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AN INCREASED SUBSIDY.

While the full text of the report of the Duncan Royal Commission has not yet been made public it has been given out that the Commission has recommended an increased federal subsidy for each of the three maritime provinces and that New Brunswick's apportionment will be \$650,000 a year. It is to be hoped that this news will be confirmed when the report is laid before Parliament, and also that the government and Parliament will lose no time in carrying out the recommendations of the Commission. An additional allowance of \$650,000 to New Brunswick practically means that the revenue which this province now derives from the Federal government will be doubled. Since the decennial census of 1921 New Brunswick has received in Federal subsidies from Ottawa each year the sum of \$666,765.76, which strange as it may seem is a little more than Nova Scotia with 140,000 more population has been receiving from the same source. Under a readjustment made in 1907 all of the provinces now receive a Federal subsidy of 80 cents per head based on the population, but the agreement entered into at Confederation for some unexplained reason set the limit at 400,000 in the case of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Nova Scotia passed the 400,000 mark in 1881, and for twenty-six years following there was no increase. In the case of New Brunswick the population is still under 400,000, and a sum equivalent to eighty cents per head has always been paid from Ottawa. Under the readjustment of 1907 it will continue to be paid until the population reaches 2,500,000, and for all in excess of that number the province will draw 60 cents per head.

At Confederation New Brunswick was given a debt allowance by the Federal government of \$7,000,000, but as the province had an actual debt of \$6,000,000 at that time this amount was of course debited on the Federal allowance. This left the province a little less than a million dollars with which to start housekeeping. A further allowance of \$1,176,681.95 on debt adjustment was made soon after 1867, and ten years later another debt adjustment gave the province a further credit of \$604,518.23, bringing the total up to \$8,781,201.20. Later on subsidies paid on account of the Eastern Extension Railway were refunded to the province, and other smaller items brought the total amount to New Brunswick's credit up to \$9,171,953.74. From this the amount of the provincial debt was deducted, and at different times sums which totalled \$2,305,564.57 were withdrawn and paid out in subsidies to branch railways. The sum of \$88,022.20 was withdrawn for the Fredericton bridge and other smaller amounts including \$38,856.04 for the departmental buildings, made a total of \$132,000. This left a balance of \$529,299.30 to the credit of the province at Ottawa and it remains to this day and bears interest at the rate of five per cent. New Brunswick would have been a good deal better off today had this amount also been withdrawn and turned over to the New Brunswick Railway Company and the province retained the sixteen hundred thousand acres of land which it gave as a subsidy to that corporation for constructing a narrow gauge railway from Gibson to Edmundston.

In addition to the per capita allowance from Ottawa of 80 cents per head of the population New Brunswick receives each year the sum of \$150,000 in lieu of an export duty on lumber which the province abandoned. An allowance of \$50,000 per year was made at Confederation to defray the expenses of government and this with the per capita allowance and increased subsidy granted in 1907 makes the total receipts from the Federal government today \$666,765.76. In the fifty-nine years since Confederation New Brunswick has received in subsidies, interest on debt allowance, etc., from Ottawa the sum of \$30,432,761.72, or an average of about half a million a year. Considering that the province was one of the original partners of Confederation, gave up its customs and postal revenue, assisted in purchasing the lands of the Hudson Bay Company, contributed to the cost of building the Canadian Pacific Railway, and the other Transcontinental lines, and also the great canal system of the upper provinces, besides helping to Colonize Western Canada, it cannot be seriously contended that New Brunswick has been too generously treated by the Federal authorities.

Prince Edward Island was granted an increased subsidy in 1912 after the

matter had been discussed in Parliament and the opinion expressed by prominent public men that the Island had not profited by Confederation, had lost population by reason of its connection with Canada, its trade had been diverted from its natural channel and it had gone backward instead of forward. Similar arguments in favor of an increased subsidy were advanced on behalf of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick before the Duncan Royal Commission. Should New Brunswick now get an increased subsidy, there will be nothing to prevent it from going to Ottawa on some future occasion and asking for a further increase. Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. W. S. Fielding put themselves on record in 1907 by declaring that there could be no finality in subsidy claims, and Sir Robert Borden in 1913 saw no objection to the provinces going to Ottawa after every decennial census and discussing their financial arrangements with the Dominion. If New Brunswick public men have been dilatory in the past in standing up for the rights of the province at Ottawa it is hoped that they will give evidence of more backbone in the future.

Canadians irrespective of party will join in extending congratulations to Right Hon. W. S. Fielding, ex-Minister of Finance on his 78th birthday. Right Hon. Mr. Fielding is a native of Halifax, N. S. and before entering politics was actively engaged in newspaper work. He became Premier of Nova Scotia in 1884, and held office continuously until 1896, when he was called to Ottawa to join the Laurier Cabinet. He held the portfolio of Finance for fifteen years or until the government went out of office on the reciprocity issue in 1911. When Hon. MacKenzie King became Premier in 1921, Hon. Mr. Fielding again became Finance Minister, but failing health compelled him to relinquish the portfolio and retire from public life prior to the election of 1925. Mr. Fielding is undoubtedly one of the ablest statesmen of his time in Canada.

You may fret about being too fat. More serious things may happen to you if you pursue slenderness too rapidly. Flu, bronchitis, pneumonia, attack the weak, the undernourished, the anemic. Too hasty reduction makes you unfit to face disease, the great enemy.

A Sault Ste. Marie hunter, claims that he rode through the woods a distance of two miles on the back of a buck deer. A pretty good yarn, but who is going to believe it.

Read that some of Cleopatra's so-called luxurious feasts cost only a buck in our money, but in the end old Antony paid a pretty dear price for them.

New Brunswick now has ten representatives in the Senate, one half of which come from the noble county of Westmorland.

Notice how oddly an ear is made? Maybe that's the reason tales get twisted before they emerge again at the mouth.

What ever became of the old-fashioned carpenter who measured things with his thumb and designed the house as he went along?

Football is a wonderful sport if it's the other fellow's boy whose leg is broken.

Some men apparently go on the principle that if at first you don't succeed, let someone else try it.

Cotton: A plant that produces silk, wool, olive oil, linseed oil and lard; also cotton.

Still, conversation through whiskers was just as distinct as conversation through gum.

A conservative is just a man born with a preference for night shirts instead of pajamas.

One way to avoid eating too much is to be in love and buy flowers and things for a girl.

That new drug may abolish sleep, but it can't be more effective than fooling with the stock market.

Inferior Fountain Pens.

The New Brunswick Retail Merchants' Association yesterday issued a warning that there was a man in this province selling spurious fountain pens which he claimed were of a well known make and worth five times that he was asking for them. He is known to have been selling his wares in Saint John and in St. Stephen as well as in other parts of New Brunswick. He has stayed only half a day at a time in any one place and it has been difficult to locate him on that account. The pens are very dear at the price which he offers them and will not work properly at any time, it is stated.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

Queen Marie knows there is rest in Bucharest.

Yes, money talks. But in the hands of a tightwad all it can say is "ouch!"

"If you feel it in your bones," remarked the Man on the Car, "it isn't good news."

Nothing has a much meaner disposition than a warmed-over housefly.

It is unreasonable to complain of the weather when it is only half as bad as the forecast.

When the radio squeals like a pig under the fence it is probably Chicago rubbing against your wave length.

After all, there seems to be more sense in the pursuit of happiness than in sitting around waiting for joy to come around and kiss you.

There is a general inclination to over exploit everything which makes us fear that Heaven may be a disappointment to many.

Patience is the stud that keep one's choler from rising. Boston Transcript. Patience can't roll under the dresser.

Jack Dempsey predicted that some young fellow would come along some time and take the championship from him. Instead of yearning to come back Jack ought to join the weather bureau. He's a prophet.

PUBLIC OPINION

THE CANCER SCOURGE.

The Editor of The Mail,

Dear Sir—Strange, is it not, that with all the research laboratories, the greater skill and general knowledge of present day physicians, the number of medical specialists and the strides of all the Sciences, the ravaging disease which seems to be taking the greatest toll of lives, Cancer, still baffles the earnest efforts of brilliant Doctors?

About all that can be done is to impress on every adult the vital importance of a thorough medical examination from time to time and of the danger of withholding information from the examining physician. Taken in time at the very earliest stage, it is claimed and has been proven that Cancer can be conquered, but the average human being hates the suggestion of the possibility of Cancer being present and puts off the evil day, the day for medical examination, the day when perhaps effective treatment could be begun.

Consumption is not dreaded now as it used to be, because we have learned it can be pretty well checked if the proper steps are taken in time. Let us learn the same about Cancer, and save Humanity untold suffering.

Respectfully

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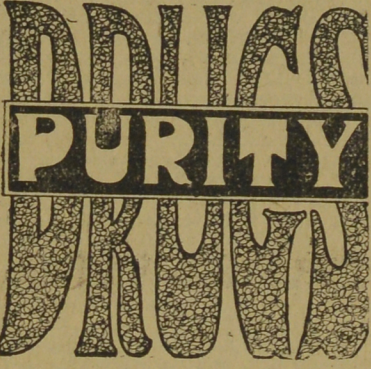
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