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MONDAY	6,573
TUESDAY	6,575
WEDNESDAY	6,605
THURSDAY	6,588
FRIDAY	6,582
SATURDAY	6,673
TOTAL	39,596
Daily Average	6,599
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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 statement relative to the Intercolonial Railway will be read with interest and satisfaction in these provinces. The comparative 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 possibilities. 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 increased 109 per cent; consolidated fund revenue 109 per cent; deposits in chartered banks 156 per cent; disbursements to the public by chartered banks 114 per cent; tonnage carried by railways 130 per cent." Mr. Fielding estimates the present population of Canada to be six millions at least, and on that basis states that the net debt of the country per head of population is lower than at any time in thirty years. He is not, however, averse to an increase in the public debt, contending that in a growing country with so many new avenues of necessary expenditure opening up, such expenditure is not only justifiable but necessary. Precisely the same argument would be made by a Conservative finance minister, and the only basis of contention whether such expenditures are so made as to produce the best results, without extravagance or favoritism.

The minister intimates that the tariff changes to be introduced at the next session of parliament will not make any great changes, but rather meet new conditions. 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. Cookworthy had spoken before the house rose last night.

Whatever differences of opinion there may be concerning the methods of administration, all Canadians will rejoice that the general condition of the country's affairs 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 Bambata'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 Isibindi Valley to Buffalo River was signalled by an outbreak of besoon fire 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."

If there is anything St. John does not want at the opening of what promises to be a fairly busy summer, it is a period of idleness in the mills, which give employment directly to so many hundreds of men and indirectly to hundreds more, putting in circulation many thousands of dollars every week, and enabling many persons who are perhaps "le for a portion of the winter to lay something for the rainy day." This

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 Carr 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 government. His view will probably be accepted.

In Fredericton yesterday a judge invited a lawyer to leave the court. In St. John a judge threatened to have a lawyer removed. 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 advance.

The democrats of sixteen counties of Ohio have endorsed Bryan as a presidential candidate. There is therefore, a genuine 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 over again, this time in the courts.

PROBLEMS OF CHEAP LIVING

(Boston Herald.)

The question whether a woman can be housed and fed in respectable quarters for \$3 or \$3.50 a week, is being discussed in New York, because there are 100,000 working girls who cannot pay more than that for their board and lodging. The Trust Company, 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 for helping them, say it must and shall be met. Mrs. Clarence Burns fortifies her opinions with figures. "There are about 200,000 wage-earning women in New York," she says, "of whom 22,750 are alone with an average weekly wage of \$6.20 a week, which means, of course, that a large percentage get \$5 a week and less and perhaps half the number from \$8 to \$15 a week. 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 organized societies for helping them, say it must and shall be met. Mrs. Clarence Burns fortifies her opinions with figures. "There are about 200,000 wage-earning women in New York," she says, "of whom 22,750 are alone with an average weekly wage of \$6.20 a week, which means, of course, that a large percentage get \$5 a week and less and perhaps half the number from \$8 to \$15 a week. 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. The date of the provincial elections is fixed for Wednesday, June 20, with nominations a week earlier. The last elections 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 treated officials of the Pennsylvania Railroad are vulgar "graffers" would have shocked and surprised men a year and half ago; but the insurance revelations have hardened us to news of this kind. George W. Creighton, general superintendent of the Altoona division, received some 1,200 shares of stock from mining companies with which the railway has constant dealings. Asked whether the gifts had been presented for "pure love and affection," Creighton replied, "I just accepted them without asking any questions." George W. Carter, a car distributor, was made happy by such tokens of regard as occasional checks for \$50, baskets of wine, boxes of cigars, and dividends on coal stock. He didn't know what the checks were for, but, he added, "I cashed them." A yet more striking instance occurred in the office of Edward P. Fitch, treasurer of the Pittsburgh division, 200 shares, value \$10,000; R. L. O'Donnell, now superintendent of the Buffalo and Allegheny division, 200 shares, \$10,000; George W. Clarke, car distributor, 100 shares, \$5,000; a clerk 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 inexplicable transfer or even disappearance of shares of stock. In some of Whitaker Wright's operations certain mysterious "press calls" were noted by the conservative. The mystery was cleared up, however, when four high-minded newspaper writers were forced to disavow a \$23,454. A yet more striking instance occurred in the organization of the American Steel and Wire Company. John W. Fitch, chairman of the finance committee. When he was asked in 1902 what had become of a little block of stock of \$250,000, which he had sold to the railway office as to in certain respects even worse. He serves a corporation which enjoys peculiar rights and which in return is bound 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

(Winning Free Press.)

Manitoba and the west have heard repeatedly what J. J. Hill proposes to do. They have read the accounts of his proposed to tap these great western wheat fields in the face of the strong opposition now 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 progressed that the writer left for southern Manitoba the early part of this week. Various reports had reached the writer's office as to the work being done on the Brandon, Saskatchewan and Hudson bay line, now under construction, and this was the first point visited. The line is an extension of his branch to St. John, N. D. From St. John it runs almost due north 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 province of Manitoba, and the end of the province of P. R. there. From that point the route as looked is almost due north to Brandon.

Readers of the Free Press will not doubt be surprised to learn that this line will be ready for traffic before the grain season 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 storage yard for construction materials has been established on the Canadian side. Here are stacked huge piles of steel rails, ties, telegraph poles, timber, bolts and other materials. Everything is in readiness to rush the line ahead as soon as the grading is ready.

The grading is now so far advanced that there remains but a few short sections to tie in before the line to Boissevain is in readiness for the steel gang. One of the engineers of the line stated to the writer that an engine would be in Boissevain by the end of June. A glance at the progress reports as painted in on the profile shows that this is no idle boast. Also that the proposal of the company to have freight in Brandon by the end of August, is quite within the bounds of possibility.

THE JUNE DELINEATOR

The June Delineator is a most attractive number, containing a most array of the latest styles with the interesting fashion chronicles of Paris. The Delineator is the greatest of accessories. Burton Stevenson contributes the first part of "The Rose of Sharon," a mystery tale that will test the ingenuity of its readers to solve, and there are several stories by Kathryn Jarboe, a story of the new Japan, and the latter is continued. Under the title "The Revival of an Old Assembly," Peter Frensen describes the ball at the Astor House, New York, which called forth national comment at the time it was held in April. Gustav Kohler interestingly tells the story of "Home, Sweet Home," and there is a variety of excellent verses. 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 homely interest, including a chapter on "Dirt and Danger in the Market," in "The Delineator's Campaign for Safe Foods."

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