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That Flexible Surplus

Standard dictionaries define the word "Surplus" as meaning that which remains when use or need is satisfied: an excess of receipts over ordinary disbursements. Such definition is plain to every person. It is clear and concise and involves no further research or cross context as to its particular significance. Actually then in considering Public Finance a surplus is a sum left over to the credit of current account after all expenditure has been met but of revenue. A sum to the good on account of the country fortunate to realize it. Of such there have been several in Newfoundland Public Finance. The sums of these, as they have accrued, have invariably been placed in a Surplus Trust Fund, to be used only in cases of national emergency, or when the Legislature in its wisdom decided that the Fund should be drawn upon for the construction of public works, calculated to be a lasting good to the Colony. It was never contemplated that this Surplus Trust Fund should be of a flexible financial nature. Yet the present administration have been playing hide-and-seek with it ever since they assumed control of the Government. They have taken and replaced as expediency and the state of their financial misconduct of affairs demanded, and so elastic has this fund been now made that no person—save the Executive Government—knows whether it has been catapulted into current account entirely and so padded up as general revenue in an effort to make receipts and expenses balance.

The Prime Minister of Newfoundland, no later than Wednesday last admitted in the House of Assembly that the Government had gone to the Bank of Montreal and taken two and a half million dollars out of the Surplus Trust Fund and applied it to current account in order to meet an actual deficit, and yet the Speech from the Throne entirely omits—deliberately omits—in that simple language, which the Prime Minister said was so comprehensible, to make mention of this method of financial prestidigitation. Playing fast and loose with public money is a game which has brought many a promising politician to ruin, and at the present rate of going the Liberal-Reform Government is heading towards destruction, dissolution and disruption, a calamity which the people at large would view with equanimity, if only the Colony itself were free from being involved in their downfall. Taxes sweated out of the producers have been squandered right and left, and the nest egg provided by wise financiers has been broken and its contents wasted as well. Sir Michael Cashin pointed out and animadverted on this reprehensible practice of the present Government in appropriating Surplus Trust Fund monies and placing them in the

general statement as revenue, and the Speech from the Throne, he said, contained a glaring falsehood when it stated that there would be shown an actual surplus of current receipts over current expenditure. Sir Michael further warned the Government of the consequences likely to ensue if they continued doing business in such a fashion, and endeavoring to hoodwink the people. There is a limit to endurance and eventually patience may cease to be a virtue. An outraged public will not stand for such methods of conducting the affairs of this Colony for much longer. The day of reckoning is approaching when all the equivocations and temporisings of the Squires-Coaker combination will arise in judgment against them.

At the House.

AMENDMENT FAILS—ADDRESS IN REPLY ADOPTED—OPPOSITION LEADER CLOSURE DEBATE.

After a short debate of only three days, the Address in Reply was adopted yesterday afternoon. The amendment introduced by Dr. Jones on behalf of the Opposition was defeated by a strictly party vote.

Sir Michael Cashin, in a powerful speech, concluded his debate on the Address. Last year the debate on the Address in Reply lasted for over a month.

VEGETABLES DISCUSSED.

The question which Mr. Vincombe had on the order paper in connection with the purchase of potatoes and turnips by the Public Works Department was the cause of an amusing debate which lasted for a few minutes. Mr. Jennings repudiated any accusations of unfairness.

Sir Michael Cashin spoke for nearly two hours to the amendment. He ridiculed the replies of the Government to Opposition criticism. Returning to the Speech from the Throne, he repeated his assertion that despite the Premier's juggling with words, the revenue for last year was \$2,500,000 short. If Governor Murray were here now, he would not have hesitated to alter the Speech from the Throne. Sir Michael next produced the Prime Minister's manifesto and quoted several extracts from it.

DEPARTMENT A SCANDAL.

In this manifesto it was stated that the Marine and Fisheries Department would be reorganized and would assume its right place as the most important of all Government offices. Instead, it was used by the now missing Minister for his own ends. It was a scandal to-day, Sir Michael, in referring to its present appearance, used an apt if unusual simile by saying it was like an "Irish wake." Every official had a pipe in his mouth and there was a smoke fog all over the place. After demoralizing the department and the Government, Mr. Coaker had left, said Sir Michael. He next referred to the recent F.P.U. Conference at which Mr. Coaker had said that regulations of some sort were necessary for the welfare of the fishing industry. Sir Michael, however, contended that this was not so, as supplies and demand alone regulated the price of fish. There was too much speculation on the part of fish merchants, and until this was stopped, the industry could not be put upon a proper basis. More individual exporters would greatly benefit the trade of the country.

THE HUMBER PROPOSITION.

Speaking of the Humber Proposition, Sir Michael said the reason the Prime Minister had gone to so much trouble to state that there was no such proposition before the House was because of the presence of financiers in the city and these would not make the new loan if it were thought that the Government would guarantee a large sum of money. Sir Michael then showed how the earning power of the country had decreased and the old avenues of revenue, such as the Bell Island mines, were now unproductive. He thought the railway could pay if it were worked the right way. He referred to the Prime Minister's deceptions in lighter vein, saying that if Sir Richard presented himself before St. Peter, he would talk him round and get into heaven before the saint realized he had been deceived.

AN UNFORTUNATE MINISTER.

When Sir Michael stated that a man recently fined for misappropriation of public monies was once more in the employ of the Board of Work, Mr. Jennings protested and asked the name. He was told to employ a detective if he wished to unravel the mystery. Mr. Jennings has an unfortunate habit of looking for trouble and he ventured upon a verbal battle with the Leader of the Opposition but was speedily rendered hors de combat. Sir Michael predicted a decline in the price of fish, and thought that Labrador would this year, fetch no more than \$4.00 and Shore \$5.00. There was too much politics. Action was what was needed. Upon Sir Michael resuming his seat the amendment was put and, lost on a division. The vote was strictly a party one. Following the adoption of the Address, several bills were put through the Committee stage, after which adjournment was taken.

Reports From the Fleet.

VERY LITTLE PROGRESS.

The reports received last night from the sealing fleet show that very little progress has been made during the past 48 hours. There seems to be general disappointment that the ships did not locate the patch of whitecoats spotted by Major Cotton. Several of the ships report a dense fog so that it will be impossible for the fishermen to make another reconnaissance until there is a change of wind. It may not be too late yet to secure good leads as last year the fleet did not succeed in getting any fat until March 27th, and in the following days the ships cleaned up nearly 90,000. So far the s.s. Terra Nova is in the lead with 15,000. The s.s. Viking in her last report had 13,400 and it is likely that when she next reports her catch will equal that of the Terra Nova. The messages received last night by the various owners were as follows:

BOWRING BROS.

Terra Nova (Thursday p.m.)—Hauled 1,500 on board to-day. Hope to do better work to-morrow. Position still unchanged except ordinary drift. Dense fog all day.

Eagle (Thursday p.m.)—Not doing anything to-day; unable to get through ice.

Ranger (Thursday p.m.)—Approximate position from Cotton's patch 40 miles; making fair progress eastward all day. Picking up scattered seals; on board and stowed, 3,000.

Viking—Owing to lines to Port aux Basques being out of order, neither the R.N. Co. or Bowring Brothers had any message from the Viking last night.

JOB BROS. & CO.

Neptune—Killed 100 to-day; have on board and stowed down 10,000. Steamed in direction of Cotton's patch nothing to be seen. Position thirty miles N. by E. of Cape Bonavista.

Thetis—Killed and panned to-day 500. On board and stowed 12,000. Weather foggy, ice light as far as can be seen.

Diana—The ship reported as being 40 miles S.E. of Cape Bonavista yesterday morning; conditions are as yet unfavorable for sending assistance to the disabled steamer.

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Sagana—No report since Saturday night, March 19.

THE CATCH SO FAR REPORTED.

Table with 2 columns: Ship Name, Catch. Includes Terra Nova (15,000), Thetis (13,500), Viking (13,400), Eagle (11,000), Neptune (10,000), Diana (7,000), Sagana (6,200), Ranger (3,000), Total (79,100).

Questions Tabled at House.

Mr. Higgins.—To ask the Minister of Public Works: 1.—Has he refused to recognize the recently elected Chairman of the Carbonate Road Board?

2.—Has he ordered the Chairman to call another meeting and hold a new election for Chairman?

3.—If so, to state (a) on what ground such orders were issued; and (b) by what authority he presumes to upset a perfectly legal election and order a new one.

4.—To lay on the table of the House the original protest or protests against the election of Mr. Leonard Taylor as Chairman including the letter or letters received from the Member for the District Hon. Mr. Penney and all other correspondence in connection therewith as well as copies of his own letters to the recently elected Chairman.

5.—To state what action he has taken or proposes to take regarding the election to the Carbonate Road Board of Mr. W. T. Guy who is Manager of the Carbonate Water Company appointed to this position by the Government and duly gazetted in 1920.

MR. BENNETT.—To ask the Minister of Public Works to table a statement giving the names of those who were employed on the Badger and Deer Lake Roads as Superintendent, overseers, walking bosses, paymasters, accountants or auditors, representatives from his Department who visited the works etc., with amounts paid as wages, compensation or expenses in each case; also the name of merchants, agents of merchants or any other who furnished supplies with amounts in each case?

To ask the Minister of Public Works to table a statement giving the names of inspectors, foremen, timekeepers or others who were paid amounts for services on the Road de Luxe together with the amount paid in each case?

To ask the Hon. Prime Minister in the absence of the Minister of Finance and Customs to table a statement showing the amount collected as duty on Sugar from July 1st, 1921 to March 15th, 1922.

Memorial Billiards at 8.30.

C.C.C. Hall; J. Angel-M.G.C.A. (b) vs. C. I. Merner B.L.S. (b); W. Pearce C.E.L. (b) vs. J. Carbery (Star) (b); J. Power K. of C. (a) vs. Dr. McLoughlin, City (a).—mar24,11

Our Local Peeps

HIS DIARY.

March 23rd.—A very foul morning, and rained. To Water Street, where I did meet Mrs. McNeil and Mrs. Hutton and was pressed to come to the lecture which Mrs. Trounson gives to-night about Women's Suffrage. To the Board of Trade, where I had some private talk with Mr. Gosling of the lecture and he tells me he will go. A sitting of the Parliament, and I to it. The Address in Reply is adopted, and a mighty good thing, the debate having lasted but a few days and last year, was on for a full month. At night, with my wife to the Suffrage lecture, and she might expect thereby and will have no canvass in support of the movement. I tell her how I do not believe in it, and she greatly angered thereat, and did roundly berate me.

Seen From the Gallery.

Honorable members on Government benches, lounged in their seats yesterday, and occasionally squirmed as the leader of the Opposition assailed the dead-and-alive policy of the administration. Of course it needs a very sharp point to penetrate the pachydermatous hides of the Conker following, but Sir Michael had the weapon and succeeded in performing the operation.

Even the usually uneloquent Mr. Targett was constrained to break his vow of perpetual silence and contributed a few words in a tone which was so low that even those next him had to cup their ears to catch Messrs. Winsor and Abbott obviously were amazed at the temerity of their colleague, and hurriedly sat up with astonishment depicted on their otherwise immobile countenances.

The junior member for Trinity did not add anything of his wisdom to the debate on the Amendment. When the speaker came he voted with the crowd and thus helped to earn his day's pay. Even the "strong man" from Twillinnar district failed to contribute anything to the columns of Hansard, while Captain Jones was silently eloquent thereby increasing his laurels.

The Bay de Verde duo, as usual stolidly contemplated the animated physiognomies of members opposite, and wondered how long it would be an exchange of places occurred. Burgess and LaRue received somewhat of attention, his representation being busy engaged on other matters. So far he has not been seen from the Gallery. Doubtless he will be heard from later when he presents that promised denial (last year) on then prevailing conditions in his district. The man of destiny was missed from his accustomed seat, thought it was not apparent that any of his colleagues were greatly distressed by his absence. In the region of the equator it is much warmer than in Newfoundland, and blunders and sure seas ever had an attraction for the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, who from the deck of his ship can watch the bonita and albacore sport themselves in the waters of the Caribbean Sea, thinking ever of those whom he left at home to carry on and apostrophising after the manner of Puck in the classic words: "What fools these mortals (of mine) be."

Ladies' Cushion Sole Comfy Boots, rubber heels. Reg. \$7.50 Boots now \$3.50 a pair. G. KNOWLING, Ltd., Shoe Stores. mar24,28,31

Get Belt Line Working.

During the past couple of mild days the hazy weather street has been very hard on horses and troopers are now using wheels. The street railway is still operating one track on this thoroughfare, and as yet the cars do not make the circuit of the belt line. People living along the section where the cars are not running say that an effort should be made to clear the track, as it is in such a way that as at present exists that the trolley system is most useful.

Personal.

Mr. N. Snow, manager for Messrs. Bowring Bros. Dry Goods Department, returned yesterday by the S.S. Sablo I" from the English and American markets, where he has been purchasing goods for his firm.

Rev. Fr. Wilson left Trepansey this morning by the S.S. Malakoff for St. John's. The Rev. Gentleman is suffering from appendicitis and will enter hospital for treatment.

At the recent elections held at University Hall, Dalhousie University, Mr. William Cave, son of Mr. W. H. Cave, Minister of Shipping was elected member of the House Committee of that institution. Mr. Cave is just completing his first year at Dalhousie, and his election speaks well for his popularity.

The Political Situation.

MANY SNAGS AHEAD.

There is very little on the Order Paper for to-day and, with the exception of the Loan Resolutions, all the outstanding business can be cleaned up in a few minutes. The Loan Resolutions will probably be considered in Committee of the Whole this afternoon but a protracted debate is not expected. It is likely that the Estimates will be introduced early next week, possibly on Tuesday, and the Railway Bill is in course of preparation. The absence of the Finance Minister will not delay the introduction of the Budget. The legislation which is causing the most trouble to the Government will be the finding of a method by which supplying for the fisheries may be done without the possibility of another big loss and the demoralization of the people; and the solution of the railway problem. The Government, since its inception, has—to use an Irish idiom—believed in a permanent railway policy for one year. They now find that this policy cannot be continued without the loss of several millions and a definite solution must be shortly discovered.

Drawing for Trap Berths

Mr. George Badcock of the Marine and Fisheries Department, who was down the shore as far as Cape St. Francis in connection with the drawing of trap berths, returned to the city last night. Mr. Badcock was absent for two days and completed his work in this section in remarkably quick time, considering the condition of the roads. He will visit Petty Harbour and Bay Bulls in connection with the drawings as soon as the travelling is fit. The drawing for trap berths, Mr. Badcock says, has become established and all the fishermen are satisfied to take a chance of getting a good berth.

School for the Blind.

SEVERAL NEWFOUNDLAND STUDENTS AT HALIFAX SCHOOL. The Annual Report of the Halifax School for the Blind for 1921 makes an interesting booklet, giving as it does, statistics and valuable information concerning the work done on behalf of those who have been so unfortunate as to lose their sight. 176 blind persons attended the school last year, of whom 95 were males and 81 females. Of these, 29 graduated and in September last, there were 147 registered, 11 of whom came from Newfoundland. Last year the school celebrated its jubilee. The School for the Blind at Halifax is an institution which has worked untold good during its fifty years of existence and that its progress will be even more rapid in the future than it has been in the past, is sincerely hoped. Sir R. A. Squires, Prime Minister of Newfoundland is one of the directors of this school.

Weather and Ice Report.

Fog.—South wind, foggy; no change in ice conditions.

Seal Cove.—Wind S.W.; ice in bay. Catalina—Light southerly wind; ice long way off; no seals.

Little Bay Islands.—Wind W.S.W.; bay clear of ice.

Conche.—Light S. E. wind; slob ice near the land.

Newtown.—Easterly winds, very foggy.

Flower's Cove.—Ice in Straits moving off; wind S. W. with rain.

Engaged in Quarrying.

At present there are some 174 men engaged at quarrying and breaking stone in the East End. There are also 11 horses employed hauling the stone from the quarries on Signal Hill to the Council stone crushing plant near the old railway yard. The Citizens Committee on unemployment also have a large number of men engaged in the work of shaping out paving blocks and building stone. It is estimated that the returns from this work will show value to at least 50 cents in the dollar. Should the proposed Normal School be erected this stone will be used in its construction.

McMurdo's Store News.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24. Popodent Tooth paste is unique in this respect, that by reason of the pepsin it contains, it dissolves the germ-carrying shell that accumulates round the teeth, and that is often the precursor of tartar, pyorrhea, and other complaints. This scum is not easily removed by ordinary dentifrices, and is thus often present in the mouths of those who use the tooth brush regularly, and who are the last to suspect that their teeth are not thoroughly cleaned. If you are not a user of Popodent, try a tube next time. Price 70c a tube.

Shipping Notes.

S. S. Rosalind arrived at Halifax at 7 a.m. to-day, making a splendid run of 48 hours from this port. The ship leaves for New York to-morrow at noon.

S. S. Watchful is now ready to sail and is taking a mail and freight as far as Weylesville, should ice conditions permit.

Not Having Any.

Tom listened with great interest while his father read from a newspaper an account of life among the Mormons. Seeing the boy's attention, his father asked: "Would you like to live among the Mormons, Tom?" "What?" cried Tom, "and have to ask a dozen mothers every time I wanted to go swimming? No, thank you."

TO-DAY'S MESSAGES.

ALWAYS IN THE FIRING LINE.

Spasmodic machine gun fire came from the south side of the Ulster border at intervals yesterday. A party of newspaper men, seeking to interview liaison officers, became targets for snipers.

WILL NEWFOUNDLAND DO LIKE-WISE?

CAPE TOWN, March 24. The South African Assembly rejected a bill to extend the franchise to women.

A MOMENTOUS DECISION.

LONDON, March 24. The Allied Council of Ambassadors will convene in Paris on March 28, it was announced yesterday. It is expected that they will consider the question of continuation of Allied military control in Germany.

A FAMILY HOLOCAUST.

BELFAST, Mar. 24. A band of men forced a way into the home of Owen Macmahon, saloon keeper, early this morning and shot seven members of the family. The raid has profoundly stirred the entire city. Macmahon and his three sons were killed outright. Another son died of wounds and two others are near death. The crime is said to have been in reprisal for the shooting of a number of special constables yesterday. One son escaped by throwing himself under a lounge.

RAMMED SUBMARINE.

LONDON, March 24. Details of the loss, yesterday, in the Mediterranean of submarine H-42, state that the craft came to the surface thirty to forty yards ahead of the destroyer Versatile, which steaming at twenty knots rammed the submarine. A court of inquiry will be held.

SOMETHING DOING.

CLEVELAND, O., March 24. The general policy of the Committee of United Mine Workers of America met here to-day to complete arrangements for putting into effect what International President Lewis declared "would be the greatest strike in history."

TENSE SITUATION.

DUBLIN, March 24. "An open threat of revolution" signified by the decision of anti-Free Staters to hold the forbidden Irish Republican Army Convention on Sunday, has "created a precarious position," the London Times correspondent here declared in a despatch to his paper. The statement by Commandant Roderick O'Connor, that eighty per cent of the army's members are against the treaty, however, the correspondent believes to be exaggerated. Requests that call for the army convention were signed by only seven of nineteen commanders, and these represent mainly divisions in Cork, Kerry and South Tipperary, where disaffection is already known to exist. He believes that members of the army in Dublin, Midlands and a large part of the west are loyal and Dail Eireann, and can be trusted in any emergency and further that the country is not likely to regard any vote taken at Sunday's meeting as a criterion of the general temper of the army. The Dail Ministers believe the coming elections will result in a sweeping victory for the Treaty, and that hereafter they will be able to deal firmly with any anti-Free State movement.

Here and There.

Eat MRS. STEWART'S Home Made Bread.—oct18,6mo

ONE DRINK ONLY.—Police circles were very quiet last night, presumably as a result of the weather. Only one drunk was arrested and he was released this morning.

Crawford's English Biscuits at JOHN CALVER'S, Duckworth Street.—mar20,22,24

LONGEST FREIGHT TRAIN.—What is said to be the longest freight train that ever went over the Newfoundland railroad pulled into Whitbourne on Tuesday. The train was made up of 29 cars with two engines pulling and was about one-fifth of a mile long.

Stafford's Liniment for all Aches and Pains, only 20c. per bottle.—mar21

NEW PASSENGER SERVICE.—Mr. R. G. Ash, who was at Norris' Arm and Port Blandford adjusting the insurance in connection with the recent fire at these places, returned to town last night. Mr. Ash had much difficulty in getting to the city and had to travel on freight cars.

B. I. S. DEBATE.

A Hat Debate will be held in the Club Rooms this Friday evening, immediately after Prayers.—mar24,11

INSURANCE CARRIED.

Three of the four premises which were destroyed by the fire at Grand Falls on Tuesday last carried insurance to the value of \$29,500, made up as follows:—Stewarts \$14,000, Cohen \$7,500 and Bonias \$8,000. The amount carried by Temple could not be ascertained.

"SOMETHING NEW AT NELLER'S."

—Try our Bonilla Massage (The restful road to beauty) known in United States and Canada as "Mud Massage." It clears the complexion and gives it colour; removes blackheads and pimples, lifts out the lines, closes enlarged pores, rebuilds drooping facial tissues and gives renewed life to the nerve centres. Makes the skin soft and velvety.—mar24,21

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WEEK END SPECIALS.

Have you seen our Men's Working Pants at \$2.95; worth double what we ask. Men's All-Wool Pants, Brown and Grey; values up to \$9.00, for \$5.50 pair. Men's Navy Blue Serge Pants, regular \$15.00; now \$8.95 pair. Men's Work Shirts with collar, regular \$2.50; now \$1.25 each. Our stock is complete in Men's Furnishings at lowest prices.

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When Spades Were Trumps.

Miss Berta Ruck, one of the most popular of present-day novelists, has a good story to tell of a Canadian rancher.

It seems that some of the officials out there are not always above putting a little money into their pockets at the expense of the ranchmen.

One of these latter was called upon one day by a perky little jack-in-office for taxes he had already paid. Unfortunately, however, he could not find the receipt.

"I explained this to him," he said to a friend of his later, "and would you believe it, the fellow began to abuse me?"

"Did he?" said the friend. "And what did you do?"

"Do! Well I remonstrated with him."

"You did—to what effect?"

"I don't know exactly, but the shovel got broke!"

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