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CANADA HAD MAGNIFICENT SURPLUS OF THIRTY-NINE MILLION DOLLARS

Hon. W. T. White Delivers Most Lucid Exposition of National Finances in History of Parliament--No Tariff Changes.

Steel Bounties Will Not Be Restored This Session -- First Installment on Account of Liberals' Ten Million Dollar Blunder Must be Paid at Expense of Capital Account--Arrangements to Meet Loans Coming Due Next Month Satisfactorily Concluded.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Mar. 13.--Hon. W. T. White this afternoon delivered his first budget speech, presenting to the House a financial statement showing for the current fiscal year the magnificent surplus of thirty-nine million dollars. The speech was one of the most lucid and comprehensive expositions of the national finances ever given to Parliament. The budget contained no special features beyond the announcement of the surplus. There are to be no tariff changes and the steel bounties are not to be restored so far as the present session is concerned. The decision in this respect was reached by the government after a great deal of very careful consideration in which no phase of the situation was overlooked. Mr. White stated that in view of the legislation establishing a tariff commission which would collect data and report, it had been decided to make no tariff changes at present. Requests for tariff changes had been made, but there appeared to be no need so urgent that it could not wait.

Finances Flourishing.

The revenue of the Dominion continues buoyant. For the success of the fiscal year, now coming to a close, the Minister of Finance declared his willingness to share credit with the other side of the house. A. K. McLean of Halifax, whose duty it is to criticize the budget for the opposition, was less generous, claiming a major portion of the credit for the late Liberal ministry. The total revenue for the current fiscal year, including an estimate of the returns yet to come in, Mr. White gave as \$136,000,000, and the expenditure on consolidated funds accounts as \$97,000,000. The amount going to sinking fund account is \$1,150,000, "he have," said the finance minister, "more than paid out way."

Costly Blunder.

But for the "joker" in the Grand Trunk Pacific contract by which the company's bond issue is to be implemented out of the federal exchequer, the capital expenditure for the year 1911-12 would have stopped at the total of \$34,000,000. To this, however, must be added the first instalment of the ten millions which the country must pay to the G. T. P., under the recent judgment of the judicial committee of the Privy Council. It works out to five millions, and this amount the minister explained was to be treated as a railway subsidy have been treated in the past and charged to capital account.

Will Meet Loans.

Mr. White showed the House that favorable arrangements had been made in London in connection with the refunding loan of \$5,000,000 required to replace the short term loan coming due in May. Another loan would fall due in October and would be provided for. There would then be only two loans to be met till 1913. The minister presented statistics of growing trade and increasing immigration. Dealing with the defeat of reciprocity he declared that the verdict of the people had been given on national as well as economic grounds, and that, in the decision reached, there was nothing in the nature of hostility to the United States.

The Budget.

In beginning Mr. White expressed the hope that standing the place of so many eminent predecessors he might be extended a reasonable amount of indulgence by the House. He congratulated the country on the prosperity it had enjoyed and stated that he proposed to treat of three periods, the fiscal year 1910-11, the fiscal year 1911-12 and that for 1912-13. Since the last budget speech the books had been closed and the actual figures for the year's operations had been obtained. The actual revenue was \$117,780,409, and the actual expenditure \$87,774,198, leaving a surplus of about \$30,000,000. At the same time the net debt was increased by \$3,775,005, which Mr. White considered quite satisfactory from a financial point of view.

For the present year up to the end of February the revenue was \$120,646,616, and adding the amount he expected to receive before the end of the year, he estimated the total revenue for the year at \$136,000,000. The expenditure to the end of February was \$77,824, an increase of \$6,557,952 over the expenditure for the same period of the last fiscal year. The total expenditure for the fiscal year would be according to his estimates, about \$97,000,000, leaving a surplus on consolidated revenue account of about \$49,000,000. (Loud applause.)

Record Year.

"I am sure," said Mr. White, "I can congratulate the House and the country upon what is undoubtedly a record year for the Dominion. Dealing with capital and other expenditures including that on the N. T. R. and other public works, Mr. White said that it would total about \$34,000,000. To this must be added the amount required to implement the Grand Trunk Pacific bonds, and if five millions out of the expected expenditure of ten millions were required, it would raise the capital expenditure to \$39,000,000. The net result he thought, would be a net reduction of the debt by \$1,150,000. "Out of the current revenues," he said, "we shall thus have provided for the current expenditure, for the capital outlays and for a reduction in the country's debt. He thought that in the time of prosperity Canada should have a revenue in excess of the current expenditure sufficient in a large measure to provide for capital expenditure. During the coming fiscal year he had reason to expect a reasonable advance over the revenues of the present year.

Large Revenue Expected.

The main estimate of the expenditure so far brought down totalled \$149,789,677, and there might be some supplementary estimates, but he believed that the revenue would be found large enough to meet part of the capital and special expenditures. The country was in its growing period, and the government had to do with part of the Dominion would have spent about \$118,000,000 on that road. About \$100,000,000 more would have to be expended. From 1904 until March 31, 1912, the expenditure on the National Transcontinental would amount to \$117,922,533, and during the same period other capital and special expenditure amounted to \$124,862,714.

Reassuring Statement.

The increase in the public debt from 1904 to March 31 would be \$7,285,063. The minister thought that the statement would be reassuring to those who might have felt some misgivings after the very large expenditures on the railway because it would show that a very large portion of the cost had been liquidated from current revenues of the country.

Mr. White said that Canada's trade has shown a continued growth for the months of the present fiscal year. The total trade has been \$711,199,802. The volume of trade has just about doubled since 1900. Imports have increased by 15 per cent, and exports by 55 per cent, showing an increased demand in the home market. For the ten months of 1911-12 the trade with the mother land has amounted to \$211,279,367, as compared with \$246,897,636 for the whole of 1910-11. Exports for the nine months ending December 31st last, totalled \$237,625,742. For all of 1910-11 they reached \$367,053,534.

Mr. White dealt at length with the question of immigration and announced that the total number of immigrants who entered Canada during the first

Canada's Finance Minister

HON. W. T. WHITE. Who Delivered His First Budget Speech Yesterday.

ten months of the current fiscal year was 300,705. Mr. White then came to the question of tariff, and said that in view of the legislation providing for the creation of a tariff commission to obtain information in regard to suggested alterations in customs duties, the government had no tariff changes to propose at present. There had been, of course, many requests for such changes, but the government considered none of them so urgent that it could not wait until the establishment of the tariff commission. "No steel bounties," said Mr. McDonald, of Pictou, "Do I understand that your honorable friend will not propose any resolutions with respect to bounties?"

No Steel Bounties.

"My honorable friend understands correctly," replied Mr. White. "It is not my intention to introduce any resolution with regard to tariff or to bounties." Mr. White proceeded to state that despite the serious vicissitudes through which the western wheat crop had passed and the unusual heat experienced in the Province of Ontario during the past summer, the field crops of Canada showed a bountiful yield. With high prices prevailing for practically all its products the great basic industry of agriculture continued in a flourishing condition. Almost every department of trade and commerce showed expansion. The mines were wonderfully productive. The coast fisheries had enjoyed a good catch and high prices; manufactures were thriving and new industries springing up throughout the whole Dominion. Railway construction, especially in the west proceeded apace preparing a way for settlement in districts not yet opened up for trade with other markets that we now enjoy. Increased bank deposits, clearings, and circulation, the amount of public and private building evidenced in municipal and business structures, extensions to manufacturing plants and residences in almost every part of the country, all attested that the general prosperity of Canada at the present time was very great.

Land of Hope.

The Dominion, he said, continued to be the land of hope and promise for the home-seeker. During the last year from Europe and the United States immigration had reached an average of nearly 1,000 a day bringing their capital, their intelligence and their energy, to assist in the great task of developing the resources of Canada and building up her nationality. Notwithstanding the large increase of immigration, labor conditions are good and extreme poverty for any reasons other than incapacity or great misfortune was hardly known. "Under the favorable conditions," said Mr. White, in closing, "which I have described with every prospect for their continuance, the future of the Dominion is bright indeed. "In the enjoyment of peace, plenty, and prosperity, her energetic, loyal and patriotic people look forward with certain expectations to an even greater and greater future."

London, Mar. 13.--The British coal dispute has not yet been settled. The joint conference of the delegates of the miners and the mine owners sat for four hours this afternoon at the Foreign Office under the presidency of Premier Asquith without reaching any definite conclusion. They then adjourned until tomorrow.

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The Commission Bill. It was decided this morning that the bill providing for commission government in St. John should go before the committee on March 19th. It is not expected that there will be any active opposition to the principle of the bill though some of its provisions may be either amended or stricken out. The public accounts committee is called for tomorrow morning at ten o'clock to take up the report of the auditor general and will continue its session daily until all accounts are disposed of. Continued on page ten.

Richard Grigg Leaves British Service to Join That of Dominion. Former Trade Agent in Canada Will Occupy Post Under the Department of Trade and Commerce.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Mar. 13.--One of the most important appointments yet made by the Borden government is announced tonight by Hon. George E. Foster, Minister of Trade and Commerce. Richard Grigg, who for the past four years has acted as British trade agent in Canada with headquarters in Montreal, will join the Canadian service and take office under the government as commissioner of commerce. The post is a new one and is created as a result of Mr. Foster's study of conditions in the Department of Trade and Commerce and its branches since he assumed office. The exact nature of the commissioner's duties will be explained to the House by the Minister shortly. It may be stated in the meantime that Mr. Grigg will have the rank of deputy head, with a salary of probably six thousand dollars and will exercise supervision powers. The coming reorganization of Canadian trade agencies of which something has been said already, will probably be something with which the new commissioner of commerce will have a good deal to do. Mr. Grigg is looked upon as the best man who could be selected for the post. His work as trade agent for the Imperial government in Canada has attracted much attention both in Canada and in Great Britain, his reports on Canadian trade conditions having proved of the utmost value.

GOVERNMENT IS FEEBLE

New Administration in China Seems Powerless to Suppress Riots in North--Six Armies in Field.

Peking, Mar. 13.--It would seem that there is no government force to be depended upon for the present prospective, capable of terminating the prevalent anarchy. There is little hope among the legations that the coalition government will be successful in ending the mutinous pillaging which is now sweeping over the north. One minister said today that it must burn itself out like a prairie fire. It is the general belief that order cannot be restored within two years. The breaking up of the country by successive bands are fighting the Chinese garrisons in the north; General Sheng Yun's army composed largely of Mohammedans and in the province of Yunnan, an army of independents. Gen. Sheng Yun's exact position is not known but according to a missionary letter recently received from Sian-fu his followers are decimating population and wiping out whole districts. Consular reports from Yunnan state that the independent army is in control of a part of three provinces, and that up to the present time it has confined itself largely to outlawry. The diplomatic representatives in Peking are pessimistic because of the apparent feebleness of the Chinese as administrators and disciplinarians.

Fredericton News in Brief. Wade Ballot Box Case Goes to Jury Today--Lt. Governor Wood Receives--State Dinner Tonight.

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ANTHRACITE COAL STRIKE IS PROBABLE

Operators Reject Demands of Miners But Latter Hold Firm.

Claimed Profits Cannot be Shaved Finer and Increase in Wages Would Involve Advance in Price.

New York, N. Y., Mar. 13.--The anthracite coal operators and the United Mine Workers of America alike profess tonight unyielding adherence to their attitudes concerning the miners' demands. "The situation looks very blue and the indications point to a strike," declared President John P. White, of the miners. The operators say positively that they will make no concessions. With the formal rejection of the miners' demands and the counter proposition that the present agreement which expires March 31, be continued for three years, the operators' committee of ten adjourned this afternoon until Friday noon. Adjournment was taken upon request of the miners' officials who will meet in the meantime to consider the operators' reply and plan their procedure. This is expected will be announced at the joint meeting of miners and the operators' committee Friday. "I can say this much," said President White this afternoon. "We will not make any modification of our demands. Beyond that, I cannot tell what will happen." The operators reply made public during the afternoon, is a document of approximately 2,500 words. It deals with the demands seriatim and in detail. The finding of the Anthracite Coal Commission, appointed by President Roosevelt in 1907, is quoted against recognition of the union and the adoption of the year agreement. The reply disposes of the demand that the operators collect union dues of 50¢ per employee with the declaration that the laws of Pennsylvania forbid their doing so. The conciliation board, the reply states, is always ready to deal justly with grievances of employees and adjust them. The operators reply in 1906 refusing the demand that the system whereby a contract miner has more than one working place, and employs more than two laborers, be abolished is repeated in the present reply. Grievances concerning interference with check weight men and check docking bosses, the operators declare, can readily be settled by the conciliation board. The demand for an eight hour day is rejected on the ground that conditions are unchanged since the Anthracite Coal Commission recommended a nine-hour day, and that further to reduce the working day would seriously curtail production. "It is out of the question to advance wages," reads the reply, "unless we can in some manner realize from the sale of coal produced a sum equal to the increase in wages." This increase, it is stated, would aggregate \$28,000,000 a year and the whole average would amount to about 67 cents per ton, which would be borne by the domestic sizes of coal. The increase in the cost of producing anthracite coal in recent years has reduced the margin of profit to a point beyond which further reduction is impossible, the reply declares. After urging the adoption of the counter proposition, the reply concludes with the statement that "We feel that we cannot be parties to the termination of an agreement that made the anthracite region for all interests involved, one of the most prosperous industrial districts in the country. We trust that your demands will be withdrawn. The responsibility for a change in the present satisfactory condition of affairs must rest with you." Boston, Mar. 13.--Coal dealers in Greater Boston today advanced the price on all domestic sizes of hard coal 50 cents per ton. Soft coal is now \$8 per ton and nut \$8.25.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Mar. 13.--Supplementary estimates for the current year totaling \$2,624,759.47 were brought down today by the Minister of Finance. The total includes \$2,242,485.20 chargeable to consolidated fund, \$183,632.00 chargeable to capital and \$198,642.27 of unprovided items for 1910-11. The estimates provide for the salary increases to the ministers' secretaries. Under militia and defence there is an appropriation of \$1,310,120 to replace articles issued to fire sufferers at Porepune, Cal., (Campbellton, N. B., and other places, further amount required." There is an additional appropriation of \$60,000 for improvements, furniture and maintenance at Rideau Hall. Other items are Intercolonial Railway \$500,000, Soulanges Canal \$183,632, mail service \$425,000.

Special to The Standard. Halifax, Mar. 13.--The British steamship Isleworth, built only eight months ago, is ashore on Chebucto Head close to the light house and will likely be a total loss. She was on a trip from Boston to Louisburg in ballast. The Isleworth left Boston last Thursday and on Sunday in running through an ice field she broke three of her propeller blades, proceeding with one blade and was about entering Halifax harbor for repairs when she struck within 100 yards of the lighthouse and fog alarm. The crew of 40 got ashore in the ship's boats and tonight are finding shelter in the lighthouse building, for there is no other accommodation. The steamer went ashore in a dense fog. She mistook the fog alarm for a steamer's whistle. The gross tonnage of the Isleworth is six thousand.

Special to The Standard. Sunbury, Mar. 13.--The vote on church in the Presbyterian church here resulted in 33 being cast for and 171 against the proposed union.

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