

CANADA HAS SURPLUS OF MANY MILLIONS; SOME REDUCTIONS IN TARIFF ANNOUNCED IN THE BUDGET SPEECH BY THE GOVERNMENT

CANADIAN NORTHERN IS BUILDING LARGE SUBWAY

Railway Will Cross Second Street, Just Across Elbow; Grading Now Complete Up to the River; Only Bridges to Be Set in Place

WORK ON THIS SIDE TO BE STARTED AT EARLY DATE

Railway People Hope to Be Running Trains Into the City Within a Couple of Months; Company Announces It Will Give Low Rate for Exhibition

Railway construction men are making the most of the present weather in the city...

FARMERS ORGANIZE FOR CO-OPERATION

It is expected that the Farmers' Co-operative Elevator company will be organized within a month's time in Calgary...

ALBERTA WAS LOST BY RECIPROcity AND BENNETT

Morley Manners Tells How the Liberals Swept Province on April 17—Says Farmers Are Enthusiastic for Reduction of Tariff

REVENUE IS PLACED AT \$136,837,417.00 EXPENSE ORDINARY \$98,890,641.00

Minister Sounds Optimistic Note with Regard to Financial Conditions; Says He Looks for Improvement Towards the End of the Year, But that Interest Rates Will be Higher; Some Changes Are Announced in the Tariff.

SUMMARY OF THE BUDGET.

Total revenue for the fiscal year, 1912-13 \$136,837,417 (An increase of \$18,000,000.)

Total ordinary expenditure for year 98,890,641 (An increase of \$10,000,000.)

Ordinary surplus for year 37,946,776

Reduction in National debt 122,591

Speaking of the present stringency, Mr. White said that he looked for improved conditions toward the end of the calendar year...

Speaking of immigration, Mr. White said that it was conservatively estimated that immigrants from the United States brought capital of \$1,000 per head...

Sugar, raw—New duties 43 3/4 cents per hundredweight under preference, and 83 1/2 cents preferential.

Sugar, refined—80 cents preferential rate, \$1.07 2/3 general rate. The old rate was 83 cents preferential and \$1.24 general rate.

Type-setting and type-casting machinery placed upon free list. Present duty is 20 per cent, intermediate duty 17 1/2 per cent, preferential duty 12 1/2 per cent.

Cement—10 cents per hundredweight, or 35 cents per barrel, with preferential rate of 7 cents and intermediate rate of 10 cents per hundred.

Traction Ditching Machinery costing not more than \$3,000 goes on free list. Present duty, 20, 17 1/2 and 15 per cent.

Yarns, used as raw material, reduced to 10 and 7 1/2 per cent. Present duty is 15, 12 and 10 per cent.

Miners' rescuing appliances, glassware and scientific apparatus for use in hospitals; also apparatus used for sterilizing, but not including laundry machinery for exclusive use of hospitals, are removed to free list.

Lead Bounties—Time for receiving bounties extended from 1913 to 1918, with additional protection.

Imports for the year, \$59,000,000; exports for the year, \$38,000,000; aggregate trade for year, \$874,637,749, an increase of \$105,000,000.

Total National debt at present time, \$316,619,460. Total immigration in 1912-13 was 402,000, made up of 150,000 from Britain, 139,000 from United States, and 112,000 from other countries.

Estimates for Year 1913-14. Estimated revenue \$168,250,000. Estimated expenditure 113,250,000. Estimated surplus 55,000,000. Estimated reduction of debt 23,300,000.

Ottawa, May 12.—The members of the house of commons got a surprise today in the form of Hon. W. T. White's annual budget statement.

White's annual budget statement, it was not expected until Thursday, but owing to the serious illness of his mother which necessitates his departure from the capital, the minister, with the concurrence of the opposition, was permitted to make his statement today without giving notice.

The most striking feature of the statement is a record surplus of \$55,000,000. This immense surplus the minister estimated will allow the government to pay \$30,000,000 of special expenditure chargeable to capital account, provide \$1,300,000 for sinking fund and leave \$23,300,000 which, if necessary, is applied to the reduction of the national debt.

For the current fiscal year which will end on March 31, 1914, Mr. White estimated a total expenditure of about \$173,000,000. To this must be added the supplementary estimates yet to be brought down, railway subsidies, etc. There was also the sum that would be necessary to start construction of the three Dredgouts.

The total estimated expenditure would be close to \$200,000,000 though a considerable amount of this would not be spent. The minister believed that the revenue for the current year despite the large proposed expenditures would meet all obligations.

The minister made some reference to the stringent financial conditions which have existed during the year and predicted that improved conditions would prevail before many months have elapsed.

ARMORY SITE IS SELECTED BY CITY COUNCIL; MILITARY MEN ARE SAID TO APPROVE

City Will Purchase West Half of Block 66, section 16, Facing Mewata Park, Comprising 20 Lots, Assessed at \$55,000

The city council will purchase the west half of block 66, section 16, facing Mewata Park, adjoining Eleventh Avenue and Eighth Street West, as a site for the armory...

BOARD OF TRADE'S CRITICISM OF COUNCIL IS DISCUSSED BY THE ALDERMEN

Ald. George Ross Thinks the Resolution Contains a Lot of Good Advice; Resolution Better Received by Council Than by New Industries Committee

The much discussed resolution of the board of trade criticizing the policy of the council in promising \$30 power to the Western Canada Milling Co. received a more favorable hearing at the council meeting last night than it has previously been accorded around the city hall.

Ald. George Ross thinks there is a lot of good advice in the resolution and he said so to the council, which differed from the policy already laid down by the council.

A wordy confab ensued in which the mayor and Ald. William Ross insisted that the council had only agreed to supply power at cost, although the resolution passed by the council distinctly stated the agreement to be for electric power generated by gas engine, at \$30 per h.p.

Ald. William Ross asked for a statement from Commissioner Graves as to the report received from the power expert on Saturday, and for an estimate of the difference in price with ten cent or five cent gas.

WHEN IT COMES TO BUSINESS, ALD. WILLIAM ROSS IS AS COLD AS A PEAK IN GREENLAND

Ald. William Ross never lets any foolish sentiment stand in the way of business. The fact that the electric light fixtures in the Bathing houses recently sold to the city by the Manchester family happen to be wedding presents, does not make the slightest difference to him.

"Wedding presents," said Ald. Wm. Ross, scornfully. "The city has already lost \$7,000 on the purchase of these two lots to open up that street, and there is no reason why we should lose any more. Did that man make any reservations when he sold that house?"

Commissioner Graves did not think so. "Well, then, I think the city should have those fixtures, I don't think we should drop the matter."

"We should have a rebate any way," said Ald. T. A. P. Frost, who has played the part of Sherlock Holmes all through the case and who first suggested the purchase of the fixtures. (Continued on Page Seven)

COUNCIL WILL SETTLE CLAIMS OF VICTIMS OF STREET CAR ACCIDENT

Twelve Bruise-Bills Have Been Presented, Making Total of \$1,051

The city council last night decided to settle the claims of twelve citizens for damages in the recent street railway accident in Bridgeland for \$1,051. The people injured in the street have been interviewed by the city medical health officer and the city solicitor and the list of claims submitted were acceptable to all the plaintiffs.

WHAT THE BIG WEST DID YESTERDAY

FORT WILLIAM. A large wholesale grocery house, with headquarters at Winnipeg, is erecting a warehouse for the assembling and shipping of mixed cars to different branches. Because the opening of navigation on April 20, approximately 21,000,000 bushels of grain have been shipped by the lake steamers. Bonds, stock and debenture exchange established.

BRANDON. The first shipment of cars for the street railway have arrived, and it is anticipated that in a month's time the system will be in running order. The police census just taken shows the population of the city to be 17,380, an increase of about 3,500 over the Dominion census of 1911.

SASKATOON. The provincial government approves the expenditure of half the cost of a bridge connecting Saskatoon and the university; approximate cost \$300,000.

TABER. A large brick plant, utilizing clay from mines, is to be constructed. It is proposed to invest \$100,000 in the enterprise. Making it the largest brick plant in Western Canada.

CALGARY. Five thousand immigrants arrived over the week-end, mostly British.

Overhead transmission will be the rule until money becomes easier. The efforts of Commissioner Graves toward the abolition of overhead transmission wires in the congested downtown districts have been impeded by the lack of funds. It was the intention of the commissioner to place underground conduits in the lanes between Ninth, Eighth and Seventh avenues, from First street west to Second street east, and so minimize the danger in case of fire, but the work has been postponed because of lack of money.

And the city's financial condition is no better now than when the mayor went to New York early in April. The treasury notes put in the hands of the Bank of Montreal recently are not yet sold, and the city has been advised to dispose of as many bonds as possible on this side of the Atlantic. At the same time, the city has been passed, one to validate the issue of treasury notes for the Bank of Montreal, and two other to re-consolidate all the 20-year general issue for payment in Canadian currency.

There is no money to do anything with," said Commissioner Graves, "and he predicted that this work cannot be done at all."

Other items placed on the free list are miners' rescuing appliances, glassware and scientific apparatus for use of hospitals; also apparatus used for sterilizing, but not including laundry machinery.

A number of changes were made necessary owing to the trade agreement with the West Indies ratified by the present parliament, including a change in the duty on raw and refined sugar. On refined sugar of ninety nine per cent standard, the old duties were preferential 43 cents per hundredweight, general tariff one dollar twenty four and a half. The new rates will be preferential eighty cents, general rate one dollar and a half.

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