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THE BUDGET

The budget speech delivered by Hon. Mr. Fielding yesterday, does not contain any surprises. The tariff changes are deferred until the next session of parliament. There is therefore little that is controversial in yesterday's speech, except that opposition critics will contend, as Mr. Foster did, that the government has not expended its very large revenues as prudently as it should have done.

The keynote of Mr. Fielding's speech is progress—along the line. His state-ment relative to the Intercolonial Rail-way will be read with interest and satis-faction in these provinces. The compar-ative statement which he made to show the strides Canada had made in thirty years will prove a most valuable advertisement of the country's progress and its possi-bilities. Canada's imports in 1875 were \$123,000,000, in 1905, \$206,000,000; exports in 1875, \$77,000,000, in 1905, \$203,000,000; miles of railway in operation in 1875, 4,804; in 1905, 20,487. The increase in bank deposits and bank note circulation was proportionate. As Mr. Fielding sums it up—

"During this period the total trade in-creased 109 per cent; consolidated fund revenue 109 per cent; deposits in chartered banks 156 per cent; discounts to the public by chartered banks 114 per cent; tonnage carried by railways 136 per cent." Mr. Fielding estimates the present popu-lation of Canada to be six millions at least, and on that basis states that the net debt of the country per head of popu-lation is lower than at any time in thirty years. He is not, however, averse to an increase in the public debt, con-tending that in a growing country with so many new avenues of necessary ex-penditure opening up, such expenditure is not only justifiable but necessary. Pre-cisely the same argument would be made by a Conservative finance minister, and the only basis of contention is whether such expenditures are so made as to pro-duce the best results, without extrava-gance or favoritism.

The minister intimates that the tariff changes to be introduced at the next ses-sion of parliament will not make any great changes, but rather meet new con-ditions. He declares himself in favor of tariff stability, except as affected by such new conditions as arise from time to time, and in this respect he voices the feeling of both parties, although there may be a slight difference of opinion as to the height of the tariff.

The opposition point of attack will doubtless be the method of expenditure in the various departments, rather than the amount expended. It is an interesting fact that though Mr. Fielding did not begin to speak until late in the afternoon, Hon. Mr. Foster had replied, and Hon. Mr. Patterson and Mr. Cookshill had spoken before the house rose last night. Whatever differences of opinion there may be concerning the methods of admin-istration, all Canadians will rejoice that the general condition of the country's af-fairs is such that the finance minister is able to make such an address and picture in such glowing colors the progress of the Dominion.

OMINOUS REPORTS

Alarmist reports continue to come from Natal, concerning the outbreak of the natives. For example, a London cable of May 20th says— "The strictness of the censorship and the complexity of the military movements render it difficult to estimate accurately the condition of affairs in Natal, but it is clear that the native rising is of the most serious proportions. Chief Bam-basta's movements are obscure, but he is certainly moving from place to place and causing unrest, if not rebellion, wherever he goes. Portions of several tribes have joined him in open defiance. Major Smith and Col. McKenzie both have had serious fighting. The former's movement down the Ishindli Valley to Buffalo River was signalled by an out-burst of hostess fires all over the country far into Zululand. The latest despatches report that several tribes on the Natal side of the Tugela River are ready to rise."

is doubtless the feeling of both mill-owners and mill-men, and it may be assumed that there will be no hasty or ill-considered action.

Whatever the parliament may think about it, the fear of Russia is perfectly justified in refusing to set convicted bomb-throwers at liberty at this stage of the development of the new system of govern-ment. His view will probably be ac-cepted.

In Fredericton yesterday a judge invited a lawyer to leave the court. In St. John a judge threatened to have a lawyer re-moved. In Dorchester an editor and a mayor were at variance. Let's all go fishing tomorrow.

The Nova Scotia provincial election campaign will be short and sharp. June 30th is less than a month distant. The opposition will scarcely be able to effect a revolution in that period, inasmuch as they have not been campaigning in ad-vance.

The democrats of sixteen counties of Ohio have endorsed Bryan as a presiden-tial candidate. There is therefore, a genu-ine Bryan boom in progress.

Of the missing babes in Westmorland county no trace has been found. Public sentiment will not be content to let the matter drop until further action has been taken.

A London cable states that the fight over the education bill in the house of commons is intensely bitter and likely to be prolonged.

Editor Hawke and Mayor Ryan are fighting their battles o'er again, this time in the courts.

PROBLEMS OF CHEAP LIVING

(Boston Herald.) The question whether a woman can be housed and fed respectably for \$3 or \$3.50 a week, is being discussed in New York, because there are 100,000 work-ing girls and women without the aver-age earnings will not admit of their paying more than this for board and lodg-ing. The Free Martin Inn, described in the Evening Herald some weeks ago, is nearly ready to open. It is designed for women exclusively, and will accommodate about 400 in a really attractive manner. The terms are \$5 a week for a room and two meals a day; and there are payless, rest-ing rooms, baths, etc. But though the proprietor does not expect to make any profit at these rates, there are thousands of women who cannot pay them.

D. O. Mills, who makes his hotels for men pay at even lower rates, says that he could not do it with women guests. But the need of such places for girls is so pressing, that their good friends in the or-ganized societies for helping them, say it must and shall be met. Mrs. Clarence Burns fortifies her opinions with figures. "There are about 300,000 wage-earning women in New York," she says, "of whom 22,735 are housewives with an average weekly wage of \$6.00 a week, which means, of course, that a large percentage get \$5 a week and less and perhaps half the num-ber from \$3 to \$4.50. The average board-er in a really attractive manner. The terms are \$5 a week for a room and two meals a day; and there are payless, rest-ing rooms, baths, etc. But though the proprietor does not expect to make any profit at these rates, there are thousands of women who cannot pay them."

N. S. ELECTIONS

Halifax, May 22—(Special)—The Nova Scotia legislature has been dissolved. This was decided on at a meeting of the govern-ment today and will be officially an-nounced in the Royal Gazette tomorrow. The date of the provincial elections is fixed for Wednesday, June 20, with nomi-nations a week earlier. The last elec-tions were held in October, 1901, so that this legislature has been in existence for almost five years.

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RAILWAY GRABBERS

(New York Evening Post) Sworn testimony that "graft" officials of the Pennsylvania Railroad are vulgar "grafters" would have shocked and surprised men a year and half ago; but the increase revealed have hardened us to news of this kind. George W. Creighton, general superintendent of the Allegheny division, received some 1,200 shares of stock from mining companies with which the railway has constant dealings. Asked whether the gift had been presented for "pure love and af-fection," Creighton replied, "I just ac-cepted them without asking any ques-tions." George W. Carter, a car distri-butor, was made happy by such tokens of regard as occasional checks for \$50, a clock named De Boyer, in the office of superintendent Gibbs, in charge of motor power, 200 shares, \$10,000. These transactions throw light on a phase of high finance that has provoked frequent comment—the inescapable trans-fer or even disappearance of shares of stock. In some of Whitaker Wright's operations certain mysterious "press calls" were noted by the economist. The mystery was cleared up, however, when four high-minded newspaper writers were forced to disgorge \$23,454. A yet more striking in-stance occurred in the organization of the American Steel and Wire Company. John W. Foster was chairman of the finance committee. When he was asked in 1902 what had become of a little block of stock worth \$250,000, which he had bought and accounted for, he confessed that he did not know. In the light of present knowl-edge, we can imagine that the stock was judiciously allotted to trainmasters, divi-sion superintendents, car distributors, and other gentlemen who were able to show favors at the right time to the right peo-ple. Mr. Jamison's company got off with-out paying such heavy toll—only \$25,000. Such dealings show the most cynical dis-regard of moral obligations—to say nothing of mere law. A bank president in return for who should accept a private "take-off" on every important loan would be generally recognized as a common carrier to serve all patrons alike. If he forms a conspiracy to help one shipper at the expense of another, he is guilty of a crime not merely against his employer but against the public.

HILL'S RAILWAY

(Winnipeg Free Press.) Manitoba and the west have heard re-peatedly what J. J. Hill proposes to do. They have read the accounts of how he proposes to tap these great western wheat fields in the face of the strong opposi-tion in possession, but it will probably be of equal interest to them to know what he is actually doing at the present time. How he is now constructing these several roads to connect with the leading towns and cities of Manitoba. It was with the intention of seeing to what extent these operations have pro-ceeded that the writer left for southern Manitoba the early part of this week. Various reports had reached the writer from the Brandon, Saskatchewan and Hudson bay line, now under construction, and this extension of his branch to St. John, N. D. From St. John it runs almost due west to the international boundary, crossing in range 17 west. From there it bears northwest to Roseau, skirting the eastern base of the Turtle mountains, and crossing the C. N. R. at Wakopa. It passes through the western end of the pro-posed route of the Canadian Pacific, and C. P. R. there. From that point the route as located is almost due north to Bran-don.

Readers of the Free Press no doubt be surprised to learn that this line will be ready for traffic before the grain ses-sion opens this fall. Steel has been laid to the international boundary, and trains are running on the extension. A little over one and one half miles of track has been laid in Manitoba, and a huge stor-age yard for construction materials has been established on the Canadian side. There are stacked huge piles of steel rails, ties, telegraph poles, timber, bolts and other material ready for use. Everything is in readiness to rush the line ahead as soon as the grading is ready.

THE JUNE DELINEATOR

The June Delineator is a most attractive number, containing a mass array of the latest styles with the interesting fashion chronicles of Helen Berkeley-Loyd and Edouard La Fontaine, and literary features of the greatest accuracy. Burton Stevenson contributes the first part of "The Rose of Sharon," a mystery tale that will tax the ingenuity of its readers to solve, and there are short stories by Kathlyn Forbes, story of the new Japan, and the latter is continued. Under the title "The Russian Narrative," Peter Frenau tells us of an old Assembly. Peter Frenau describes the ball at the Astor House, New York, which called forth a national comment at the time it was held, in April. Gustav Kohler interestingly tells the story of "Home, Sweet Home," and there is a veritable cornucopia of fiction. For children, there are "Stories and Pastimes," among them one of Alice Brown's "Grandfather Fairy" and for the women of the home, many articles of household interest, including a chapter on "Dirt and Danger in the Mar-ket," "The Delineator's Campaign for Safe Foods."

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