

“ We shall succeed in restoring the equilibrium in the finances and to do so WE SHALL IMPOSE NO FRESH BURDENS ON THE PEOPLE.” (*Courrier du Canada*, 28th December, 1891.)

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At another meeting held in Montreal Hon. Mr. Taillon, another Minister in the DeBoucherville Cabinet, made the following declaration on behalf of the Government :

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“ We are advised to accustom the people to direct taxation, but we reply that WE DO NOT WISH TO IMPOSE FRESH BURDENS ON THE TAXPAYERS OF THIS PROVINCE.” (*Courrier du Canada*, March, 1892.)

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In his Budget Speech of 1892, Hon. Mr. Hall, the Treasurer of the DeBoucherville Cabinet, said to the Legislative Assembly :

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“ There is no doubt our promises are those of honest, patriotic and economic administration, a restoration of our credit, and an absolute and unqualified condemnation of corruption and extravagance.”

In the same speech Mr. Hall also said :

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“ I do not admit his classification of expenditure into that of ordinary and special. This latter is absurd and dangerous, and whatever classification there may be, the public must understand we have to provide means for what we pay or undertake to pay. If our ordinary revenue is insufficient and we borrow money, we must not only repay it, but also the interest, and ALL THIS HAS TO COME OUT OF EARNING POWER AND OUR REVENUE.”

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As Hon. Mr. Duffy stated in his Budget Speech of the 21st February, 1900, the Conservative Ministers promised especially :

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1. To not increase the debt ;
2. To put an end to the era of deficits ;
3. To proportion expenditure to receipts.