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LONDON, CANADA, WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 1899.

WHOLE NO. 11,133.

MARRIED.

THOMPSON - CROZIER - On Wednesday, April 26, by the Rev. James Kennedy, Mr. S. Elliott Thompson, to Miss Emily Crozier, both of this city.

DIED

PRUDHAM-On April 28, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Nicholas McIntyre, 693 Maple street, Battle Creek, Mich., Mrs. Jane Prudham, formerly of London township, aged

BULLIVAN-At Chicago, on May 1, Carrie L Sullivan, eldest daughter of Daniel A. and Julia Sullivan (nee Coombs), aged 3 years 10 months and 12 days.

Funeral from Ferguson's undertaking establishment, Thursday afternoon, at 1:30. Friends and acquaintances will please accept this intimation.

Caddie, darling, we will miss you-All of us that loved you well; But we know that God has taken Our sweet little Caddie home to dwell.

Amusements and Lectures

BASEBALL!

London vs. Columbia Giants Friday and Saturday, May 5 and 6, Games called 3:30. Opening games, St. Thomas, May 10 and 11.

MISS BRONACHA McEVENUE, A TAL-ENTED young lady of Detroit, will ap-pear as "Norah," in "Kerry Gow," on Monday evening next, at the Grand Opera House. b

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SPECIAL-MESSRS. DAYTON & McCORMICK have secured the services of a first-class fencing teacher for May, June and July. Private or class lessons for ladies or gentiemen. For particulars apply at Palace Dancing Academy.

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Meetings.

THE BISHOP OF HURON WILL AD-DRESS the Society of Christian Endeavor of St. Paul's Cathedral, at their anniversary services, in Cronyn Hall, Thursday, May, 4. All welcome.

AYORRILL LODGE I. O. OF G. T. MEETS ing at 8 o'clock. Visiting members always

REGULAR MEETING OF ST. GEORGE'S A 42, A., F. and A. M., G. R. C., will be held in the Blue Room, Masonic Temple, this Wed-nesday, May 3, at 7:30 p.m. Visitors welcome. M. W. Althouse, W. Master; A. Ellis, Secre-tary

MEETING OF WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN M Association, in "Y" rooms, Dunday street, on Thursday, May 4, at 3 p.m. b

O. O. F.—DOMINION LODGE, NO. 48— Regular meeting this (Wednesday) even-ing. Visitors invited. Syd. Smyth, N. G.; Thos.

A N EMERGENT MEETING OF KILWIN-NING Lodge, No. 64, A., F. and A. M., will be held in the lodge room, on Thursday, May 4, at 7:30 o'clock p.m., to confer degrees, Visiting brethren welcome. T. W. Scandrett, W.M.; John Overell, P.M., Secretary.

School of Art & Design Classes commencing March 6, 1899, in the Public Library. Evening classes, from 7:30 to

Mechanical Drawing-Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Per term, \$2.

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WANTED - AT ONCE - A COOK-AT the City Hospital. 35c

WANTED-A YOUNG GIRL TO ASSIST with housework. Apply at once to Mrs. Frank Plant, 790 Queen's avenue. 35c bw WANTED - MIDDLE-AGED WOMAN as nurse, to take charge of a child. Apply to Capt. Fage, Barracks.

WANTED-BY MAY 15-AN EXPERI-W ENCED general servant; must be a good cook. Apply to Mrs. J. H. McMechan, 368 King street. WANTED-BY MAY 8-GOOD GEN-ERAL servant, in a small family. Ap-ply 534 Dundas street, city. 34c

WANTED-A COOK. APPLY TO MRS. W. J. Reid, Queen's avenue. 33c WANTED-GENERAL SERVANT TO GO to Detroit; family of three. Apply 56 Bruce street, before noon.

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STRAYED-FROM CON. 3. WESTMINS-TER, 8 yearling heifer calves, on Thurs-day, April 27. Four red, two gray, one white, one black. Reward for information. James Anderson Derwent. Anderson, Derwent. 34c&bw LOST - THIS MONDAY MORNING -Purse, between G. T. R. station and King, on Richmond; contained \$9 in bills, and silver, key, etc. Reward if returned to Advertiser.

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TO LET-S-ROOMED BRICK HOUSE-Just over new bridge. Apply 27 Becher TO RENT-HOUSE AND TWO ACRES of land, with a good barn, on Victoria street and Richmond street. Apply 749 Richmond street. TO LET-MODERN HOUSE, 469 COL-BORNE street; furnace, water closet, bath room. Apply C. D. Johnston, 198 Dundas street.

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HIS GRACE AT TORONTO

Archbishop O'Connor Given a Distin guished Welcome.

His Grace Archbishop O'Connor arrived in Toronto at noon yesterday, and was met at Union station by a very large delegation of Roman Catholics, both lay and clerical. A private car had been placed at his grace's disposal by the C. P. R., and was occupied by the archbishop and those who accompanied him to attend the installation ceremonies, which will take place today at St. Michael's Cathedral. Those who accompanied his grace from London, or joined him on the way, were Rev. Fathers Bayard, London, administrator of the diocese; Kilroy, Stratford; Brennan, Toronto; Kennedy, Sarnia; McCabe, Seaforth; Ferguson, Sandwich; West, Goderich; Valentine, Zurich; McCormick, Woodstock; Tiernan, London; Noonan, Biddulph; Connolly, Cushman; Ryan, Amherstburg; St. Hereux, Woodstock; Corcoran, La Salette. The laymen who accompanied him were Messrs. P. Pocock, W. McPhillips, J. Garvey, H.

P. Sharpe, P. Mulkern. Among the ecclesiastics present to greet his grace were: Rev. Vicar-General McCann, Dean Egan, Barrie; Rev. Fathers Ryan, Tracey, Marijon, Mc-Brady, Cruise, Kernahan, Hand, Labor-eau, Walsh, McCrae, Barrie; Vicar-General Laurent, Lindsay; D.O'Malley, Uxbridge. Among the laymen present were: J. J. Foy, Q.C., M.P.P. (chairman), F. P. Cronin (secretary), Eugene O'Keefe, L. J. Cosgrave, Remy Elmsley, H. T. Kelly, Patrick Boyle, Major Murray, George Crawford, John Mallon, Ald. Burns, J. J. Murphy, William Ray, F. A. Anglin, Dr. Mc-Mahon, C. J. McCabe, William Dineen, Dr. McKeown, Vincent P. Fayle, John A. Harkins, Dr. Heyden, Dr. P. J. Brown, J. D. Warde, Joseph Connolly, P.C.A., Mr. Devane, F. Finucane, John F. Hess, W. T. Kernahan, J. L. Troy, Joseph Power, J. J. Cosgrave, George Clarke, J. L. Woods, A. Cottam, E. G. Lemaitre, John Moloney, Thomas Mulvey, John Scully, George Evans, Charles Regan, Commander Law, R. N., Peter Ryan, L. V. McBrady, R. Lee, T. Creelon, W. Dougherty, Ald.

Steiner and J. L. Troy. His grace was met by Mr. J. J. Foy, and escorted to the Front street entrance of the station, where a carriage was waiting, and he was at once driven to St. Michael's Palace.

A Splendid Record Purity and

Mr. Fielding's Budget | tobacco duty had yielded \$677,400 of net Speech a Triumph.

A Surplus of \$4,600,000 for the Present Year.

Evidences of Prosperity on Every Hand.

No Changes in the Tariff This Season.

The New Oil Regulations-The Additions to the Public Debt Decreasing-Per Capita Expenditure Lowered-A Grand Exhibit of Progress.

Ottawa, May 2.-For nearly four hours yesterday the members of the House of Commons listened with unwearied interest to the presentation by the finance minister of a most interesting budget speech, and while there was lacking that keen excitement with which the occasion is invested when important tariff changes are pending, this omission was compensated for by the enthusiasm evoked by the relation of the story of Canada's marvelous commercial and industrial progress during the past year. The speech bristled with congratulatory references to the abounding prosperity which exists, and with confidence and hope in the future; and the cheers which greeted the allusions to these facts reached a climax when, with a note of pardonable pride, Mr. Fielding announced that his predictions of last year had been verified and the pansion to be seen on all hands. Desoundness of the government's fiscal policy found justification in the magnificent surplus of upwards of four and a half million dollars, which he estimated would be the result of the operations for the current fiscal year.

ten months of which have elapsed. Mr. Fielding began by saying that he had to deal with the most prosperous year in the history of the country. The revenue last year was \$40,555,238, being in customs duties was most pronounced; in very few lines had there been pations during the previous year of changes in the tariff. On consolidated fund the total expenditure for the year was \$38,832,525, being \$482,000 more than the expenditure for the previous year. There had been a considerable reduction in postal expenditure, due to the business-like methods of the postmaster-general, the revenue having in-creased \$324,871, and the expenditure educed \$214,066—a total betterment of \$538,937, as regards this department. The surplus last year was \$1,722,713. (Cheers.) Deducting the surplus from the capital expenditure, including railway subsidies, and \$930,822 expenses of the loan, there had been a net addition to the debt during the year of only \$2,417,802. But with the approaching completion of the canals and termination of other large expenditures, it was hoped these debt additions would be henceforth decreased. (Cheers.) Coming to the current year, and adding to the revenue and expenditure up to April 30, an estimate for the next two months, based on last year's figures, Mr. Fielding estimated the total revenue for this year at \$46,632,398, the estimated expenditure being \$42,026,028, thus leaving an estimated

SURPLUS OF \$4,600,000,

in round numbers. (Loud cheers.) This surplus, owing to the buoyancy of trade, might be even larger. The capital expenditure for the current year he estimated at \$8,622,795, so that, deducting the estimated surplus and \$2,355,000 of sinking fund interest from the capital expenditure, there would be left the sum of \$1,700,000 added to the net debt during the current year. This estimate he considered an outside one, and the debt increase might be less than that. Mr. Fielding referred to the appreciation of Canadian securities, to which he attached some importance, in view of the early maturing of a considerable portion of Canada's debt. The estimates now before the house show an increase of \$563,484 on those of the present year. It had been decided, as these estimates show, to retain the 3 per cent rate of interest on deposits in government savings banks, in view of the general stiffening of rates, although at any time the government had it in its power to decrease the rate to 21/2 per cent on the larger deposits. In January last it had been found necessary to raise a loan of £500,000, and on July 1 a loan of £500,000, making the total floating debt on the latter date £1.000 .-000 sterling. The opposition press had attempted to make out that the borrowing of this money was evidence that the surplus was a myth, but as a matter of fact such loans were frequently needed to tide the government over periods in which the outgo runs ahead of the receipts, and it was a general rule of the finance department to keep about \$1,500,000 on hand. Mr. Foster inquired at what rate the loan had been raised.

Mr. Fielding replied that the rate was 3½ per cent. He then gave a review of additions to the debt during past years, showing that the average increase under Conservative administration was

SIX MILLIONS A YEAR, against two and a half millions under

the present administration. The Yukon in 1897-8 had yielded a revenue of \$1,045,490, and had cost in expenditure \$698,032, thus leaving a considerable balance to the good. For the ten months of the current fiscal year the expenditure had been \$1,146,581, and the total revenue \$795,757, thus showing an unfavorable balance, but it was expect-

increase in the revenue.

Mr. Foster — I think the honorable gentleman estimated an increase of a million.

Mr. Fielding admitted he had, but said the difference was due to the considerable extent to which homegrown tobacco had misplaced foreign eaf. Comparing the expenditure of the Conservative and the present governments, the finance minister sub-mitted a calculation, which showed that the average increase from 1890 to 1896 was \$427,594. No government was likely to realize the expectation of all its friends as to possible reduction of expenditure. The Conserva-tives had promised to spend less than Mr. Mackenzie in 1878, but in four years they increased it from twenty-three and a half to twentyseven millions of dollars. In 1867 the per capita expenditure chargeable to consolidated fund was \$4 per head, and it increased gradually to \$7 53 in 1895. while last year it was only \$7 39-the LOWEST FIGURE FOR FOURTEEN YEARS.

As to the desirability of economy, all were agreed, he said, but all were not agreed as to what economy means. For instance, it amused him to read in the Toronto Mail and Empire an editorial, pitching into the government for its extravagance, as shown by the estimates, and another editorial besides it blaming the government for not having asked a half-million dollars for Toronto harbor. For himself, he believed that economy, like charity, should begin at home. During the 18 years from 1878 to 1896 Canada's foreign trade had increased by \$57,666,000, while during the two years from 1896 to 1898 it had increased \$66,000,000. (Cheers.)

Our mineral production, which in 1896 amounted to \$22,584,513, rose last year to \$37,755,197 — an increase of 32 per cent over 1897. As to the business of the past year, Canada was certainly to be congratulated on the evidences of prosperity and exposits in the chartered banks had increased, and government savings banks had increased since 1896 from \$230,000,000 to \$270,000,000 last year, and on the 1st of March this year amounted to \$297,000,000. Returns of bank note circulation, life insurance, railways. etc., all told the same story of PROSPERITY AND PROGRESS.

Moreover, comparing Canada's foreign trade with that of the United States, it was seen that the for-\$1,855,238 more than he had estimated mer amounted to \$56 29 per head for, and \$2,725,459 more than the reve- of the population — an increase of nue of the previous year. The increase \$20 33 during the past thirty years, while the foreign trade of the united States was now \$24 60 per head United States was now \$24 60 per head grant liberty to use tank cars and regrant liberty to use tank vassels was to any decreases whatever. The decline of of the population—an increase of \$7 30 \$1,298,000 in excise was due to anticiin 30 years. During the past two years. During the past two fuse liberty to use tank vessels was to years Canada's foreign trade had increased by \$11 60 per head, as against an increase of only \$1 25 in the United States. The extension of the preferential tariff to the British West India Islands was received with general satisfaction. Our trade with those colonies had been steadily falling off, but for the preference might have been destroyed altogether. The fact was the United States customs regulations gave a preference to cane sugar over beet sugar almost amounting to the Canadian preference of 25 per cent. Therefore, whether we can do a very large trade with the West Indies under present conditions is problematical, and it might become necessary to do something to improve it. Canadian shipping has been put at a disadvantage by the application of the United States coasting laws to Porto Rico, which prevented foreign vessels carrying freight from those ports to the United States. But he was glad to announce that orders had just been sent by the war department at Washington to the governor of Porto Rico to permit all vessels, domestic or foreign, to load and clear for the United States. The finance minister next quoted from newspaper articles, board of trade reports and similar sources of information to show that Canada was

prospering under Liberal rule. Resuming after recess. Mr. Fielding showed that the reduction in the tariff had been a large and substantial measure of tariff reform. Taking the imports for the nine months of 1896-7 and of 1898-9 and it would be found the average rate of duty was 17.21 per cent, as against 19.35 per cent in 1896-7—a reduction of 2.14 per cent, equal to one-ninth of the old duty. Applying the 1896 rate to the imports for nine months of this year, it would have yielded \$21,035,832. The amount actually collected was \$18,711,708-a reduction of \$2,324,124, which for the year would be about

THREE MILLION DOLLARS SAVED.

Mr. Fielding held that no matter how

high the duties were in the general

tariff there was still the genuine reduction of one-fourth of it to the British people under the preference. Not the British manufacturer, but the United States manufacturer, understood this quite well. Taking the invoice of one Montreal merchant for about \$12,-000 worth of drygoods, he showed a saving of \$700 in duty under the pre-ferential tariff. He had been assured that the extra cost of transportation was equal to about 10 per cent of the duty, so that in any event the British producer had a net benefit of 15 per cent over the American in Canadian markets. It was true we imported largely from the United States, but mostly these imports were raw materials, which England herself imported. And, besides, with a 25 per cent preference in his favor it was the British merchant's fault if he did not take advantage of it. One reason why he did not was that for years the British manufacturer was busy that he had no time to exploit new markets. Another was that Canada was not represented by export houses in London as were the Austra-lasian colonies. The reduction in duty during 1898 under the preference was \$634,715, being the difference between the \$6,549,428 actually collected on British goods last year, and what would have been collected under the 1896 tariff of 19.35 per cent, namely, \$7,184,143. What the preferential tariff had done was to arrest the decline ed that receipts would come in before July 1 which would more than make up for this deficiency. The increase in the crease it last year by three millions of CALL UP LONDON BRANCH. Phone, 1240

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Branch-Cor. Richmond and Piccadilly. dollars, and this year by another two

millions. The opposition was prone to harp on the accusation that the Liberals had destroyed Canada's chance of obtaining a preference in England. It would certainly be an advantage to Canada to have a preference on her grain. He did not say that would never be done. In fact, he regarded it as quite probable, but it would never be brought about by any dictation by the Conser-vatives, but through the liberal spirit fostered by the present government, by means of its preferential tariff. The

preference was in THE HEART OF THE BRITISH

PEOPLE. It was shown in the fact that our trade had increased by 36 per cent, while that of the United States with Great Britain had increased by only 10 per cent. And in the matter of immigration they were giving us the preference by sending the cream of

their emigrants. COAL OIL. Referring to coal oil, Mr. Fielding said that besides reducing the duty by 1 cent per gallon, the government increased the number of points at which oil might be delivered in tank cars, a change which he thought was of some relief, especially in the Northwest Ter-ritories. "We also granted further liberty to the oil trade by permitting oil to be carried in tank vessels, subject, of course, to proper restrictions for safety." The demand for freedom to handle oil in the most economical way, through the medium of tank vessels, came from the Maritime Provinces. To refuse them that privilege would be very unreasonable. The system of tank cars is excellent for the inland districts, but water transportation is generally cheaper than rail transportation, and consequently, wherever there is the open ocean or navigable water of any kind, the people who live beside it

advantages of cheap transportation which nature had provided for them.

INSPECTION IN BULK. "While the government have unquestionably taken a step in the right direction by reducing the duty on oil and removing some of the restrictions which have added to the cost of the oil, there is still room for improvement, and, though we put aside until another time the question of further reduction of the duty, we propose to make further concessions to the people with respect to the restrictions imposed on the oil trade. At present all petroleum, whether Canadian of imported, must be barreled before being inspected. The packages must bear the inscription marks, and inspection fees must be paid, varying from onefifth of a cent to one-half a cent per gallon, according to the size of the package. We propose to sweep away all these restrictions. Canadian oil will be inspected at the refineries and imported oil at the port of entry, and, having been so inspected, may be removed or sold without restrictions as to packages. The inspection fees will be entirely abolished. The recent law contains provisions for guaranteeing the safety of the oil. These will have to be adhered to, and will be rigidly enforced But, apart from what may be necessary in the interests of safety, our aim will be to allow the utmost freedom in the handling of the oil. My honorable friend, the minister of inland revenue, will introduce immediately a bill to abolish all these restrictions to which I have referred. There is no doubt that a large part of the oil business will still be handled in barrels. The tank cars will come to large centers, where the oil will be stored in tanks, and thence distributed in barrels to distant parts of the country. Wherever the conditions of the trade require that, well and good, but where they do not we do not propose hereafter to compel the people to buy oil in barrels Such regulations as may be necessary to insure the safety of the people, by the confiscation of any oil found in Canada which does not come up to the proper standard. must be maintained, and made possibly even more rigid; but beyond that we shall abolish all these troublesome regulations, and in that way give

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