

An Estimated Surplus of \$23,262 for the Coming Year

Hon. A. J. Leger, Provincial Secretary Presents the First Balanced Budget to the Legislature Since the Great War—A Big Increase in the Appropriation for Agriculture an Outstanding Feature.

New Brunswick's first balanced budget since the War was presented to the Provincial legislature this afternoon by Hon. Antoine J. Leger, Provincial Secretary-Treasurer, who presented a budget for the fiscal year ending October 31st, 1928, estimating the revenue would be in excess of the five million dollars mark for the first time. Ordinary revenue of the province for the year will total \$5,100,439 according to the estimates, while the expenditures will reach \$5,077,176, leaving an estimated surplus of \$23,262.91.

The estimated revenue for the Province for 1928 is \$167,409.28 more than the actual revenue for 1927 which reached \$4,933,029.72. The estimated expenditures for 1928 are \$159,939.01 in excess of the actual expenditures of \$4,917,237.08 for 1927.

With a larger revenue than ever before, the Provincial Secretary-Treasurer announced that more generous provision would be made for Agriculture, Education, Highways and other important public services than in the past.

Increased Subsidy

The largest single item in the estimated Revenue is \$1,266,766 as annual subsidy and allowance from the Dominion of Canada, this being the same amount of subsidy and additional allowances as provided as a result of the Duncan Commission report as received in 1927. The second largest item of estimated revenue for 1928 is \$800,000 as receipts from stumpage as compared with \$790,144.70 actually received the past year. The Department of Lands and Mines territorial revenue will, it is estimated reach a total of \$1,183,000, as compared with \$1,172,599.91 actually received in 1927.

The Provincial Secretary-Treasurer's Department is expected to produce less revenue than in 1927 the total estimate being \$415,180.00 as compared with \$622,902.24 actually received in 1927. This estimated falling off is accounted for largely by the estimate for revenue from Succession Duties being placed at \$250.00, whereas the abnormal large amount of \$461,385.55 was actually received last year.

Motor Vehicles

A large revenue from motor vehicles is anticipated, the estimates in the budget today including \$560,000 for Motor Vehicle License fees and \$320,000 from gasoline tax, a total of \$970,000 as compared with actual receipts in 1927 of \$616,271.87 from Motor Vehicle and \$216,574.65 from Gasoline Tax, a total of \$832,846.52 from these two sources.

The estimates for 1928 include \$550,000 to go into the Provincial Revenue from the New Brunswick Liquor Control Board including fines. During the past year, part of which was under the Prohibition Act and part under the Present Liquor Control Act, there went into the Provincial Revenues from those sources the sum of \$344,220.31.

Estimated Expenditures

Turning to the expenditures, the Provincial Secretary-Treasurer announced estimates of over \$200,000 for the encouragement of agriculture, the estimated expenditures for 1928 being \$204,309.16, as compared with \$151,757.83 actually expended in 1927 by the Department of Agriculture. The increase comes largely under the heading of general expenses of the Department of Agriculture for which \$176,339.16 is to be appropriated as compared with \$125,371.86 actually expended last year. The increase of 30 per cent is made in the appropriation this year for the Division of Immigration and Industry, which comes

under the Department of Agriculture.

Education

The appropriations for Education this year pass the \$600,000 mark for the first time, the total appropriation for 1928 being \$602,781, as compared with \$595,946.78 expended in 1927. There is a slight increase in the amount for departmental and general expenses, for which \$437,875 is appropriated. For the University of New Brunswick endowments and assistance, \$40,000 is appropriated as



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appropriations for the Department of Public Works for 1928 reach \$987,195.60; this is a reduced amount from the actual expenditures of last year which were \$1,022,585.90. The reductions are made under the headings of Public Buildings and Miscellaneous.

The Department of Lands and Mines expenditures for 1928 are estimated at \$247,693.33 as compared with \$250,185.73 actually spent in 1927.

The expenditures in the Forest Service are evidently to be curtailed, the estimate being \$189,000 for 1928 as compared with \$197,936.70 actually spent last year. The increased appropriations for Colonization Roads is being made \$6,000 being available for this purpose as compared with \$4,094.25 spent in 1927.

Health Department

The expenditures of the Department of Health are also reduced, the appropriations totalling \$11,635, as compared with \$118,482.61 devoted to this service last year.

THE ESTIMATES AND EXPENDITURES

	Revenue	Expenditures
Dominion Subsidy	\$1,266,766.00	
Public Debt		\$1,673,358.00
Legislation		72,912.00
Dept. Attorney General		41,425.00
Dept. Agriculture	2,200.00	204,309.16
Dept. Lands and Mines	1,183,000.00	247,693.33
Dept. Public Works	16,260.00	987,195.60
Dept. Public Health	10,000.00	111,635.00
Dept. of Education (General)	3,700.00	493,875.00
Dept. of Education (Vocational)	49,875.00	108,906.00
Dept. Provincial Secretary-Treasurer	853,378.00	222,654.00
Executive Council		9,700.00
N. B. Liquor Control Board (net)	500,000.00	
Provincial Hospital	123,000.00	195,000.00
Jordan Memorial Sanatorium	60,000.00	100,000.00
Tuberculosis Aid		40,000.00
Boys' Industrial Home	12,260.00	20,052.00
Motor Vehicle Law	650,000.00	
Gasoline Tax	320,000.00	548,461.00
	\$5,100,439.00	\$5,077,176.00
Estimated surplus		\$23,262.91

compared with \$35,000 paid in 1927. There is a slight increase in the amount appropriated to make up the deficiency in Pensions to Teachers for which \$16,000 will be required this year, while for the Vocational Branch the appropriation for 1928 is \$108,906 as compared with \$114,193.99 actually expended in 1927.

With larger receipts from the Motor Vehicle Law, it is estimated that \$548,461 revenue from this source will be expended in connection with highway construction and other expenditures chargeable to the Motor Vehicle Law, as compared with \$417,878.93 actually expended last year. A considerable portion of this amount goes towards paying interest on bonds issued for permanent highway construction. For Roads Patrol \$275,000 is to be expended this year as compared with \$259,360.84 expended last year, and for Ordinary Roads an appropriation is asked as compared with \$289,468.69 spent last year. The total ap-

For extension of the Free School Book System an increased appropriation is being made, \$65,100 being listed for this purpose as compared with \$53,695.57 actually spent last year. For the encouragement of tourist travel, including grant to the New Brunswick Tourist Association and the Bureau of Provincial Information an increased appropriation is being made, the estimates for 1928 being \$35,000 for this purpose as compared with \$22,300.29 actually expended in 1927.

Interest Charges

The largest single item of expenditure is \$1,425,956 to be appropriated in 1928 toward payment for interest, the total appropriations for taking care of the Public Debt this year being \$1,673,358, of which \$247,402 is to be devoted to sinking funds. Interest on the Public Debt amounted to \$1,396,721.88 and \$222,500 was devoted to sinking funds, making a total of \$1,605,424.88 devoted from the Ordinary Revenue in 1927 to the Public Debt.

INSANITY PLEA ON BEHALF OF CHISHOLM

Attorneys For Canadian War Veteran Are Preparing Their Case

DROWNED HIS TWO CHILDREN

The Prisoner is Said to Have Been Gassed and Shell Shocked

Special cable to the Daily Mail by the British United Press

Crown Point, Ind., Mar. 6.—Attorneys for George Chisholm, 35, Canadian world war veteran, who confessed to drowning his two small sons, planned today to begin preparation of an insanity defense to save the father from the electric chair.

Chisholm was brought to the Lake County jail here last night after he had waived examination and had been bound over to the Lake criminal court grand jury on two charges of first degree murder.

The insanity, defense lawyers indicated, would be based on the contention that Chisholm suffered shell shock, and wounds received while serving with the Canadian expeditionary forces in the world war. Chisholm was said to have been gassed and shell shocked at the battle of Vimy Ridge.

The former Canadian soldier was arraigned in East Chicago municipal court yesterday. He had refused to testify at a coroner's inquest into the deaths of his two sons, George, 9, and Edgar, 6.

He collapsed when his confession was read. The confession told how the father bound wire about the waists of his two sons, weighted the wire with heavy steel rails and pushed the two youths into the calumet river ship canal.

LEGISLATURE RESUMED WORK THIS AFTERNOON

Premier Baxter Spent the Week end in Montreal on an Important Mission.

The members of the Legislature returned to the city this afternoon and this morning and the House met pursuant to adjournment at three o'clock. Hon. A. J. Leger, the Provincial Secretary is bringing down his third budget this afternoon. The adjournment of the debate will be moved by Hon. J. E. Michaud, chief opposition critic, who will speak tomorrow afternoon. It is likely that the debate will continue the remainder of the week.

Premier Returns.

Premier Baxter who spent the week end in Montreal returned to the city by the noon train today. It is understood that the object of his visit to Montreal was to confer with Sir Henry Thornton in matters connected with the Valley Railway. No doubt the result of the conference will be made public in due course.

SCALDS FATAL TO MONCTON TWO-YEAR-OLD

Moncton, March 5.—Little Irene Susan Babineau, aged 23 months, accidentally fell into a tub of hot water at her home here today and was scalded from head to foot. Despite prompt medical attention, she died shortly afterwards. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Babineau, 420 Robinson street.

Ten People Perished When Quebec Home is Destroyed by Fire

Mrs. Thomas Cliche of Valley Junction, Her Eight Children andn Father in Law the Victims—The Woman's Husband Alone Escaped—Ran Out to Summons Help—Fire Caught From Overheated Pipe.

(Special to the Daily Mail by the British United Press)

QUEBEC, March 6.—Mrs. Thomas Cliche, her eight children and her father in law, Charles Cliche, were burned to death last night when their home near Valley Junction was totally destroyed by fire which is thought to have been caused by an overheated furnace. The ten victims and the woman's husband were all in bed at the time.

When the fire was discovered Thomas Cliche and his wife ran from the house in their night attire to summon help. Then they tried to re-enter the inferno, but only the woman managed to fight her way in, the husband being driven back by the flames she was not seen alive again.

This morning nothing remains of the Cliche home but a heap of smouldering ashes.

BOIESTOWN MAN GETS SIX MONTHS IMPRISONMENT

Leslie McKay Went on Rampage in a Local Picture House While Intoxicated—A Tough Character.

Leslie McKay, of Boiestown who was arrested yesterday for assault on a local young man and also for creating a disturbance in the Gaiety Theatre, appeared before Police Magistrate Limerick this morning and after a hearing was given six months in jail with an additional two months in default of payment of costs. Ralph Anderson, the victim of the assault gave evidence, stating that the appearance and actions of the man were all in favor of his being intoxicated. Witter O. Fenety, proprietor of the theatre, also gave evidence stating that the man had been running wild in the theatre and assaulting everyone who happened to be handy as well as using profane language. The actions of the man caused quite a bit of excitement, many persons leaving the theatre because of his actions. Asked if he had anything to say the prisoner stated that he could not recall anything that happened. The drunken man was finally overpowered and taken to the police station. The prisoner came here from Westfield and registered at the Lorne Hotel yesterday.

Arctic All-Stars Win

The Arctic All-Stars came through with another win at the Arctic Rink yesterday afternoon when they defeated the Old Contemplables from the University by the score of 4 to 1. Johnny Eatman was the star for the winners, while Lockhar in the goals was the most effective for the losers. "Sic" Clarke secured two of the winners' markers. This game makes the fourth consecutive win for the All-Stars, who have scored twenty goals with but four against them.

On Sick List

Friends of Thomas A. Niles, well known citizen, will be sorry to learn that he is confined to his home today, due to illness. It will probably be a few days before Mr. Niles will be able to be about again.

AN ARAB HOLY WAR IS NOW THREATENED

Abdul Saud Hopes to Bring Infidels Back to Islam by the Sword.

Special cable to the Daily Mail by the British United Press

London, March 6.—An Arab holy war against Great Britain is threatened as an outcome of Abdul Aziz Ibn Saud's declaration that he hopes to bring "The infidels" of Koweit, Iraq and Transjordan back to Islam "by the sword," peaceful methods having failed.

This statement was made by Saud, who is sultan of Nej and self-styled king of the Hedjaz, to a great conference of tribesmen, according to messengers who have just arrived at Basra, from Koweit.

If the threat materializes the British, instead of having to deal with parties of raiders will be opposed by the full Wahabis force, the most powerful combination of Arab tribes in Arabia, whose armed numbers approach 300,000.

MAY COLLECT TAXES ON THE QUEEN HOTEL

At the City Council meeting His Worship the Mayor pointed out that the Queen Hotel property, owned by the Provincial Government and re-let for commercial purposes, was paying no taxes to the city. He thought the Government should be approached in regard to the matter.

One of the aldermen explained that the matter had been taken up with the Government by a former council, and while they refused to pay taxes, they intimated that some assistance might be given towards the purchase of new equipment for the fire department. A motion that the matter be referred to the fire committee was finally adopted.

In view of the fact that the Queen Hotel property yields the Government one-third of one per cent on the investment, it would seem that the council's chances of collecting taxes on the property at the rate of 2.67 per cent, are rather slim. Possibly the Government might consider the matter of disposing of the property to the city on reasonable terms.