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A REVIEW

A comparison of the receipts of the year ending June 30th, 1903, that is the year preceding the advent to power of the McBride ministry, with those of the year ending March 31st, 1911, which is the last twelvemonth for which full returns are available, may prove of interest.

It was pointed out yesterday that the receipts of the first mentioned fiscal year were \$2,044,630.35, of which 15 per cent was from the Dominion and 20 per cent from direct taxation, which left 65 per cent to be derived from other sources.

In the last fiscal year the receipts were \$10,492,892.47, of which 5.2 per cent was from the Dominion and 9 per cent from other sources, leaving 85.8 per cent to be derived from other sources.

The "other sources" cannot be called in strictness taxes, because the payment of money in such cases is the voluntary act of the individual, who pays it because some direct benefit accrues to him on account of such payment. The most notable exception to this rule is the succession duty, which must be paid, and from which it cannot be said that there is a resultant benefit to the person paying it.

A GREAT FIELD

Two very interesting speeches have been made in London in regard to the position of the Anglican Church in Canada. One was by Earl Grey and the other by the Archbishop of Canterbury. The former was voicing his experience in this country when he said: "Western Canada today wants men who will make the church a centre of social, artistic and industrial life. It does not want friars and formalities. It wants churchmen to be free from the British way of condescending and patronizing superiority."

It is a more important field than perhaps most persons engaged in secular callings appreciate. His Grace was right when he said that this country is in a plastic state. It can be led now by the influences of Christianity, whereas by and bye it may be found to yield less readily to them. We tell laymen that great as are the material projects which our public men and business men are promoting, they are less important in their bearing upon the future of our country than the up-building of national character upon the corner-stone of Christianity.

TRADE COMMISSION

Commenting upon the appointment of Mr. George E. Foster to the Department of Commerce, the Colonist expressed the opinion that he would find in his new office scope for the great abilities with which he is endowed. Yesterday we had a telegram announcing that he would represent Canada upon the Royal Commission to be appointed in pursuance of a resolution adopted at the last Imperial Conference to investigate the trade of the Empire, and the best means of developing it.

Mr. Foster is well equipped for his new responsibility. His experience in the office of Finance Minister familiarized him with trade questions, and he has had many opportunities of broadening his field of knowledge upon all matters relating to Imperial commerce. His mental calibre eminently fits him for investigation, for he is analytical and possesses the faculty of crystallizing his views.

CHINESE HEAD-TAX

A critic of the Provincial Government says that the inclusion of \$500,000 from Chinese head-tax in the estimated revenue of the province next year, implies "that the McBride administration has already bargained for the influx of 2,000 Chinese during the current year." Such a statement is grossly untrue, and the critic referred to must know it is untrue. Under the law of Canada as it exists at the present time, Chinamen may enter Canada by paying a head tax of \$500, half of

which is paid to this province, and the finance minister who would not take into account in estimates of his revenue the amount likely to be received from this source, would be greatly to blame. Every one having any knowledge of affairs at all knows that, labor as he may to prevent the influx of Chinese, Mr. McBride cannot hope to be successful immediately. Every one knows that the question presents its difficulties and that under any circumstances which are at all within the range of possibility, the head tax is likely to be continued for some time. If, however, it is possible to arrange before the close of the next fiscal year for the total exclusion of Chinese, or the reduction of Oriental immigration to a minimum, so that this source of revenue will be lost to the province, the public have the satisfaction of knowing that the increasing prosperity of the country will so swell the revenue that the estimates presented to the House will be exceeded by the actual receipts of the year. It follows as a matter of course that the success of Mr. McBride's exclusion policy will be the loss to the province of considerable revenue; but the province can well afford to bear the loss in view of the benefits that will flow from the suppression of Oriental competition.

A correspondent asks how we understand Judge Charbonneau's judgment in the Ne Temere case. We don't.

This winter has been very severe in the east, one of the most severe experienced in many years. It has been one of the mildest, so far, experienced here in many years.

It is to be hoped that the suffragette craze has at last reached its climax. There can hardly fail to be a reaction from the recent abominable exhibitions of violence.

The new British battleship, with her battery of 15-inch guns and a speed of 30 knots or 35 miles, will be by all odds the most tremendous engine of war the world has ever seen. We suggest that she should be called "Peacemaker."

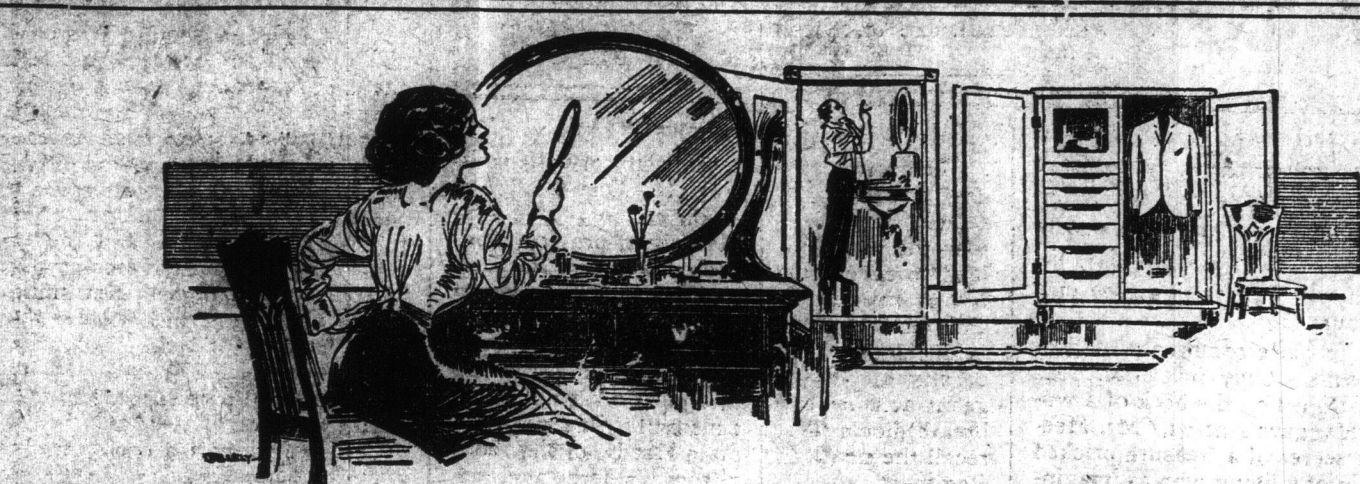
We are inclined to think that, among the many matters that will receive the attention of the present Aldermanic Board, none will be more fruitful of good results than its contemplated action in reference to Mount Douglas Park.

Italy admits losses in the war in Tripoli amounting to nearly 900, of whom 536 were killed and the remainder are missing, and probably killed. The gain so far is merely nominal. It is beginning to look as though the permanent conquest of the country is hopeless. Any temporary successes are likely to be followed by reverses later on, and if some sort of government is established on the coast, the interior will be in a ferment for years to come.

Mr. Asquith's speech on the coal strike is the effort of a statesman. He exhibited no desire to appeal to prejudice, but preserved his balance with remarkable success under exceedingly trying circumstances. While negotiations are at a deadlock, it seems very evident that only relatively few people are responsible for the failure to reach an agreement. Once more we desire to draw attention to the remarkable manner in which the miners are acting. The first indication of violence has yet to be announced. We are glad to feel that the good sense exhibited on both sides is very likely to result at an early day in such a settlement as will be of material advantage to the whole country.

In Naples recently the families of the soldiers who are at the front in Tripoli were asked to march before a moving-picture machine, bowing and smiling. The films were to be sent to the army and be shown at night to the men, who would thus see their friends at home greeting them from the sheet. We do not see why this idea cannot be carried a little further. Let armies move before the picture machine, and let each side send its films to the Hague Tribunal, where umpires can determine which of them would win under the circumstances shown. This would be cheaper, infinitely less costly, and in the end just as satisfactory as the results reached by sending out a lot of perfect strangers to shoot at each other.

"What absolute nonsense some people talk! Here we have Mr. Hudson Maxim, whose sole claim to distinction is that he has been a successful inventor, declaring that in a very short time there will be only three nations, the United States of America, the United States of America and the United States of Africa. Mr. Maxim's opinion on this subject is not worth any more than Lord Wolseley's statement that there would soon be only two nations, the United States of America and China, and Lord Wolseley's opinion is not worth anything at all. Why not go a little further and say that there will soon be only one nation, China? The four hundred millions of that country can, theoretically, absorb the rest of us racially, individually, financially and by conquest. But this is not going to happen."



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100 - Piece Semi-Porcelain Dinner Set for \$22.50. Just arrived, absolutely new, very tasty art design. Exceptionally handsome set, the very latest. Splendid value. Here are the 100 pieces: 1 12in. Platter, 1 14in. Platter, 1 16in. Platter, 1 Dozen 5in. Plates, 1 Dozen 6in. Plates, 1 Dozen 7in. Plates, 1 Dozen 7in. Soup Plates, 2 Covered Vegetable Dishes, 3 8in. Bakers, 1 Casserole and Ladle, 1 Gravy Boat, 1 Sauce Tureen, 1 Dozen Teas and Saucers, 1 Dozen Fruit Saucers.
100 - Piece Semi-Porcelain Dinner Set for \$25.00. The design of this set is of white with gold band and lines. Just the set suitable for everyday use in the home. Below are the pieces: 1 16in. Platter, 1 12in. Platter, 1 14in. Platter, 1 16in. Platter, 1 Dozen 5in. Plates, 1 Dozen 6in. Plates, 1 Dozen 7in. Plates, 1 Dozen Fruit Saucers, 1 Dozen Teas and Saucers, 1 Dozen Butter Pads, 2 Only Bakers, 2 Only Covered Dishes, 1 Gravy Boat, 1 Sauce Tureen, 1 Only Cream and Covered Sugar, 1 Slop Bowl.
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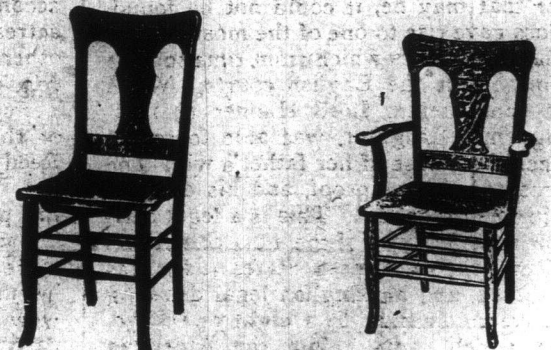
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