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Sessional Notes.

most part during Monday and

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penditure left out of the estimates company had come here to do a when we really had a considera THE HERALD fairly indicate that this year is to profitable business, and he was in ble deficit. Mr. McKinnon took be a record breaker in the matter favor of encouraging industries to each of the items placed in the WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29th, 1908 of deficits and debt. If this man- compete. He had information capital account and showed they SUBSCRIPTION-\$1.00 A YEAR, ner of conducting public business that they were not anxious to had no business there. PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY and managing our finances is al- pay more for the produce offered

JAMES MCISAAC. Editor & Proprietor

Subscriptions for 1902 things to continue? and previous years are now overdue; and sub scriptions for 1903, are now payable. Our friends will please bear these of private bills, occupied the attention of the Legislature for the tacts in mind

Tuesday of last week. On Tues-The Budget Speech. day evening the debate on the

bill to grant twenty years exemp-The budget speech delivered by tion from civic taxation to the Premier Peters on Wednesday Dominion Packing Company, was Gordon pointed out that this comevening last, certainly was the resumed. Mr. John McLean was pany had not come here specially most extraordinary ministerial the first speaker. He considered for our benefit; but they had financial statement made in our that if the people of Charlotte-Provincial Legislature for many town saw fit to exempt the com- them well and trusted they would years. Indeed it is doubtful if pany they should have power to succeed in their enterprise; but ever such a peculiar budget speech do so; but it was his opinion that he was opposed to the principle had previously been presented in the Legislature should not legis- of the bill. The power to exempt the House of Assembly. As an late over the heads of the citizens, should be left with the citizens. oratorical effort it was a dismal in such a matter. The citizens who were most affected by the failure from every point of view, have received power to tax them- exemption. After some remarks

and the statements made regard. selves ; then why should the ing the financial condition of the Legislature arbitrarily exempt divided on the motion to give Province were most misleading any person or company doing the bill three months hoist. The and in general, contrary to facts. business in the city from taxa- motion was lost on the following The Premier's aim throughout his tion? It was upon this principle division speech seemed to be to divert he opposed the bill, Inasmuch as AGAINST

financial condition by evading such interests of the city (Mr. Hughes) Rogers matters as debt, deficits and inter- opposed the bill and that a meet-Whear est. He started out with the as- ing of citizens had pronounced Cummiskey tounding statement that he had a against it he did not feel like sup- Richards surplus of about \$400 on the finan. porting it. He could understand, McNutt cial transactions of last year, when he said, why the Dominion Pack- McLeod the Government's own public ac- ing Company's interests were so Forbes counts show, as we have already well looked after when he learned Simpson pointed out, a deficit of over \$12,- the Commissioner of Agriculture Godkin

000. The estimates for this year and others in the House were the McWilliams anticipate a deficit of nearly \$11, company's purchasing agents. Read 000, and we may be very sure that This perhaps accounted for the Irving amount is less than half of what sale of Stock Farm cattle to the Smith the real deficit is likely to be. In company at \$3.75 per hundred Gallant-15 the face of these facts and in face pound, and the setting of such In committee amendments low price for the fat cattle on of the Government's own acknowledgment in the public accounts, sale throughout the country." He that the Provincial debt is in the thought the council should have vicinity of \$650,000, nearly \$400,. asked the Legislature for power 000 of which is a floating debt, to exempt the company, and what is the use of the Leader of should not have asked the Legisthe Government trying to throw lature to take the responsibility the Premier to picture the situa-

dust in the eyes of the people by which belonged to the council. tion in such glowing colors, when claiming a surplus on the transacthe principal features of his bud-Mr. Gallant followed in support tions of last year, and enumeratget speech were larger taxes and

owed to continue nothing but them than the market value. They A ter Captain Reid had spoken Mr. financial ruin and bankruptcy can were willing to pap only 8 cts. a Currie vigorously assailed the Govbe the result. Are the people sat pound for dressed pork, while ernment's methods of conducting the public business. The debt, deficits isfied to allow this condition of Leoman & Co., of Halifax were willing to pay 81. Further eviand taxation came in for criticism The manner in which the roads and dence of their intentions in the bridges were looked after, espematter of price was found in the

cially in his own district, were severely fact that they paid the Commis-Routine, asking and answering sioner of Agriculture only \$3.75 condemned.

questions, and the consideration a hundred pounds for Stock Farm Mr. Gallant spoke briefly, and cattle, By this latter transatcion hen Mr. Arsenault made anonslaught of FOR a low price has been set for cattle on the Government's conduct all over the country. Hon. Mr. public affairs. The scandalous ccn-McLeod adjourned the debate. dition of roads and bridges in his

own district was held up to public On Wednesday afternoon the condemnation. Referring to those tn the public civil service, he no iced

debate was resumed. Hop. Mr. that some had their salaries increased and others had not. In the latter class were some Frenchmen. Why bis discrimination ! He thought the come to make money. He wished French Inspector of schools should have bis salary raised by at least one bundred dollars, and he considered that there ought to be a Professor of French in Prince of Wales College whose mother tongue was French.

Mr. Kickham arraigned the Govby other members the House ernment for the scandalous condition which they permitted roads and bridges in his district to remain in. Rights of a way had been purchased and the roads had never been opened.

The administration of affairs in his public attention from our real the representative of the property Hon. M. Peters Hon. Mr. Gordon district was of the very worst kind. There were several bridges over which wo horses could not walk abreast. The bridge at Fortune if upt repaired soon will be impassable. The bridge at Naufrage is in such a state that A. J. McDonald only last fall a team of horses went through it. The neighbors saved the the horses-but they could not save J. E. McDonald the Government the disgrace of it.

> On Friday forenoon Mr. Kickham concluded his remarks and after a few words from Mr. Irving the House went into committee of supply with Mr. G. E. Hughes in the chair. But no progress was made, for the

the bill were submitted. opposition confronted the Government with their want of courtesy in

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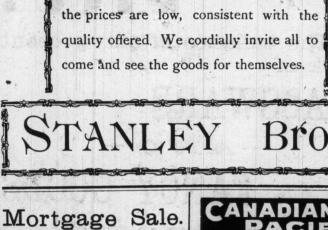
Kickham

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On wednesday evening, Hon. refusing to supply information asked Mr. Gordon followed the Premier for, and intimated their determination to refuse to vote supplies until this in the budget debate. He coninformation was forthcoming. sidered it most extraordinary for

> The opposition asked the Govern ment to lay on the table of the House a statement explaining ex



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ing imaginary savings effected by of the bill. Mr. Currie opposed the Liberals while in office? If the bill on the ground that the they have effected savings and Legislature had no right to athave had surpluses, how in the tempt to override the rights of world have they succeeded in roll. the citizens. The two represening up a debt of about \$650,000 ? tatives of the city took opposite views regarding the bill. He The sworn statements of the Government's own officials youch for could not understand why the exthe debt, and it is altogether use- emption was sought in this way, useless for the Premier to try and for this company, when other pull the wool over the people's companys and firms had been refused exemption. He did not eyes by making such misleading and contradictory statements as think the company were paying characterized his budget speech, higher prices than other dealers. He expressed himself as extremely He himself had sold five fat cattle happy in view of the great pros- a few days ago to other parties at perity enjoyed by the whole Do. prices almost a cent a pound higher than the company paid for minion under Liberal rule. Such the Stock Farm cattle. glittering generalities as these

carry no weight with a wideawake Mr. Morson argued that if the people, and the Leader of the Govhill were passed the corporation ernment pays a very poor compliment to their intelligence if he rights of the citizens of Charlotteimagines he can blind them with town would be attacked and such chaff. Is our Province in a curtailed. The city has incurred prosperous condition so far as its a heavy liability, and it would be public finances are concerned ? Is very unfair to deprive them of everything in connection with the any means of paying the city con luct of public affairs in such a debt, principle or interest. If the prosperous condition as to afford city deems. it proper to exempt our people an occasion for rejoic- this or any other company let it ing ? These are some of the ques. do so ; but the Legislature should tions the electorate are disposed to not interfere to effect the exempask, and have a right to ask the tion. He was surprised that a Leader of the Government, and meinber of the City Council, who is also a member of the Legisla. these are the matters which the Leader of the Government would ture should make such a proposi be expected to deal with in his tion. From Rattenbury the city budget speech, instead of a loud had exacted every dollar the law hurrah about the real or imagin. would allow; but the Dominion ary prosperity of Canada under Packing Company were to be the Liberals. If there is any gen- exempted for twenty years. Why uine prosperity in the Dominion this difference ? If the city asked consequent upon Liberal adminis- for power to exempt in this case tration it is because they are fol- he would support the bill; but the lowing in the footsteps and pur. public meeting held at the instsuing the methods of Sir John ance of Mr. Hughes was all but McDonald and other Conservative unanimously opposed to the bill. leaders. The Leader of the Gov- He was entirely opposed to the ernment, although admitting in principle of the bill. advance a deficit on this year's

transactions, nevertheless has great expectations. He expects House had received no informa-

additional subsidies, and a large tion concerning the intentions of great parade of savings affected in grave, the mortal remains of a kind sum on account of the fishery the Company, as stated in the different departments. How then award. We have heard of such preamble of the bill. The House comes it that the debt has been zealous keeping, there to rest until that expectations before. Certainly did not know whether the stateincreased to \$650,000. the Province stands in need of all ment was true or false. The the money that can be secured Company had not asked the On Thursday evening Mr. Mc from the Federal Treasury. Judg. House for anything and after the Kinnon continued the budget de-

ing by the apparent happy frame bill was passed might say, "We bate. He pointed out the differ of mind of the Leader of the Gov- never asked you to do anything." ence between the tone of the ernment, he seems to pay very He considered the City Council Leader of the Government when little attention to the alarming stepped outside of their powers in he makes his budget here and financial position to which the asking the Legislature to pass this when he makes representations to Province has been reduced in con- exemption bill. He was in favor Ottawa for increased subsidies. sequence of the recklessness and of giving every legitimate encour. In the latter case he says the extravagance of his and previous agement to those coming here to Government cannot get along at the best at J. B. McDonald

Liberal Governments. He is ap- do business; but we ought not to all unless more money is obtained parently happy in the thought discriminate. There is no know- from Ottawa. He makes an exthat he can continue to grind the ing how far the company may go tremely poor mouth when seek. taxes out of the people, notwith- in the purchase of property in ing aid from his friends at the spring. Two special lines

standing that the deficits continue connection with their business, Federal capital. He referred to D. B. Suits, \$4.75, 5 D. B. of Legalibusiness promptly attended to. and the debt is still rolling up. and all will, according to this bill, the misleading statement of the Suits, \$5 .- J. B. McDonald Invetments made on best security. Mon The numerous heavy items of ex- be exempt from taxation. The Premier about a surplus last year & Co.

increasing debt. Referring to justice amounting to \$3 736. What the Leader's great expectations, was the cause of this expenditure, and he pointed out that similar hopes who got the money? They also were entertained a year ago; but asked the Government for a statenothing came of them. We had ment regarding the amount of intera deficit last year of \$12,000 al- est due on Loans account ; and the though the Premier would try to deposits and withdrawals in this conceal it by means of a capital account. Another important item of information requested by the opposiaccount charged with expenditures that properly belonged to ordinary tion is a copy of the minute of Council relating to an agreement or account and had always in former contract or something of that nature years been placed there. Notbetween the Government and the withstanding the vast increase in

Dominion Packing Company. Anthe taxes the financial condition other item of information is a stateof the Province was constantly ment showing how imported stock growing worse. We were retrowas disposed off, and still another grading instead of advancing. We were promised an increase of sub-

request was for information regarding portions of Stipendiary Magistrate's to the Parliament of Canada sidy from Ottawa. Suppose we reports. Although requests had been got it, we would only be receiving made some time ago for these powering the applicants to back what we have paid into the different items of information, the construct and operate tele-

Dominion Treasury ; taking out Government had failed to supply the of one pocket and putting it in- same up to the time of going into to another. Regarding the fishery committee of supply. Consequently Canada. award, he would deeply regret to the opposition felt that they were not see our fishermen deprived of justified in voting any supplies until March, 1903. the bounty from that source. He this information was tablec. The

fight continued without much prohoped the Province's suit in the supreme court of Canada re the gress till late Friday night and matter of representations would still continuesr Since then some of April 15, 1903-9i the information has been given. be successful. (applause,) Mr.

Obituary\_ of the debate. At Monticello, on April 14th, Mrs. On Thursday, after matters of Sarah McDonald, one of our good old routine, the budget debate was pioneers, passed calmly away at the continued. Mr. A. J. McDonald, rips o'd age of ninety-one years. Alreferring to Mr. Simpson's rethough an invalid for many years her motherly presents will be sadly missed marks about the cost of education iu the now broken home circle. In our called attention to the political midst she has peacefully resided for schools that had been erected by well nigh sixty years a living example the Government. It was very of the good old faith which she cherished so dearly, and in which she brought up easy to open such schools, but a family of four, thres of whom survive. quite difficult to close them. Con- During her long illness her great consolidation, no doubt, would , take solations were the frequent receptions place in the course of time. In of the sacraments, and her happy, the matter of the hospital for the peaceful easy death was but a fitting insane he pointed out that in 1888 Her remains were conveyed to St. Marthe cost was \$15.325, now it is garet's Church on Thursday morning, close on to \$25,000. This differ- where Requien Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Johnston, who also per-

Simpson moved the adjournment

ence in the cost of maintenance Mr. Mathieson showed that the should show very great improve- the last words of Gol's holy minister formed the funeral obsequies. Then as ments. Mr. Simpson made a in sorrowing accents fleated o'er her mother and a respected and estimable tremendous day when the golden trum-

pet of the mighty Archangel shall to her assuredly announce the joyful tidings that a crown of sempiternal glory awaits ner. R. I. P.-Com

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