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The Public Accounts.

The report of the Provincial Auditor on the Public Accounts of the Province for the year ending 31st December 1899, was submitted to the Legislature on Thursday last...

Turning the First Sod.

The first sod of the Belfast and Murray Harbor Railway was turned with appropriate ceremonies at Mutch's Point, Southport, on Wednesday afternoon last.

Presented by Mrs. McIntyre, wife of His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, who turned the first sod in the Murray Harbor Branch of the Prince Edward Island Railway, May 14th, 1899.

Sessional Notes.

That our Grit Provincial Government totally disregard the rights and conveniences of the people may be deduced from the fact that the Legislature, convened at the busiest and most inconvenient season of the year, has now been over two weeks in session...

evidence of Mr. Shaw and Mr. A. McLean. In the face of these living witnesses his attempts at living were unavailing. Mr. Gordon considered we should have county exhibitions, as well as a central one.

Premier Farquharson followed. He spoke at considerable length, and endeavored to justify, as best he could, the course of the Government on the various public questions.

Mr. Shaw, who followed the Premier, dealt with the different public questions in a masterly manner, and delivered an able and exhaustive speech. In opening he briefly referred to the scenes attending the opening of the session, and pointed out that on that occasion the rejected of Murray Harbor undertook to give law to Mr. Speaker.

road machine to each district and have the work performed under the supervision of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Mr. DesRoches was the next speaker. Referring to the crops he was pleased to know they had been good; but the market was a failure. In the matter of the "South African" war he pointed out that just as many troops as went from this Province were ready to go, and he was pleased to know there were two Frenchmen among those who went from here.

After a rambling in consequence speech by the Commissioner of Public Works, Mr. Campbell took the floor and assailed the Government's position in a slashing manner.

Mr. Sinclair followed Mr. Shaw. In the course of his remarks he advocated a change in our road system. He expressed the opinion that better roads at the cost could be had by letting out the districts by contract, assigning a

for it. He ridiculed the idea of the "37 or 40" schools spoken of by Mr. Peters. He praised in the highest terms the conduct of the Canadian troops that had gone to South Africa.

Mr. M. McKinnon took up the address, paragraph by paragraph, and made a keen analysis of each. Referring to the scenes enacted at the opening of the session, he said that Mr. Farquharson was the only man who acted in a disorderly and excitable manner.

Mr. A. F. Prowse made an excellent impression in his first speech in the House. It was quite proper, he said, to be thankful for the prosperity we enjoy; but as this prosperity was universal no thanks should be given the Grit party therefor.

To be sold by public auction on Tuesday the nineteenth day of June, 1900, at the hour of twelve o'clock noon in front of the late residence in Charlottetown, in Prince Edward Island, under and by virtue of a writ of Mandamus...

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leaving a deficit of... \$36,915.03 This is the amount the Farquharson Government, according to their own showing, added to the debt of this Province during the year 1899. In order to cover up their tracks to some extent and to make as good a showing as possible, they borrowed, on debentures, \$17,089.50 and by means of loans 609.39 altogether the sum of \$17,698.89 This reduction of the deficit, as anyone will readily understand is only apparent; for if you mortgage your farm to pay for building a house, you very well know that you have not got out of debt to the amount of the mortgage; on the contrary, you have only saddled the debt upon yourself in a more permanent and definite form. The public accounts, therefore, bring us face to face with the fact that in the financial transactions of last year, the Farquharson Government ran behind to the tune of \$36,915.08. How much more they ran behind it is not easy to tell, just at present. Among the items of expenditure, our readers will observe that \$19,075.51 were paid for interest. This is almost as much as the revenue from public lands, ferries and income tax amounted to. A debt is measured by the amount of interest paid on it and every year since our Grit friends obtained power in this Province the interest has increased by leaps and bounds. When they came in the interest was less than \$4,000. The rate of interest has lowered since then; consequently the public will readily understand how colossal the burden of public debt has become under these economicists! The public accounts place the debt of the Province at \$500,888.98. This may be taken as a modest estimate of the Provincial debt. We may be sure that many large items were carried over that would swell the debt well up to \$1,000,000 or so more. Unsettled contracts alone are set down at \$42,509.39. The Stock Farm balance will at least amount to upwards of \$1,000; the quarter teachers salaries, due on Dec. 31 may be set down at about \$30,000. Then there are the elections held in December and various other accounts carried over which will easily bring the debt to \$600,000. Now then, the electors of this Province have to bear in mind these facts: On the transactions of 1899 the expenditure of the Farquharson Government exceeded the receipts by... \$36,915.03 the interest charge on the Provincial debt for the same year was... \$19,075.51 and the public debt of the Province must be upwards of... \$600,000.00 Is this a condition of things the electors of this Province wish continued?

The debate on the address could not fail to convince the most casual observer that the Government, in addition to having a very poor cause, are steadily deteriorating in debating material, while the Opposition not only have the best of the argument, but have made valuable acquisitions to their speaking and debating power. Mr. A. A. McLean and Mr. A. P. Prowse are a source of much strength and power to the Opposition side of the House, and the venerable Leader, Hon. Mr. Gordon, may well feel proud of having two such valuable lieutenants as the successors of Messrs. H. C. McDonald and D. A. McKinnon, the two best men the Government had last session.

Hon. Mr. Gordon spoke on the address on Monday. As usual, his speech was a model of conciseness and elegance; but our space is so limited that we are not able to give a lengthy summary of this and the other excellent speeches of the Opposition. He took Mr. Peters to task for accusing the Conservatives of raising the race cry. The Star had challenged any one to prove from its files that it had raised any such cry, and Sir Charles Tupper is the most broad-minded of men, who would scorn any such tactics. He had been treated like a prince by the leading men of Montreal. Would they have paid him such honor if he had acted in the way the Government accuse him of doing? The craps, indeed, had been good, for which we should be thankful; but the prices were only fair. Referring to the war in South Africa, he indignantly repelled the aspersion sought to be cast upon the Conservatives by Mr. Peters and other Grits, who said they tried to prevent the departure of Canadian troops. Sir Charles Tupper, from the very first strongly urged the sending of troops; but the Laurier Government made answer that they had "no precedent." Finally the Federal Government was forced by Sir Charles Tupper and the Canadian people to send a contingent. It was a source of the deepest satisfaction and pride to know the Canadian troops had so distinguished themselves at the front as to cause the praises of our Dominion to be sung in every corner of the Empire. In the matter of the Hillsborough Bridge he expressed satisfaction that it was likely to be constructed more in accordance with the views expressed by the Opposition last session, than according to the plan and profile exhibited in the Legislature at that time. In this connection he called attention to the fact that the Leader of the Government during the Belfast and Murray Harbor election campaigns, stated on the public platform that the Bridge contract had been signed; whereas a return recently brought down in the House of Commons proved such had not been the case. Premier Farquharson tried to deny his campaign statement; but immediately he was confronted by the