

Some of the Chief Items of Liberal Extravagance.

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OTTAWA, April 9.—There will be no more dark days for Canada. The extravagance of the conservative regime has been exposed by the revelations of Mulock and the erstwhile critics of the Liberal party can look back with no regret that years of their opposition have been spent in exposing the black pictures of the woes of the poor farmer, who, smarting under the robbery of the mortgagee, has been forced to waste his time in raising money by adding new mortgages to his farm. True he has been paying some millions of dollars additional for the extravagance of the government, but the extravagance of the Laurier administration. We have passed from the period of excess to the period of extravagance. "What matters lies in these words." Buoyant revenue is good for some thirty-million dollars a year. The extravagance of the period of extravagance. It is a balm to the feeling of the man who contributes \$1 in ordinary times. It means that the man who contributes \$1. It means that an article at twice its former value is cheap for the former. Under "buoyant revenue" the man who contributes \$1 out contract, rake-offs can be secured, out friends can be rewarded, and ministers of the crown run up enormous bills. The extravagance of the period of extravagance this would have been criminal. The extravagance of the period of extravagance is sublime.

The census building, which is owned by J. A. Seybold, a staunch Liberal supporter, has cost the country \$35,000 in three years. In addition to paying Mr. Seybold \$6,000 a year rental for the building, the government has spent in installing an elevator, steam heating apparatus and other modern improvements, all of which will be paid for by the taxpayers. When the work is completed, if it ever is. Then there are salaries for elevator men and charwomen, the watchman must be paid for his services, and the cost of the accidents brings the total cost per year up to about \$35,000. A rental of \$11,000 per year for property estimated to be worth \$100,000 is a very high rate. If the administration can be shown that its own friends are interested in the deal, if we add this \$35,000 to the cost of the census, we find that the cost of the \$112,000, we find that Mr. Fisher has succeeded in expending on the enumeration of Canadian population \$1,147,000.


If we take into consideration the furnishing of the government buildings, we find that there is absolutely no system of control in such purchases.

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Just a word about Rideau Hall. That was there, as we have seen, that Sir William won fame by getting next to the secrets of the 1,500 British army maids. He quickly saw that it was an outrage for Rideau Hall, to choose a man of such lowly birth to be the minister of public works, and although his reign was short, he succeeded in jumping up the expenditure to \$22,440,000. He was a man of great energy, and improvements until Rideau Hall resembles a crazy patch-work quilt. It is not a very good example of the requirements of such a building and it does not reflect any great credit on the man who built it. He died in 1902. In repaying each year would easily pay the interest on a \$500,000 building, the result in building. The government has been urged to build a new one, but it may be that with the stone set, Sir Strangers need may be sufficiently accurate to say that the government has not. It may be that the next few years, have something to gratify their sense of architectural taste.

OTTAWA, April 11.—A year ago, Sir William Mulock got an opportunity of displaying some beautiful pyrotechnics in connection with the labor bureau. He was then minister of the interior, and the Halifax stowaways' strike was an excuse to the evildoer's own trumpet, and he was able to show that the labor bureau that without the labor bureau Canada's labor troubles would multiply. He was then in the position of a lion, and he is saying as little as possible about the labor bureau and its activities. He is now minister of justice, and deputy minister of labor, who has acted as the mediator in recent labor troubles. He is now in a position when he attempted to bring about a settlement of the Fernie coal miners' strike, and he was able to show that last year when in similar conditions affairs existed and succeeded in patching up a truce which has been broken since. He is now in a position to end. The situation of today is, perhaps, the worst in the history of the labor bureau. The labor bureau is absolutely at sea.

Ralph Smith, M. E. for Vancouver, who is an authority on questions appertaining to the labor world, brought the matter before parliament a few days ago. He complained that the serious labor conflicts in the province were interfering with pointed business interests. The miners and the company controlling the Crow's Nest Pass mines, have been at one another's throats for weeks past, and as the supply of fuel is cut off from the smelters, the whole Kootenay country is affected. Mr. Smith pointed out that in the Crow's Nest mine less than a year ago, over 100 men lost their lives in one blast. In the Wellington Coal Company's mines, 17 men were burned. This condition of affairs re-



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but in this he is opposed by Horatius Ross, Victoria, who says compulsory arbitration has given greater satisfaction in New Zealand. To support his argument, he advances the convincing evidence of MacDonald's return to power last November with a larger majority than he has

John Charlton contends that the matter should be fully investigated, as it was in the United States a few months ago. There, the commission appointed to investigate the strike in the United States succeeded in terminating the war which had been waged for nearly a year. He said that it was found that the miners had grievances, and these the mine owners refused to settle. He said that the strike was a very short order. The commission recognized the right of non-union men to work in the mines, and he said that thus given to the labor world a decision which covers a lot of the ground of the strike. He said that the miners were to adopt similar methods in bringing about an adjustment of the matter. He said that he thought John Charlton contends that the results would be lasting. If on the other hand the strike is allowed to continue as at present, there is nothing to be gained for British Columbia but dire disaster, so far as its business interests are concerned.

Sir William Mulock grows faint-hearted at the thought of government interference. In railway matters he is a man of peace, and he is anxious of making it compulsory for companies and men to settle their disputes, and not to be troubled with a strike, a retreat and adopt a less drastic measure. The minister of labor now has a bill before him which provides arbitration law, it applied to coal mine strikes, would of little service. He says, what is in the mind of the great dissatisfaction with the coal-mining industry is not the result of any particular influence of the

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