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Ottawa Weekly Letter.

Surprises for Fielding!

Budget Estimates All Astray—Income Much Less, Expenditure and Debt Much More.

The New Brunswick Section

Two Sides of a Triangle No Longer Than the Third.—A Wonderful Delusion of Three Ministers.—They Blame It All on Mr. Schreiber.

A POOR SAFEGUARD

An Engineer Who Is Not Required to be Vigilant—Bridge Estimated at \$500,000 to \$700,000 Cost Double the Higher Figure.

POLITICAL DREDGERS

How One Member's Son Fared.—A Contract Made Without Tenders Which Is Immensely Profitable.

THE GALLANT SPEEDY

Floating Palace for Towing Dredges.—But used for Other Luxurious Purposes.—Might Have Belonged to the Sultan of Bagdad.

Ottawa, August 8th, 1908.

Mr. Schreiber delivered his last budget speech on the 17th day of March, just two weeks before the close of the fiscal year. He should have known pretty well how business was coming out, but his estimate was wide. The revenue for the year was less than he estimated, and the expenditure a good deal more. On March 31st the debt had increased during the year between \$14,000,000 and \$15,000,000. Mr. Fielding had estimated the increase at only \$12,000,000.

WORSE THAN HE THOUGHT. One-third of the next fiscal year has passed and the Finance Minister is meeting greater disappointments. He foresaw a decline in revenue, and judged that he would receive only \$90,000,000 this year in place of \$95,500,000 last year. But instead of losing \$5,500,000 in twelve months, he is short that much in four months. The customs revenue alone has decreased \$6,100,940; Intercolonial balance is worse than last year at this time by \$223,000, and there is a decrease in inland revenue.

TO BE VIEWED WITH ALARM. On the other hand, both the current and capital expenditure are rapidly increasing. It now seems certain that the increase in debt this year will be twice as large as in any previous year in our history, and five times as large as in any year since the completion of the C. P. R. It is about time for the Liberal party to call another convention and repeat that plank in the platform which says:

"We cannot but view with alarm the large increase of the public debt."

And perhaps they should modify the declaration:

"We demand the strictest economy."

ONE RAILWAY ESTIMATE. It was Mr. Fielding who made the most precise estimate of the cost of the Transcontinental, which also proved to be about the least correct. There is an interest now in examining the statement made by the Finance Minister, the Minister of Railways and the Premier concerning the section from Quebec to Moncton, which runs through a well known country.

The Premier began by saying that of course the Intercolonial was a failure because the route from Quebec to Moncton followed two sides of a triangle. The Government proposed to follow the third side and make a road about 120 miles shorter. Mr. Emerson said that he had hunted "ll through the middle of New Brunswick (probably parading "Beasts of Ephesus") and knew every mile of the country. He confirmed the Premier's statement. Mr. Fielding accepted the Premier's geometry and Mr. Emerson's topography, but for the sake of round numbers he rounded the length of the Quebec to Moncton section at 400 miles instead of 360 or 380.

400 miles at \$25,000 a mile, \$10,000,000. These were Mr. Fielding's figures and on that understanding the contract was endorsed.

NOT MUCH SHORTER. The road is under contract, and its length is pretty well ascertained. It is now declared to be from the Quebec Bridge terminal to Moncton 456 1/2 miles, and this will be a little increased. The saving as compared with the Intercolonial is 30 miles instead of 100 or 120 miles. Moreover, the new road is to have a "pusher" grade, that is to say, a grade which requires an extra engine to push the train up. Every body knows that the Intercolonial could be shortened by much more than 22 miles by cutting across a few water courses. So that there is really no shortening of distance at all.

MORE THAN DOUBLE THE COST. Now as to the cost, Mr. Fielding said he had obtained careful statements from the Government Engineer making it \$28,000 per mile. In July of this year the present Minister of Railways brought down the statement of the present estimated cost of this part of the road by divisions. Here it is:—

For 39 miles \$32,573 per mile
For 50 miles 41,995 per mile
For 64 1/2 miles 45,341 per mile
For 61 miles 51,136 per mile
For 53 miles 65,771 per mile
For 1 mile 65,371
For 2 1/2 miles 83,970 per mile
For 32 miles 110,173 per mile
For the remaining 149 miles no estimate is given, but it is said to be as heavy as any section except that last mentioned.

It will be seen that the average cost will be at least \$60,000 per mile, or between \$23,000,000 and \$24,000,000 for the whole; instead of only \$25,000 per mile, and only \$10,000,000 altogether.

MR. SCHREIBER AND THE MINISTERS. Mr. Fielding now tries to throw the responsibility of his bad estimate on Mr. Schreiber. The engineer is not in a position to explain, but Mr. Schreiber has not troubled himself to discredit the arrangements which the Ministers have made or desire to make with Grand Trunk Pacific people. It was shown last year that when the Company put in its first plain of expenditure to be covered by guarantee bonds, there was an item of \$162,000 of "preliminary expenses" which the engineer was asked to certify as a charge for actual construction. The accountant objected, but the bill was certified just the same, after Mr. Schreiber had consulted the Minister of Justice. Finally it was brought to the attention of Mr. Courtney, then Deputy Minister of Finance, who set to work examining the items. Thereupon the Company suddenly withdrew the claim to \$56,000 and asked for the remaining \$106,000. The accountant objected to these, which were largely payments to lawyers and other promoters. Finally Mr. Schreiber took back his recommendation and the bill was not allowed.

AN EASY CERTIFICATE. The accountant who held up the claim was transferred to Moncton, and it will be remembered that the items of the \$56,000 that withdrawn could never afterwards be discovered. The Department had given up the statement of claim without keeping a copy of it. It was sent back to the company, whose proper officer when summoned to give evidence before the committee, sailed for Europe. His assistant testified that the paper had been destroyed, and the government majority in the Public Accounts Committee, sustained afterwards by the majority in the House, voted down all attempts to further investigate these secret expenditures. Mr. Schreiber would have had the whole bill paid without inquiry, as his Minister doubtless desired.

A BRIDGE STORY. Another sample of costs and estimates is afforded in the history of the Hillsboro Bridge in Prince Edward Island. This structure was first estimated to cost about \$500,000. When it was fairly undertaken by the Railway Department, the estimate had been raised to \$700,000. By the time the bridge was completed the bill had run up to \$1,200,000. Contractor Hasey, who is not only a bridge builder but a valuable supporter of the Liberal party, afterwards put in large claims for extras beyond what had been allowed him. Deputy Minister Butler had been Mr. Hasey's engineer and Mr. Schreiber was appointed to arbitrate the claim. He found Mr. Hasey entitled to \$164,633.33 more than had been allowed him, and promptly paid. This brings the total cost of the bridge to \$1,365,376, or about double the estimate made at the time the work was under way.

POLITICAL DREDGERS. The close connection between dredging and politics has been frequently pointed out by Mr. Bennett and others. Close relatives of Members of Parliament find a great fascination in dredging contracts. The chief man in one dredging company is the lawyer leader of the Ontario Opposition. Another has a local legislator and his brother and the son-in-law of a Dominion Member as the chief workers. A third seems to be controlled by an ex-Member of Parliament. A fourth has the son of the Member for Ottawa as the active manager.

A ST. JOHN DREDGING DEAL. The Company last mentioned has found a small fortune in St. John, N. B., harbor. The Dominion Dredging Company was not required to compete for this profitable St. John contract. A local contractor tendered in 1905 and did much excavation at 55 cents per yard. He did not find it profitable, and when the work was offered next year he raised his price to 90 cents. There was no other tender, and the contract was awarded to him at the higher rate, which was large enough to recoup any previous losses and leave a substantial profit.

AN EASY CONTRACT. The Government then decided that a second dredge should be put on. It did not recognize the previous contractor by giving him an opportunity to get another dredge and continue under his existing contract. Nor was there a call for new tenders. Instead the Department gave Mr. Stewart's Dominion Dredging Company the contract to go in and dredge at 90 cents a yard. Thereupon the Company bought a dredge from the United States and set to work. In about ten months the Government has paid this concern \$375,000, out of which, according to estimates made by parties on the ground, the contractor has paid for the dredge costing \$140,000, for repairs, working expenses and all other outlay, and made \$155,000 net profit.

SIGNS OF A PULL. Whatever claim the original contractor had to receive 90 cents a yard as the only tender, it is evident that the Dominion Dredging Company had no such claim. This is a private contract, made without competition and at prices which appear to be excessive. While Mr. Stewart, M. P., declares that he has no interest in the concern, it is (Continued on fourth page.)

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"I suppose that pleased him mightily."
"No; he has been feeling bad ever since thinking how unhappy it would make him if he had to die leaving part of it unspent."

Minard's Liniment Cures colds, etc.

THERE WAS A REASON.
"Jiggers cannot see why he wasn't elected. He gave away several thousand cigars during the campaign."
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"Yes; several."
"And you smoked them?"
"Yes."
"Then you ought to understand the reason."

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