

PROVINCIAL ESTIMATES.

Features of the Programme Presented by the Finance Minister for the Next Fiscal Year.

Flood Repairs Responsible for a Large Amount of the Grants for Public Works.

The estimates were presented to the legislature yesterday afternoon, the book including besides the vote to be asked and the expectation of revenue for the next fiscal year, the estimates of supplementary expenditure found necessary for the current twelve months. An examination of the figures shows no radical change, the features of the outlined financial programme being the substantial though not extravagant expenditure for public works, the liberal sum asked for educational purposes, necessarily increasing apart from the cost of new buildings required, and the exceptional addition to the expenditure arising out of the floods of last spring. A total of \$175,000 is asked for on the last account, representing the immediate outlay called for in the repairs of roads and bridges besides the relief of the sufferers.

The supplementary estimates for the current year, 1894-95, include the following: Public debt, \$1,749,000; Civil government, \$2,820,000; Administration, \$1,000,000; Hospitals and charities, \$1,000,000; Education, \$2,000,000; Roads, bridges, etc., \$1,750,000; Miscellaneous, \$1,000,000.

The item for the administration of justice other than salaries is for the police protection along the coast the necessity for which has been so frequently urged. The flood expenditure is largely represented under the heading of roads, bridges, etc. It is \$5,000 for protective works along the Columbia river at Revelstoke, conditional upon the grant of a like sum by the Dominion government. Supplementary to the large grants in the last main estimates, New Westminster district gets \$16,000, Yale \$16,000, East Kootenay \$33,000, West Kootenay \$16,000, while there are also appropriations for each of the other districts. The main trunk road, including the replacing of the Ashcroft bridge, calls for \$35,000 addition, the road from Okanagan to Boundary Creek \$10,000, and the road from Lytton to Foster's Bar, including replacing Lytton bridge, \$7,000. For repairing bridges in New Westminster district \$18,000 additional is required, while there are many other expenditures of this nature provided for. The miscellaneous items include \$8,000 for aid to municipalities in Westmaster district affected by the floods. The supplementary estimates of which the chief items are above mentioned amount in the whole to \$247,785, which for purposes of comparison with this year's must be added to the total of the estimates for 1894-95 given below.

Table with columns: EXPENDITURE, Est., and Act. Rows include Public debt, Civil govt. salaries, Administration, Education, Roads, bridges, etc., and Miscellaneous.

The general revenue is estimated as just about the same as that expected for the current year, the difference in the total being caused almost entirely by the presence of the unusual items of withdrawal from sinking funds, and money available from the previous year, under the head of 1894-95. Here is the comparative statement:

Table with columns: REVENUES, 1894-95, and 1893-94. Rows include Dominion Canada, Interest, Land sales, Land revenue, Survey fees, Timber leases, Free mining certificates, Licenses, Marriage licenses, Real property, Personal property taxes, Wild land tax, Income tax, Registered taxes, Revenue stamps, Flax and forestries, and Probate fees.

Amongst the expenditures contemplated for next year a few of the more important may be mentioned. There are provided \$25,000 for the construction and equipment of a court house at Nanaimo, and \$10,000 (in addition to the \$5,000 voted for 1894-95) as aid to the Nanaimo corporation for school construction, while for a goal site at Nanaimo there is \$1,700. The Fraser river land protection commission has \$25,000 provided for it, contingent upon the Dominion government granting a like sum. Some \$24,000 is asked for roads and bridges are: North Victoria district, \$6,000; South Victoria, \$10,000; Regional, \$8,000; Cowichan, \$8,000; Alberni, \$4,000; North Nanaimo, \$5,000; South Nanaimo, \$6,000; Comox, \$10,000; New Westminster, outside the municipalities, \$8,000; North Yale, \$4,000; East Yale, including \$4,000 on Boundary Creek road, \$12,000; West Yale, including \$1,000 on Mammoth Lake road, \$4,000; East Lillooet, \$3,000; West Lillooet, \$4,000; Cariboo, \$7,000; Cassiar, \$5,000; East Kootenay, \$11,000; West Kootenay, North \$12,000, and South \$8,000; main trunk road \$20,000.

The public works expenditures contemplated in Victoria and vicinity are given as follows, besides repairs and additions: Improvement of government reserve, \$1,000; roofing law courts, \$1,500; bureau of mines, building site and plans, \$6,000; public school Oak Bay, \$2,000; public school Goldstream, \$400.

WILLING WORKERS.

The Willing Workers of Christ Church held a sale of work in the cathedral school-room yesterday afternoon in aid of the Sunday school, which was well patronized and a handsome sum was realized in consequence. In the evening an entertainment was given to a large audience. The first part consisted of a short concert in which Miss Hutchings, J. M. G. Goodwin, Grizzle, K. J. Middleton and E. H. Russell took part, and their efforts were highly appreciated. This was followed by the burlesque extravaganza, "Aton Hama the Wag," the characters being taken by a number of youngsters from the Sunday school. Their acting and singing afforded much pleasure and amusement and reflected great credit on their abilities and the careful training of their instructor, Mr. P. Wollaston, Jr. Where all name anyone in particular, the characters were taken by Masters Cecil Berkeley, P. P. Wollaston, R. Brown, W. Brown, A. Pearce and R. Piddock, and Mr. K. J. Middleton.

THE CITY.

Mr. SUTTOR announces in another column that he proposes giving a course of lectures on mineralogy during the winter months. This move is expected will be very generally appreciated.

The South Saanich Temperance Society held a concert in the Temperance hall, South Saanich, on the 17th inst. A Victoria and Sidney train will leave the railway station that evening at 7:30, returning after the concert, quite a large part of the programme being from the organ.

The Christmas examination at Victoria College, Beacon Hill, commenced yesterday morning. A large number of students sat for the first day's papers, which were on history, literature and composition. The examination continued daily until Friday, 20th inst., when the college adjourns for the Christmas recess.

YESTERDAY in chambers Mr. Justice Drake, on application of defendants in Globe Furniture Co. v. Mulholland & Mann and the School Trustees, made an order that plaintiffs give \$150 security in each case. Messrs. Yates & Jay, for Mulholland & Mann; Mr. Geo. Powell, for the School Board; and Messrs. Bodwell & Irving, for plaintiffs.

The steamship Mexico, which it was thought would be relieved from making her present trip by the City of Topeka, arrived on route North last evening. The Topeka, overhauling in San Francisco, is now about completed, and it is expected she will be able to replace the Mexico on the next trip. William Ogilvie, D. L. S., and his party of surveyors were going up to examine the Taku river country were among the passengers who embarked here.

In the Y.M.C.A. room last evening the members of that organization were tendered a reception by the Y.P.S.O.E. of the St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. Rev. W. L. Clay presided and in an opening address inaugurated a programme attending to the entertainment of the ladies. To Miss Collins contributed two recitations, Miss Laval a piano solo, Master B. Nicholas a vocal solo, Miss Johnson a recitation, Miss Ross a piano solo, and the Misses McFarlane and Fraser an instrumental duet.

OSAWA, the Jap accused of doing grievous bodily harm to F. Wollaston on Saturday night by stabbing him, came up for preliminary hearing in the police court yesterday. Mr. F. R. Higgins appeared for the prosecution and Mr. P. Perry Mills for the defence. Only Mr. Wollaston's evidence was taken, that going to show that on the way home that night with a companion he for a lark knocked at the door of the Japanese employment office just to wake the Japs up, and when a Jap came to the door he said "good evening." The door was slammed in his face, and then he tapped a window with his cane, accidentally breaking the glass. He was stabbed on his way across the bridge afterwards. The hearing was at this point adjourned till 10 o'clock on Monday morning. Osawa held \$100 to bail in the sum of \$100 himself and two sureties of \$50 each.

BUFFETTED BY THE STORM.

The British ship "Scottish Dale" Has a Taste of the Recent South-East Gales.

Picked Up by the "Bertha." She Reaches Port Townsend in Serious Distress.

PORT TOWNSEND, Dec. 12.—(Special)—After a terrible experience off the Oregon and Washington coasts in a hurricane, the British ship "Scottish Dale," of Liverpool, Captain Timothy McCarthy, from San Francisco for Portland, to load grain for Europe, arrived in port to-night partly dismantled. Her rigging was a complete wreck, her hull hung in shreds, her cabin furniture was demolished, three or four seamen were incapacitated from duty, and the whole spectacle presented was about as forlorn as can be imagined. One seaman, James Kerr, was reported drowned. The officers and crew, excepting the steward and one man, mutinied and attempted to take the command of the vessel away from the captain. The latter nearly beheaded one of the mutineers with a speaking trumpet, and with the assistance of a brace of revolvers enforced discipline. While this was going on the gale was blowing seventy miles an hour, and the ship was drifting near land and in an extremely perilous position. The crew were panic-stricken and wanted to abandon the vessel and let her drift on the rocks.

The "Scottish Dale" sailed from San Francisco on December 2, and on the third day was about off the Columbia river, when a heavy snow storm set in. Twice the ship got inside of the lights, when the weather cleared and she forced her way through the ice. On Thursday and Friday strong winds turned into a succession of heavy gales and the sea was running mounting high. On Friday night the gale became more violent, interspersed with hurrying squalls and carried away the cross-jack yards and an hour later the main upper topsail went over the side. The ship labored and strained heavily all Saturday.

On Sunday noon the vessel got into the storm centre and the wind died away, but the sea was much more severe. Without a moment's warning the vessel lashed to starboard and nearly one thousand tons of ballast followed. She was so badly listed that the crew could not crawl along the ship's sides without being attached to stationary objects. Heavy rain fell from the clouds and aft. The post anchors, shanty fathoms of chain were dropped overboard to keep her head to the wind and all hands began tramping ballast. On Sunday the gale came again and the barometer fell to 28.60. The foretopmast yard was every stitch of canvas soon after, and the vessel was in a perilous position.

At daylight, Monday, Fort Canby was less than five miles distant. In clearing away the ice the Scottish Dale and two hands were disabled by falling overboard. The crew got disheartened and wanted to launch the boats and abandon the ship. Captain McCarthy armed himself with a revolver and drove the men forward. They threatened to refuse to obey, but the fore and upper topmasts, which brought all hands to their senses. The vessel was headed toward the Sound, but not without a struggle. She was drifting to starboard and the sea was running mounting high. The foretopmast was launched and a seaman was accidentally drowned by catching hold of a loose line.

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ANOTHER CHINESE DEFEAT.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—A despatch to the Central News from Amoy says that a Japanese division on Monday, Dec. 10, defeated the Chinese near Kin Kwa. The Chinese lost 100 killed and a large number of wounded. The Japs, whose loss was only 40 killed and wounded, captured two banners, ten prisoners and a large number of rifles. Four thousand Chinese were engaged. The Chinese fled towards the Ho Ko. Field Marshal Yamagata has ordered for home. A despatch from Hiroshima says Field Marshal Oyama is still at Port Arthur. The Chinese are concentrating at Foo Chow and Japanese brigades under Gen. Noge is marching to meet them.

A Tientsin despatch says the Japanese have captured Kin Chow, 50 miles north of Shun-Hai-Kwan. All reported quiet at Kin.

The government is informed that 700 French troops have arrived at Tananarive.

CAPITAL NOTES.

Interesting Commercial Reports to Be Issued—Industrial Census Comparisons.

An Unfounded Complaint—Resignation of Mr. Robillard, M.P. for Ottawa.

OTTAWA, Dec. 11.—The Department of Trade and Commerce are adopting a practice which is likely to be of great benefit to the business men of the country. Hereafter the quarterly reports of the operations of the department together with information relative to new tariff changes and general commercial information will be published. The first copy was issued to-day.

An analysis of the industrial census of 1891 is being made by George Johnson, Dominion statistician. The report when completed will show how unfounded is the complaint that the industrial development of the Dominion is retarded by the inclusion of trivial industries in the category of industrial establishments.

A small sized local sensation has been created by the announcement of the contemplated resignation of Mr. Robillard as one of the members for the House of Commons. Mr. Robillard resigns as a result of his action that Ottawa does not get its fair slice of patronage. The members of parliament outside of Ottawa have, however, that the Capital gets more than its share.

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MONTEAL MATTERS.

MONTEAL, Dec. 11.—(Special)—One of the most gorgeous state functions ever held in Montreal was the drawing-room of Lord and Lady Aberdeen given in the Art Gallery last night. The function was conducted with all due court splendor. His Excellency wore his private uniform in full dress uniform, while the Countess of Aberdeen wore a full court toilette. Mrs. Montgomery Moore, wife of General Montgomery Moore, commanding the British forces in British Columbia, is reportedly ill at the Windsor hotel from laryngitis.

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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE. (Special to the Colonist.) VANCOUVER, Dec. 11.—The Y.M.C.A. are presenting their annual saloons closed to the council to have the saloons position on Sunday.

The contractors for the water works have a bill for extra amounting to \$17,800. Ah Young Day was arrested at the instigation of the High Constable just before the Express left, on a charge of embezzling \$400. As the same thing has occurred two or three times before the matter was investigated and the accused interviewed. From the evidence obtainable it seems altogether probable that the well-to-do Chinaman systematically blackmailed. In this case Ah Young sent all his money on another Chinaman and hasn't a cent about his neck. He is in jail.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 12.—H. J. Warsaw, manager of the British Columbia cement works, has returned from Montreal. The Vancouver cement was tested in Montreal and pronounced superior to the Eastern cement. It is said the O.P.R. only waited asked the all the Chinamen present for this demonstration. A delegation will stone cement wharf in Vancouver. The canners met in E. O. Bell Irving's office yesterday to arrange a list of grievances to be laid before Sir Charles Tupper.

Only 312 votes were polled in Westminster at the municipal election. The highest number of votes recorded for aldermen was seventy odd, and the lowest for an elected alderman forty-nine. At a special meeting of the council last night the charter amendments passed with but one important alteration. Cumulative voting was knocked out. The mayor's salary will be reduced to \$1,200. It is said the all license commissioners be elected by the people. A delegation will elect on the private bills committee with the amended charter.

WESTMINSTER, Dec. 11.—There is a deficit of \$500 in the electric light department this year, owing, it is said, to the gas company cutting the price to less than what it costs them. Three men supposed to be the highwaymen who attempted to hold up D. Egan near Bon Accord, have been arrested at Blaine. The Hogan shooting case was brought up to-day. Shorty Wilkinson, the would-be murderer, was again remanded.

WESTMINSTER, Dec. 12.—Sir Charles Tupper has practically conceded all the demands of the canners, who are well satisfied with the interview had with him. Mr. Moresby is devoting nearly his whole time to hunting up evidence against Pat Cain for the market garden Chinese murder. Only a few links are required to complete a strong chain. When Pat Cain was accused of the murder, he said it was Moresby who is doing this. REVELSTOKE, Dec. 12.—Last night, at about 11:30 o'clock, E. S. Wilson, a miner, threw himself into the Columbia river. Everything possible to save Wilson was done by throwing logs and driftwood into the river, but to all appearances he did not try to save himself. Mr. Andy Whales, seeing that Wilson was going down stream, plunged into the river, but before he could reach him the latter had disappeared. Whales then tried to make the shore, but he had by this time got into the current and before assistance could be sent for him he disappeared. Mr. Whales' mind had been in rather a demoralized state, and he had tried to make away with himself by hanging. MONTEAL, Dec. 11.—In the by-election for Bonaventure to-day Lemieux, Liberal, was elected over Arseneault, Conservative, by a majority of 219. The vacancy was caused by the death of ex-Premier Mercier. At the last general election Mercier's majority over Arseneault was 275. SHEPPARD, Dec. 12.—The mayor of this city and his former partner had a fight in the public works yesterday, and would have punished one another severely had not the police interfered. The trouble was over the severance of their partnership.