

CANADA'S EXPENDITURES FOR NEXT FISCAL YEAR \$127,670,993

Finance Minister Fielding Presents Estimates to Parliament Showing Increase of \$16,047,616 Over Last Year.

HALF OF INCREASE DUE TO NATIONAL TRANSCONTINENTAL

Normal Increase in Expenditures Only Four Millions, Whereas Revenue is Increasing at Million a Month.

Vote For Navy Three Million Dollars, Which Expenditure Will Come Out of Income, Instead of Being Charged to Capital Account—Estimates Provide for Making Saskatchewan River Navigable Between Edmonton and Winnipeg—Votes for Public Buildings in Edmonton and Strathcona.

Ottawa, Nov. 18.—The estimates for the coming fiscal year, presented to parliament this afternoon by Hon. W. S. Fielding, minister of finance, call for a total vote of \$127,670,993 on consolidated fund account, including \$3,676,500 for the usual services, and for \$33,779,416 on special account, including \$27,000,000 for the National Transcontinental railway. The total expenditure asked for is thus \$127,670,993, an increase of \$16,047,616, as compared to the total amount voted last session. The estimate last year, however, provided for a decrease of about twenty-two millions as compared with 1908, being a reduction of a little over nine millions on consolidated fund account and thirteen millions on capital account.

The increase this year, as shown in the estimates brought down today, are distributed, \$10,732,940 to consolidated fund account, \$2,244,476 to capital account. The increase in revenue for this year will considerably more than balance the increase in ordinary expenditures provided for in the estimates for the next fiscal year, and the total expenditure on income account will accordingly be less than the total revenue of the year.

Due to Transcontinental.

If the total increase in expenditure provided for in the estimates, nearly half is due to the construction of the National Transcontinental railway, the demands of expenditure for the new navy, and for three millions, the Quebec bridge construction accounts for one million and the transfer of former capital expenditures on militia, and on Dominion lands surveys to the consolidated fund account to be withdrawn off the income of the coming year accounts for three millions. The railways and canal vote includes also \$189,000 for the Hudson Bay railway. The normal increase in expenditure on ordinary operations, three or four millions while the revenue is now increasing at the rate of about one million per month. It is worth noting that the government is providing for the expenditure of the new navy on income instead of charging it to capital account.

Miscellaneous votes include \$15,000 to provide for the expenses of the conservation committee. The harbor works, rapid improvements and \$200,000 for harbor improvements at Port William.

Other western harbor works are—Manitoba—Lake Winnipeg wharves, \$10,000.

Red River—Protection pier on Lake Winnipeg; revolve of \$7,480, \$10,000.

For Alberta and Saskatchewan. Athabasca River—Removal of boulders and deepening channel through sand and gravel bars, \$10,000; harbor river and bridges, general repairs and improvements \$20,000.

Lessee Slave River—Urgent provisional improvements, \$3,000.

Last Mountain Lake—Improvement of navigable route, \$10,000.

North Saskatchewan river—Removal of boulders opposite Prince Albert, \$5,000.

North Saskatchewan river—Winged dams for improvement of navigable channel from Edmonton to Lake Winnipeg, \$25,000; surveys of rapids, etc., on North and South Saskatchewan rivers and other navigable streams, \$10,000.

Votes for public building in the west include Brandon public building repairs and repairs, \$10,000; Dominion public buildings, renewals, improvements, repairs, etc., \$16,000; Emerson public buildings, \$19,000; Fortage la Prairie public building, re-vote of \$6,360 lapsed, \$20,000; Souris public buildings, \$15,000.

Northwest Territories. Battledore public buildings, re-vote of \$5,000, lapsed \$10,000; Edmonton, new Dominion land office, re-vote of \$8,000, lapsed \$20,000; Estevan public building, \$16,000; Humboldt public building, re-vote of \$6,970 lapsed, \$10,000; Lethbridge, armory, re-vote of \$5,500 lapsed, \$10,000; Letbridge custom house and Dominion lands office, new heating apparatus, sanitary, pumping, etc., \$6,000; Lethbridge immigration building, removal of banding to new site and repairs, renewals, etc., \$6,000; Lloydminster public building, \$15,000; Medicine Hat public building, \$3,000; Moose Jaw armory, re-vote of lapsed amount, \$10,000; Moose Jaw public building, re-vote of lapsed amount, \$20,000; Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, penitentiary, \$50,000; Regina public building, \$15,000; Strathcona drill hall and armory, re-vote of \$7,000, lapsed \$10,000; Strathcona public building, \$15,000; Strathcona immigration building,

GAUNTLET THROWN DOWN; CHALLENGE IS ACCEPTED. London, Nov. 18.—Lord Lansdowne has given the signal for the gauntlet to be thrown down. He has accepted the challenge and no quarter will be asked or given.

Secretary of State for War. His statement this afternoon made it clear that the government's attitude in the budget crisis and coming political struggle.

Winnipeg Buildings. Winnipeg Dominion buildings, repairs, etc., \$5,000; examining ware house, \$25,000; Winnipeg post office building, old, fitting up ground and first floors, \$30,000; Winnipeg immigration buildings, government share of the cost of asphalt pavement laid by the municipal corporation on Maple street between Higgins avenue and Canadian Pacific railway in front of buildings, \$27,128; Winnipeg military buildings, hospital re-vote of lapsed amount, \$19,000; Cranbrook public buildings, government share of cost of granolithic pavements put down on east side of Osborne street in connection with Fort Osborne barracks, re-vote of \$5,000 lapsed, \$2,200; Winnipeg military building Fort Osborne barracks and armory shops and vehicle sheds, \$2,600; Winnipeg military building magazines for explosives outside of city limits, \$5,000.

Victoria old post office property \$4,000; Victoria post office alterations and additions, \$5,000; Williams Head quarantine station, \$5,000; Chilliwack public buildings, \$10,000; Duncan drill hall, \$11,000; Fernis drill hall, \$11,000; Grand Forks public building, \$10,000; Greenwood public building, \$10,000; Nelson public buildings, \$10,000; Prince Rupert public building, \$5,000; Prince Rupert quarantine station, \$25,000; Revelstoke public building, \$10,000; Vancouver immigration detention hospital, \$60; Vancouver examination warehouse, \$3,000; Vernon public buildings, \$25,000.

Debate on French Treaty. The proceedings in the House today were confined to a debate on the French treaty as it affects the probable interpretation of the American tariff as applied to Canada, to questions and the introduction of a few private bills.

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SHE REMEMBERED BATTLE OF WATERLOO. Montreal, Nov. 18.—Mrs. John Clark, a reminder of the pioneer days, passed away today at the age of 105. She was a lady in possession of her mental faculties though she was physically weak. She lived under five successive reigns and remembered the battle of Waterloo, which was fought when she was 11 years of age. Her husband, General Smith, was now Lord Strathcona, who died under him as a clerk.

pointed out that Canada's trade with France amounts to about ten million dollars, while with the United States it amounts to \$270,000,000. He said there was hardly a trader from Vancouver to Sydney who would not be hurt if the United States placed a surtax on Canada's imports. As the treaty held up nothing in the treaty, it would not hurt to have it held up two or three months more.

Would Find It Anywhere. Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that if the United States found discrimination in the new French treaty, they would find discrimination in the old treaty, which was still in existence.

R. L. Borden deprecated haste, and Hon. Wm. Paterson closed the debate by asserting that to the best of his knowledge, the United States could find nothing in the treaty which would conflict with their interests.

The resolution was carried, and a bill passed thereon was given a first reading.

Dr. Paquet, (Cons. L'Isle) was introduced by Hon. Mr. Gray who said employees of the L.C.R. had been dismissed since the appointment of a new board of management. Mr. Gray asked the government to inquire into the matter.

Mr. N. J. B. (Cons. W. Huron) introduced two bills, one to provide that the examination of ships on the ships on the great lakes, and the other that they insist on the installation of the wireless telegraph on vessels.

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DISTRICT NEWS

HAZEL BLUFF.

Bulletin News service. The Pembina Ladies Aid sale of work will be held on the 30th of this month in the Methodist church when they will have for sale clothing, knitted goods of all kind, fancy work and notions, as well as baked goods and homemade candies. A lunch counter will be ready to serve meals to people coming from a distance at any time during the day or evening. As a closing feature an elaborate programme has been arranged.

Robt. Telfer of Calgary, is here the guest of relatives and friends.

A literary society has been organized under the head of the Pioneer Literary Society. The meetings are held on Wednesdays in the Methodist church.

Jas. Brickman of the firm of Renton & Brickman, has sold his interest in the firm to Geo. Renton, who will have charge of the saw mill this winter.

Miss Elizabeth Stanton returned this week from Edmonton where she has been the guest of friends for the last two weeks.

F. Gave has moved to Strathcona, where he and family will spend the winter.

Dan Schell will give a dance in his new township, instead of four, to give power to the council to borrow money, but with the necessary safeguard to insure that money will not be borrowed unless the limit of taxation has been reached and that money borrowed will not be spent on anything but the purely local matters to be placed in the hands of local men, but that the machinery of local government be as simple as possible.

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LESS MACHINERY AND BETTER WORK

Hon. W. H. Cushing Gives Forecast of Changes in Local Improvement Act.

The proceedings of the convention of representative councillors of local improvement districts in Alberta, which closed in the Odell Hotel, Strathcona, on Thursday evening, give some indication of what changes may be expected in the Local Improvement Act when it comes up for revision at the next session of the Alberta Legislature.

From the words spoken by Premier Sturtevant and Hon. W. H. Cushing, minister of public works, and from the purport of the main resolutions passed by the convention, it is expected that the Act will be amended (1) to enlarge the area of the rural municipalities, probably making them more township, instead of four; (2) to give power to the council to borrow money, but with the necessary safeguard to insure that money will not be borrowed unless the limit of taxation has been reached and that money borrowed will not be spent on anything but the purely local matters to be placed in the hands of local men, but that the machinery of local government be as simple as possible.

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