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FORESHADOWS A BIG OAN IN ONE-HOUR BUDGET SPEECH BUT FEW TARIFF CHANGES

Minister of Finance Makes Some Admissions, Explanations and Promises Concerning Revenue and Expenditure Past and Future—Public Debt Has Increased by \$5,000,000.

BIG SURPLUS FOR JUNE, 1906 BIG DEFICIT BY MARCH, 1907

Ottawa, May 22.—(Special).—Mr. Fielding broke a record to-day, delivering the budget speech in little more than an hour.

He dwelt at some length on the increase in bank deposits, postal receipts and the like as proof of the country's prosperity.

He admitted that he had underestimated the expenditure of year, but claimed a surplus of seven million dollars.

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1906, he promised a surplus of twelve million dollars, of which \$900,000 is expected from the postoffice department.

The public debt during the past year has increased \$300,000 as expected for the coming fiscal year (nine months), ending March 31, 1907.

An important announcement hurriedly glossed over foreshadows a huge national loan. The Dominion government has an overdraft of \$400,000 at the Bank of Montreal, while treasury notes to the amount of three million dollars are outstanding. Moreover by 1910 something like \$140,000,000 must be repaid or refunded, not including the demands for the Grand Trunk Pacific, reckoned at \$10,000,000 per annum.

No tariff changes were announced or anticipated, and the impression was given that the revision at the autumn session will merely consist of a few changes, probably in the direction of higher duties.

Hon. George E. Foster spoke at considerable length, and reviewed the misdoings of the Laurier government.

A Breathing Spell. Mr. Fielding congratulated the country upon its centennial on-church the outcome of the year ending June 30, 1905, was not quite all he had hoped for. There had been an increase in receipts of \$12,000,000, and in railway receipts of \$22,000,000, but receipts from excises had decreased \$372,000, from Dominion lands \$150,000, and from miscellaneous revenues \$512,555. The net increase of revenue was therefore \$512,555—quite satisfactory, but not so striking as some of the year.

Expenditures for the year had been larger than anticipated. Although the budget speech was made last year after the expiration of the fiscal year, yet the accounts for the year ending June 30, 1905, were not yet closed, and some \$17,000,000 of accounts, came in and were paid and charged to that year's account after June 30. He had estimated a surplus of \$9,000,000, but it had amounted to only \$7,863,089. Preceding years had shown a larger surplus, but, taking the ten years of Liberal rule, the average annual surplus had been \$7,000,000.

This was partly due to changing the bounties paid on iron, steel, etc., to capital account, which are quite justifiable. Even after charging these bounties to current expense, the average annual surplus would still be \$6,856,000. The increase in the public debt was nearly five million dollars. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1906, Mr. Fielding estimated the total revenue at \$73,200,000, an increase of \$1,000,000 from the preceding year, being an estimated gain of \$7,800,000. As to expenditures chargeable to the consolidated accounts, the estimate for the current fiscal year \$66,500,000, as against \$63,319,682 expended for such accounts in the year ending June 30, 1905.

Promises a Surplus. "We shall close this fiscal year," he declared, "with a surplus of \$12,500,000. Only two preceding years can equal it. The expenditure for capital account will be the same for this year as last, to wit, \$12,500,000. By adding the estimated revenues, \$73,000,000 to \$2,200,000 sinking fund, we obtain a total of \$81,200,000, with which to meet the total estimated expenditure of \$68,000,000."

It was, therefore, not improbable that the public debt would increase by \$800,000 on June 30, although swelling revenues ought in the meantime overcome it. Mr. Fielding admitted that it was difficult to forecast what the revenues might be for the new fiscal year (nine months) ending March 31, 1907. It was always problematical what effect would follow a revision of the tariff, and a revision had been promised at the autumn session.

He intimated, however, that there would be no change calculated to disturb the business of the country. If there was any perceptible change, it should tend to increase the revenue.

As to the expenditures for that period (nine months), the estimates already brought down allowed for consolidated accounts \$31,900,000, to which two or three million dollars must be added for supplementary estimates. For capital account during these nine months there would be expended \$16,219,000, for million dollars of which would be expended on the G.T.P. He hoped for a modest surplus revenue

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U.S. TO CLAIM THE RIGHT TO LIMIT WATER TAKEN FROM GREAT LAKES

Amendment to Niagara Falls Power Bill Concerns Water to Be Used for Domestic or Sanitary Purposes.

Washington, May 22.—The house committee on rivers and harbors today agreed to an amendment to the bill for the preservation of Niagara Falls, calculated to meet the demands of the Chicago drainage canal.

The amendment establishes the principle that the United States government deserves the right to be the sole judge as far as other nations are concerned of the amount of water that may be taken from the great lakes for sanitary or domestic purposes.

The quantity is to be fixed so far as the domestic users are concerned either by congressional act or by regulation by the secretary of war.

The bill will not deal with the amount that may be used at Chicago. The afternoon session of the committee resulted in no conclusion regarding the amount of water to be allowed to be diverted for power and other purposes at the falls.

The statement was authoritatively made that it is a reasonable certainty that the bill will contain no provision for the diversion of more water than is now actually being used by power companies now operating their plants. The bill doubtless will be limited in its operations to three years.

The committee will meet again tomorrow with the object of getting final action on the measure, if possible.

COMING TO TORONTO.

Sir Wm. McGregor, Gov. of Newfoundland, Due Here To-Night.

Ottawa, May 22.—Sir William McGregor, governor of Newfoundland, is in the city on his first trip to Canada since his appointment as governor. He is here on his way to Niagara Falls.

He called on Sir Wilfrid Laurier and enjoyed a short chat and took in the sights. He leaves tomorrow for Toronto, where he will meet Earl Grey. He has been 25 years in the colonial service, having been once chief medical officer in Fiji, and afterwards was the first governor of New Guinea, and was then appointed governor of Lagos, Africa.

PRIEST SUBORNS PERJURY. Accused of Tampering With Elections to Secure His Own Return.

Winnipeg, May 22.—Rev. Father Devereaux, French priest from the Village of Aubigny, Man., was placed on trial to-day, charged with counselling and procuring certain electors to commit perjury, in order to secure his own election as school trustee.

LITTLE GIRL "SCALPED." Hair Catches in Machinery and is Pulled Out by the Roots.

St. John, N.B., May 22.—(Special).—A shocking accident occurred near Fredericton, when the little daughter of Albert Griffiths was horribly injured.

She was standing near a tubular cream separator, when, in some way, her hair caught in a spindle, and before the machinery could be stopped it was all pulled out by the roots, leaving the scalp bare.

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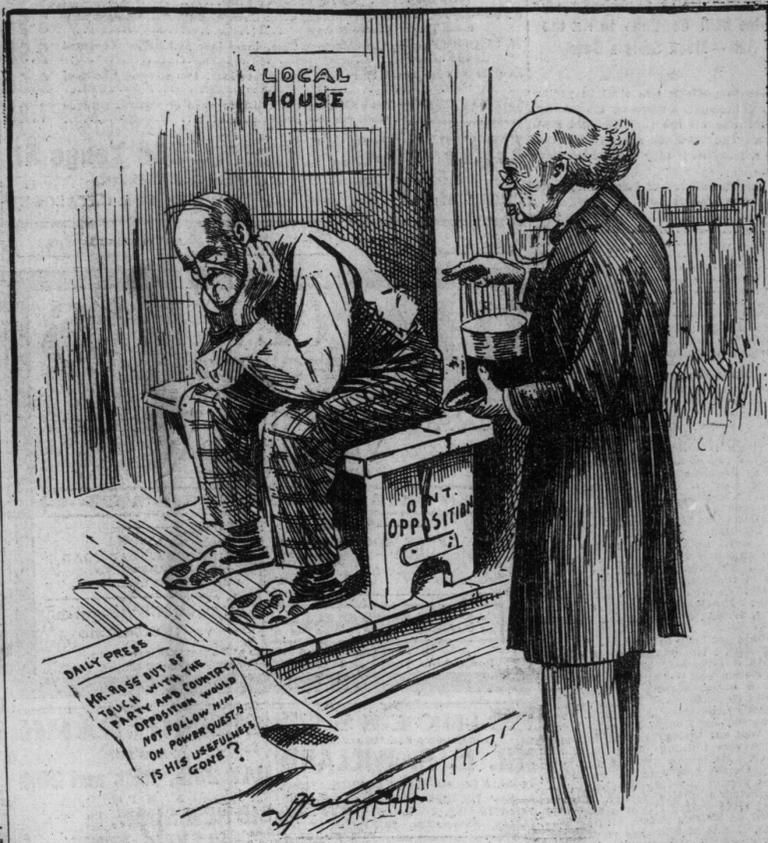
Christian Workers' Convention, Zion Congregational Church, 10, 2, 8. Insurance commission, city hall, 10.30. Empire Day—school children parade to Queen's Park, 2.

Empire Day exercises, Normal School, 2. O. J. C. races, Woodbine, 2.30. Baseball, Toronto, Providence, 3.30. School children's concert, Massey Hall, 8.

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SIR WILFRID: Usefulness gone? Tut, tut, man, in that case, why you're just right for the senate.

Making Voters of Employees To Defeat a Fernie Bylaw

Senator Cox is Queried as to His Knowledge of Sundry Transfers of Valuable Crow's Nest Property to Employees and Their Wives.

Fernie, B. C., May 22.—(Special).—The following enquiry was wired to the President George A. Cox of the Crow's Nest Coal Company to-night, by the citizens' committee of Fernie:

"Is it with your knowledge and consent that dozens of lots owned by the Coal Company in the City of Fernie are being transferred to clerks and other employees of the company and their wives upon a city water bill which occurs May 20."

A few days ago, 20 or 30 persons, mostly employees of the company, or their wives, made application to be placed on the assessment roll as owners of lots in the annex to Fernie, but it was found that this property was not on the roll, so the same parties have since applied to be placed on the city's roll of owners of lots in the annex to Fernie, and are swearing they are the registered owners of these lots, which have been the property of the coal company. Some of them are the most valuable lots in town.

"SMELLS OF PRIESTCRAFT." Dr. Johnston of Montreal on New Presbyterian Service.

Des Moines, Ia., May 22.—The anticipated debate upon the adoption of "The Book of Forms and Services," recommended by a special committee of the Presbyterian General Assembly here, materialized to-day. Not in many years has a church assembly been so stirred and the argument become heated from the start.

Dr. Henry Vandycke, chairman of the committee, was calm while presenting the report.

Rev. Dr. Robert Johnson of Montreal, who followed, waved a copy of the book and declared "it smells of priestcraft."

INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW Meeting Held in London Appoints Influential Committee.

London, May 22.—As the outcome of suggestions put forward at the National Horse Show in New York in 1905, and of communications received since by the secretary of the National Horse Show Association of America, a meeting was held here to-day to consider the holding of a similar show in London in 1907, open to exhibitors from the United States, Canada and Europe.

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KEEPING TERRORISTS JAILED NOT WITHOUT JUSTIFICATION

Constitutional Democrats Admit That Wholesale Declaration of Amnesty is Unfair.

St. Petersburg, May 22.—The long-awaited political amnesty, the Associated Press learns from a government source, will be proclaimed May 27, the anniversary of the coronation of Emperor Nicholas II.

The measure will, as anticipated, be limited, but the Associated Press is in a position to state that the Constitutional Democratic party is prepared, grudgingly, to accept the act of grace from which terrorists are excluded, recognizing, though not publicly, that the government is not altogether unjustified in refusing to set at large men who will be as ready in the future as they have been in the past to shoot down or blow to pieces hated representatives of authority.

Their demand for unlimited amnesty was based on the expectation that with the institution of a full constitutional era the terrorists, as was promised in an open letter just before the assassination of Alexander II, would abandon active operations, but they have been forced to admit that the crimes of the last few days give the government no guarantee that the promise will be kept.

The administration daily is cutting down the number of prisoners who may be affected by the amnesty, releasing convicts by hundreds in the provinces, while among those released in St. Petersburg are twenty-seven members of the council of workmen's delegates who drew up his famous manifesto, preaching a raid on the government's gold reserves.

DEATHS. BELL.—At her parents' residence, 111 Oak-street, at 5 a.m. Tuesday, May 22, 1906, Margaret, eldest beloved daughter of Hugh and Jane Bell.

FUNERAL will leave above address at 12 noon Thursday, May 24, for Union Station, thence via G. T. R. to Georgetown for interment.

DAVIES.—At 11 p.m. on Monday, May 21, 1906, after a long and trying illness, borne with great patience, Emma, beloved wife of William Davies, 696 Jarvis-street, Toronto, in her 77th year.

Friends will please call flowers. Funeral private to Mount Pleasant, Friday, May 25, at 3 p.m.

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'AT POLICYHOLDER'S THROAT' SO COMMISSIONER KENT SIZES UP SITUATION

Asks Mr. Goldman Some Pointed Questions—Witness Gives Commission His Views on Legislation That is Needed.

After a lengthy discussion the commission on insurance decided yesterday that they would not hear evidence on Victoria Day, but would sit longer to-day and Friday.

Mr. Goldman addressed the commission. He thought if any amendments were to be made to the insurance laws they should emanate from the insurance department at Ottawa, who knew more about insurance than anyone else. He referred to the restriction of investments by insurance companies, and thought that Canadian companies should draw a happy mean and not go to extremes.

There were at present two extremes. In the United States the Armstrong bill lately passed restricted life insurance investments very much. Over there companies could not invest in certain stocks, bonds, and loans that were really proper. In Great Britain it was just the opposite. They could invest in everything. This state of affairs would give rise to speculation. Someone had said that insurance companies should deal in nothing but debentures and mortgages. Everyone knew that the earning power of this class of investment was very small. There would not be profit enough to keep the business going. Investments such as electric railways, electric lighting plants, gas companies and power companies were proper investments.

Public utilities with a nearing power were always good investments in Canada. This class of investments were scarce on account of population; the amendment should allow for such investments on the other side. It would be unfortunate to be tied up to mortgages and debentures. People who talk about investing in British consols never had a dollar to invest in their life. The question of speculation must be kept away from the companies.

Mr. Langmuir asked if an insurance company should have a greater scope of investment than a trustee.

"For the reasons given I should certainly say so," said Mr. Goldman. "We have to make more money."

Mr. Heilmuth's cross-examination of the witness lasted but a few minutes and no new points were brought out. The examination of Mr. Goldman was concluded yesterday. Actuary Kilgour of the North American will be called to-day.

The annual balance sheets were scrutinized by Mr. Shepley, when the commission opened. A sum of \$30,910 was written off in 1903 which was known as a slump year, the company having no margin of profit.

Mr. Goldman explained agents' balances and said that advances of \$20,000 might be collected, but he had not been the practice to do so. Sometimes the agents paid these loans back by earning them. For instance, a certain bank clerk was advanced \$500 month and earned \$300. These advances, when repaid reduced the expenditure for any current year.

Securities. When asked how the purchase of securities was dealt with the witness said it was the practice to send a list of holdings to a broker and get him to send the market value at the end of the year, which is submitted to the shareholders. If a company carried securities

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THUNDERSTORMS.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Atlin, 34-54; Port Simpson, 42-60; Victoria, 48-58; Vancouver, 48-58; Kamloops, 50-60; Calgary, 32-48; Edmonton, 34-44; Qu'Appelle, 40-58; Winnipeg, 42-54; Parry Sound, 48-52; Toronto, 42-58; Ottawa, 40-52; Montreal, 44-60; Quebec, 38-52; St. John, 40-68; Halifax, 38-50.

Probabilities.

Lower lakes and Georgian Bay—Easterly and southerly winds; mostly fair and warm to-day; local thunderstorms.

Lake Superior—Northerly winds; cool, with local showers.

Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta—Fair and about the same temperature.

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