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A BAD SHOWING

The friends of the provincial government will read with dismay the financial showing made in the annual statement of the auditor general. The expenditure is still piling up at a rate that would have horrified Mr. Hazen when he was in opposition. In 1907, under the old government, the ordinary expenditure was $960,093.12. Last year it was $1,255,381.92.

Comparing the Hazen government's statement for 1909 with that for 1908 we have:

	1908.	1909.
Ordinary revenue....	..$1,086,738.34	$1,259,826.89
Ordinary expenditure.. ..	1,042,196.49	1,255,381.92
Alleged surplus. ..	..$44,541.85	$4,444.97

Thus, according to their own showing the expenditure is going up and the surplus of 1908 was shown to be bogus, and the like is doubtless true of that of 1909.

At the end of the fiscal year 1908 the government claimed to have a balance on all accounts of $136,956.51. This year it claims a balance of $114,971.75. In considering this, the last year's experience may be interesting. Beginning with an alleged balance of $136,956.51, the government would receive on Jan. 1st dominion subsidy amounting to $310,680.48. But in addition it appears to have been necessary to borrow in New York $198,142.78. Obviously the financial needs of the government were large.

The Standard boasts that there was an increase of $74,000 on public works, and that this went on the roads and bridges. The truth doubtless is that the $74,000 went to pay the contribution of the government to the Conservative campaign fund in the federal elections, when it is estimated nearly a hundred thousand dollars of provincial funds were spent in the vain effort to carry the province for Mr. Borden. The money certainly was not spent on the roads, which were never in such wretched condition as at present. The Hazen government has neglected the roads in the most outrageous manner, and no one will believe that the increased expenditure charged to public works went for their improvement.

The Standard makes much of the statement that there was an increased expenditure for education. This was due to the legislation of the old government. Mr. Hazen has done nothing for the teachers in the matter of increased salaries or pensions.

But he has done something in regard to school books. In 1908 the government spent $11,588.87 for school books, and in 1909 the sum of $14,063.52. This is a total of $25,652.39. The receipts from school books in 1908 were $1,691.71 and in 1909 they were $9,528.76, a total of $11,220.47. Where is the balance of $14,431.92?

Looking into some of the expenditures it is seen that Mr. Hazen has not kept the pledges made when in opposition.

Take the administration of justice. In 1907, it cost $19,505.22. In 1908 the cost was $19,770.76. Last year it was $25,218.37.

Take executive government. In 1907 the cost was $34,252.32. In 1908 it was $34,734.14. Last year it was $38,176.83.

How Mr. Hazen, if in opposition—and Mr. Flemming—would rail against such increases as these.

Take succession duties. Mr. Hazen was wont to protest against the cost of collecting these duties. In 1907, the last year under the old government, the receipts were $14,803.53, and the cost of collecting $528.85. Last year the receipts were $12,433.97, and it cost $636.66 to collect them.

With regard to the provincial hospital, it may simply be remarked that because the highest tender was accepted the coal for the institution last year cost about $1,000 more than it should have cost, and this system no doubt prevailed in regard to other expenditures.

The Standard makes much of the increase in the territorial revenue, and says it is due to greater vigilance in collecting stumpage dues. But this revenue has been increasing every year, and showed a higher percentage of increase in the last three years of the old government than in the first year under Mr. Hazen. This government has done nothing new to conserve the public domain, but has simply carried out the old system.

Less was spent on agriculture last year than in 1908. The Standard alleges that this is only an apparent reduction, as there were certain deferred payments, but this is not at all clear. The farmers would like to know what the government's agricultural policy really is—or if it has any. The information has not yet leaked out.

The Standard explains that the very large total of receipts and expenditures is partly a matter of bookkeeping, and gives illustrations to show that while in some instances the old government only entered net amounts the present government always gives the figures in gross. Yet in the matter of the Kentucky horses the only entry is $36, which was the alleged net gain on that transaction. Neither the gross cost nor gross receipts enters into the totals. Therefore the Standard's contention is not based on fact. In regard to those horses it would be interesting to know if they have all been actually paid for.

The Standard says that the surplus of over $4,000 is real. The same was said of a larger surplus last year, but it was bogus. The statement as a whole is very disappointing, and emphasises the need of an early change of government in New Brunswick. Premier Hazen has not delivered the goods. While he has benefited by increased federal subsidies and a larger territorial revenue he has increased the expenditure at a rate that will cause his supporters to protest, because there is no adequate return in improved public service. So far as the opposition are concerned, they will find in the statement additional cause for holding a convention and setting themselves vigorously to the task of ousting the government from power.

A NEW PROPOSITION

The question of harbor control has taken on a new phase. Some members of the harbor board are now in favor of selling to the C. P. R. all the property of the city at Sand Point. This course is favored by some who formerly protested against giving that company such concessions as were necessary for the expansion of its business at West St. John. It is perhaps believed now that the company may safely be trusted, and that no other interests will suffer through its control of the whole situation, so far as the existing wharves and warehouses are concerned. The question is one of great importance. There may be no harm in asking the company if it is willing to buy and how much it is willing to pay, but the aldermen prejudice their own case at the outset when they talk about the property failing to produce enough revenue to pay the charges upon it. Naturally this statement will tend to make the railway company think that a bargain price might be accepted for an unprofitable property.

It will be seen from interviews in today's Times that the proposition does not meet with the favor of quite a number of the aldermen, and there is a suspicion that its purpose may be to cause further delay. The matter is worth looking into very carefully before any delegation goes to Montreal.

PERMANENT STREETS

The remark of President T. H. Estabrooks, of the board of trade, that the board should give its attention this year to the matter of better streets, has found favor with the members of the civic board of works, which recommends the expenditure of some $96,000 on permanent paving, the amount to be distributed over a number of years. This is the plan favored by the board of trade, whose members will doubtless use their influence to have the general plan of the recommendation adopted by the city council. The details can be worked out without difficulty, if the work is placed in the hands of those who are competent, and who will see that the city gets value for the money spent. The subject is one of very great importance. The city makes a large annual expenditure, a considerable portion of which is wasted because the work is of a temporary character. By inaugurating a definite and comprehensive system to provide permanent streets the city within a very few years would see the advantage and reap a great benefit.

TRAINING GIRLS TO MAKE GOOD WIVES

(Manchester, Eng., Times)

J. J. Evans, at a meeting of Cheshire Educational Committee at Crewe on Monday, called attention to the success which had attepded the Bebington Housewifers or Cottage Home-making center. The work was inaugurated in the autumn of 1907 at Bebington. The girls as far as possible are selected from those about to complete their school career, and the course of training was in all the duties of a housewife, including shopping, preparation, of food, food values, digestion sanitation, care of the sick, care of children, feeding infants, an the right expenditure of household income.

Each girl was thoroughly instructed in every branch of the work. Arrangements were made for the girls to remain to dinner, with the advantage that they bought, prepared, cooked and served the meal which they themselves ate. By this means failure was remembered and succes duly appreciated The chairman Alderman Hodgson, said he had visited the Bebington center, and he was delighted with the work done, and he believed the board of education would recognize the value of it.

A VALUABLE COLLECTION

Probably the most valuable collection of scientific appliances in the world is owned by the South Kensington Museum, of London, England, yet the treasures have been kept for years in an old ramshackle building. In 1851 the commissioners of the museum offered $500,000 for a suitable site for the collection providing the government would undertake to maintain it, but nothing was done in the matter.

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Stirred by the smell of battle,
Het up by thoughts of gore,
They're passing out the thunder
With loud and angry roar.
They chew the rag of conflict
In frenzy fierce and fine,
And when they get in action
Clean down the fighting line,
They'll jar this land of freedom,
Likewise the British isles,
With blotting pads for weapons
At three and one-half miles.
—W. J. Lampton, in New York Tribune.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

UNCLE EZRA SAYS.

"Ef somebody wants to ride a free hoss to death it would be better fur all consarned to give him a cheap automobile."—Boston Herald.

THE MODERN WAY.

"Unless you consent to marry me," said the man thrice divorced, "I shall never marry again."

Thus showing how circumstances have necessitated slight changes in the threat to die alone, a broken-hearted bachelor.—Detroit Free Press.

BUSINESS IS BUSINESS.

Count (to the matrimonial agent)—"One other point. I am living out of the country; my intended must be shipped to me. Are your terms F. O. B. or do you pay the freight?"—Fliegende Blaetter.

HER WINTER GARB.

Woman likes a contrast
When the weather's rough;
Rather believes
In elbow sleeves
Coupled with a muff.

Woman likes a contrast
When a freeze occurs;
Has a quirk
For openwork
Worn with heavy furs.
—Philadelphia Bulletin.

LITERARY CONTAMINATION.

Mother—Johnny, you said you'd been to Sunday school.

Johnny (with a far-away look)—Yes, mamma.

Mother—How does it happen that your hands smell of fish?

Johnny—I carried home the Sunday school paper an' the outside page is all about Jonah and the whale.—Western Christian Advocate.

COMPENSATION.

Ah, soon we'll see next season's hats,
But be they "tub" or "wreath,"
Who cares, or whether "highs" or "flats"—
If all is fair beneath?
—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

GIRLISHLY.

A girl gets mad if a young man tries to kiss her. And if he succeeds she stays mad if he doesn't keep it up.—Chicago News.

LOOKED LIKE IT.

The visitor rang the bell and the door was opened by the wild-eyed youngsters who were towing the house cat around by a gas hose.

"I heard that your mamma was up at the mothers' congress delivering a lecture on 'How to Raise Children,'" announced the visitor. "Am I right?"

And the oldest boy pointed to the overturned chairs, the scratched wallpaper and the broken table, and said simply: "Gee, don't it look like it?"—Chicago News.

AHEAD OF HIS TIME

Death of Albany Boy Shows Him Pioneer in Morality of a Kind

(Baltimore Sun.)

The Albany youngster who presented a revolver at his father's head and demanded a check for $2,000 as the prce of uninterrupted existence will be honored no doubt in future ages as a bold pioneer and heaven-kissing hero. Judged by our present moral standards, of course, he is simply an extraordinarly bad boy who deserves a walloping, but our present moral standards, as everyone knows, have long shown signs of decreptitude, and in a few more years, perhaps, they will be definitely abandoned as ridiculous.

The philosophy of the future, for which the young Albanian stood up so nobly, will be a philosophy divested of all sentimentality. Its first and foremost object will be the conservation of the rights of neither emotions nor authority will be permitted to prevail. The grotesque notion that a father should be allowed to interfere with impunity in the affairs of his son will be cast upon the scrap heap of dead superstitions. Is there any sense in it, that it should be preserved and revered Not at all. A young man of 19 it is apparent, must necessarily have a surer vision and a clearer mind than at 45 or 50, if only for the fact that he lived fewer years in a stupid world, and in consequence has acquired fewer barnacles of prejudice, tradition and delusion.

The emancipation of youth is one of the noticeable signs of the times. In the old days filial obedience was regarded as one of the greatest of virtues, but those days are done. Today it is coming to be generally admitted that the duty of obedience, if any such duty exists at all, is upon the other side. It is the duty of a father to see that a son has the wherewithal to cut a figure in the world—that he has a plentiful supply of Egyptian cigarettes, chromatic waistcoats, rolled up pantaloons, and malt liquor—that he has leisure to engage in football, poker, musical comedy, and all the other pursuits and sciences necessary to the education of a gentleman.

And it is the duty of a mother to see that her daughter is protected from coarse and ignoble labors; that she remains a stranger to the broom, the dishpan and the dusting cloth; that she has all the clothes she needs and all the confectionery and novels; that she is allowed to sleep undisturbed until 11 a. m., and welcomed affectionately on her return home from rout and masquerade at 3 a. m.

Such are the duties prescribed by the morality of the future. For the present there is still some lingering of ancient superstitions. Youths of 16 who essay to smoke cigars in the parlor are still brutally assaulted with rattans and laths, and girls of 15 who refuse to peel potatoes on the ground that a new novel by Robert W. Chambers is just out—such girls are too often cruelly punished by being penned in their rooms. But barbarism is dying out, and a brighter day is dawning. Brave pioneers like that Albany boy show the glorious possibilities of the future.

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PERMANENT STREET WORK DECIDED ON

Board of Works Estimate For it is $96,000—Small Surplus This Year

As stated in the Times last evening, the board of works presenting a programme for permanent street work to be undertaken in the coming year.

At last evening's meeting the board decided to recommend that work shall be commenced on Pond street, Nelson street, Smythe street, Main street and a section of Water street. The amounts estimated for the different streets total about $96,000. It was pointed out that as city debentures to the amount of $79,000 will mature in 1910 and can be wiped out by the money already in the sinking fund, permanent street work could be undertaken next year to the extent of about $100,000 without any appreciable increase in the tax rate.

The estimates for the department for the coming year were not presented last night and a special meeting of the board will be held Jan. 15 to consider and pass them. Ald. McGoldrick in addressing the board said the appropriation for the year just closing was $71,500, and on this the department services had all been kept up and the board will close the year with a surplus of $385.67. This is the second time in the history of the board that a surplus has been reported.

It was decided to remove a large rock in front of Capt. Lipsett's house in Kennedy street, and to have the stone crushed for street work.

A claim for damages from Mrs. Thomas Carroll for injuries received on the Spar Cove Bridge, was referred to the claims committee.

The salary of Thomas Morrison was recommended to be increased from $1,000 to $1,100 per year.

Single team drivers in the employ of the department asked for an increase of salary of $2 per fortnight, as they claimed they were entitled to it. Their petition was signed by Howard Saunders, Daniel Kiley, Richard Evans, Herbert Eagles, Robert Winchester and John Nichols. On motion the application was referred to the engineer.

The question of providing permanent streets occupied the balance of the meeting. The recommendations and the estimated cost of the different sections was as follows: Main street, from Portland to Mill streets, on southern side, $15,000; Pond street, from Mill to Dorchester street, $34,000; Smythe streets, $22,000; Nelson street, $15,000; Water street, from Princess to Duke streets, $10,000.

HOME THE PLACE FOR THE MARRIED WOMAN

"In our efforts to reform we should not neglect home," said Mrs. M. M. Hurlhurt, speaking at the People's Institute at Zion Congergational Church, Toronto.

"When a woman gets to be a charming platform speaker, a lady bountiful, or a reformer, inquisitive people ask: 'What is she like at home!"

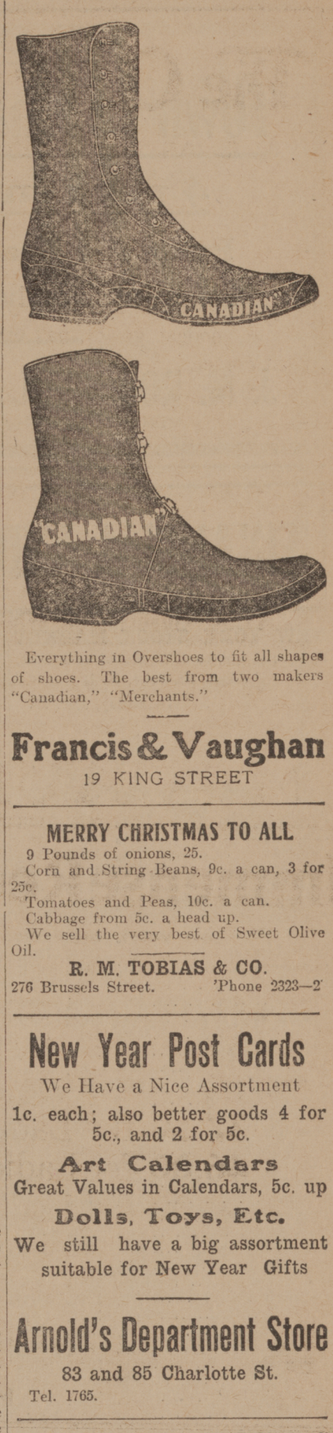
"Wifehood and motherhood defined is a business, a profession. A single woman may go in for the law, become a doctor, or anything else, but a married woman should spend most of her time at home. When a woman manages a home she is doing as much for the nation as the woman who is out trying to reform affairs.

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