

CANADA'S SURPLUS WILL EXCEED SIXTEEN AND A HALF MILLIONS

Hon. W. S. Fielding Canadian Minister of Finance, Presents His Fourteenth Budget to House of Commons.

RETURN OF PROSPERITY AND LARGE LIBERAL SURPLUSES

Dominant Note of Financial Statement is Large Increase in Revenue and Reduction in Expenditures.

Total Revenue Will Reach Record Mark of Over Hundred Millions—Canada's Growing Total—Reduction on Consolidated and Capital Expenditures is \$36,486,325—Fielding's Practical Economy—Foster Attempts to Belittle Splendid Statement With Arguments Worn Thread-bare By Use.

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—Hon. W. S. Fielding's fourteenth budget, delivered in the House of Commons today, was, in its optimistic tone, in its satisfactory statement of financial prospects, in its progressive character, in its reduction of expenditures, and in its story of a record revenue, a splendid surplus and encouraging outlook, one of the most progressive of the increasing budgets which have attended the administration of the present government. The finance minister was able to point to an assured surplus at the end of the current fiscal year of at least sixteen and one-half millions, with the probability that it would be considerably larger. The revenue, he predicted, would reach a record mark of ninety-seven and one-half millions, with a possibility of it reaching the hundred million mark. And this revenue would meet the total outlay on consolidated fund, all expenditure on capital account, apart from the National Transcontinental railway, and in addition pay off one-quarter million of the total expenditure during the year of twenty millions on the National Transcontinental railway.

Return to Liberal Surpluses. A Mr. Fielding's budget, Canada has come back once more to the old familiar story of general employment, prosperity, and liberal surpluses. For the coming fiscal year, Mr. Fielding pointed to a repetition of the record of the preceding year. The revenue, he predicted, would be considerably over one hundred million, and would meet all outlays apart from the expenditure on the National Transcontinental railway. Even the cost of building the new navy would be met out of income.

Dealing with the general results of the government's financial administration since 1896 Hon. Mr. Fielding noted that during the thirteen years there had been spent on capital and special account \$12,122,000, of which 147 millions, or 69 per cent., had been met out of revenue. During the preceding thirteen years the Conservative administration spent 167 million on capital account, of which only 49 million or 29 per cent. had been met out of revenue. The per capita debt on an estimated population of 7,450,000, is now only \$45.85, as compared with \$50.22 in 1896.

Reassuring as to Tariff. No tariff changes were announced and Mr. Fielding's message with respect to the impossibility of any tariff war with the United States was of a reassuring nature. Hon. Geo. E. Foster replied with his usual arguments relative to increased taxation and the range of the old familiar arguments of charges of extravagance, maladministration and graft. The debate was continued by Mr. H. H. Miller and will be resumed on Thursday by Dr. Sprole.

Hon. W. S. Fielding, in introducing the budget said that last session the budget was not in all respects a very cheerful one. However, ministers of finance everywhere had had stern duty to come back to the old familiar story of general employment, and prosperous trade, increasing revenues, Liberal surpluses and generous appropriations for public service. The last fiscal year, 1908-9, which ended March last, was, certainly not a very good year for Canada. The worldwide depression of 1907 had had its effect on this country, though to a much lesser extent than in the case of the United States. It began to show its effect upon Canadian revenues in the closing period of the fiscal year, but the early part of the year was one of such great prosperity that in the whole the revenue proved to be a very excellent one. It was found, however, that the revenues of the fiscal year, beginning on April 1, 1908, were very seriously affected, and while in 1907-8 the gross revenue was \$96,654,595, it dropped in 1908-9 to \$85,069,404. There was thus a decline in the year's revenue of nearly eleven million dollars, or 11 1/2 per cent. The expenditure chargeable to income was \$48,064,232, and the actual surplus was \$1,029,171.

Post Office and Land Revenues. In contrast there was a decrease of over ten million dollars, in exercise of decrease of \$84,383, a post office sur-

GERMAN NAVAL OFFICERS LOVE BRITISH BROTHERS.

London, Dec. 15.—Dr. Henry S. Lunn, in a speech at Boston, quoted Prince Henry of Prussia, who had just returned from his visit to the United States, as declaring that the officers of all German warships nightly toast the day when Germany would defeat Great Britain. Dr. Lunn read a telegram in German from "Prince" Henry declaring that the assertion was a gross insult to the German navy, adding:—"The spirit of our navy looks any such thought or deed. It is a beastly lie from beginning to end. We all honor and respect our British brothers, with whom we are proud to be on friendly terms."

UNCHARITABLE SON BROUGHT TO REASON

Edmonton Officials of Immigration Department Acting With Austrian Consulate Have Saved Couple From Almshouse in Austria.

Charity does not stop at National boundary lines. An aged Austrian couple in the village of Probusna in the Province of Galicia, will be relieved of their troubles by the efforts of the Austrian consulate and the Edmonton immigration officials. Near Waugh, Alberta, north east of Edmonton, lives Jan Czeczotta and his brother Nicholas, who came to Canada from Austria a year and a half ago.

Jan left his native village his father was in debt some eighty dollars. Canadian money, on about twelve acres of land. The sons paid the amount and a settlement was arrived at between the children and the parent, whereby each of the family received 2 1/2 acres of land, leaving the old man and woman 1 1/2 acres of land. The home which they were living in was on the land, allotted to Jan Czeczotta. When Jan left he agreed to dispose of his interest in the property in the village of Probusna, in 400 Kronens, on the understanding that the old people were to be allowed to live in the house until they were able to get on their feet. No contract was signed and Jan came away.

Find Jan Comes to the Immigration. Now word comes to the Immigration Department at Waugh, in the Austrian consulate, that the old couple are to be removed from their home by the sale of their property. The old couple are to be removed from their home by the sale of their property. The old couple are to be removed from their home by the sale of their property.

Iron and Steel Bounties. Mr. Fielding said that the chief bounties on iron and steel would expire on December 31, 1910. He said that the bounties on iron and steel would expire on December 31, 1910. He said that the bounties on iron and steel would expire on December 31, 1910.

Mr. Fielding here remarked that in his opinion the aim ought to be to provide out of the revenue of the country for the ordinary expenditure and all capital and special expenditure other than that on the National Transcontinental railway. If they had had the National Transcontinental railway to deal with they would have reduced the debt by two or four million dollars.

HURONIC MAKES PASSAGE.

From American Soo to Fort William in Schedule Time Against Gale. Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Dec. 14.—After a stormy passage the steamer Huronic, which was the last boat to leave for Fort William, arrived here at 11 o'clock this morning, making the trip in almost schedule time in spite of the northeasterly gale and snow. She reported passing the Strathcona and Rosedale near Passage Island yesterday afternoon where they were lying in shelter. They are expected to arrive tomorrow. The Huronic left for Sarnia today. The majority of the fleet which have been tied up at Detroit during the past few days got away as daylight this morning and expected to make Port Huron tomorrow morning. There is some anxiety for the steamer Wisconsin, now being towed by the tug "Eddy," which is eight hours overdue, but it is thought she will be in shelter along the Lake Huron shore. An unconfirmed report reached here that the Jesse Spaulding is in shelter near Harbor Beach, thus relieving anxiety as to her safety to some extent. Nothing has been heard from the steamer J. Eddy, which is expected down from Marquette.

LOYD-GEORGE THE PRO-BOER

Lords Seek to Turn British Electorate Against Chancellor Because of War Sentiments. London, Dec. 14.—There is a lull in the political crisis, due chiefly to the sheer exhaustion of the leading combatants on both sides after a prolonged session. In some cases the Radical and Unionist fighters agreeing upon a truce till after Christmas. A. J. Balfour, the Unionist leader, himself, went yesterday to his Scottish seat to rest and play golf until after Christmas. Lloyd-George and Board of Trade President Churchill, continue the fighting.

It is regarded as significant that one of the few places Mr. Balfour will speak before the elections, is in support of the candidature in Shropshire division, of Professor Helms, secretary of Chamberlain's tariff commission. This is taken to indicate Mr. Balfour's approval of the tariff policy of moderate duties with a preference.

The Daily Mail's campaign against Germany on the strength of the investigations of the Socialist Leader Blatchford, is being used to convince the British electorate of the un wisdom of trusting the destinies of the empire to a man who desires to reduce armaments.

Blatchford's Article. Blatchford's article today denounces the Government's tariff policy as a cause for anxiety regarding the man's intentions in the facts within our own knowledge. The ministers are in the nature of things, possess knowledge which we lack. They are anxious; they warn the country of impending dangers. Are we to believe they are mistaken, or is it reasonable to assume the King's political, naval and military advisers are better informed than the Labour members and Winston Churchill? Very well, let us now consider the evidence of facts.

Lord Lytton, ex-colonial secretary, speaking at Slough yesterday, said:—"Even the Socialists admit the peril, as can be seen from the incisive and vigorous article of Blatchford. If Mr. Balfour and his colleagues are to be taken seriously, they are to be taken seriously, they are to be taken seriously."

Lloyd-George, the Pro-Boer. Introducing the Duke of Norfolk to a somewhat turbulent meeting at Westminster yesterday, Dr. Macdonald, chairman, said:—"While the duke, who is to speak to us tonight was fighting for the country in South Africa, Lloyd-George was disgracing a policeman's uniform and running away from a Birmingham audience which had been raised to a pitch of enthusiasm by his deliberately maligning our own countrymen."

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UNIONIST ADMITS DEFEAT.

Present Liberal Government Will Be Returned by Huge Majority.

London, Dec. 14.—F. R. Brassey speaking at a Conservative meeting at Beachill predicted the return of the Liberal Government. There would be a considerable turnover in votes in England, he said, and it was possible there might be a Conservative majority. But the utmost the Unionists could do in Scotland was to win eight or ten seats and in Wales one or two, while in Ireland there would be no change at all. The result would be that the present government would be returned to power with a majority dependent upon Irish, Scotch and Welsh votes.

PREPARING TO TENDER UPON C.P.R. HIGH LEVEL

B. D. Gunn of Firm of John Gunn & Sons is Now in City—Firm Constructed the Gravity System in Calgary Which Has Just Been Accepted.

To look over the situation and to be in a better position to tender upon the high level bridge when bids are asked for by B. D. Gunn of the firm of John Gunn & Sons, bridge builders, is now in the city. Mr. Gunn, who is registered at the Albermarle Hotel, is accumulating information that will give him the firm's best reliable data when the time for tendering arrives.

The firm have already constructed the Lethbridge C.P.R. bridge, the biggest of its kind in the world and the G.T.P. bridge at Battle River and the Pembina. These have all been finished and the contractors are now engaged on the working power plant at Point du Bois for supply to the city of Winnipeg. This is a million and a quarter contract.

Gravity System in Calgary. The Public Works Health act, which was taken over by that city about the middle of last month and is now working successfully.

The water is taken from the Elbow river about fourteen miles from the city, said Mr. Gunn to the Bulletin this morning. It is conveyed to a reservoir about two miles from the city by means of a thirty-inch pipe. From there the water is taken to the city mains by an eighteen-inch pipe. A pressure reservoir throughout Calgary is about 35 pounds to the square inch and in the suburbs there is a pressure of about 45 pounds.

The gravity system is working well in Calgary, and is considered "a very satisfactory to the citizens."

LABOR DECLARES WAR ON STEEL CORPORATION

Conference of Labor Leaders Reach Decision—Calling For Action Against Big Corporation for Alleged Violation of Workmen's Conditions—Appeal to Federal and State Authorities.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 14.—The labor leaders, who have been in conference for the past two days in the Monongahela House, this afternoon adopted a resolution and declared war on the United States Steel Corporation. There are 45 of the leading and most influential labor leaders in the conference and their decision that the big steel corporation must be curbed and forced to recognize the rights of the workmen is country wide.

The men in the conference represent every big labor union in the country, and they call upon the Federal government, the governors of states, officials of counties and municipalities, to take steps to bring the big corporation to realize that the conditions of the workmen in their plants must be bettered.

A committee will be appointed to call upon the governors and other government officials and lay their grievances of the workmen before them. Funds are also asked to aid the movement and John Williams, of the Amalgamated Association at Pittsburg, has been named as treasurer to whom all money should be sent. It is pledged that all money received will be devoted to waging war on Steel and Tin Plate Company, whose workmen have been striking in the Pittsburg district since June 30 last.

Manitoba Legislature Opens Feb. 1. Winnipeg, Dec. 15.—Political gossip places the date of the opening of the Manitoba House as February 1. Beyond the Workmen's Compensation Act, which is now being worked out by Royal Commission, very little important legislation is in sight, though the Keewatin boundary question is likely to receive some attention.

Tolstoi Publisher Sentenced. St. Petersburg, Dec. 15.—The publisher of the book "The Kingdom of God Within Us," was sentenced today to a year's imprisonment in a fortress.

Local Option Injunction Dissolved. Winnipeg, Dec. 15.—Local option supporters in Oakland municipality gained a victory in the Court of Appeals when the injunction granted by Justice Metcalf against a vote being taken was dissolved.

Nail Factory at Fort William. Montreal, Dec. 14.—Prominent local capitalists, including, it is said, H. E. Holt and F. W. Thompson, are negotiating for the erection of a large wire and nail plant at Fort William. Mr. Holt states the plans are progressing rapidly.

Setting Favors Liberals. Montreal, Dec. 15.—London cables today place the betting on the result of the English elections at 11 to 9 in favor of the Liberals. This is figured out by Lloyd's rate of 45 per cent.

Kelly Brothers Dissolved. Winnipeg, Dec. 14.—The big contracting firm of Kelly Brothers, who have several branches in the West, was ordered dissolved today as a claimant of a lengthy litigation. A receiver has been appointed and the firm has been left to the master in ordinary by Judge Macdonald.

Australia's Bonus Immigration. Melbourne, Dec. 14.—Under the Clear Settlement bill, now before the Victorian parliament, a million pounds annually would be available for the purchase of land for immigrants in Australia. It is enough to settle thousands of families annually.

COMPENSATION ACT IS UPHELD

Important Decision by Judge Taylor in Case of Workman Injured on G.T.P. Construction.

An important decision has been handed down by his honor Judge Taylor in the arbitration under the Workmen's Compensation Act, between Allan Murray of Edmonton and the railroad construction contractors. Allan Murray, of Edmonton, the applicant, is a bridge carpenter. On February 25th last he sustained an injury from an accident arising in the course of his employment by Foleys, Welch and Stewart. The accident happened upon trestle bridge No. 10 west of Edmonton, on the G.T.P. railway construction. Murray was engaged laying timber upon the bridge by means of a cable, which was being operated by a steam engine. The accident consisted in his being knocked off the bridge by some moving timbers. The nature of the injury was dislocation of one of the bones of the foot. Murray was confined to the camp for three weeks following the accident, and was then removed to the Pembina hospital for hospital under medical care until the 6th of April. He was then discharged from the hospital but is still unable to perform any labor.

Messrs. Foleys, Welch & Stewart refused his application for compensation Act. He then entered an application for compensation at the rate of \$9 per week since the date of the accident, after consulting Messrs. Boyis & Parlee.

The respondents, Foleys and Stewart denied their liability to pay compensation under the act. In the hearing of the arbitration, through the representation of Messrs. Boyis, Short, Cross, Biggar and Cowan, they were consequently subject to the exclusive legislative authority of the Parliament of Canada. That in pursuance of such legislative authority, the Parliament of Canada had made applicable to such work the provisions of the Public Works Health act, chapter 135 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1906, and the applicant was entitled to the provisions of such act and, received medical attendance in pursuance of its regulations.

The Workmen's Compensation act, under which the proceedings were held, it was therefore held, did not apply to the Grand Trunk Pacific railway company in the construction of the railway, as the respondents claimed. This ingenious reasoning was not approved by his honor Judge Taylor, as the following judgment given by him shows:

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"The Public Works Health Act does not in any way cover compensation for injury that may be incurred to any workman. It is for the purpose of compelling certain contractors to properly care for the health of the workmen and make the camps sanitary. It is also for the purpose of compelling them to have within reasonable distance of the workmen proper medical care by hospital accommodation for the sick or injured to be had."

"The health regulations permit the contractors or companies to levy a certain contribution from any workman to meet the expenses incurred. This, no doubt in many cases, reimburses the company for their outlay."

EVANS' MAJORITY OVER 4,000.

Winnipeg's Mayor Returned by Overwhelming Plurality.

Winnipeg, Dec. 14.—Mayor Sanford Evans was re-elected by an overwhelming plurality over his two self-appointed opponents today, and the retiring controllers and aldermen who stood for re-election were also returned. For the three by-laws submitted, those providing \$150,000 for underground conduits for power and other wires, and \$50,000 for municipal baths, carried, but that providing \$50,000 for building a municipal art gallery in Central park was defeated. Although only about half the votes were cast, this year as compared with last year, Mayor Evans was endorsed by a handsome majority of 4,040.

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