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The debate on the budget was continued by Mr. Blanchard. He pointed out that it was the duty of the Opposition to expose the reckless extravagance of the present government, and this duty they would not shirk. The leader of the government stated that the indebtedness of this province on Dec. 31st was \$382,000. Is this correct? The Public Works report shows the sum of \$8,800 to be due on unfunded bonds entered into in 1891 and 1893. Should not that be counted in the indebtedness of the province? We also find the sum of \$28,000 due on the 31st of December to the teachers of this province. When the present government on assuming power reckoned the debt of the province at that time they took care to include the portion of the teacher's salaries then due. Therefore we find the actual indebtedness of the province on the 31st December to be not \$382,000, but \$415,000. Is the leader of the government justified in making a statement which is calculated to lead the people astray? Is he justified in making a statement which is not borne out by facts? The leader of the government said that there was a flood last summer. He did not remember it. He had heard of the tidal wave at Egmont Bay. The Commissioner of Public Works was present at the time, and perhaps his presence had something to do with the wave. The leader of the government also said that the time had come when the leader of the government to talk about drunkenness. He (Mr. Blanchard) believed in temperance, but he was sick and tired of the hypocrites who go up and down the country talking temperance, and who, if they get a chance will almost drown them-

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It's a "cheer" thing to please. What? Off Bros new book. April 16th.
Hon. Dr. McTAVISH has returned from England and taken his seat in Parliament.
ALL the foreign mails between here and the mainland are now carried by the Stanley.
LONDON advice of the 20th says that Sir Fred Cavendish has been appointed to command the campaign against the Matabele.
The steamer St. Lawrence left for Summerside yesterday afternoon to begin work on the Summerside-Point du Chene route.
OTTAWA advice of the 21st, says the supplementary estimates for 1896 will contain an appropriation of \$250,000 for the Island branch railways.

The London Daily News says that President Kruger claims an indemnity of £1,500,000 from the British South Africa company for the recent raid of Dr. Jameson into the Transvaal.
At Moncton, N.B., on Sunday last, a six year old lad named Elliott took a piece of raw turpentine, which his mother was preparing for dinner, and commenced to eat it. He swallowed too large a piece; it stuck in his throat and choked him to death.
A GRAND opening and magnificent display in spring goods, the choicest aggregation of seasonable goods to be found, and will be sold at prices which will please everybody, so say the People's Store. Read the advertisement in this paper and go in quick and make your purchases.

As will be seen by advertisement in this issue, the St. Dunstan's College Dramatic Society will present the drama of "Fitzgerald," the Irish Outlaw, at the Opera House, on Tuesday next, 28th inst. An evening of rare enjoyment may be expected, and a large attendance is anticipated.

On Monday night last the dwelling house and boiler house of Mr. Samuel Gillespie, Loyalist Road, Lot 31, about 9 miles from this city, was destroyed by fire. The loss included all his household furniture, a quantity of seed grain, and a steam of money (about \$130), which he had saved to pay a debt on his land. The fire originated in the boiler house attached to the rear of the dwelling.

This second dinner of the Legislative session was held at Government House on Wednesday evening last, when His Honor the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Howland entertained members of the Legislature and of the press in that princely fashion so characteristic of these. The present occasion of Government House dinner, the hospitalities thereof in a manner unsurpassed in the history of that historic mansion.

The work of taking down the tower of St. Dunstan's Cathedral is now in progress, under the direction of Mr. Michael Egan. The clock and bell were first removed, and on Monday afternoon the spire was taken down. This, including