

WOODS' FAIR

Saturday 25c Notion Counter Package

One Pudding Dish, 4-quart size, 19c; one large bar of our own Laundry Soap, 10c; one large cake of Syrian Bouquet Toilet Soap, 6c; three cakes of Royal Dome Blacklead, 5c; in all, regular 35c; Saturday package price 25c

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Ladies' Long Sleeve Vests, extra fine quality, shaped waist, button front, taped neck. Sale price 25c
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A POWER CONFERENCE

Municipalities Union and Hydro-Commission to Meet at Toronto.

Toronto, March 19.—A conference between the representatives of the Western Municipalities Niagara Power

Union and the hydro-electric power commission will take place in the city in all probability next week. By that time it is expected that the formal contracts, which must be signed by the various municipalities who desire to participate in the power scheme, will have been drawn, and will be presented to the meeting.

THE EXPENDITURE IS PILING UP

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ulation on the fact that the prosperity of the Province had been so marked, despite the commercial and financial depression, he plunged at once into his subject, and proceeded to deal with a mass of figures and statistics, many of which were handed to the spectators in the gallery or to any members who were not following him closely. The year 1907, he said, had been started with a balance of \$3,497,239. The receipts were \$8,320,419, and the expenditure \$7,142,445, leaving a surplus of \$905,000. This, added to the surplus of the two previous years, made a total surplus of \$1,556,174 for the Government's three years of office. This year's surplus would have been much larger had the Government insisted on the payment of all the timber dues outstanding, but in view of the financial depression, which would have compelled many solvent lumbermen to sacrifice their holdings, the Government decided to extend credit for \$500,000 timber dues which fell payable in December. This will be paid this year with interest at 6 per cent. Had this payment been insisted on, last year's surplus would have been over \$1,106,000. In addition, there had been paid from the earnings of the Temiskaming Railway the charges of \$235,000, on the English loan, an item which might justifiably have been charged to capital expenditure. The year closed with a balance of \$1,674,054.

Where It Is.

The Opposition would ask where was this surplus? It really existed? said Mr. Matheson. He pointed to the Dominion plain that out of the surplus and the cash on hand, totaling \$4,511,000, the sum of \$2,335,000 had been loaned to the Temiskaming Railway for construction purposes, instead of borrowing the necessary funds at a time when the market was in a condition that satisfactory terms could not be secured. It was not intended that this money should be withdrawn from the treasury permanently, for a loan would be floated to replace it, and the sum would be available for other public services, which needed funds.

The provincial treasurer said he had estimated the receipts for 1907 at \$7,612,000. In this he had not included the subsidy increase of \$355,000, nor the Temiskaming Railway earnings of \$235,000. The total estimated receipts were thus \$8,322,000, but the actual receipts had exceeded this.

Urges Economy.

While it was thus hoped that the receipts for 1908 would exceed those for 1907, Mr. Matheson desired to urge on the House and the Province the necessity of economy. While the Government believed that all its expenditures had been justifiable, care would have to be taken against increasing the permanent and uncontrollable expenditure. While the country was prosperous, it was no objection to reasonable capital expenditure, but it would be unwise to incur larger obligations which could not be reduced at will, when the lean years came. As evidence of the Province's advancing credit, the Provincial Treasurer said that the Dominion bonds for which the Government had received 96%, had been as low last year as 92 on the London market, but had advanced in three months to 95%. In the fall it would be possible, he thought, to effect a loan at reasonable rates. If the Province could only have its securities put on the trustees' list in England, so that executors could invest in them, there would be no difficulty in getting 99 and 100 for them.

Mr. Matheson said that the estimate of \$106,000 receipts from the Government's Gillies limit mine was vague, but he thought it well within the mark. One car of ore had been shipped, but no return had been received from the smelter. Further shipments would be made in the summer.

Commenting on the receipts for 1907, Mr. Matheson spoke especially of the public institutions and the succession duties tax. From the former \$193,000 had been collected, or \$87,000 more than in 1904. The larger part of this increase was for patients well able to pay, but who in former days had been maintained at the expense of the people. In the succession duties department, although there was an increase of only 25 per cent in the number of applications for probate, the number of estates which paid taxes had increased by 60 per cent. This showed that there were no lapses of duty on the part of the Government, which was watching the system closely, and insisting that the Province got every payment that was coming to it.

The liabilities of the Province were practically the same as when the Government took office, with the exception of the two Temiskaming Railway loans and the \$500,000 advanced to the university. The Province's debt had been reduced \$352,000 in the three years.

The Soo Guarantee.

The Soo guarantee had been reduced from \$2,000,000 to \$1,000,000, and the Province would probably be relieved of it at the end of six months extension from April 1, as the company's earning power had made such a good showing.

Mr. Matheson then went exhaustively into the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway. The road was now operated from North Bay to Englehart, 138 miles.

Steel was laid 70 miles beyond Englehart, and the line graded for ten miles farther. The whole line of 253 miles to Cochrane, the junction with the G. T. P., will be completed by Sept. 15 next. The failure of a Toronto company to deliver bridges on time had delayed the progress of the line and caused heavy losses to the contractors. The total trackage of the line, including sidings and branches, will be 305 miles, and at the height of land the line is 1,044 feet above sea level. The country north of the height of land, where drainage would be even better than that to the south for agricultural purposes. The total receipts of the railway last year were \$853,000, and the passengers carried numbered 578,000, of whom not one was killed or maimed. The sum of \$500,000 was paid in wages.

The road originally had been badly laid out, and much money had to be expended to remedy defects. Rock cuttings, which should be 5 1/2 feet from

the rails, were only 3, 4 or 5 feet. The grades were so steep that only 20 cars can be hauled by an engine. If the road was to hold transcontinental business, part of it must be rebuilt.

Two years ago, said Mr. Matheson, Mr. Harcourt had criticised the Government for securing a new loan at a certain rate of interest, instead of renewing the old one. The fact that the Government had secured a better price than had been possible since, while the Dominion Government had recently had to pay 7 per cent for a renewal, was ample justification for the new loan.

"We think," said Mr. Matheson in concluding, "that we have fulfilled every pledge made in Opposition. We have kept the expenditures within the receipts and have had handsome surpluses. We have devoted our energies to improving the educational system of the Province. The municipalities have received larger shares of the railway tax and the liquor license fees. Justice has been fairly administered, as King's writ runs to every part of the Province, and men have received their rights. The condition of the farmer has been improved, better methods of treating the insane are being adopted, the mineral regions are being developed, and the mining population is satisfied that justice is done by the mining laws. Grangers have been kept away from the resources of the Province, and the people's dues have been collected. Whatever the faults of the Government, we have tried to do our duty, and we believe we have succeeded."

Mr. Pense Criticizes.

Mr. Pense (Kingston), was the first speaker for the Opposition. He joined in congratulating the Province on its prosperity, which was shared by every province and by the Dominion at large, as was proven, he said, by Mr. Fielding's budget on Tuesday. Much of Ontario's prosperity, he claimed, was due to the wise legislation of the Liberal governments of the past, and \$2,600,000 of last year's receipts were directly traceable to channels created by the former administration.

The present Opposition, said Mr. Pense, was an amicable one, and endeavored to be moderate and fair in its criticism. He disclaimed, however, the attitude imputed to it by the Government of having no criticism to offer, and he proceeded to point out the large increases in expenditure made by the present Government. The Ross Government in 1904 spent less than \$8,000,000, but last year \$17,000,000, an increase of 50 per cent, was expended by the present Government. Some of the increases in the various departments were: Civil government, 70 per cent; legislation, 20 per cent; education, 43 per cent; university, 50 per cent.

Continuing the members for Kingston, said agriculture had increased 23 per cent, the O. A. C., 106 per cent; charities, 39 per cent; public buildings, 33 per cent; colonization roads, 80 per cent, and charges on crown lands, 30 per cent. On costrollable items the increase was 110 per cent.

Mr. Pense made a plea for economy. With an increase of 50 per cent in the receipts of the Province, there should have been a larger reserve. He took strong exception to Mr. Matheson's claim that economy was being practiced in the treasury. Whatever faults the Ross Government had, it had never spent the people's money like a drunk sailor; in fact, it had erred on the side of economy. If the Whitney Government was bold enough to be honest, it should also be bold enough to be economical.

Mr. Pense took up the remarks of Mr. George Tate Blackstock, who at the Whitney banquet spoke of the Ross ministers as the most unscrupulous banditti who ever infested the provinces. This was strong language, said Mr. Pense, especially in view of the statement in the Mail in 1900 that the Liberal financial administration had been thrifty, judicious and clean. A lawyer should be the last man in Ontario to speak with disrespect of the House or any government, for they were better treated than any other class of men. Mr. Blackstock himself had drawn \$4,200 from the Province last year.

Mr. Pense criticised the items for entertainment, which totaled \$16,965, as compared with \$150 spent by the Ross Government in 1904. The Government had been the victim of its friends in this matter. It would be wise to take the advice of the Dominion Grange and sit more tightly on the lid. The grant for agriculture, which should have been most liberal, showed the least increases of any department.

Mr. Pense said the present cabinet fell naturally into senior and junior divisions, the members of the former being the Premier, the Provincial Treasurer and the Minister of Agriculture. Their colleagues, who were much younger members of the House, should study the principles held in Opposition by the three ministers mentioned, and model their actions accordingly.

The late Government had been a wise and aggressive one, and none of the charges made against it had been sustained. The exaggerated criticisms brought against the Ross Government had had no foundation. The verdict

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of history would be that that Government was an honest, thrifty and progressive one. Signs were not wanting of a resuscitation of the strength of Liberalism, which was the strength of Ontario, and sooner than the Conservatives expected they would see the Moses leading the present Opposition back into power.

Mr. Ferguson (Grenville) spoke for the Government. He complimented Mr. Pense on his address, which was moderate and in good taste, but said that his criticism had narrowed down to two items—one for entertainment and the other of \$28,000 to make it a success. No member of the House had done more than the Hon. Mr. Beck. The Government had been slandered, but it was standing as a solid unit behind him to carry out its policy.

"Not a single Liberal critic has been able to lay a charge of maladministration in any direction," said Mr. Ferguson. The result had been a healthier tone. Such a feeling was aroused when the Ontario Government had put an end to the former corruption. A similar feeling had been noted in New Brunswick and

it would, Mr. Ferguson prophesied, sweep the whole Dominion.

Mr. Hislop pointed with pride to the fact that no charges of Liberal corruption were made by the victorious Conservatives after the last election. He felt confident that the Laurier Government would be returned to power when it appealed to the people. He showed that the present Government had increased the expenditure \$1 per capita in three years, while the Liberals had taken 30 years to make the same increase.

"No person has anything but admiration for Hon. Adam Beck," said Mr. Hislop. He did not think that the member for London had received much support from his fellow-members on the Government side of the House, and he asserted that the power question was in the same position as it was at the outset. He asked if the increased grants for education would tend to improve the education of the children in Ontario. He did not think that the people were as yet receiving the promised cheap school books. Mr. Hislop said that the Conservative Government had failed to fulfill its promise of a measure of

law reform. He predicted that the resolutions on the order paper would remain there for some time to come.

The following bills were introduced and given first readings:
To amend the municipalities act—Mr. McCoig.

To amend the act respecting game and fisheries—Mr. Sutherland.

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