## The Ottawa Spotlight

By Wilfrid Eggleston

end of the session is not far away dump duty regulation; and some of begin to multiply. The committees, the more trenchant ones would a which have been looking minutely bolish dump duties on all lines of and laboriously into such widespread goods. Such a step is highly improblems as the marketing of wheat, probable, but it would not be sur the cost of farm implements, the prising to see an intensive drive asystem of voting, veterans' cares, gainst them in some quarters. government annuities and railway | finances, have reached the 'reporting' stage. They table their recom- cost more in future, it would seem. forth. One finds a considerable cil, is to investigate the importation mendations and findings in the The Senate committee which has number of thoughtful people who and distribution of anthracite coal. House of Commons; and then it is been inquiring into them, claims to up to the government to carry them have proved that they are being sold! out, if it fits in with government at substantially less than cost. Anpolicy.

see which way the wind blows.

tation or the single alternative vote. | 1893. On compulsory registration and comduced.

(Nigger In The Woodpile) implement problem came upon a rather startling example of 'secret federal treasury. protection' during the week. It transpired that the apparent duty on farm implements has not been the real one, because of a dump duty reguoriginally issued in 1907 and modithis regulation prevented a leading United States manufacturer from selling to the Canadian subsidiary implements at the same price at which it sold its implements to the

This in turn has meant that against its own inclinations the American company has had to charge extra in order to avoid the dump duty when the implements crossed the border. The Canadian farmer has paid the extra shot, and the Canadian manufacturer of farm implements has benefitted from the additioanl protection. At least that is the conclusion members of the committee draw. And now the low tar-

American distributing company.

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Ottawa, June 16 .- Signs that the iff Liberals are out to abolish the

(Higher Cost of Annuities)

The wheat-marketing committee, on two main factors; the normal as expected, advised a longer and 'expectancy of life' of the person more exhaustive inquiry into the obtaining the annuity; and the earnproblem of disposing of our greatest ing power of money. The expecexport commodity. They suggest a tancy of life, because of medical adroyal commission, to recommend vances and other things, has been what is the best method of handling rising; and the investment yield of past there have been bills in Eng- And you will find erasers, of a very wheat in Canada, whether by gov- money has been falling. Private an- lish and others in French, and peoernment board, farm cooperatives or nuity companies, and the state annua private system; and also to look ity scheme in the United Kingdom, into Canada's external markets and have raised their rates two or three times since the beginning of the lish. Stamps, of course, carry both The Committee looking into the century. But the Canadian annui- languages, and those who support the A soft "I'm sorry!" will bring smiles voting system came to no conclusties are still being sold on mortality change argue that it is no more obive finding, except to register its tables prepared from the experience opposition to proportional represent in Great Britain between 1863 and bills than on postage stamps.

The government annuities were pulsory voting it returned a neutral deliberately made as cheap as possreport, suggesting that further study lible in order to encourage persons another session was necessary. In of modest income to provide for view of the disparity between votes their old age as reasonably as posscast and members elected at the last lible, and there will be some opposigeneral election, in October 1935, tion to a raise in rates. But with there has been widespread demand annual deficits on other matters for some reform. It appears, how- running into scores of millions, there ever, that the cure is not easy to will be a disposition, one imagines, discover. Possibly before another to make the government annuity general election some improvement scheme come a little closer to supin the existing system can be intro- porting itself. If nothing is done, year the government will have to The committee studying the farm vote millions to make up for the inadequacy of annuity income into the

Some minor changes were recommended in pensions legislation by the committee which studied the subject. The age limit for beneficiaries lation of the customs department, of the War Veterans Allowance Act (for the 'burned-out' veteran) will be fied several times since. In essence, 55, if the recommendation is adopted.

(Limits for War Pensions) After July 1st, 1936, no application for pension for anyone who served only 'behind the lines' in Canada and England, if the report is implemented, and after July 1st, 1940 no further pensions will be considered from actual combatants. Limits to the retroactive payment of pensions are recommended. It is believed that the load of pensions payments for participants in the last war has now about reached its maximum of over forty million dollars, and that from now on it will show some decrease.

The British North America Act appears to have weathered another attempt to amend it. The Senate ast week turned down an Address to the King seeking two amendments to the constitution, the first to legalize indirect taxation by the province, and the other to provide machinery for a loan council, through which the federal government could guarantee provincial securities if an agreement could be reached between the two governments.

Legislation authorizing the Canadian National Railways to build approximately 99 miles of line between Rouyn, the gold mining centre, and Senneterre, on the National Transcontinental, was launched last week. The cost will be about \$6,000,000, and the line will be finished, it is expected, in 1939. The proposal of the Canadian Pacific Railway company to build a line through almost identi-

more of promising developments.

tario government and that a good Memorial Fund ..... deal of protest was evoked at once. Now that the Canadian National is definitely going ahead with its construction, the Canadian Pacific pro-

mitted to drop. (Several Lively Tilts)

er converted many members to his ficial languages. own side. The "sound money" peo- This prompted Hon. Ernest Laple are definitely opposed to any- pointe to make one of the striking thing that savors of inflation, where- speeches of the session, in which he as the monetary radicals for the pleaded for less talk about race and most part argue that an issue of race, language and language. He paper money would relieve the debt stressed the desirability of a united problem, give a new stimulus to busi- Canada. ness, depreciate the Canadian dollar! Dr. H. M. Tory, formerly Presi-Government annuities are going to so as to help export industry, and so dent of the National Research Counwould support a measure of infla- This is a live issue in the Montrealtion, if they could be sure that it Ottawa country. would not get out of hand. Then nuities sell for a sum which is based there are others who make "sound money" a sort of tin god, and who cannot be budged an inch.

(Bi-Lingual Bank Bills) on the plan to alter the language on the Bank of Canada bills. In the ple could signify, at the bank, which Extremely helpful, if you will try to they wished. Now it is proposed to

uously opposed the change, which, he

Hon. C. H. Cahan, of Montreal, who said, would stir up resentment speaks for the orthodox and estab- throughout Canada. There should be lished view. It was an interesting a freedom of choice, he argued. Canclash of two contradictory points of ada was not properly a by-lingual view, but it is doubtful whether eith- country. There were, rather two of-

#### ERASERS

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different kind,

bear these facts in mind. print all bills in French and Eng- When you bump someone in a crowd, and almost knock her down,

and rub out that old frown. jectionable to have French on bank Apologies, invariably, obliterate mis-

Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett quite stren- And three small words, "I love you!" can erase the worst heartaches.

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## Auditors' Report of the Treasurer's Accounts of the Village of Richmond Hill for the year 1935

To the Council Richmond Hill, Ontario.

I, the undersigned Auditor of the Municipal Council of the Corporait will not be many years before each tion of the Village of Richmond Hill, have examined and audited the books and vouchers of the Treasurer of the said Municipality, also the Electric Light, Waterworks and Public Library Accounts for the year 1935, and certify that in my opinion the accompanying statements, abstracts, assets and liabilities are so drawn up as to exhibit a true and correct view of the corporation's affairs according to the best of my information, explanations given to me and as shown on the books of the Corporation.

All information and explanations required by me have been cheerfully

Yours faithfully, ALLAN W. WALKER, Accountant & Auditor.

ABSTRACT

RECEIPTS	
Cash on Hand Jan. 1, 1935	554.68
Taxes	47,340.41
Licenses	71.25
Debentures	6,410.13
Loans	29,000.00
Rents	611.00
Arena	877.28
Miscellaneous	6,132.73
Loan from Waterworks	600.00
Overdraft at Bank Dec. 31, 1935	1,470.96

\$93,068.44 ==== EXPENDITURES

Salaries, Grants, etc	\$ 4,223.75	
Printing Stationery, etc	881.45	
Streets and Sidewalks	4,133.87	
Loans and Interest	30,981.68	
Charity	828.75	
Educational	8,850.00	
Debentures		
Sinking Fund	3,745.45	
Fire Protection	1,446.27	
Street and Municipal Lighting	1,389.00	
Public Library	459.35	
Municipal Hall and Lock-Up	775.51	
County Rates	6,423.85	
Arena	541.78	
Direct Relief	573.50	
Miscellaneous	3,783.58	
Due from Electric Light	176.15	
Due from Waterworks	42.23	
Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1935	514.15	
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\$93,068.44 ASSETS cal country, encouraged by charter Cash in Bank Electric Light ......\$ 5,719.98 from the province of Quebec, was Cash in Bank Electric Light Savings ...... ernment. The Canadian National has Dominion Gov't. Bonds 1941 Sinking Fund ...... 15,000.00 for some time planned that line, but Railway Addition Debenture ...... Let us supply you with harness with the financial position what it Cash on Hand ..... 6,392.57 558.28 is, they would probably have waited Uncollected Taxes ....... 30,057.91 271.35 450.72

several years longer, if their rival Frontage Tax on Sidewalks ..... had not made a bid to get in there Frontage Tax on Storm Drains ...... Frontage Tax on Yonge Street Paving ...... 3,837.76 the territory tapped by the proposed Fire Hall ..... line contained a number of produc- Fire Appliances ...... 4,000.00 ing gold mines, two more just com- Parks & Buildings ..... ing into production, and a score or Tools & Implements ...... Books in Public Library ..... 2,000.00 The report here is that the pro- Outstanding Liability in School Buildings & Sites .. 95,247.74 posal of the Canadian Pacific to run Office Furniture & Fixtures ..... a line north from the Ottawa-North Waterworks System ...... 100,000.00 Bay line to Rouyn and beyond, para- Equity in Yonge St. Railway ...... 24,500.00 llel for a considerable distance to Arena ...... 8,500.00 the T. and N. O. alarmed the On- Municipal Building ...... 10,000.00

LIABILITIES ject will, it is supposed here, be per- 8 Payments Electric Light Debenture ...... \$ 2,093.56 2 Payments Electric Light Ext. Deb. 2nd ...... 5 Payments Electric Light Ext. Deb. 3rd ...... 722.72The Bank of Canada Act, as it 9 Payments Public School Deb. 1st .............. 12,434.12 passed through the Commons, was 10 Payments Public School Deb. 2nd ..... the occasion of several lively tilts. 16 Payments Waterworks Debentures ...... 69,613.44 We had, at one stage, a joist be- 30 Payments Waterworks Ext. Debs. ........... 16,000.00 tween "Gerry" McGeer, who repre- 2 Payments Arena Debenture ..... sents radical monetary theory, and 20 Payments Site for New High School Debs. .... 2,858.84

19 Payments High School Building Debs	. 75,797.61
20 Payments Bal. of High School Site Debs	. 2,600.00
10 Payments Local Improvement Drain Debs	. 1,416.48
15 Payments Yonge St. Paving Debs	. 29,600.00
10 Payments Liquidation Floating Debt Debs	. 12,000.00
10 Payments Railway Purchase Debs	12,000.00
15 D Tayments Italiway Turchase Debs	. 12,093.36
15 Payments Railway Purchase Debs	. 2,000.00
12 Payments Railway Purchase Additional Debs	. 6,392.57
	\$249,600.0
Canadian Bank of Commerce Loan	. 5,000.00
Canadian Bank of Commerce Overdraft	1 450 0
Canadian Dank of Commerce Overdrait	. 1,470.96
Canadian Bank of Commerce Waterworks Overdraf	
W. F. Nicholl's Loan	1.000.00

Balance of Assets over Liabilities

\$257,183.35 80,463.**21** \$337,646.56

> ELECTRIC LIGHT ABSTRACT ABSTRACT RECEIPTS

Cash in Bank Jan. 1, 1935	\$ 5.667.87
Cash in Savings Jan. 1, 1935	206.18
Municipal and Street Lighting	1,389.00
House Lighting and Power	12,972.95
Miscellaneous	755.51
Due to General Account	176.15

EXPENDITURES Construction Material .....\$ Maintenance & Service Material ...... 11,876.09 Maintenance & Service Labour ..... Miscellaneous ...... 1,133.49 Cash on Hand ..... Cash in Bank Current Dec. 31, 1935 ..... 5,719.98 

\$21,167.66

WATERWORKS ABSTRACT RECEIPTS

Cash on Hand Jan. 1, 1935 ..... Water Rates & Service ...... 5,312.59 Miscellaneous ..... Overdraft at Bank Dec. 31, 1935 ...... 112.38 Due General Account .....

\$5,522.41 =====

\$21,167.66

EXPENDITURES Maintenance and Service Material ......\$1,268.34 Miscellaneous ...... 1,875.25 Loan to General Account ...... 600.00 

> \$5,522.41 ====

> > \$556.20

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PUBLIC LIBRARY Income

AMCOINC	
Cash on Hand Jan. 1, 1935	\$ 14.82
Village Levy	459.35
Provincial Grant	48.40
Markham Township Grant	10.00
Interest Savings Account	.66
Fines, etc	22.97

Expenditures Overdraft at Bank Jan. 1, 1935 ..... Books for Library ...... 175.98 Magazines and Periodicals ...... 40.30 Salary Librarian ...... 200.00 \$337,646.56 Salary Librarian's Assistants ...... 20.00 Rent ...... 1.00 Printing, Stationery and Advertising ...... 22.40 Postage and Excise Stamps ..... Jardiniere and Plant ..... Labour and Supplies ..... Fire Insurance ..... 29.50 Cash on Hand ...... 14.70 Cash in Current Account

\$556.20