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WANTED—REPRESENTATIVES TO distribute Tablets, which wash clothes spotlessly clean, without rubbing...

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WANTED, a reliable agent in every unrepresented district in Prince Edward Island...

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—COW DUE TO FRESHEN May 1st. Apply Wm. C. Howard, Clyde River.

TWO RIGS FOR SALE—1 PNEUMATIC tire wagon, 1 double seated trap. A. R. Horne & Co.

FOR SALE—SECOND HAND baby carriage. Apply 104 Water St.

FOR SALE—HOUSE AND LOT situated at Murray River. Apply to Captain A. Daley.

COW FOR SALE JUST FRESHENED Apply to Robert Weeks, Winsloe.

FOR SALE—COTTAGE WITH stable on Pleasant St. Apply at 11 Pleasant Street.

FOR SALE—120 EGG INCUBATOR, used three times. John R. Marks, New London, P. E. I.

GASOLINE ENGINE.—WE HAVE one 6 h. P. Woodpecker engine for sale. Will be sold cheap.

FOR SALE—MOTOR BOAT 25 FT. long 5/4 Horse Power Engine. Suitable for pleasure or fishing.

LOST

LOST—LADIES' GOLD WATCH bracelet. Finder return to Guardian Office, Reward.

LOST A GREY WOLF ROBE, between Tryon and Charlottetown. Finder communicate with Large Bros.

HELP WANTED—FEMALE.

WANTED A GIRL. APPLY TO THE Eldon Hotel, Kent Street.

WANTED—PUPIL NURSES, MALE and female at the Taunton State Hospital Training School for Nurses.

COMING EVENTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

MEETINGS, ETC.

**Reserve Friday, April 20th, for patriotic concert in Prince of Wales College Hall.

**Mrs. Stewart, dressmaker, 15 Elm Avenue, has moved to 23 King Square.

Minards Liniment cures toothache.

Minards Liniment cures garget in cows

MISCELLANEOUS.

SPECIAL FOR SMALL BUSINESS.—Shoe repair shops, country stores, small groceries, clothes-cleaning shops, etc.—One hundred printed billheads with your name, business and address for only \$1.50.

HORSEMEN—NOW IS THE TIME to get your stallion cards printed at THE GUARDIAN PRINTERY.

REMEMBER THE AUCTION SALE of sheep at Island Stock Breeding Company's farm, Frenchfort, tomorrow, Thursday. Sale will be held at the McDonald Farm on the hill.

MULTIGRAPH LETTERS ARE BUSINESS letters and the only place that produces them is THE GUARDIAN PRINTERY.

100 SHEETS NOTEPAPER WITH printed address 50c. Guardian office.

100 ENVELOPES WITH PRINTED address 50c. Guardian Office

WHEAT—CARVELL BROS WILL pay the highest price for good "White Russian" and "White Elf" delivered at their warehouse in the next two weeks.

HELP WANTED—MALE. WANTED—YOUNG MAN CLERK. S. A. McDonald.

WANTED.

WANTED—MAID FOR GENERAL housework. Apply 208 Dorchester Street.

WANTED—TO RENT A COTTAGE with modern conveniences, centrally located. Apply C. care Guardian.

POSITION WANTED—SCOTCH Gamekeeper on Fox Ranch. A good man with the best of habits.

WANTED—TO RENT HOUSE containing six or seven rooms, centrally located, with modern conveniences. Apply to H. Box 303, City.

OFFICE DESK WANTED.—We want to purchase an office desk, high preferred. A. Pickhard & Co.

WANTED—MINK, FOX, MUSKRAT. See me before selling. J. D. Jenkins.

WANTED FOR MORELL INSTITUTE.—An Ayshire bull (registered) from 2 to 4 years old, preferred. Communicate with John McDougall, Secretary, Bangor.

WANTED—BY KING GEORGE Farmers' Institute: Ayshire bull, two years' old or over. Address Geo. H. Moore, Sec'y, Albany, P. E. I.

CATS WANTED—I WILL PAY \$2.00 to any one desiring to loan me a cat with kittens (three or four days old) or one about to have kittens within the next three or four days.

TO LET.

TO LET—TWO HOUSES. APPLY 155 Euston, 4967-3-22M6ipd

TO LET—STORE AND OFFICE ON Victoria Row; possession May 1st. Apply Fennell & Chandler.

TO LET—COTTAGE OF 8 ROOMS. 211, Grafton street. All modern conveniences. Also good barn. Apply to B. Giggins

THE WEATHER, TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC.

TORONTO, March 28—Strong winds South east to South west, showery.

The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 34 degrees above. At 10 a. m. it was 34 above; at 9 p. m. 27 above.

The tide will be high this afternoon at 1.45 and tomorrow at 2.25; it will be high tomorrow morning at 3.26 and Friday at 4.20.

The sun sets this evening at 6.41 and tomorrow at 6.42; it rises tomorrow morning at 6.04 and Friday at 6.02.

The moon sets tomorrow morning at 1.23. There was a new moon on Thursday, March 22nd at 11.05 p. m.

The first quarter of the moon will be on Friday, March 30th at 5.36 a. m.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS TABLED GREAT FINANCIAL SHOWING

In the Third Year of the War the Mathieson Government Makes a Magnificent Record and Comes Out with a Surplus Exceeding all Expectations.

LEGISLATURE, TUESDAY NIGHT.

At the first night sitting of the present session Premier Mathieson tabled the Public Accounts for the year 1916, and moved that they be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts.

The public accounts show that The ordinary receipts were \$482,534.51 The ordinary expenditure was 451,476.99

Surplus on ordinary account \$31,476.99 Capital of Permanent Expenditure 17,344.86

Surplus \$13,712.66 If there were no debt or no war or public health expenditure this would be the net surplus on the ordinary year's financing of the Province.

But there is debt and a sinking fund to meet it, and there is war and public health expenditure and a tax to meet that also.

The War and Health expenditure within the financial year netted \$25,503.78 The War and Health Tax netted 24,259.74

Deficit \$1,244.04 Taking the ordinary net surplus which is shown to be \$13,712.66 and deducting the War and Health deficit 1,244.04

After that there is a surplus of \$12,468.62 To this total there has to be added the interest accrued on the Sinking Fund which amounts to 7,112.60

Giving a surplus of \$19,581.22 But this is not all. The total debts outstanding at the end of the financial year were \$7,953.55 less than

at the corresponding period last year, so that the grand net reduction of indebtedness on the year's working is no less than \$26,634.77.

But this is still not all. A loan of \$185,000 incurred in 1891 matured on December 1. Owing to the blundering and mismanagement of the Government of that day, the sinking fund which should have been sufficient to discharge the debt on maturity, amounted to only one half the total required, and a considerable part of this was in securities not yet due.

The Mathieson Government has been in a position to adjust matters on a marvellously satisfactory basis. A fresh loan was negotiated and placed at 5 per cent, the most favourable terms on which any Government in the British Empire has been able to raise a loan since the war began.

This was due to the knowledge which the financiers have of the sound condition of this Province's finances under the present Government. The management of affairs by the Government has been such as to save the Province thousands of dollars on this transaction alone.

In 1891 when this loan was originally floated it cost the Province \$7,366.72 in commission and discount. The Mathieson Government has placed the loan at 5 per cent, the lowest possible rate of interest and without any discount or commission, and with no expense whatever except the expense of the bonds from Ottawa to Charlottetown and back for renewal.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Table with columns: REVENUE 1916, War and Health, Ordinary, Dominion Subsidy, Public Lands, Provincial Secretary's fees, Registrar of Deeds, Registrar of Deeds Summer-County Court, Fees and Penalties, Falconwood Hospital Fees, Private Bills, Vendors' Licenses, Peddlers' Licenses, Casual Revenue, Fire Insurance, Life Insurance, Accident and Guarantee Co, Loan, Trust and Building Associations, Banks, Telegraph Co, Express Co's, Gas and Electric Light Co, Miscellaneous, Co's, Income Tax, Land Tax, Fox Tax, Succession Duties, Foreign Liquor License Taxes, Oyster Culture, Motor Vehicles, Returns.

WAR SUMMARY.

(Special to The Guardian.) Driving forward north and south of St. Quentin, the heart of the Hindenburg line, the Allies have cut two of the four main railroads which feed the city while a third is well within reach of French guns.

With La Fere inundated by the retreating Germans and two of its dominating forts in the hands of the French, the chief interest in the tremendous battle which has been raging for a week on an eighty mile front, has shifted to historic St. Quentin.

The Germans are making desperate attempts to wrest from the French, Eschny-Benay, the plateau from which General Nivelle's guns command the southern approaches to the city and render its position, in the opinion of military critics, one of grave peril.

Further to the south the French have forged the forest of Couchy and St. Gobain, the formidable natural barriers which lie between them and Laon, the southernmost fortress on the Hindenburg line.

In the centre of the curve General Nivelle has forced a wedge into the forest but about ten square miles of heavily timbered country must

yet be conquered before he reaches his goal.

On the northern section of the great battle line the situation is somewhat obscure.

Neither British nor German official communications throw much light on the operations here. Some progress has been made in the direction of Cambrai by General Haig, but apparently the determined resistance of the Germans has checked the British advance along the whole Aras sector.

THE SITUATION IN MESOPOTAMIA. While the issue of the titanic struggle in France remains in doubt the stage is set for sensational possibilities in far off Mesopotamia.

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THE OYSTER INDUSTRY. The Government has also been attacked on their efforts in connection with the oyster industry.

It has been said that this enterprise was a failure. I am quite ready to admit it has been a failure, and that failure is due to several causes.

It is due, for one thing, to the fact that some who embarked on the enterprise either bit off more than they could chew. They did not realize the fact that they embarked on an enterprise without sufficient knowledge of that enterprise, and they did not take the trouble to inform themselves properly as to what they should do.

It failed for the reason that sufficient capital was not put into it; it failed owing to the war; it failed owing to some unknown disease that has attacked the industry; and it failed chiefly from the fact that our friends on the other side from the first worked up an opposition among the fishermen—and that opposition has had more to do with the failure of the industry than anything else.

Now we have been accused of having done nothing to ascertain what the disease was that attacked the oysters. THIS IS NOT SO. The moment the attention of the Government was brought to the fact that such a disease existed steps were taken to ascertain what it was.

Personally, I communicated with the Biological Department in Ottawa; they asked for samples of the oysters. Those samples were obtained, and the matter is now under investigation by the Biological Board.

Some persons have stated that the disease was brought here through American oysters. The position is not founded on fact. The disease was found in places in this province where there had never been imported an American oyster.

However, what I wish to say now is, that from the very first we have taken steps to ascertain what this disease was. It is a peculiar fact that diseases attack fish the same as they attack human beings. An epidemic appears and passes, leaving no ill results. It is well known that only a few years ago a disease attacked the herrings on our shores, and millions of herrings were found dead or dying in the waters, and the shores were lined with them.

Nobody seemed to be concerned about the disease. It was not until some time ago that the disease was discovered.

Something has been said about the embargo on lobsters, and the question has been asked: Why has not something been done to have this embargo removed? Anyone who reads the daily press with intelligence knows that SOMETHING HAS BEEN DONE.

The matter was taken up immediately by the Minister of Trade and Commerce and also taken up by the Ministers who are now overseas, and as a result of the representations which were made, permission has been granted to export fifty per cent of the catch of lobsters, which is all that is exported to England in any one year.

The balance of our lobsters goes to France and some to the United States, so that I do not anticipate there will be any difficulty in getting all the lobsters that are packed this season exported to the English and French markets.

In connection with Transportation, I must say I agree with the remarks that were made by the hon. member from Cardigan (Mr. Dewar) with respect to the Car Ferry and to the boats that have been going between Summerside and Point du Chene. It is very well known that the terms of Confederation were for continuous steam communication. Those terms did not include the widening of the gauge of the Prince Edward Island Railway.

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