAL ATTRACTION AT
THE CAPITOL THEATRE**

"The Saddle Hawk" is the photo play at the Capitol for the last half of the week featuring Hoot Gibson.

The story has to do with the exploits of a cowboy who enters into a plot with the enemy only to save the life of the girl he loves, while busily engaged in breaking up the plans of cattle thieves in the surrounding territory. There is plenty of action and some interesting scenery. As usual most of the settings are free from the curse of "rentals." All outdoor stuff suits Hoot to a T. The fight at the ranch house is a good one, a veritable sham battle as it were, and the rescue of the girl is well done.

Marion Nixon is coming along nicely, and Josie Sedgwick is as charming as ever, though she has little to do this time.

There is also another chapter of the serial "Galloping Hoofs."

**MORRISON
SCHOOL NOT FOR
WISLEY DISTRICT**

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provided to convey the children to the Wisley School. As these ratepayers belong to the Wisley District and are not paying any school taxes to the City, the Trustees felt that the petition could not be granted, but pupils could be accommodated on payment of tuition.

Miscellaneous

Application for position on the City Staff was received from Miss Marion B. Fleet, B. A.

A letter from Lt. Col. A. B. Snow, congratulating the High School Cadet Corps on the excellent showing made last year was received. A letter was received from Miss Annie Harvey, a former teacher in the Model School, asking that the Board grant her an annuity. Action was deferred. A letter from Prof. F. W. Harrison stated that the Board of School Trustees of Devon wished to engage him for two hours a week in their school, and asked that he be released for this period per week from work in the city schools. The Board decided to grant this request.

The resignation of Samuel Fitzpatrick, a member of the Vocational Committee, was received and Murray B. Hagerman was appointed a member of this Committee for the balance of Mr. Fitzpatrick's term.

Much routine business was transacted. The salary schedule passed and the usual bills ordered paid.

Trustees present were Dr. VanWart, Mrs. Wheeler, Mr. VanDine, Mr. Douglass, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Lemont and Mr. Richards.

Leaving For Florida.

John Scott son of J. M. Scott intends to leave this week for Florida.

Motoring Party.

L. W. Keith, E. H. Heustis and Lawson Hersey of Needham, Mass., are at the Barker House. They arrived by motor.

L. A. Putnam of Sussex is registered at the Queen.

**SPARROW MAKES
FRIENDS WITH
MAN IN HOSPITAL**

London, Sept. 30.—Paddington Infirmary, Harrow Road, London, has been the scene of a pathetic little incident, says "The London Mail" in a recent issue. Every day for three months, until recently, a sparrow flew in through the window and alighted on the locker by the side of the bed of H. C. Simpson, a compositor, who has been a patient there for six months suffering from an ulcerated leg.

The first time the sparrow flew in Mr. Simpson gave her some bread. The next day she came back for more, and until this week, she returned several times a day for food. After she had been fed she would wait till she was given some little tit-bit for her family.

When Mr. Simpson was moved up two floors to another ward she appeared at her usual time—about 5.30 in the morning—at his former bed, and not finding him there she immediately started to look for him. She found him by 6 o'clock.

If she found Mr. Simpson asleep she would chirp till he awoke, peck at his hand or tug at his beard.

A few days ago she arrived a sorry figure. Her neck was torn and swollen her feathers were ruffled and she was spattered with blood. A cat had caught her, and, apparently knowing she could not live much longer, she had come back to get a last meal for her young. She managed to get as far as the window-ledge, and then fell off. She was not seen again.

Mr. Simpson said he missed his little dumb friend very much, and added:

"She was the most intelligent little bird I have ever seen. Every morning she would wake me up for her breakfast, and every one in the ward grew very fond of her. When she came in torn and bleeding I knew we should not see her again."

The sister of the ward said that the sparrow's disappearance had robbed them all of one of their daily pleasures.

VICTORIAN ORDER.

Miss Pond the new Victorian Nurse for Fredericton began her work today succeeding Miss Lower, Miss N. Boswell of Ottawa, Supervisor of the Eastern Division of the Order, also is here today. At the Queen Hotel this afternoon Miss Boswell stated that the Victorian Order was operating under certain difficulties in Fredericton, but Miss Pond was prepared to carry on. Miss Boswell said that the need of a car was felt seriously and numerous cities the size of Fredericton supplied cars for the Victorian Nurses. She also mentioned the handicap caused by the lack of scales in the schools and expressed a wish that it be remedied. Miss Boswell said she believed that Fredericton was a field large enough for the work of several nurses. The educational work also was mentioned.

**Fredericton Vocational Committee's
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Blanche Haining; Unit III.—Miss Belyea, B. S.

COOKERY—Miss E. Douglas.

GENERAL EDUCATION I.—Miss Mary Palmer.

GENERAL EDUCATION II.—Mr. F. E. MacDiarmid.

MOTOR MECHANICS—Mr. H. J. Mawhinney.

The office of the Secretary in the New High School Building will be open on Thursday and Friday evenings, Oct. 1 and 2, from 7.30 to 9.30, for those who wish to register. For further information apply to the secretary, R. D. Hanson, or B. B. Barnes. A fee of two dollars is required in all classes, but this will be refunded if attendance is satisfactory.

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