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Trouble for the North Atlantic—Panicky Feeling After Last Session's Exposures.

Ottawa, Aug. 18, 1906.

The trade returns of the Dominion for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1906, show a large increase in Canadian commerce.

The total trade shows a substantial increase both in exports and imports. That is an agreeable feature. It would be still more satisfactory if the increased imports were chiefly from the country which buys the most from Canada.

BRITAIN IS OUR BEST CUSTOMER.

We sold Canadian merchandise to the value of \$214,381,282. Of this Great Britain took \$127,466,471, and the United States only \$83,247,406.

On the other hand Canada imported for consumption goods to the value of \$290,342,408, of which Great Britain supplied us \$69,176,180, while we bought from the United States \$175,865,418, or a good deal more than twice as much.

While we undertake to give Great Britain a preference it may be noticed that the bill of free goods from the United States increases much more rapidly than the similar class of goods from Great Britain.

Comparing last year with the year before we find in round figures an increase of \$86,000,000 in our total exports of Canadian merchandise.

But while our sales to Great Britain increased much more than our sales to the United States, Canadian purchases from the United States increased more than those from Great Britain.

MR. FIELDING'S MISTAKE OF LAST YEAR.

Mr. Fielding made his budget speech on May 25th of this year. He had to confess that in his

statement for 1905 he had been a good way out in his estimates. In that year he made his budget statement after the fiscal year closed, but some time before all the accounts were settled.

REPEATED THIS YEAR. Having made these confessions Mr. Fielding produced his statement for the year ending June 30th, 1906. It now appears that he has committed the same error that he made last year.

But his estimate of current expenditure is evidently away below the mark. He expected a current outlay of \$66,500,000 which is \$2,180,000 more than the previous year, but he already reports payments to the extent of \$69,924,868, which is \$3,904,528 more than at the same date last year.

The Finance Minister expected to spend on capital account \$15,797,293, or within \$1,500,000 of the total estimated figure. Last year he spent \$3,500,000 after the July returns were in.

AWAY OUT IN HIS DEBT FIGURES. From the figures which Mr. Fielding gave he worked out a prospective increase of only \$800,000 in the debt during the year. He even hoped to do better.

CRIMINALS PREFERRED. The morbid preference which the Departments and especially the Department of the Interior, in making appointments, shows for criminals, is a matter to be investigated by specialists.

The North Atlantic Trading Co., which had bagged \$500,000 of Canadian money for bonuses to immigrants whom it did not send, is now reported to be in trouble.

HOW MOBERLEY QUALIFIED FOR OFFICE. Three men were sent out to hold the polls. One had been, or was then, a Fishery Inspector in the Marine Department.

THE DEMAND FOR HARVESTERS. At Portage la Prairie harvest hands are insisting on from \$4 to \$5 a day and board before consenting to begin operations.

ASSASSINATION IN RUSSIA. St. Petersburg advices of the 27th say: Saturday's unsuccessful attempt on the life of Premier Stolypin with its sickening useless slaughter of thirty-two persons, was followed last night by another revolutionary outrage in which General Miu, commander of the Semenovskiy Guard regiment and

the third was Moberley. They came back with ballot boxes containing 150 votes for the government candidate and none for the opposition.

Not much happened to these men. Government officers declined to prosecute, but one government officer appeared for the accused. He persuaded the magistrate to punish them with a fine, which the party promptly paid for them.

HE GETS HIS REWARD. Now what happens to this man, the chief culprit in stealing a seat in the House, by his own confession, guilty of forgery, fraud and perjury.

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on the condition of affairs, takes a very sensible view of it.

In view of the distance travelled by these eastern men who come into the west for a period of six weeks or two months it is a debatable question just what might be considered a fair compensation for this employment.

The immense and increasing crops which are being harvested in the Canadian Northwest have created a labor problem which the farmers themselves should be the proper ones to solve.

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made the statement that a huge nugget of hundred pounds in weight was taken out, while these gentlemen were there and prof. Hark says it will easily run 70 per cent silver.

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PROWSE BROS., Ltd. Pinafores 29c. Dainty little articles for children three to seven years, ready to slip on—another saving on mother's time and trouble.

PROWSE BROS., Ltd. Clearing Prices. On various lines of seasonable goods from the new Mantle Department. Linen Suits, \$6.50 now \$4.25.

PROWSE BROS., Ltd. Tourist Coats \$9.00 now \$7.50. The most stylish coat of the season at a snap! Now, just when wanted with the approach of fall, we were fortunate to secure these for our customers.

PROWSE BROS., Ltd. Tea Gowns, \$6.75 now \$5.50. The only Cardinal Cashmere Tea Gowns of fine quality, perfectly made with deep 18 inch flounce shirring over shoulder and under arm and trimmed satin ribbon to match.

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