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ANOTHER SURPLUS

It has again been demonstrated that the adage that deficits are the rule under Conservative administration and surpluses under Liberal rule is true. The financial statement of the Province of New Brunswick for the fiscal year ending October 31st, 1938, shows a surplus of \$59,410, notwithstanding many unforeseen expenditures.

Following a succession of deficits from 1930 to 1935 inclusive which aggregated \$4,415,000, the present administration has achieved its second surplus after having provided from ordinary revenue adequate amount for sinking funds and redemption of public debt including hard-surfaced roads investments. That in itself is indicative of the wise and careful leadership which the Province of New Brunswick has enjoyed since 1935.

While space does not permit an extended analysis of the statement, it is clear to the most inexperienced person that the people made little mistake when they ousted the Tilley-Becker-Richards government from control of the Province and elected a party which has brought new hope and encouragement to an aggressive people.

Bearing in mind that the year of 1935 was a year of recession from the fond hopes raised in 1937 all over the continent, this second surplus is a most remarkable tribute to the foresight, courage, wisdom and business ability of the present leaders. When we stop to consider the splendid new social legislation passed by this Government for the benefit of those who perform are compelled to look to the Government for aid and assistance, people are bound to ask "what would have happened has the old administration remained in power. It must be remembered that in establishing Departments for the efficient carrying out of such social legislation as the Labor and Industrial Act, the Co-operative Associations Act, The Credit Unions Act and other progressive legislation, considerable expense had to be incurred and the Government is to be congratulated upon the manner they have measured up to their responsibilities.

The people of the Province of New Brunswick are to be congratulated upon having at the head of affairs an administration whose business ability has again made it plain that New Brunswick's financial standing is the highest—thus leaving to the pessimists and calamity howlers nothing but weeping and wailing and the gnashing of teeth.

TRADE SIDELIGHT

The field of foreign trade is a fascinating one. The compilation of figures covering results may present some formidable appearing totals, but they are necessary in the securing of the exact information needed. However, apart from statistical data, there are many detailed facts which must be known for the achieving of success in the export field. Many of these have to do with customs and practices, styles and states of mind in the countries to which it is hoped to sell. Even what may be comparatively unimportant markets show interesting side-lights on the subject as a whole.

For example, it is pointed out that the market for wallpaper in Portugal is keenly competitive with England, Germany, France and Belgium being the leading suppliers. Switzerland does a good business in washable wallpaper. In reporting on this phase of the Portuguese market to the Department of Trade and Commerce, A. R. Muddiman, Canadian Trade Commissioner, states that Canada has shipped wallpaper to Portugal from time to time. "It must be remembered," he states, "that the Portuguese are

a Latin race and require Latin styles and designs. Any novelty line, however, is welcomed."

Manufacturers of jewellery, silverware, reported the value of their products at \$13,093,546 in 1937 compared with \$10,684,548 in 1936, the fifth successive year in which an increase was recorded. Jewellery production advanced to \$3,353,037 from \$2,775,237; clocks, watches and watch cases to \$1,737,525 from \$1,540,840; sterling silverware to \$584,791 from \$351,498; electro-plated ware to \$2,835,668 from \$2,560,463; fine gold to \$1,596,452 from \$1,244,638 and gold alloys to \$570,086 from \$430,968.

The figures furnished by the Department of Mines and Resources show that Canada's mining industry attained a new high peak of production and employment in 1938, with a growth of three per cent in physical volume of production and two per cent in employment as compared with 1937.

Angora statisticians have discovered that emancipation has reduced the average life of Turkish women. Apparently the harem life was less trying than the harum-scarum life outside.

Hundreds will greet Sir William Mulock, father of penny postage and afterwards Chief Justice of Ontario, when he celebrates his ninety-fifth birthday tomorrow.

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Mrs. Skinner:—"Well, what did you expect for \$3 a week—a bull-fight?"

NEW CURE

"I understand that Bette has cured her Scotch boyfriend of stuttering. How did she do it?"
"She called him up, long-distance, collect."

Number Engaged!

A man bought a parrot and tried to teach it to talk. Going over to the bird, he repeated for several minutes the words, "Hello, hello!"
At the end of the lesson the parrot opened one eye and answered, drowsily, "Line's busy."

NOTHING DOING

"I trust we shall be able to make you feel quite at home," said the hotel manager to the visitor.

Don't trouble yourself," he replied. "I don't want to feel at home. That's why I came here!"

Why Worry

"Professor! Professor!"
"Well, what is it?"
"There is a burglar in the library."
"Dear me! What is he reading?"

SHOULD BE EASY

A two-hundred pound leopard at large has been terrorizing Paignton, England. There should be no difficulty in catching it, however, as it will always be in the same place. A leopard, as everyone knows, cannot change its spots.

The Solution

Two little boys were astride a none-too-large hobby-horse. Things eventually came to the point where one little rider said to the other: "If one of us would get off, I could ride better."

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As I See It

Daily Foreign News Comment

By H. M. Paint.

Negotiation versus Power Politics

Once an individual, or a nation, has decided that it is not a paying proposition to risk fighting they are compelled in the nature of things to negotiate. Negotiation is a habit-forming drug, as much as morphine, and it is as easy to become an addict, almost unawares. Peace itself, is a valuable sedative to the body politic—but peace and negotiation are not the same thing in many instances. To live at peace in mutual concord with one's neighbor is a fine ideal and a boon to any nation, it is the natural rest cure which reinvigorates the national health of any country. But to live at peace only by means of constant negotiation—and losing treaty pacts at that—is to mistake the shadow for the substance, the mirage in the desert for the Oasis, the deadly drug for the curative medicine.

We appear about to enter an era of negotiation, in which our enemies have in the nature of things, nothing to offer us except Peace. They are insolvent, short of food, without prosperous colonies, short of raw materials, and morally bankrupt. We on the other hand have much material wealth and rich possessions. It would seem that except Peace, the totalitarian nations have no stock in trade. In the final analysis, when we negotiate, we signify our willingness to barter our riches for Peace.

Such chaffering is as though a merchant in the bazaar began to display his wares to a robber, with no purse, but a sharp sword and long dagger. We do not think that in such circumstances any merchant would suggest to the bandit, that he dispossess a friend, two shops down street, making him a next door neighbor of our partner, and invite him in at his convenience to look over our goods.

Nevertheless, this is a close analogy of our present policy in the Spanish Civil War.

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