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While the expenditure seems to be a good deal less than the revenue for the four months, it should be borne in mind that certain charges, like interest and subsidies, occur at stated periods, and that many expenditure payments are deferred.

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A BAD RECORD!

Four Months of Falling Revenue with Increased Expenditure.—And Rapid Growth of Debt.

TRADE DECREASE

Decline in Imports and Exports.—What is the Matter with Laurier and Fielding?

THE CASSELS INQUIRY

A Long Delayed Investigation.—Some of the Business That Was Partly Investigated.—Federal Officials and Saskatchewan Elections.

OTTAWA, August 22nd, 1908.

We have now the full official statement of revenue, expenditure and debt for the first four months of the fiscal year. Take first the net debt.

July 31st, 1908	\$275,511,372
June 30th, 1908	268,719,292
Increase in July	6,801,080
Debt, July 31st, 1907	253,001,867
June 30th, 1907	250,666,312
Increase July, 1907	2,335,555
Increase in twelve mos.	22,509,505

During the year the gross bonded debt payable in England increased by over \$14,000,000, and temporary loans obtained in England of over \$18,000,000.

AN AWFUL DROP.

Now the revenue. For the four months in 1907 \$32,291,888. Same four months in 1908 25,562,249. Decrease 6,729,639.

There is a decrease of nearly \$6,000,000 in customs, a quarter of a million in excise, more than a third of a million in railway income, with a very small increase in postal revenue. For the month of July the following is the statement:

1907	\$9,054,590
1908	6,803,460
Decrease	2,251,130

There is a loss of a million and three-quarters in customs, \$100,000 in excise, \$20,000 in post office, and \$211,000 in public works revenue, mainly of the Intercolonial Railway.

NO DROP HERE.

Next we have the expense account. Current expenditure for the four months, 1907, \$17,191,663. Same four months, 1908, 17,821,106. Increase 629,443.

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Among such worthless certificates which he mentioned as leading him to that conclusion were those of the highest officers of the Department.

ANOTHER FORTUNATE CONTRACTOR.

The Canadian Fog Signal Company is a Toronto concern which makes an instrument called the "Diaphone." No less than \$696,462 was paid to this contractor at the end of the last fiscal year, and it was admitted on oath by the secretary of the contracting company that the instruments sold to the Government for \$4,500 were made to order for the contractor for \$400.

This contractor has no customer but the Government, which gave the promoter a patent without protecting its own interest, and pays him 1,000 to 1,200 per cent. profit on his goods. Judge Cassels has not expressed many opinions, but he made the incidental remark that the Government should have refused to pay this man more than \$25,000 profit on transactions out of which he has made \$150,000.

This is the way the case stands at the time Judge Cassels resumes his investigation.

THE OFFICIALS HEARD FROM.

Now that the back districts of Saskatchewan have been heard from, all the contingencies at first reported "in doubt" are claimed for the Scott Government. Homestead inspectors, land agents, interpreter, seed grain distributors, and the general body of Federal officials distributed in more remote and scattered districts where they could not be watched, have evidently got in their work. It remains to be seen how many polls were held after the fashion of the "rabbit skin" poll of 1905, where the three officials sat down on the prairie and all by themselves recorded 150 votes unanimously in favour of the Government candidate. Doubtless there will be inquiries and accounts. But in any case the opposition has carried some sixteen constituencies, and appears to have obtained about half the vote of the electorate. Unfortunately for the ministers they contested constituencies which were comparatively well settled and independent. So three out of the four were beaten, though one of these got returned in a second and thinly settled constituency.

WHERE ARE THE MINISTERS.

One of the Government organs in Montreal figures out that Canada in twelve years has had \$1,000,000,000 more trade than she would have had if there had been an excess over 1896. The organ gives the Premier credit of all this growth. Then why is the Premier not keeping it up? Has he lost his grip or decided that it is time for a depression?

It has also been the custom to praise Mr. Fielding for the large revenues and surpluses. What is the matter now with the Finance Minister that his revenues are all going to pieces, his expenditures are climbing up, and the country is rubbing into debt about four times as fast as it ever did before?

On their own arguments, Sir Wilfrid and Mr. Fielding must admit that it is time for a change.

A DELAYED INVESTIGATION.

Judge Cassels is due to resume his inquiry into Marine Department scandals early in September. When his Court adjourned, the Commissioner explained that if the Government had carried out its undertaking and provided a substitute judge for the Exchequer Court he would have had the investigation completed. But as things were going, the Government had no desire that the inquiry should be finished before Parliament was in session. Nor is it likely that the two Government counsel prosecuting the inquiry will conclude it so that a report may be made public before the elections. One of them has done good service to the machine in Ontario, and the other was a law partner of the Minister of Marine, under whose rule many of the scandals began. They will not get the Government into more trouble than is necessary.

A FEW DISCOVERIES.

It will be remembered that proceedings in Judge Cassel's Court were adjourned in the midst of an investigation of the Willson buoys and the Canadian fog signal contracts. Concerning Mr. T. L. Willson, and his carbide, it has already been found that the Government paid him and his companies \$1,064,215 down to three months ago. These further statements were made:

By contractor Willson himself, that he gave to a minister of the crown \$10,000 of stock in his carbide company in consideration of the services of that minister in getting other capitalists to take stock. Mr. Willson did not need to say that the proposal of Government contracts was the strongest inducement which a minister could offer to these other capitalists.

Col. Anderson, Chief Engineer of the Marine Department testified that he opposed the Willson contract and it was in consequence of his opposition that the light and buoys were taken from his control. He believed that the Willson influence brought about the appointment over his head of the Commissioner of Lights by whom the Willson inventions were purchased.

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