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A Most Favorable Showing of the Finances and Resources of the Province—The Opposition Criticism.

The budget speech yesterday showed a most satisfactory financial position for last year, a surplus of half a million on the last year's current receipts and expenditure, while there was a surplus from ordinary income over all expenditures of \$150,000.

There was no heat in the discussion of the finances, but the boundary award was again brought in, and discussed with warmth. Some fun was poked at Mr. Mowat and Mr. Crooks for having to go to Oxford for constitutencies when rejected by Torouto.

Mr. Creighton said 1873 was the first warm in which the sequence of comparison were unfair. He was able to defend every item of his expenditure on the new territory it would be more than met by the revenue. As for administration of justice only a few hundred dollars were proposed to be saved out of \$180,000. The business of the country had greatly increased since Sandfield Macdonald's time, and it was conducted by the same number of ministers. He showed how unimportant were some of the other economical suggestions of the opposition leader, and how impracticable and ill-advised others. When so able and industrious a member agas the opposition leader could say no more than he had done against the government after ten years of office they had a good record.

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rivers and streams bill, were read a third

time and passed. BUDGET SPEECH. Hon. Mr. Wood said this was his fifth statement. The total revenue for 1881 was \$2,746,750. The increase in woods and forests ordinary revenue, over the estimates, was \$91,000. Of the \$750,000 for the sale was \$91,000. Of the \$750,000 for the sale of timber limits, more than \$300,000 had been paid, and the remainder was secured by good joint notes. The receipts from the elucation department were smaller than estimated, because it had been decided to supply the agricultural college and other public institutions with good libraries out of the stock in the depository. As to the receipts from Joans to municipalities for drainage and other purposes, if the payments did not improve the law would be resorted to to compel the municipalities for it could not be permitted that another resorted to to compel the municipalities for it could not be permitted that another municipalities loan fund question should be allowed to grow up. The total current expenditure for the year was \$2,281,000. There were, besides certain special payments, \$205,000 aid to railways \$18,000 Mercer reformatory, and \$25,000 interest paid to Quebec for her share of the common school fund, the whole expenditure being \$2,585,000. He gave penditure being \$2,585,000. He gave figures to show that the expenditure per head in Ontario was much smaller, in some cases little more than half of that in the cates attended more than han of that in the other provinces, except in regard to education, where in Ontario it was larger. He called attention to an injustice to Ontario, in that she received much less per head from the Dominion government subsidy than the other provinces. The cost of legislation was more than estimated

of legislation was more than estimated, \$6,300 was the cost of the agricultural commission, but other expenditure had increased. The departments were growing and reports were more numerous. The and reports were more numerous. The surplus he estimated at \$4,509,000 of which \$530,000 was in dominion bonds, \$590,000 in municipal securities, and \$337,000 cash in the bank. The revenue would exceed the expenditure this year by \$520,000. The expense of maintaining public institutions was increasing with the prices of provisions, and of a change made in supplying them with meat. The cost of coal also had increased since 1878. The number of lunatics in the asylums was increasing from year to year, and in respect to public institutions for this and other benevolent purposes, he believed

other benevolent purposes, he believed government aid, thus stimulating municipal and private benevolence. In the central prison they were doing what was largely penitentiary work, and the cities of Toronto, Hamilton and London furnished nearly half of the prisoners who had been confined. He alluded to the agricultural commission, showing its important would result from it. The members of the government were all from rural constituncies, and had done more for the farmers

encies, and had done more for the farmers than any preceding or succeeding one had done or would do. He alluded to the award saying Ontario had spent nearly \$250,000 in the disputed territory, and now when they should be getting their money back from the timber, they were kept out of the territory. The province had never a brighter outlook, and the ministry were

ready to go to the country in 1883 on their record, when they would have more than five millions surplus.

Mr. Meredith said the position in regard to the award was different. The parliament of Canada had decided not to approve the of Canada had decided not to approve the award. It was now the duty of this government and province to take the only steps they could to secure its confirmation. But the government were false to the province in that they did not do this but threatend to stir up civil war. He spoke of two of the ministers who wished to represent cities but had to go to the country to find constituencies. The revenue showed the country was prosperous, from the increased receipts from settlers for lands, and the decrease in the receipts of law stamps. The increase in the surplus of the government was simply because it had law stamps. The increase in the surplus of the government was simply because it had realized part of the property of the province. The comparison of the expenditures of the various provinces was calculated to mislead, as in Quebec they had two languages, and many charges were borne by that province which were not in Ontario. The expenditure of the province was increasing rapidly. Certain in Ontario. The expenditure of the province was increasing rapidly. Certain items were included in the expenditures and receipts which should not be for purposes of comparison. He quoted the expenditures under the Sandfield Macdonald government, and the present one to show how largely they had increased. The increase from 1868 to 1871 was \$150,000, from crease from 1868 to 1871 was \$100,000, from 1868 to 1878. \$500,000. The expenditure had nearly doubled in twelve years from \$1,160,000 to \$2,029,000, and it was the this in. duty of every member to examine this increase carefully. The responsibility for this was largely on the part of the government. A considerable reduction might be made in the expense of legislation. The important business of this house was in important business of this house was in considering the finances of the province, and private bills. More general bills should be passed to save private bill legislintion, and the session might be held in thirty days. The number of ministers might be reduced. The cost of administration of justice might be reduced by ministers themselves acting as counsel. As to lunatic asylums, the friends of lunatics should be made to contribute more. The central prison was bearing expenses,

should be made to contribute more. The central prison was bearing expenses, which should be borne by the whole Dominion, and some steps should be taken to decrease this: The bureau of industry was a proper institution, but the expense should be borne by the Dominion. He was against the payment of bonuses in any way and against the system of superannuation allowance to teachers. The amount of unforseen and unprovided examount of unforseen and unprovided penses was also growing too fast. If there was \$5,000,000 surplus, \$10,000,000 of the was \$5,000,000 surplus, \$10,000,000 of the property of the province had been realized. The valuable institutions of Ontario were all started in Sandfield Macdonald's time, except the Mercer reformatory; and credit should be given in the proper quarter. The railway subsidies should be capitalized in the country and these should be given in the proper quarter. The railway subsidies should be capitalized and deducted from the surplus, and these would amount to \$2,000,000. The opposition were ready for an earlier appeal to the country than 1883.

country than 1883.

Hon. Mr. Mowat said it was most important that Ontario should have control of the timber and lands of the disputed territory, and have the administration of justice. If the Dominion government would consent to this Ontario would go into a second litigation, which would take two or

three years, if the Dominion govern-ment did not try to prolong it much longer The deductions made by the opposition from

Mr. Creighton said 1873 was the first year in which the present government got full control, and they ran riot in that year. the same items now, to show that the government did not deserve credit for the same items now, to show that the government did not deserve credit for the same items now, to show that the government did not deserve credit for the same items now, to show that the government did not deserve credit for the reduction. The cities got nearly all the aid given to hospitals, notwhithstanding which they refused to admit people from the country, considering the institutions mere-ly city ones. He quoted items to show that \$3,900,000 should be deducted from the

surplus, and other items that were not available would take the whole. Mr. Young said the financial exhibit was a most satisfactory one. There was a surplus of \$150,000 this year over all paysurplus of \$150,000 this year over all payments. There was an increase in the total surplus this year of \$289,000. The total increased expenditure besides the agricultural commission was only \$70,000, and the N. P. had greatly increased the expenditure on public institutions. If the railway subsidies should be capitalized then the Dominion subsidy should be also, and there would then be \$36,000,000 surplus.

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Mr. Waters said the proportionate increase between the first and last year of Sandfield Macdonald's administration was greater than that of the present government, and if various items of expenditure which had to be met by this government but did not exist under the previous one were deducted this comparison would be still more ducted, this comparison would be still more The council then went into committee

of supply, passed an item and adjourned. Toronto the Capital of Canada.

Now that the legislature is taking int consideration the plans for the erection o the new parliament buildings would it not be advisable to take into consideration the fact that ere long the seat of the Dominion government will be removed from Ottawa, owing to the growing preponderance of western Canada over the east. Shoul this take place could not the buildings of

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From the chords he waked from sleeping,
Into the music all unsought
A thrilling sound came creeping.

For high above the pulsing beat,

The surge of the song and the shiver,
With a sound more clear and a note more
The golden string would quiver.

And souls peered out from their prison bars, As the worldlings stopped to listen, And thought of something beyond the stars, And dull eyes 'gan to glisten.

And those whose grief had cheked them, brok At the sound of the harp into sobbing; For in every heart an echo woke From the gold string and its throbbing. And mortals thought that one sweet note Had slipped through the great pearl portal,
Down the dim depths of space affoat
To Earth from the choir immortal.

But the fountain drops plash with a liquid chim On the brook which flows to the sea; And we are but drops in the stream of Time, As it sweeps to Eternity.

So there canre a dawn in the early spring, When never a song remains unsung, When birds are highest on the wing, And gray the world again feels young.

The meadows sparkled with morning dew, Twittered the birds in their wild-wood be They rustled their little throats and grew Half mad with joy of the passing hour.

The nightingale piped his lustiest lay, (Now was the time for a song or never) The sweet time rose and died away, But the minstrels harp was stilled forever The breeze all wanton touched the strings,
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And the mourners sobbel as the sun went down,
For the golden string lay broken.

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Vance. Continued Continued cases: Chas. Thompson larceny, 15th; James Moore larceny, 15th; Ellen Michie and Robt. Ellison breach of

the liquor law, 16th,
Edward Hilstead pleaded guilty to having stolen a quantity of tobacco from the Virginia works, and was sent to jail for sixty days.

8 Henry Burt committed an assault upon David Killor, a lawe and old man and was

for 50 days.

The case against Jane Harding for keeping a disruptable house has falling through for want of evidence. James Daly, an alleged inmate, was also allowed to go.

A disorderly crowd consisting of the Duplex brothers, the Whalen boys and Mike Bolger and Tom Armstrong were fined for fighting and throwing stones on the street.

charged with having stolen two boxes of biscuits and some candies from the Grand Trunk railway. Curtin pleaded not guilty and Frank Thompson pleaded guilty. They were also charged with stealing a fur cap, three walking canes and a silk umbrella from J. Brand. To this charge both pri-



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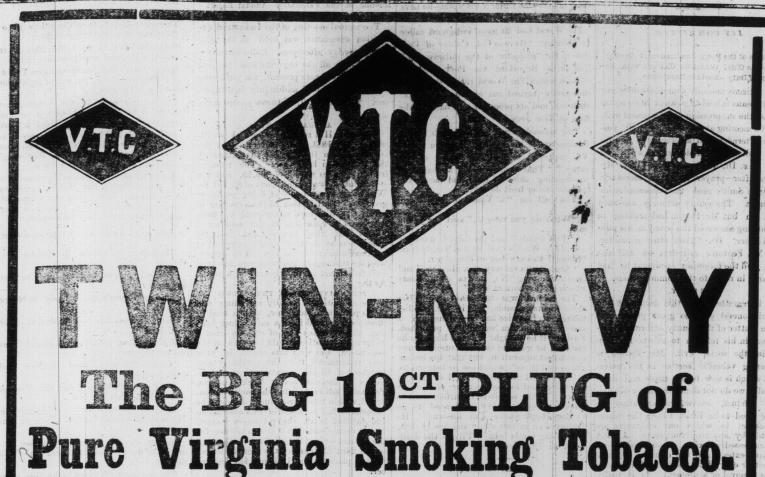
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