

Treasurer's Report Shows Expenditures in the North

Figures by Hon. Dr. Monteith Confirm Case Made Out at Haileybury by President of Timmins Board of Trade in Regard to Expenditures by Ontario Government in Regard to the North. Other Interesting Figures.

The annual statement of the financial affairs of the province as issued last week by the Provincial Treasurer, Hon. J. D. Monteith, shows a surplus of \$237,000 for the fiscal year just closed. This is the second time the province has shown a surplus under the Ferguson administration, and the statement will generally be considered as very satisfactory.

People in the North, however, will take especial interest in the fact that the summary of expenditures and receipts seems to fully support the case made, when Mr. W. O. Langdon, president of the Timmins Board of Trade set out to show that Northern Ontario contributed much more to the revenue of the province than was paid back in expenditures in this North. Mr. Langdon analyzed the revenue of the province to show that around \$6,000,000 was received by Ontario in special revenues from the North Land and that less than \$4,500,000 was paid out each year for special North Land purposes. President Langdon urged greater expenditures in the North, especially for roads. Hon. W. Finlayson, Minister of Lands and Forests, who was present at the meeting of the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade, disputed the figures and findings of Mr. Langdon. Mr. Finlayson claimed that the expenditures in the North totalled about ten millions while the receipts were not much more than half that amount. Mr. Finlayson also said that the receipts from ordinary taxation from the North (gasoline tax, amusement tax, succession duties, etc.) were "negligible." The following comparative statement of revenue and expenditures for the fiscal year ended Oct. 31st, 1928, as presented last week by Hon. Dr. J. D. Monteith, provincial treasurer, would seem to support the case as outlined by Mr. Langdon at Haileybury:—

Ordinary Revenue	
	1928
Prime Minister	\$2,797,960.36
Legislation	49,121.08
Attorney-Gen.	7,767,417.92
Insurance	162,962.26
Education	524,030.88
Lands & Forests	3,556,603.44
Northern Development	3,069.95
Mines	892,866.31
Game & Fisheries	732,908.75
Public Works	60,847.24
Public Highways	11,758,004.74
Health	130,061.45
Labour	1,091,707.15
Prov. Treas.	15,702,639.04
Prov. Sec.	2,306,388.54
Agriculture	517,083.22
Stationery	
Total	\$48,053,573.94
Interest	10,370,796.98
Total	\$58,424,370.92

Capital Revenue	
Land and Forests	\$1,184,619.87
Northern Development	61,758.11
Mines	75,377.53
Game & Fisheries	451.00
Public Works	90,954.93
Public Highways	1,577,884.60
Total	\$2,991,946.04

Ordinary Outlay	
Lieut.-Gov.	\$ 5,025.00
Prime Minister	162,053.47
Legislation	257,196.13
Attorney-Gen.	2,132,711.16
Insurance	52,724.76
Education	10,052,814.57
Lands and Forests	1,726,181.62
Northern Development	2,087,592.14
Mines	331,975.45
Game & Fisheries	471,829.48
Public Works	867,849.61
Public Highways	4,578,448.17
Health	737,538.91
Labour	2,643,691.81
Prov. Treas.	1,891,863.87
Pro. Auditor	100,026.68
Prov. Sec.	7,425,236.22
Agriculture	2,494,236.96

Miscellaneous	421,640.67
Stationery	30,914.10
Total	\$38,571,460.78
Public Debt Charges—	
Interest	16,091,048.21
Debt Retirement	1,394,827.07
Discount on Bonds, etc.	130,014.04
Total	\$58,187,350.10
Capital Outlay	
Prime Minister	\$ 740,247.00
Education	148,799.86
Lands and Forests	1,131,053.83
Northern Development	2,153,274.42
Mines	1,071.59
Game and Fisheries	46,225.48
Public Works	1,342,855.96
Pub Highways	13,121,501.72
Prov. Treas.	
Agriculture	5,000.00
Miscellaneous	754.92
Total	\$18,690,784.78

Among the items of special interest on the receipts side is the revenue from the Liquor Control Board in actual profits, permits and fines.

The fluctuations in the various departments make an interesting study. The revenue from the Liquor Control Board reached a total of \$7,255,000, while succession duties show a slump of more than \$5,000,000.

An additional burden was the discontinuation of the federal government grant of \$350,000 to the department of agriculture.

The noticeable decreases in revenues affect four departments, the most prominent being \$4,944,000 in the treasury department, attributed to the slump in succession duties. Race track revenue shows a decrease of \$290,000; the department of education revenue is lower than 1927 by \$104,000; while the departments of health and agriculture show a decline of \$6,000 and \$29,000 respectively.

Among the increases the sale of liquor permits brought \$393,000 more than in the six-months period in 1927. Additional revenues of \$1,288,000 are shown in department of highways. In connection with this last item there is an increase of \$574,000 collected for gasoline tax due to a 24 --2 per cent jump in the volume of tourist traffic during the past year.

The report shows an increase in total expenditures over 1927 of \$2,240,348, bringing the total expenditure up to \$58,192,000. The increase in revenue closely approximates the increase in expenditures being \$2,118,000, making the total revenue \$58,455,100.

Expenditures in eight of the government departments have jumped collectively, approximately three million dollars, while the remaining seven departments have effected a saving of \$1,300,000. The largest increase in expenditure is \$877,000 in the provincial secretary's department. The department of education shows the next largest increase in expenditure, amounting to \$538,000.

The other increases by departments are as follows:

Northern development, \$263,000; public works, \$46,000; highways, \$382,000; health, \$55,000; labour, \$188,000; agriculture, \$155,000. Departments showing a decreased expenditure are: Prime minister, \$94,000; attorney-general, \$346,000; legislation, \$10,000; lands and forests, \$33,000; mines, \$3,000, and interest, \$70,000.

A total of \$1,754,050 was paid out under the government's debt retirement plan, while \$1,417,539 was paid to the Hydro Commission. These two amounts make a tidy sum of \$3,171,579.

The following is the reference in the report to the Dept. of Mines:—

Mines—\$893,000, an increase of \$97,000, principally accounted for by \$25,000 increase in profit tax; \$33,000 increase in acreage tax, and \$32,000 increase in mining license and recording fees.

GARAGE NOT CONSIDERED PART OF MAN'S RESIDENCE

There will be general interest in the decision given recently at Cobalt by Magistrate Atkinson in the case of breach of the liquor laws, where defence counsel held that liquor in a man's garage could be said to be in a private residence within the meaning of the Liquor Act. When the police raided the premises of David Lalonde at Cobalt recently they found one case of beer in the house and four other cases in the garage nearby. They charged Lalonde with having liquor in other than his private dwelling. Mr. W. A. Gordon, counsel for Lalonde, said that the garage should be considered as part of the private residence and that he thought some judges had so held. The magistrate reserved judgment after hearing the evidence, but when the case came up for decision the accused was fined \$100.00 and costs. The magistrate said that he had decided that a garage fifteen feet away from an accused man's house was not part of that house. Those purchasing liquor should make a note of this decision and remember that liquor should go only to legal places under the Ontario Liquor Control Act.

One thing worse than a quitter is the fellow afraid to begin.

COPPER ORE AT MINDOKA MINE AT BOSTON CREEK

Diamond drilling at the Mindoka Mines property has cut 14 inches of high grade copper ore, says The Northern Miner. The ore is almost solid chalcocopyrite. This was cut at a depth of 205 feet. A shaft is now being sunk on this particular vein, which on surface was not quite so wide or rich, and it is now down 55 feet. It is being sunk by hand, to be carried by that method to 125 feet, when it is proposed to install a plant and sink to 500 feet.

The most interesting bit of diamond drill intersecting was yet to come, early this week. That would be the cutting of a high grade copper vein, which is about one foot wide on surface. This parallels the other vein, 47 feet to the west. As this second vein has given very massive chalcocopyrite surface samples, drilling results are looked forward to with interest. The drill will cut it at about 350 feet.

Mindoka Mines Limited is in the Boston Creek area, the shaft being sunk on the Hill lot in Pacaud township. R. S. Potter is sponsoring the venture and is largely responsible for its financing.

Many a hearty laugh makes the heart bubble over with joy.

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